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Monthly Newsletter of the Gale Free Library

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Important News

- The library will be closed on Saturday, September 3rd and Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day.
- Beginning September 10th, we will resume our normal Saturday hours of 9:00am-4:00pm.
- We are pleased to welcome two new staff members! You can meet Morgan in the Reference Department and Rachel in the Children's Department.

Adult Programs

Registration for programs is required.

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

Craft Night for Adults

Tie-Dye Shirts

Thursday, September 1st

6:30pm (ages 18+)

We supply the dye...you supply your pre-washed white t-shirt and your creativity! Let's turn that boring t-shirt into a groovy work of art!

Mindfulness for Well-Being Series

Thursdays, September 8th-October 27th

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!

The Craft of Writing

Thursday, September 15th

10:30am-12:00pm via Zoom

Family History and Memoir, Part I

We'll compare excerpts of three published works, and discuss how the different approaches might affect the telling of our own personal and family stories. The program will be self contained; you do not need to attend Part II in October.

Knitting Group

Every Monday, 1:00-2:30pm

Two options: in person or via Zoom

All are welcome, from beginner to experienced.

No instruction will be provided.

See what others are knitting, or just sit and knit!



Classic Book Club

Registration Required

Thursday, September 22nd

6:30pm

**My Reading Life
by Pat Conroy**

Cooking Club

Registration Required

Tuesday, September 13th

6:00pm

**Dips, Sauces, Marinades
& Rubs**

Movie Discussion

Registration Required

Wednesday, September 14th

6:30pm

**The Breakfast Club
1985 (Rated R)**

Wondrous Read Ahead

Theme 1: What's Cooking? Fiction books with recipes inside

Theme 2: Books with pink covers

Theme 3: Books Unite Us!
Challenged books

Theme 4: Read Local
Books by Massachusetts authors



Book Review

BY KIRKUS REVIEWS. ISSUE: JULY 1, 2022

Retail Gangster: The Insane, Real-Life Story of Crazy Eddie

By Gary Weiss

A chronicle of consumer electronics and corruption in the second half of the 20th century.

Investigative journalist Weiss reveals the mechanics of the corrupt retail empire of “Crazy Eddie” Antar (1947-2016). Eddie grew up in New York City’s Syrian Jewish community and dropped out of school at 15. He worked short stints in tourist traps before moving into electronics sales, where he made profits despite rock-bottom prices through acquiring his wares wholesale and skimming the sales tax from purchases, socking the unreported cash away in various hiding places, a process “known among Syrians” as nehkdi. Eddie christened the first Crazy Eddie store in 1973, and by the mid-1970s, he was establishing himself as the economic head of the family, which displeased his father, Sam M. Antar. As the business grew, bolstered by shrill and memorable marketing (“HIS PRICES ARE INSANE!”), so did the scale of the family corruption.

In 1979, Sam “Sammy” E. Antar, Eddie’s cousin and the family lawyer, got his “Golden Idea”: They should take the company public and gradually dial back the amount of nehkdi to inflate the appearance of their profits. The scheme was working, drawing praise for the company, but behind the scenes, it was becoming increasingly difficult to maintain the facade of a highly successful, aboveboard operation—and, at its height, no one benefitted from the fraud more than Eddie.

The story involves a massive cast of characters, from generations of the Antar family to Eddie’s scorned first wife, Deborah Rosen, and a slew of federal agents. Weiss paints an intricate portrait of greed, aspiration, and complicated family ties bolstered by recollections from Sammy, whose eventual cooperation helped secure convictions for Eddie and other Antar associates. The scheme can feel almost nostalgic following more recent financial scandals and the collapse of physical retail, but Weiss also emphasizes its very real consequences: Eddie “wasn’t hated, but he hurt people.” A compellingly readable story about a con artist who “epitomized the duality of the American Dream.”

Staff Picks

Abigail

**BOOK: THE TEN THOUSAND DOORS
OF JANUARY**

BY ALIX E. HARROW

Amy

MUSIC: LITTLE EARTHQUAKES

BY TORI AMOS

Danielle

BOOK: BEFORE WE WERE YOURS

BY LISA WINGATE

Judy

BOOK: THE HIDDEN ONE

BY LINDA CASTILLO

Katy

BOOK: SOMETHING TO HIDE

BY ELIZABETH GEORGE

Nancy C.

BOOK: SEA OF TRANQUILITY

BY EMILY ST. JOHN MANDEL

Nancy M. C.

BOOK: LITTEST LIBRARY

BY POPPY ALEXANDER

Spencer

MUSIC: ALL THESE DREAMS

BY SEV



This month we welcome our newest staff member, Rachel Burton, who is now the Assistant Children's Librarian and YA Librarian. She joins Kevin, Stephanie and Abbey in the Children's Room.

She previously worked as a librarian in the Grafton School District and will be working on bringing some exciting new programs for kids this fall.

Stop by and say hello!

Children's Programs

THE BIG G FAIR IS BACK!

September 7th to 23rd

Stop by the children's room to see our biggest LEGO installation of the year, complete with working rides and elements designed by the summer LEGO Club kids.



Tinker Time

Friday, September 9th at 10:00am

Program Room, Ages 2-5

Blocks, toys, manipulatives, and group play time with Miss Patty from Community Connections. Get creative with your child and meet other families! Registration is required. Please go to the kids' page on the galefreelibrary.org website. In the Program Room.

Tanglewood Marionettes presents "The Dragon King".

Wednesday, September 28th from 4:00-5:00pm

at the Holden Senior Center

All Ages

Rescheduled from summer, this amazing marionette company brings us the story of a grandmother who travels to the bottom of the sea to find the elusive Dragon King. Something fun to do with the family on this half-day of school.

Many thanks to the Holden Cultural Council for sponsoring this event.

Community Connections

Friday, September 30th at 11:00am

Ages 2-6

Join Miss Jessica from Community Connections and get your little ones moving, dancing, and singing.

Registration is required. Please go to the kids' page on the galefreelibrary.org website. This program will be held outdoors on the lawn if the weather is nice; in the Program Room if it's not.

Children's Department



Story Times

**WEEKLY STORY TIMES BEGIN AGAIN
ON SEPTEMBER 22ND!**

BABY LAPSIT STORY TIME
September 22nd & 29th
at 10:00am

Lapsit story time is for children
ages 2 and under.

Join our new librarian, Miss Rachel,
for songs, movement and stories
for our littlest patrons and
their caregivers.

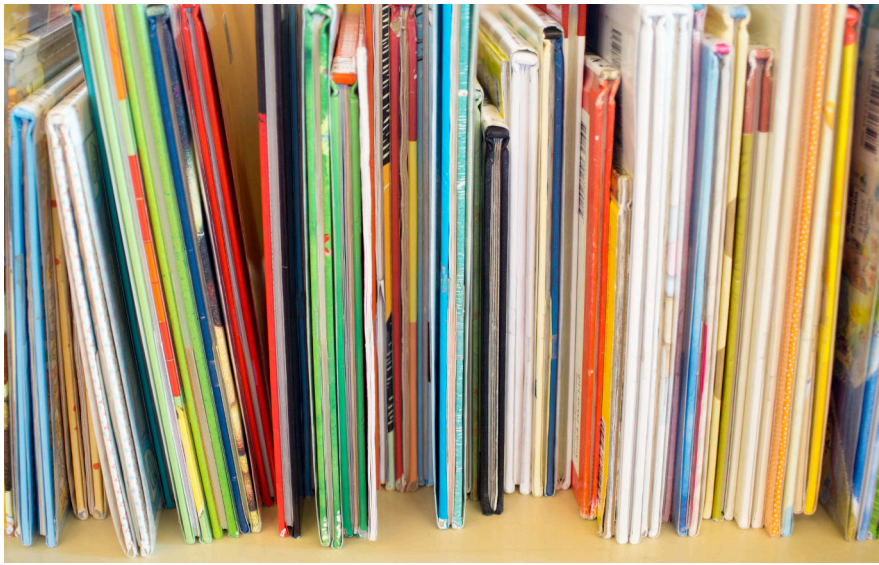
On the library lawn if the weather is
nice; in the Program Room if it's
raining.

PRESCHOOL STORY CLUB
September 22nd & 29th
at 11:00am

Preschool Story Club is for children
ages 2½ to 6, with caregivers.

Mr. Kevin presents a new year of favorite
picture books and songs, with plenty of
funny stories and silly games.

On the library lawn if the weather is
nice; in the Program Room if it's raining.



Children's Book Review

BY KIRKUS REVIEWS. ISSUE: JUNE 1, 2022

The Big Worry Day

Written by K. A. Reynolds

Illustrated by Chloe Dominique

Ages 4+

A child expresses and mitigates their anxieties through their dog.

A light-skinned child narrator informs readers, "I have a dog named Bea. She worries. Like me." Even though the only thing they have planned this weekend is going outside to play, the narrator states that Bea is worried about what might happen. While the text has the narrator heavily preparing in order to quell "Bea's apprehension, the illustrations—depicting the protagonist's worried expressions and Bea's joyful, rambunctious body language—make it clear what's really going on.

The narrator proposes bringing supplies (a sweater, a compass and a map, and more); when that does not allay their fears, the child and pup turn to self-regulating exercises including breathing exercises, yoga, and group therapy with stuffed toys. Finally, the gentle urging of the narrator's furry friend quiets their worries, providing a sense of safety to help face the day outdoors.

Soft, muted illustrations pair well with the text to create a slow pace and tranquil atmosphere of mindfulness and comfort. The lack of adults in the narration gives space and opportunity for self-guided regulation mechanisms and acknowledges the power of companionship in helping to grapple with those fears. However, readers with similar issues will get the most out of this story if it's shared with a trusted adult.

In an author's note, Reynolds discusses how she experienced anxiety from a very young age. An exercise in self-awareness in the face of debilitating anxiety

Children's Department

Staff Picks

BOOK (3+)

**TITLE: WHEN AN ALIEN MEETS A
SWAMP MONSTER**
BY CORNELIUS VAN WRIGHT

BOOK (3+)

TITLE: NOT FRIENDS
**WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY
CORNELIUS VAN WRIGHT**

BOOK (4+)

**TITLE: YOURS 'TIL
NIAGARA FALLS**
**BY BRENDA GUIBERSON
ILLUSTRATED BY
WILLIAM LOW**

BOOK (8+)

**TITLE: ALLIANA, GIRL OF
DRAGONS**
BY JULIE ABE

BOOK (YOUNG ADULT)

**TITLE: WHAT SOULS ARE
MADE OF**
BY TASHA SURI

