



THE BOOKMARK

Monthly Newsletter of the Gale Free Library

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Important News

- The library will be closed on December 25th for Christmas and January 1st for New Year's Day.
- Our public computers have new sign-in software that requires your library card number, so please remember to bring your card with you. If you cannot find your card, or do not have one, the Circulation Department will be happy to assist you. If you are ineligible for a card, we can give you a guest pass for your session.
- Printing services have changed. After sending your document to the printer, you will need to pay for and release it at the terminal next to the photocopier. We are no longer able to offer the first 5 pages free. Each page will cost 10¢.
- The Book Celler, brought to you by the Friends of the Gale Free Library, would like to remind everyone that the Holidays are coming! If you are looking for an inexpensive gift idea, they have DVDs for adults and children. The DVDs include movies, TV shows, and TV series – all priced at \$1.00 each!
- Come see the library all lit up for the holidays! Lights will be in every window (even our outdoor shed will be getting into the spirit of the season)! The LEGO Hogwarts Holiday display will be featured in the Reference Department windows. Lights will be turned on December 4th, the day of the town tree lighting and Santa visit. Happy Holidays!

Adult Programs



CRAFT NIGHT FOR ADULTS

Book Page Tree Ornaments

Thursday, December 2nd
6:30 PM
2nd floor
Program Room

Please call 508-210-5569 or email
galefreelibrary@gmail.com to register!



GALE FREE LIBRARY MOVIE CLUB DISCUSSION

Holiday Inn

DECEMBER 8, 2021
6:30 PM

How does Movie Club work?
Movie Club is held on the second Wednesday of every month. Copies of the movie will be available to check out at the library, starting a week prior to the meeting. Watch it any time before the group meets. Next, come to the in-person discussion group to talk about what you just watched!

The Craft of Writing

We will be taking a break in December for the holidays.
Please come back in January, our topic will be:

"Things"

Join us as we look at ways writers address the role of Things in our lives - from shopping for them, to letting them go

Wednesday, January 12, 10:30AM-12:00PM
Gale Free Library (Online via Zoom)

No prior experience needed. Open to all who enjoy reading and writing.
You will NOT be required to write or share your work.

This class is free, but space is limited.
To register, please call 508-210-5569, or email
galefreelibrary@gmail.com. You will be sent an invitation for the online Zoom meeting.

The Craft of Writing series looks at short published pieces to see what makes them "work." Each meeting focuses on a particular theme, and highlights techniques you might notice in your reading, or apply to any style of writing you like. You may attend as many or as few as you like.

Program lead by Holden writer and teacher Jennifer Freed.
Please visit jtfreed.weebly.com to learn more.



EVERY COOKBOOK HAS A STORY
BEHIND ALL THE RECIPES.

Gale Free Library Cooking Club

Join us for the love of reading a cookbook
and bringing book pages to life!

Tuesday, December, 14th
6:30 PM Program Room

Come and share with us your
favorite cookbook!

All are welcome!
Please call (508) 210-5569 or email
galefreelibrary@gmail.com to register.



Book Discussion Groups

Registration Required

Classic Book Club

There will be no meeting of
the Classic Book Club during
the month of December.



Movie Club

Registration Required

December 8th
at 6:30 PM
"Holiday Inn"



Book Review

SUSAN SCOTT'S STAFF PICK
AMAZON REVIEW

In the Midst of Winter

by Isabel Allende

Worldwide bestselling “dazzling storyteller” (Associated Press) Isabel Allende returns with a sweeping novel about three very different people who are brought together in a mesmerizing story that journeys from present-day Brooklyn to Guatemala in the recent past to 1970s Chile and Brazil.

In the Midst of Winter begins with a minor traffic accident—which becomes the catalyst for an unexpected and moving love story between two people who thought they were deep into the winter of their lives. Richard Bowmaster—a 60-year-old human rights scholar—hits the car of Evelyn Ortega—a young, undocumented immigrant from Guatemala—in the middle of a snowstorm in Brooklyn. What at first seems just a small inconvenience takes an unforeseen and far more serious turn when Evelyn turns up at the professor’s house seeking help. At a loss, the professor asks his tenant Lucia Maraz—a 62-year-old lecturer from Chile—for her advice. These three very different people are brought together in a mesmerizing story that moves from present-day Brooklyn to Guatemala in the recent past to 1970s Chile and Brazil, sparking the beginning of a long overdue love story between Richard and Lucia.

Exploring the timely issues of human rights and the plight of immigrants and refugees, the book recalls Allende’s landmark novel **The House of the Spirits** in the way it embraces the cause of “humanity, and it does so with passion, humor, and wisdom that transcend politics” (Jonathan Yardley, **The Washington Post**). **In the Midst of Winter** will stay with you long after you turn the final page.

Staff Picks



Amy

DVD: IT HAPPENED ON 5TH AVENUE
(1947)

Danielle

BOOK: GROUP: HOW ONE THERAPIST
AND A CIRCLE OF STRANGERS
SAVED MY LIFE
BY CHRISTIE TATE

Judy

BOOK: BEFORE I LET YOU GO
BY KELLY RIMMER

Magda

DVD: LIDIA CELEBRATES AMERICA:
HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS
(2015)

BOOK: THE WISH
BY NICHOLAS SPARKS

Nancy C.

BOOK: THE SNOW CHILD
BY EOWYN IVEY

Rachel

BOOK: NICKEL AND DIMED: ON (NOT)
GETTING BY IN AMERICA
BY BARBARA EHRENREICH

Veronica

BOOK: IT ENDS WITH US
BY COLLEEN HOOVER



Children's Programs

December 1st

Registration opens for December Lego Club.

This is a two-week program for kids ages 5-11.

Please see our website for more details.

December 8th & 15th @ 4:15pm-5:15pm

LEGO Club (Ages 5-11)

This month's project: Building a beautiful holiday village for a big display in the Children's Room! Lego Club is a two-week program and will be held in the program room on the 2nd floor.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED, starting December 1st.

December 20th @ 4:30pm-5:30pm

Holiday Craft (Best for ages 3-6)

Stop by the children's room anytime and pick up a Holiday-themed craft. You are welcome to stay and make the craft in the children's room, or take the craft home.

Crafts will be available while supplies last.

Teen Happenings

New tables and chairs have arrived in the teen space!

The tables and chairs are reserved for teens only from 3pm-6pm daily. Drop in after school!

It's a great space to study, work on group projects, and play games with friends.

Friday-Afternoon Games

Stop by the teen space every Friday afternoon from 3pm-5pm for game afternoon. Board games and card games (like Uno, Apples to Apples, or Chess) will be available. Come hang out with friends, unwind from the school week, and kick off the weekend!

December Young Adult Book of the Month Club

Have you heard of all those young-adult subscription book boxes and wished you could join the fun?

Now you can, with the Gale Free Library Young Adult Book of the Month Club! Just sign-up on our website (under teen upcoming programs, follow the sign up link).

Each book of the month will come in a tote bag, which includes our surprise book of the month, as well as some bookish goodies, such as bookmarks, buttons, or stickers--all for you to keep!

You can pick up your book of the month on December 20th & 21st.

Supplies are limited and sign up is REQUIRED.

Children's Department



Story Times

STORY TIMES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER WILL BE HELD ON THE 2ND, 9TH, AND 16TH.



LAPSIT STORY TIME
Holiday Edition!
10:00am

Lapsit story time is for children ages 2 and under. Join Miss Kayla for songs, felt board stories, short picture book stories, and more. This story time will focus on routine and repetition and early literacy skills like ABCs and 123s.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME
Holiday Edition!
11:00am

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME IS FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-6. JOIN MR. KEVIN FOR LOTS OF LAUGHS AND FUN STORIES! THIS STORY TIME WILL FOCUS ON PICTURE BOOK STORIES, AND INCLUDE SOME GAMES OR ACTIVITIES--AND OF COURSE MR. KEVIN'S GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR!



Children's Department



Staff Picks

Kayla

BOOK (AGES 3+)
MR. WILLOWBY'S CHRISTMAS TREE
BY ROBERT E. BARRY

BOOK (AGES 13+)
**MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME:
TWELVE HOLIDAY STORIES**
BY STEPHANIE PERKINS

BOOK (AGES 14+)
TOGETHER AT MIDNIGHT
BY JENNIFER CASTLE

Stephanie

BOOK (AGES 8+)
WILLODEEN
BY KATHERINE APPLIGATE

Amy

BOOK (AGES 8+)
LETTERS FROM FATHER CHRISTMAS
BY J. R. R. TOLKIEN

BOOK (AGES 6+)
**THE SHORTEST DAY: CELEBRATING THE
WINTER SOLSTICE**
BY WENDY PFEFFER
ILLUSTRATED BY JESSE REISCH



Children's Book Review

BY KIRKUS REVIEWS. PUBLISHED ONLINE MAY 20, 2010

The Trees of the Dancing Goats

Written and illustrated by Patricia Polacco

A generous act in a time of need is the highlight of this unforced Hanukkah/Christmas tale from Polacco (**Babushka's Mother Goose**, 1995, etc.).

The narrator recalls the bustle of her family's Michigan farmhouse years ago as Hanukkah approached, with women and children clustering in the kitchen and Grampa, in his workshop, busily carving and painting small animals as gifts. Their non-Jewish neighbors celebrate a different December holiday with different customs but the same spirit—until one year when all are bedridden with scarlet fever. It seems only right to make a Christmas tree for each—but what can they use for decorations? Grampa's animals, of course.

Polacco's familiar medley of bright striped and floral print clothing surrounding friendly pink faces creates a perfect visual counterpart to her well-told, sentimental story. Make sure readers have their hankies ready. (Picture book. 7-9)