



★ Guidelines for Writing to Your New Pen Pal ★

Everyone loves getting mail and having a pen pal is a neat way to meet someone new. You can share your favorite books, recipes, funny stories, and more when you communicate by snail mail. Get to know your pen pal by asking them things, show them how interested you are in them. Aim to find interests and common ground.

We would like this to be a positive experience for everyone. Please keep in mind that your pen pal may have different views. Try to remain kind and respectful by choosing to use appropriate language and content in your mail.

Remember to place and maintain boundaries. Do not give or ask your pen pal for any personal information in the postcards/letters (for example, do not give out your address, email address, phone number, financial information, etc.)

Each library will only accept postcards and/or unsealed letters addressed with your pen pal's first name and the first initial of his or her last name.

Keep it appropriate. All postcards/letters incoming and outgoing will be monitored by library staff. If we deem the message is inappropriate, we will not mail it to your pen pal.

Parents: Please read your child's postcards/letters when they are received and before they are brought to the library to be mailed.

PenPals will be matched based on age, interests, and/or abilities.

All of the libraries that are involved in the Grafton-to-Grafton Pen Pal Program are not responsible for the content within each letter that is mailed. Hate or discrimination will not be tolerated.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your library.





Not Sure What to Write?

Here are some Ideas!



- What do you like most about Grafton?
- Things that make you happy.
- Things you are really good at.
- What do you do for fun?
- How would you spend your ideal day?
- Have you recently read a book or watched a movie that you liked and would recommend?
- What's your favorite holiday? Why?
- Who is your favorite superhero?
- Share a funny joke or a recipe they should try.
- What is your family like?
- Places you would like to travel to.
- What was your favorite vacation?
- If you could pick any animal for a pet, what would you choose, and why?
- What is something you are grateful for?
- What is something that is unique about the state you live in?
- If you could have lunch with a character in a book, who would you choose?
- Who is your favorite family member?
- What is your favorite thing to order at your local ice cream stand?
- What is a favorite memory from the past five years?
- What do (or did) you want to be when you grow up?
- What food do you dislike the most?





Mailing Dates



Postcards/unsealed letters will be mailed out on each Monday listed. Please return your finished postcard/unsealed letter to the library before this date to ensure it is mailed out that week.

When you receive a reply back, we will contact you to come in to the library and get your mail!

Mailing dates

1/13/2025

1/27/2025

2/10/2025

2/24/2025

3/10/2025

3/24/2025

