



THE BOOKMARK

Monthly Newsletter of the Gale Free Library

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Important News

- We will be closed on Monday, October 10th in observance of Columbus Day.
- The library's inscribed "cornerstone" has been re-gilded and is looking beautiful. Stop by and take a look!
- We have added two new museum passes to our Museum Pass Program: the New England Aquarium pass and the Trustees of Reservations GO Pass.
- The library will be handing out candy on all three floors during the town-wide Halloween festivities on October 29th from 11-4.

Adult Programs

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

Spouting Off – Teapots from Around the World

Pottery demonstration with Pied Potter Hamelin

Saturday, October 8th from 10:00-11:00am in the Program Room

The stories behind the teapot come alive as you watch their 4000 year history rise and take shape on the potter's wheel.

Rick's magical skills of throwing on the wheel will entertain you in this unique program celebrating the spouted pot and the people behind them.

A pinch pottery workshop is included.

Craft Night for Adults

Felt Succulents

Thursday, October 13th at 6:30pm in the Program Room

Join us as we craft a succulent from felt!

The Craft of Writing

Thursday, October 13th from 10:30am-12:00pm via Zoom

"The News"

Let's look at creative responses to local or national news

Awesome 80s Trivia Night

Thursday, October 27th at 6:00pm in the Program Room

Peg your jeans, put on your Members Only jacket, Aquanette your hair to the sky, and join us for an awesome evening of 80s trivia!

Prizes will be awarded!

Dressing for the theme is HIGHLY encouraged.

Mindfulness for Well-Being Series

Thursdays until October 20th from 6:00-7:15pm via ZOOM

Curious about ways to bring more connection, clarity, self-compassion, and pleasure to your life? Interested in exploring your body-mind-heart relationship in a mindful way, with the goal of increasing groundedness, ease, and vitality?

The Mindfulness for Well-Being Series will include short, guided practices as well as discussions about using embodied awareness for the specific purpose of increasing well-being in body, mind, and spirit.

No prior experience needed—all are welcome!

Mysterious Massachusetts

Presented by Sarah Hodge-Wetherbe

Tuesday, October 25th at 6:30pm in the Program Room

Every state has its ghost stories, but no other state has the Dover Demon or the Salem Witch Trials. From sea-side ghosts, to UFOs over the Berkshires, Massachusetts has a rich history of paranormal legends, odd events, and strange denizens. In this program, we will have a look at some of the most famous of Massachusetts paranormal history.



Classic Book Club

Registration Required

Thursday, October 20th
6:30pm

Man's Search for Meaning
by Victor E. Frankl

Cooking Club

Registration Required

Tuesday, October 18th
6:00pm

Superfoods 101
with Kim Larkin

Movie Discussion

Registration Required

Wednesday, October 12th
6:30pm

The Breakfast Club
1985 (Rated R)

Wondrous Read Ahead

Theme 1: Paranormal Fiction

Theme 2: Award Winners

Theme 3: Polish American
Heritage Month

Theme 4: Books We've "Fall"en For



Book Review

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Old Country

By Matt Query & Harrison Query

In their debut novel, brothers Matt and Harrison Query explore the ultimate in buyer's remorse: What if the home of your dreams wants you dead?

Longing to abandon their busy city lives for a quieter and more fulfilling wilderness existence, Harry and Sasha Blakemore gamble big on a remote Idaho property, sight unseen.

Former Marine rifleman Harry hopes bonding with nature and his golden retriever will ease his combat trauma from Afghanistan, and Sasha wants to exchange corporate walls for wide-open spaces. With the snowcapped Tetons looming in the distance, their new homestead is everything they dreamed it would be and delivers even more than they bargained for. The couple's blissful homecoming is interrupted when their nearest neighbors tell them there's a powerful spirit living in their valley and give them a guide to the strict rituals they must observe to survive its trials.

Each season of the year presents a more deadly and challenging supernatural threat. The couple embraces their new life even as their skepticism about the paranormal wanes in the face of incontrovertible proof that it exists. Their choice to endure becomes less a matter of passion than persistence as they uncover more closely guarded and dangerous secrets. They may never leave the valley again.

The authors combine their talent for action-packed horror scenes with picturesque descriptions of mountain living, creating refreshing lulls to contrast with the intense moments of terror. Though all the backstory that's loaded into the beginning of the book slows the pace of the early chapters—narrated alternately by Harry and Sasha—little goes to waste. The payoff is an emotional and psychological journey that deepens the layers of this entertaining horror story. Don't forget to bring a four-legged ally; you'll need all the help you can get. Fans of Stephen King and Paul Tremblay will find this a satisfying escape into the woods.

Staff Picks

Amy

MOVIE: THE CRAFT (1996)
RATED R

Danielle

BOOK: THE NICKEL BOYS
BY COLSON WHITEHEAD

Katy

BOOK: THE OTHER PEOPLE
BY C. J. TUDOR

Nancy C.

BOOK: SAWKILL GIRLS
BY CLAIRE LEGRANDE

Spencer

BOOK: THE TEN THOUSAND DOORS
OF JANUARY
BY ALIX E. HARROW

Wendy

MOVIE: CANDYMAN (2021)
RATED R



Children's Programs

Tinker Time

Friday, October 7th at 10:00am
Program Room, Ages 2-5

Blocks, toys, manipulatives, and group play time with Miss Patty from Community Connections.

Put your thinking caps on! Let's build, create, and tinker!

Registration is required. Please go to the kids' page at the galefreelibrary.org.

Boats of Doom

Wednesday, October 19th

Our LEGO club's spooky Halloween-themed builds will be on display in the Children's Room starting on the 19th. See their creepy creations for yourself!

Third Annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Pick-up on Monday, October 17th

Drop-off on Monday, October 24th

Join in our annual pumpkin decorating contest!

Pick up your pumpkin on the 17th, decorate it the next week, and drop it off on the 24th.

Prizes will be distributed by age group.

Scary Flashlight Story Time

Wednesday October 26th at 6:30pm

Program Room, Ages 7+

Join Mr. Kevin for some frightful tales by flashlight! Bring your own flashlight and blanket.

Monster Music and Me

Friday, October 28th at 10:00am

Program Room, Ages 2-6

Join Miss Jessica from Community Connections and get those little ones moving, dancing, and singing to the monster beat! Music builds strong brains!

"Halloween in Holden" Trick-or-Treat

Saturday, October 29th from 11:00am-4:00pm

Come visit the Library for three whole floors of candy! This is a must-stop spot for trick-or-treaters.

More events to come!

Keep an eye on our Facebook page and webpage for more updates!

Children's Department



Story Times

LAPSIT STORY TIME
Thursdays
at 10:00am

Lapsit story time is for children ages 2 and under.

Join Miss Rachel for songs, short picture books, and more!

This story time will focus on routine, repetition, and early literacy skills.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME
Thursdays
at 11:00am

Preschool Story Time is for children ages 3 to 6, with caregivers.

Join Mr. Kevin for lots of laughs and fun stories. This story time will focus on picture book stories and some games or activities. And, of course, Mr. Kevin's great sense of humor!