

SAWYER NEWS

May 2026

Gloucester Lyceum Presents: Our Democracy



Harvard Professor Steven Levitsky will be speaking from his work on a new book *The Great Abdication: How America Lost its Democracy*. Callie Crossley, well known for her work as a local journalist and commentator, will respond to Professor Levitsky with her insights.

Our Democracy

Saturday, May 9
2:00 - 3:30 PM

[Register](#)

New!

Mah Jongg Meet Up

Tuesdays
1:30 - 3:30 PM

[Register](#)



Chess Club

Tuesdays
4:00 - 5:30 PM

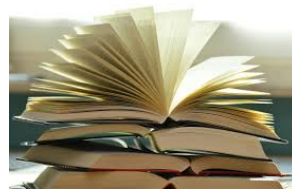
[Learn More](#)



Page to Screen Book Group

May Book: *Memoirs of a Geisha* by
Arthur Golden

Thursday, May 21
5:30 - 6:30 PM
[Register](#)



Community

Seed Library Seasonal Grand Opening
"Give a Seed, Take a Seed, Plant a Seed!"
[Learn More](#)



Family Martial Movement
For ages 8-16 and their parents/guardians
Fridays: May 1, May 8, May 15, May 22, May 29
1:00 - 2:00 PM
[Register](#)



Seacoast Science Center Marine Mammal Rescue
Wednesday, May 6
3:30-5 PM
[Learn More](#)



Gloucester Historical Commission's Preservation Awards
Saturday, May 16
2:00 - 4:00 PM
[Learn More](#)



Adult

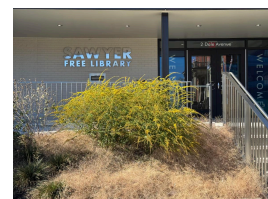
From the Deep Scavenger Hunt
Saturday, May 2
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
[Register](#)



A Trans History of the Weimar Republic
with Milo Todd
Friday, May 8
5:30 - 7:00 PM
[Register](#)



Tree Talk with Lisa Giersbach: Creating the Library's Native Landscape
Thursday, May 14
5:30 - 6:30 PM
[Register](#)

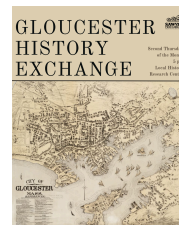


Gloucester History Exchange Discussion Group: Families of Lanesville

Thursday, May 14

5:00 - 6:00 PM

[Register](#)



Residential Utility Assistance with National Grid and Gloucester's Energy Coach

Friday, May 15

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

[Learn More](#)

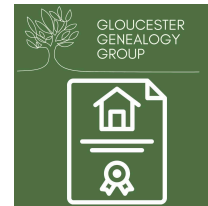


Gloucester Genealogy Group: Southern Essex Registry of Deeds

Saturday, May 16

10:30 PM - 12 PM

[Register](#)



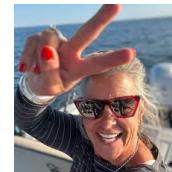
Find Your Joy:

A Powerful Reset with Marcy Plante

Thursday, May 21

5:30 am - 6:30 pm

[Register](#)



Gloucester's Historic Waterfront Part 1

Saturday, May 23

2:00 - 3:00 PM

[Register](#)



Library with Heart

Wednesday, May 27

2:00 - 3:00 PM

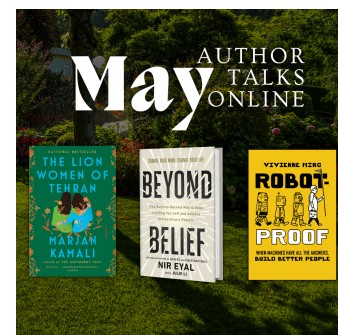
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Virtual Author Talks

Our monthly virtual author talk series features best-selling, award-winning, and highly acclaimed authors from around the world. This month, hear about courage and the transformative power of love with Marjan Kamali, learn how to robot-proof your kids (and yourself!) with Dr. Vivienne Ming, and unlock your true potential with Nir Eyal.

[Learn more and register](#)



Save the Date: Saturday, June 6

How does a story travel from the library shelf to the center stage? Join us for an engaging "Theater Talk," exploring the creation and production of Gloucester Stage

Company's regional premiere of *Bad Books*, a sharp-witted new comedy that tackles the modern-day firestorm of book banning.

Featured panelists:

Playwright **Sharyn Rothstein**

Gloucester Stage Artistic Director **Rebecca Bradshaw**

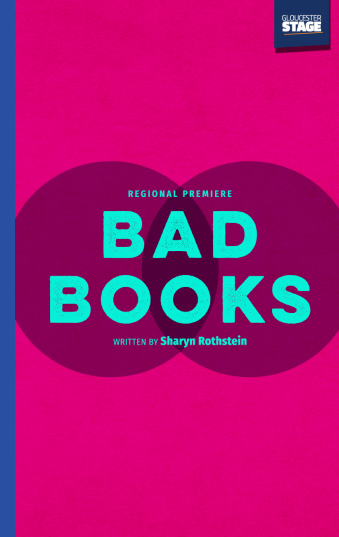
Mass. Library Association Intellectual Freedom and Social Responsibility Committee Co-Chair **Andrea Fiorillo**.

Storytelling and Stagecraft: A Conversation on *Bad Books*

Saturday, June 6

5:00-6:30 PM

[Register](#)



Digital Services

Digital Learning Lab Orientations

Discover what the Digital Learning Lab has to offer! In this orientation, you will:

- Tour the space
- Explore the digitization and media creation computers and software
- Learn how to reserve a lab workstation

Whether you're a maker, a designer, or just curious, this session is the perfect first step!

[Learn More and Register!](#)



Basic Computer Class at Rose Baker Center!

May 29th 10:30am

At The Rose Baker Center for Aging Well

Register in-person at Rose Baker Center or
Call Natalia at: 978-325-5812



Digitization Station is Open for Business!

Bring in your vintage VHS tapes, Cassette tapes, Old Photos, Slides, Negatives, or Artwork and convert to a number of digital formats (files) for saving, editing and sharing!

Book time at the Digitization Station here:

[Digitization Station Booking](#)



Matz Gallery Exhibition: Spring Into the Arts

SPRING INTO THE ARTS

GLOUCESTER STUDENT ART EXHIBITION
MATZ GALLERY AT THE SAWYER FREE LIBRARY



RECEPTION: THURSDAY, MAY 14 • 5-7PM

Matz Gallery "Call to Artists"

The Matz Gallery Committee is excited to launch our "Call to Artists" for the 2026-2027 exhibition year, which runs from October 2026 to August 2027.

We invite all local artists to submit an application to exhibit their work in the Matz Gallery at Sawyer Free Library. All levels of artistic experience, genres and mediums will be considered in the jurying process. Emerging artists are encouraged to apply.

The application period is now open and closes on June 1, 2026.
Please complete the online application: [Matz Gallery Artist Application](#)

Teen & Tween

Teen Room Art Project w/ Inkwell Arts

Every Thursday, March-May

3:30 - 5:30 PM

[Learn More](#)



Dungeons & Dragons

Saturday, May 9

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

[Register](#)



Teen/Tween MarioKart Tournament

Saturday, May 16

2:00 - 3:30 PM

[Register](#)



Homeschool Takeover

Wednesday, May 20

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

[Learn More](#)

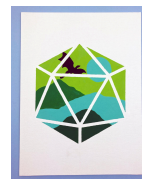


Dungeons & Dragons Painting

Friday, May 22

3:15 - 4:45 PM

[Register](#)



Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, May 26

4:30 - 5:30 PM

[Learn More](#)



Children

Art Explorers

Friday, May 1

3:30 PM

For ages 5 & up

[Learn More](#)



Toddler Tunes & Tales

Music, movement, and hands-on early literacy fun. For ages 18-36 months.

Mondays at 10 AM

[Register](#)



Babies, Books, and Bubbles

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM

For ages 0-12 months
[Learn More](#)



Story Time with Tricia

Movement, Singing, Stories & Play
Wednesday, May 6
11 AM

[Learn More](#)



New! Open Play

Thursdays at 10:30
May 7, 14, 21, & 28

[Learn More](#)

Lego Fun

For grades K-5
Friday, May 8
3:15 PM

[Register](#)



Read to Ella & Asia

Read to a Therapy Dog!
May 13, 20, & 27

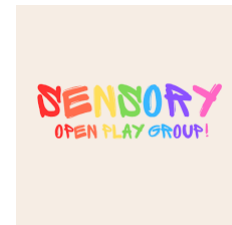
[Register](#)



Sensory Open Play

All ages welcome, with active
caregiver supervision
Friday, May 15
10:30 AM

[Learn More](#)



Musical Story Time:

Spring Has Sprung

Friday, May 29
11 AM

[Learn More](#)



Science Heroes:

Adventure of the Missing Color

Saturday, May 30
10:30 AM

All ages welcome!

[Learn More](#)



To request an accommodation, contact the Library at 978-325-5500.

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