



THE BOOKMARK

Monthly Newsletter of the Gale Free Library

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Important News



- The library is now on its summer schedule. Our hours are Mon 9:30am-5:30pm, Tues to Thurs 9:30am-8:00pm, Fri 9:30am-5:30pm, and Sat 9:00am to 1:00pm.
- TELL YOUR FRIENDS — If they need a library card account, they can get a CWMARS ecard! Go to <https://catalog.cwmars.org/eg/opac/ecard/form>
- You can view the full schedule for our Children and Teen Summer Reading Programs on our website!
- The Book Cellar will be open for Holden Days on Saturday, July 27th from 9:00am to 12:30pm

Adult Programs

Registration for programs is required.
Please email galefreelibrary@gmail.com or call 508-210-5569.

August Wellness Series

Starting August 4th, this series will run on Thursday evenings

August 4th at 6:30pm on the Library Lawn (indoors if raining) Yoga for Beginners, **August 11th at 6:30pm on the Library Lawn (indoors if raining)** Tai-Chi for Beginners, and **August 25th at 6:00pm Via ZOOM** Meditation

Evening Concert - Beatles for Sale

Wednesday, August 10th at 6:00-7:00pm on the library lawn
(In case of rain, the concert will be held at the Holden Senior Center)

Beatles for Sale is an award-winning, New England-based Beatles tribute band that is committed to recreating the sounds of the Beatles live in concert. Formed in 2007, this band of talented musicians was drawn together by their love of Beatles music and the desire to keep the music alive, bringing it to a whole new generation of Beatles fans.

Craft of Writing Series: "First Person, Part II"

Wednesday, August 17th at 10:30am via ZOOM

Join us as we continue our discussion of how (and why) authors use first person narrators. No prior experience needed. Open to all who enjoy reading and writing. You will NOT be required to write or share your work.

Secret Stories Behind the World's Most Iconic Paintings

Thursday, August 18th at 11:00am via ZOOM

From **American Gothic** to **Whistler's Mother** to **Nighthawks**, there are some images that are so ubiquitous in our culture that we have stopped looking at them closely. This program delves into these iconic works and shares the secret stories behind their creation and reception. Led by art historian Jane Oneil, owner of Culturally Curious. Jane holds a Master's in Art History from Boston University and a Master's in Education from the Harvard University Graduate School of Education. Registration required,

Author Alicia Besette, in Conversation with Matthew Quick

Wednesday, August 24 at 6:00pm in the Library Program Room

Author Alicia Besette will be discussing her new book, **Smile Beach Murder**, with novelist Matthew Quick. Before authoring the Outer Banks Bookshop mystery series, Alicia Besette worked as a reporter in her home state of Massachusetts, where her writing won a first-place award from the New England Newspaper & Press Association. A pianist, published poet, and enthusiastic birdwatcher, she now loves living in coastal North Carolina with her husband, novelist Matthew Quick.



Classic Book Club

No August meeting

Contemporary Book Club

Registration Required

August 3rd at 1:00pm

Interior Chinatown
by Charles Yu

Cooking Club

Registration Required

Tuesday, August 9th
6:00pm

According to Your Taste:
Cooking with
Herbs in the 1800s

Movie Discussion

Registration Required

Wednesday, August 10th
6:30pm

The Seven Year Itch
1955 (Not Rated)

Wondrous Read Ahead

Theme 1: Mid-Summer Mysteries

Theme 2: Brighten Your Day (Books
with Yellow Covers)

Theme 3: Book Your Staycation with
Destination Thrillers

Theme 4: Tackle Your To-Be-Read List



Book Review

BY JUDY

American Made: What Happens to People When Work Disappears By Farah Stockman

American Made tallies the social, emotional, and financial impact on three separate employees and their families after Rexnord Bearing (corporate owner) decided to close Link-Belt (manufacturer of ball bearings) the Indiana facility in 2016 and move its operations to Mexico and Texas.

Stockman shows the shattering effects of globalization on unskilled workers and the precariousness of their jobs. Many predicted that globalization would result in political turmoil. *American Made* is the story of a community struggling to reinvent itself. It is also about race, class, politics, and American values. It shows how the dignity of work lies at the heart of who we are as Americans. The book investigates the power of labor unions, in particular the United Steelworkers and their unsuccessful attempt to keep these good-paying jobs in this country.

Behind the families stories lie the stark realities of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), which was a trade pact signed in 1992 between the US, Canada and Mexico. NAFTA produced mixed results: according to the Economic Policy Institute, the loss of 700,000 factory jobs in the US and the failed promise of Trump to bring back jobs. On July 1, 2020 the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement modernized NAFTA and promised robust economic growth in North America. Only time will tell!

Staff Picks

Amy

BOOK: GROUPIES
BY SARAH PRISCUS

Judy

**BOOK: THE NATURE OF
FRAGILE THINGS**
BY SUSAN MEISSER

Magda

BOOK: LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY
BY BONNIE GARMUS

**BOOK: TUESDAY NIGHTS
MEDITERRANEAN**
BY CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL

Spencer

BOOK: CHURCH & STATE II
BY DAVE SIM AND GERHARD

Veronica

BOOK: THE POPPY WAR
BY R. F. KUANG

Wendy

MOVIE: KING RICHARD (2021)
RATED PG-13



FROM THE LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

Each month we feature treasures from the collections of your library's Local History Room. As always, if you have any questions about anything you see here—or other questions concerning Holden history, the Library, or genealogy—please email Nancy Richards, Local History Librarian, at nrichard@cwmares.org. Note that the “s” in Richards is omitted in the email address.

This month's treasure from the Local History Room is a brief history of the newly constructed Damon Memorial, written by Trustee Waldo E. Austin and published as one of the Appendices in the second volume of the **History of Worcester County, Massachusetts, with Biographical Sketches of Many of Its Pioneers and Prominent Men** (1889):

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“THE DAMON MEMORIAL. –In 1886 it became apparent that a new school-house [sic] must be provided to meet the increasing needs of the Centre District, and although the good people have ever manifested a very liberal spirit in educational affairs, like all New Englanders, each citizen had his own peculiar way as to how to meet that need, and a committee was chosen to investigate and report at a future meeting.

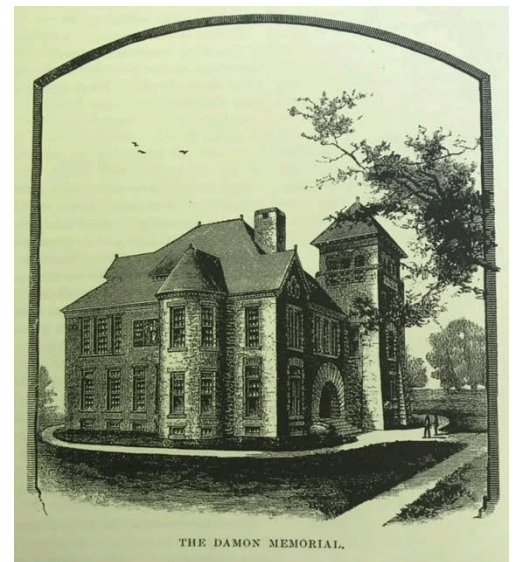
“Early in their investigations it was rumored that S. C. Gale, Esq., had purchased a building site adjoining the ‘Common’ for a library building, and upon communicating with him his plans were so far outlined as to assure them that it was the intention of himself and [his] wife, a native of Holden, to erect and present to the town a suitable structure to answer for library and high school purposes, to be known as the ‘Damon Memorial,’ in memory of Mrs. Gale’s brother, the late Rev. Samuel C. Damon, of Honolulu, Sandwich Islands.

“The committee’s report, with a letter from Mr. Gale, declaring his purposes more minutely, was read in town-meeting [sic] and a vote of thanks passed, and from June of 1887 to August, 1888, the beautiful structure arose from foundation to final completion and completeness. In July a committee was chosen to arrange for and have charge of acceptance and dedication of the building, to whom Mr. Gale made know his intention of adding to his already princely gift the sum of three thousand dollars for the purchase of books for a free public library, with instructions to have the books upon the shelves on the day of dedication.

“Mr. John Wadsworth, of Chicago, Ill., sent a check for one hundred dollars as a slight recompense to Holden for having furnished him a wife, and the Holden Library Association, seeing its great desire of a ‘Free Public Library’ likely to be gratified, voted to close up its affairs and present to the town its library of fourteen hundred volumes and other property.

“In September a town-meeting was called for the purpose of formally accepting these various donations and choosing a board of trustees and appropriating necessary funds for current expenses: Trustees, A. K. Learned, W. E. Austin (three years); H. W. Warren, Rev. D. F. Estes (two years); Emory Rogers, Charles E. Parker (one year). The trustees, in grateful recognition of the generosity of the donor, voted that the library should ever be known as the ‘Gale Free Public Library.’

“The reading-room [sic] was opened to the public November 30th, and one week later the library of forty-five hundred carefully selected volumes was ready for the giving out of books—a noble monument to the donors and a potent factor in the future development of our town and the enlightenment and intelligence of our citizens.”



Children's Programs

Oceans of Possibilities Summer Reading Program

Program ends August 13th. Please stop by and pick up all your prizes by August 20th.
Thank you for another great summer!

Tanglewood Marionettes present The Dragon King **Wednesday, August 3rd at 2:15pm** **at the Holden Senior Center**

An underwater fantasy based on Chinese folklore, **The Dragon King** tells the tale of an intrepid Grandmother who journeys to the bottom of the sea in search of the elusive Dragon King, and the answers to why he has forsaken the land above. All done with amazingly detailed puppets by the famous Tanglewood Marionettes. Event sponsored by the Holden Cultural Council. Best for ages 5 and up.

Ice Cream Social

Friday, August 5th at 3:00pm, on the library lawn

Our beloved librarian Miss Kayla is leaving the library at the end of summer reading. Come wish her well with frozen treats and games on the library lawn.

Wachusett CFCE presents Music and Me
Saturday, August 6th at 10am, on the library lawn
(Weather permitting: we will move to the program room if raining)

Join Miss Jessica from Community Connections out on the library lawn to get those little ones moving, dancing, and singing. Music & movement will be followed by a story and free play! **Registration required.**

Story Time Tent at Holden Days
Saturday, August 27th
at 10-10:30am & 11:30am

Join Mr. Kevin at our tent on the library lawn for special end of summer story times and songs for kids 2-7.
Cool off and join in for story fun!

Wachusett CFCE Sensory Explosion
Wednesday, July 13th at 10am-11:30am,
on the library lawn

(Weather permitting: we will move to the Program Room if raining)

Join Miss Patty from Community Connections on the library lawn for sand and water sensory tables, groovy manipulatives, and group fun.
Good for ages 2-6.

Children's Department



Story Times

THE LAST SUMMER BEACH TOWEL STORY TIMES WILL BE ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 11TH! WE ARE TAKING A LITTLE BREAK BUT WILL BE BACK IN THE FALL.

**BEACH TOWEL
BABY LAPSIT STORY TIME**
Thursday, Aug. 4th & 11th
at 10:00am. Library Lawn

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 ABC's and 123's. Bring a beach towel and join us on the library lawn.

20 minute playgroup following each story time.

**BEACH TOWEL
PRESCHOOL STORY TIME**
Thursday, Aug. 4th & 11th
at 11:00am. Library Lawn

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! Bring a beach towel and join us on the library lawn.

20 minute playgroup following each story time.

Teen Happenings

Oceans of Possibilities Summer Reading Program

Program ends on August 13th. Make sure you finish logging your hours by August 12th. Raffle winners will be drawn and notified on August 13th via email.

Crochet Club

This club is currently FULL. Pick-up on August 12th.

If you have already registered, your registration is automatically carried over. Any questions, please email Miss Kayla at galefreeteens@gmail.com.

Baking Club

Register by August 2nd. Pick-up on August 9th.

New recipe each month. We will provide the dry ingredients, recipe, and a QR code linked to our "how to" video. Registration is required each month. See website for more details and registration link.

Pay It Forward Club

Register by August 2nd. Pick-up on August 9th.

Each month will be a different charity with a new project. You pick up the materials, which we provide, then create or collect the items and bring them back to the library by the drop-off date. The library will send them off to the cause, working together to pay it forward! See website for more details and registration link.

Ocean Paint-Pour Craft

Tuesday, August 2nd at 6:00pm on the library lawn
(weather permitting, we will move to program room if raining)

Join Miss Kayla and create your own ocean painting by using the paint-pour technique. No registration necessary.

Young Adult Book of the Month Club

Register by August 10th. Pick-up on August 16th.

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! Each surprise book of the month comes in a tote bag, which will also include bookish goodies such as bookmarks, buttons, stickers, and more, all for you to keep! Supplies are limited and sign-up is REQUIRED. Visit our website for more details under "teen upcoming programs."

Children's Department

Staff Picks for Teens

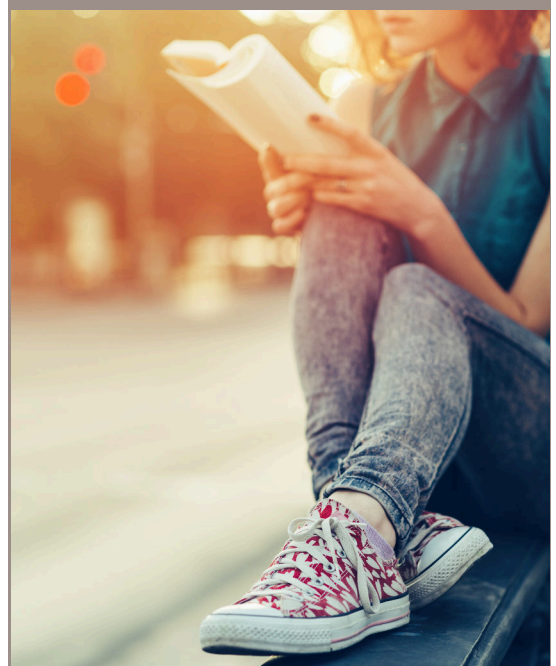
Kayla

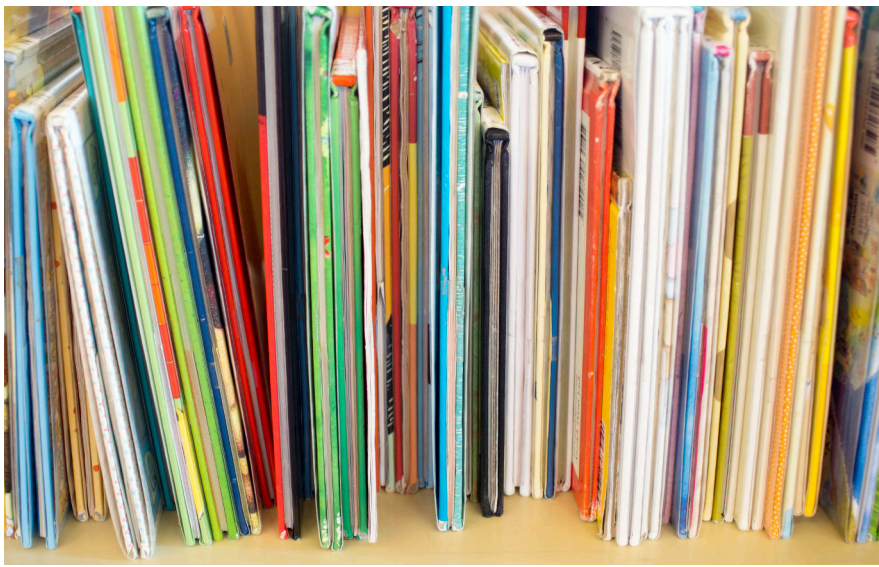
BOOK: THE LAKE
BY NATASHA PRESTON

BOOK: GIRLS WITH
SHARP STICKS
BY SUZANNE YOUNG

Stephanie

BOOK: ZERO WASTE LIFE
LEARNING HOW TO EMBRACE
LESS TO LIVE MORE
BY MEGEAN WELDON





Children's Book Review

BY KIRKUS REVIEWS. ISSUE: JULY 15, 2022

Jackie Does It All

Written by Fabian E. Ferguson

Illustrated by Alisa Aryutova

Ages 3+

An overachieving scout learns the value of saying no in this picture book. Butterfly Brigade member Jackie, a confident girl with brown skin, curly hair, and glasses, is excited to attend her first scout jamboree. Her enthusiasm for earning patches puts her in the running for the “top scout overall” Golden Monarch Award.

She comes up with a plan to enter the Great Jamboree storytelling competition, which would earn her two more patches—she just has to write a tale before the event. It seems simple enough, but when her fellow scouts ask for help fixing their banner and Ms. Cruz needs Jackie to dog-sit, the girl finds herself in over her head.

Luckily, Mommy’s there with sage advice: “To make people happy, I know how far you would go, / but there often” come times “when you just have to say ‘NO!’” For children (and adults) who struggle because they take on too many tasks, this valuable lesson—learned early—could save a lot of future tears.

Jackie is a likable protagonist who strives to help everyone. She eventually learns that taking care of herself is just as vital. Ferguson’s humorous, rhyming stanzas scan smoothly throughout, and the invented scouting organization allows more children to identify with Jackie’s goals. The action-oriented illustrations that depict a brown-skinned cast are where Jackie really shines. Aryutova deftly captures the girl’s spirit and challenges in soft-edged, cartoon images. A timely, vibrant, and cheerfully illustrated reminder about the importance of balance.

Children's Department

Staff Picks

Stephanie

BOOK (9+)

**TITLE: THE WILD ROBOT
WRITTEN BY PETER BROWN**

BOOK (3+)

**TITLE: FROG VS TOAD
WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY
BEN MANTLE**

BOOK (7+)

**TITLE: WHOOO KNEW? THE
TRUTH ABOUT OWLS
BY ANNETTE WHIPPLE**

BOOK (4+)

**TITLE: SEAHORSES ARE
SOLD OUT
WRITTEN BY
CONSTANCE SPENGLER
ILLUSTRATED BY
KATJA GEHRMANN**

