



# THE BOOKMARK

Monthly Newsletter of the Gale Free Library

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## Important News

- The Library will be closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of Presidents' Day.
- Do you love attending our programs for adults? Now you can sign up to receive weekly adult-program updates by clicking on the link on our website homepage ([galefreelibrary.org](http://galefreelibrary.org)) or by contacting us at 508-210-5569.

# Adult Programs

Registration for programs is required. Please email [galefreelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:galefreelibrary@gmail.com) or call 508-210-5569 to register.

## Genealogy for Novices

**This program is full**

**Tuesdays, February 7th to March 7th  
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM (Program Room)**

## Craft Night for Adults

### Old-Fashioned Valentines

**Thursday, February 2nd  
6:30 PM (Program Room)**

Join us as we make an old-fashioned valentine to give to your sweetie!

## Mindfulness for Well-Being

**Thursdays, February 9th to March 30th  
6:00–7:00 PM (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?

This 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!

## Knitting Group

**Every Monday, 1:00-2:30pm**

**Two options: In person or virtual on Zoom**

All are welcome, from beginner to experienced.

No instruction will be provided.

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

No registration is needed for the in-person meeting.

To attend the virtual meeting on Zoom, please contact the Library for the meeting link.



## Classic Book Club

**\*Registration Required\***

February 23rd  
6:30 PM

Title: Mayflower  
by: Nathaniel Philbrick

## Cooking Club

**\*Registration Required\***

Tuesday, February 14th  
6:30 PM

A Dish Inspired by a Movie

## Movie Discussion

**\*Registration Required\***

Wednesday, February 8th  
6:30 PM

Peggy Sue Got Married (1986)  
Rated PG-13





## Book Review

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### Behind the Scenes

By Karelia Stetz-Waters

Two successful career-minded women kick off a tender romance at an animal rescue fundraiser, but they must contend with lingering grief and heartbreak to reach their happily-ever-after.

Thirty-eight-year-old Rose Josten is an affluent consultant at Integral Business Solutions with a deep love for her rescue pugs and the finer things in life. While attending a fundraiser for the Humane Society, she meets a mysterious woman who, on first impression, seems very much her opposite. Ash Stewart, who's 40, feels more at home in ripped jeans and band T-shirts than designer clothes, but from the first time she meets Rose, their banter is flirtatious and easy even though Ash is still carrying the emotional remnants of a divorce and limping from a particularly horrific car accident. A talented filmmaker, she's hoping to finally see an important and personal project come to fruition.

When Ash approaches bombastic billionaire Irene Brentworth to contribute funding, she knows it's a long shot. Surprising no one more than Ash herself, Irene is interested and asks to see a more fleshed-out proposal. Hoping to help Ash get ready for the big pitch, her friend and employee Emma reaches out to the highly sought-after Integral for a consultation. When Rose agrees to take the job, she has no idea she'll soon be reunited with the mysterious woman she chatted with at the fundraiser.

Most of the conflict is internal, with Rose concerned about hitting her midlife crisis and Ash trying to rebuild her professional career. It's lovely to see a romance between two women older than their 20s. Rose and Ash are settled in their careers and their passions and are confident about who they are and how they want to be perceived by those around them. Stetz-Waters balances humor with a touch of charming satire; the words sweet and earnest are just the start to describing this slow-burn romance. A delight from start to finish.

## Staff Picks

Amy

MOVIE: MOONSTRUCK  
(1987) RATED PG

Nancy C.

BOOK: THE CITY OF BRASS  
BY S. A. CHAKRABORTY

Nancy M. C.

BOOK: FAIRY TALE  
BY STEPHEN KING

Rachel

BOOK: HUNTING GAME  
BY HELENE TURSTEN

Spencer

BOOK: DATE NIGHT ON UNION STATION  
BY E. M. FONER

Susan

BOOK: REBECCA  
BY DAPHNE DU MAURIER

Wendy

MOVIE: P.S. I LOVE YOU  
(2007) RATED PG-13



# Children's & Teens' Programs

**Tinker Time**  
**Friday, Feb. 10th**  
**10:00-11:30am**  
**Ages 2 to 5**  
**Program Room**

Blocks, puzzles, manipulatives and play with Miss Patty. Put your thinking caps on! Let's build, create, and tinker!  
Registration is required.

**Bricks Week: Bricks for Break!**  
**Monday, Feb. 20th to Saturday, Feb. 25th**  
**All Ages**  
**Program Room**

Build with bricks over break!  
There will be LEGO and Duplo blocks available in the Children's Room for all of February break.

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## Teen Program

**Dungeons and Dragons 101**  
**Tuesday, Feb. 7th**  
**4:00-5:00pm**  
**Ages 12 to 18**  
**Program Room**

Get ready to roll! Learn the basics of D&D, including character creation, combat, and role-playing.  
Registration is required.

## Children's Department

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## Story Times

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**BABY LAPSIT STORY TIME**  
**Thursdays at 10:00 AM**

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.  
In the Program Room.



**PRESCHOOL STORY CLUB**  
**Thursdays at 11:00 AM**

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.  
In the Program Room.