



The BOOKMARK

Newsletter of the Gale Free Library

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Library Hours

Monday 9:30 am-5:30 pm

Tuesday 9:30 am-8 pm

Wednesday 9:30 am-8 pm

Thursday 9:30 am-8 pm

Friday 9:30 am-5:30 pm

Saturday 9 am-4 pm

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Library News

- The Library will be closed Monday, December 25 for Christmas Day and Monday, January 1, 2024 for New Year's Day.
- Our "Windows of Opportunity" Capital Campaign continues. Find out how you can help with the Auction Committee's efforts on page 2.
- Kids 6 and up can create a beautiful centerpiece or gift at our Beeswax Candles program on Thursday, December 14! Registration is required. Please see page 3 for details.
- Looking for timely Library news? Sign up to receive updates on our weekly Adult Programs by clicking on the link on our website's homepage (galefreelibrary.org) and by following us on Facebook and Instagram!

The Book Express

If you are a senior living in Holden or eligible for services through the Holden Senior Center, the Library wants to remind you of our Book Express program. Help us spread the word! If you (or a friend, or a neighbor) are having difficulty making it to the Library, let us bring the Library to you! Contact Danielle in Circulation at 508-210-5560 to find out more!

Adult Programs

Windows of Opportunity

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Windows of Opportunity Auction Committee is hard at work soliciting items for our online auction to be held April 17-27, 2024 in conjunction with the Windows Gala scheduled for April 27 at Val's Restaurant. We have had a good response so far from local businesses, but in order to meet our auction goal of \$20,000 we need more high-end auction items. Items we are in search of include a weekend or week at a vacation home or timeshare, airline flights or points that are transferable, YETI cooler, TV, bicycle, professional sports tickets, summer or sports camp weeks, golf experiences, computers or tablets, and other exciting or unique experiences. If you are able to donate or can connect our committee with someone who can donate one of these items, please contact Pat Korandanis at 508-829-9979 or korandanisp@gmail.com. The addition of these items or items similar to them will help us meet our goal. Thanks in advance for your help!



Adult Take-Home Craft Starts Monday, 12/4 No registration required. Please visit the Reference Desk for your kit.

Pick up your DIY craft kit at the Library (while supplies last). Our December Take-Home Craft will be a Glitter Jar. This is an easy craft that will add a magical element to any mantle or table. Every bag will contain free supplies and instructions. We hope you will enjoy making this craft at home!

Weekly Knitting Group Mondays, 1-2:30pm

We offer an in-person meeting, as well as a virtual meeting. (No registration is needed for the in-person meeting. For the virtual meeting, please contact the Library for an invitation.) All are welcome, from beginners to experienced!

Cooking Club Tuesday, 12/12, 6:30pm Registration required. "Holiday Cookie Swap"

December means that it is time for our 8th annual Cookie Swap! Please bring 14 bagged samples of one of your favorite cookies, along with your recipe. You will go home with a collection of assorted cookies, and a bunch of new recipes that you can make for the holidays!



*For more information
or to register for a program,
please contact the
Reference Desk at
508-210-5569 or email us at
galefreelibrary@gmail.com.*

Art Exhibits in 2024

Get ready for New Year, New Art at the Library! Our Program Room is shaping up to be a fabulous space to see solo shows and group art exhibits by local professional and emerging artists. Beginning in January, be sure to check the website regularly to see who's showing. And stay tuned for a special announcement in next month's "Bookmark" about a new art endeavor at the Gale Free.



Children's & Teens' Programs

Story Times

Lapsit Story Time

Every Thursday (except 12/28)
10 AM

In the Program Room
Ages 2 and under

Join Miss Rachel for songs, short picture-book stories, and more. This story time will focus on routine, repetition, and early literacy skills like ABCs and 123s.

Preschool Story Time

Every Thursday (except 12/28)
11 AM

In the Program Room
Ages 3-6

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



Beeswax Candles

Thursday 12/14, 4:20 PM, Ages 6+

Create a beautiful centerpiece or gift out of all-natural beeswax sheets! Adults are encouraged to participate with their children!



Registration opens 12/7
galefreelibrary.as.me/beeswax-candles



Children

Mrs. C for Holidays in Holden
Saturday, 12/2

12 PM and 12:45 PM

In the Program Room

Visit with Mrs. C for a special story time during Holidays in Holden!

Cardboard Gingerbread Houses
with Jenna Bailey

(Ages 4+)

Tuesday, 12/5

4:20 PM

In the Program Room

Registration opens 11/28

Jenna Bailey of Burlap Bee will show you how to decorate a gingerbread house that will never go stale!

LEGO Club

(Ages 6+)

Wednesday, 12/6 and

Wednesday, 12/13

4:20 PM

In the Program Room

Registration opens a week before the program (11/29 and 12/6)

Build a part of our winter wonderland LEGO display!

LEGO Jr.
(Ages 4-5)

Thursday, 12/7

4:20 PM

In the Program Room

Registration opens 11/30

Build a part of our winter wonderland LEGO display!

Books and Blankies
(Up to 2 years)

Friday, 12/8

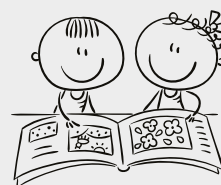
10 AM

In the Program Room

Registration required through

communityconnections@wachusettcfce.com

Join Community Connections for loads of finger plays, short stories, and music. This program is ideal for developing language and fine and gross motor skills, all while connecting with your little one sitting on your lap!



Teens

Painting Vinyl Records
(Grades 6 and up)

Tuesday, 12/12

4 PM

In the Program Room

No registration required

Paint on a vinyl record to make a stylish piece of wall art! Come early for this craft! Supplies are limited and will be given on a first-come-first-served basis.

Dungeons and Dragons
One-Shot

(Grades 6 and up)

Tuesday, 12/19

3:45-5:45 PM

In the Program Room

Registration opens 12/12

Join the party for a wintry 3rd-level adventure! This session is ideal for players who have some experience, but new players are still welcome.

Local History, Museum Passes

Worcester Historical Museum



Images and information courtesy of the Worcester Historical Museum website and the Daniels Foundation.

The Worcester Historical Museum (WHM), located in downtown Worcester, is the only institution in the area devoted entirely to local history and artifacts. Founded in 1875, WHM houses 1,000s of manuscripts, photographs, books, prints, and maps. WHM is free for those under 18 years and offers rotating exhibits, as well as hands-on activities for all ages. WHM also operates the Salisbury Mansion at 40 Highland Street, which is considered one of the best documented historic house museums in New England.



The Salisbury Mansion

To reserve passes to the Worcester Historical Museum, contact the Reference Desk at 508-210-5569.

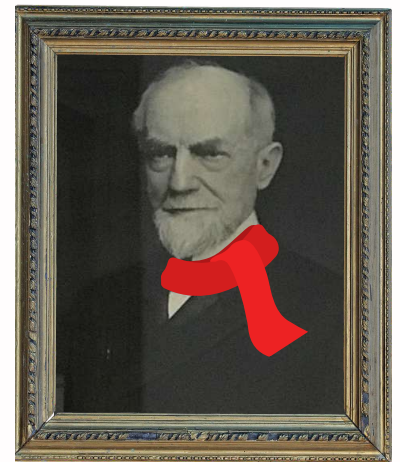
Local History

The Staff and Trustees of the Gale Free Library
wish each and every one of you

*Happy Holidays
and a
Joyful New Year!*



Susan (Damon) Gale



Samuel Chester Gale



Local History will return next month.

Be on the Lookout for...

For lovers of historical fiction--

Author Spotlight on Noelle Salazar



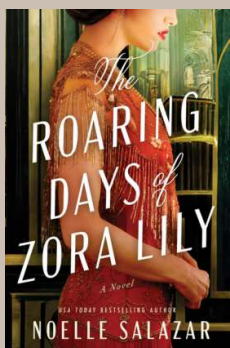
Born and raised in the Pacific Northwest, Noelle Salazar has always been a storyteller. She is the author of three historical fiction books.

Her debut novel was published in 2019. *The Flight Girls* is an unforgettable story about a fascinating piece of World War II history, the female pilots of the WASP (Women Airforce Service Pilots) Program.



Noelle's second novel, *Angels of the Resistance*, was published in 2022. This book was inspired by the true story of two courageous teenage sisters who risked everything to join the Dutch resistance in the Netherlands in the 1940s.

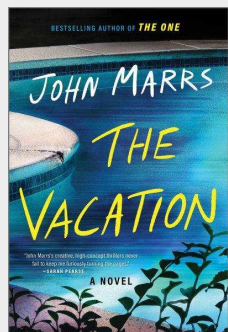
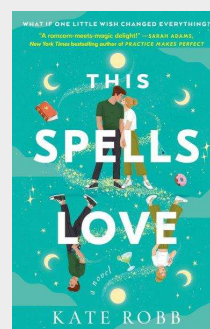
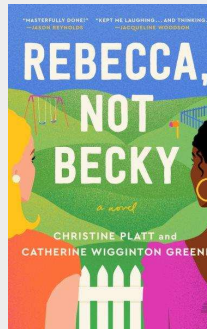
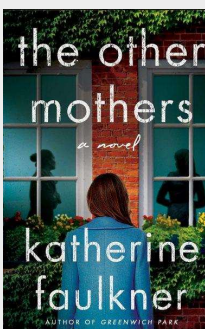
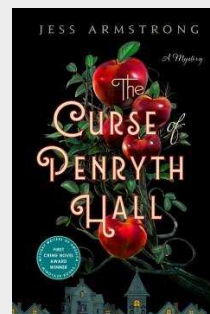
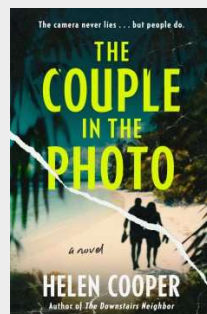
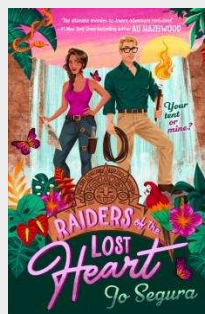
Noelle's latest novel is titled *The Roaring Days of Zora Lily*. This book captures the Jazz Age, from the liquor-soaked days of Prohibition and speakeasies in Seattle to the glamour and darkness of Hollywood. It's a saga of family ties, friendship, love, and dreams.



This Author Spotlight was written by Judy from Circulation.

LibraryReads Recommends

December's Top Ten New Releases Coming Soon to a Shelf Near You!



Find out more about LibraryReads, the monthly nationwide library staff picks list for adult fiction and non-fiction, at libraryreads.org.