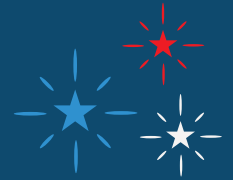


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Library News

- The Library will be closed Tuesday, July 4, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.
- Summer programs begin this month! See page 2 for more on Adult Summer Reading and page 3 for Children's summer programming!
- Our parking lot fills very quickly during the summer! We would like to remind Library users that the parking lot across Route 31 and the parking lot behind the Town Hall at 1196 Main Street are also available. A walkway at the back of the Town lot goes directly to the Library.
- Throughout the year, come to the Library's Program Room to view a series of art exhibits. For the month of July, we will be featuring the artwork of George Ludway. See page 4 for more details.
- Coming this month, "Gamespace"! The Program Room will be open and games stocked for all ages to enjoy! No need to register--just drop in, relax, and have fun. Stop by the Reference Desk anytime to let us know if there is a particular game you would like us to have on hand. See page 2 for dates and times.

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Adult Programs

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“The Art of the Scandal: Thefts, Vandals & Forgeries”

Thursday, 7/13, 6:30pm

(In-person; registration required)

This program explores some of the most brazen criminal acts in the art world involving works by artists such as da Vinci, Michelangelo, and Rembrandt. We'll learn more about the paintings and sculptures that have been targeted and how they were recovered and restored for our enjoyment today. Presenter Jane Oneail holds a Master's in Art History from Boston University and a Master's in Education from Harvard University. A New Hampshire native, she has worked at some of the state's most esteemed cultural institutions, including the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen, where she served as Executive Director, and the Currier Museum of Art, where she held the role of Senior Educator.

Cooking Club: “Sandwiches!”

Tuesday, 7/11, 6:30pm

(In-person; registration required)

For our next program we will be making sandwiches! Hot, cold, grilled, pressed, open-faced, finger, or 12-foot sub--the possibilities are endless! Please bring one of your favorite sandwiches, along with the recipe.

Contemporary Book Group

Wednesday, 7/12, 1:00pm

(In-person; registration required)

This month, we will be discussing *The Book of Hope* by Jane Goodall. Please note that registration is required, as space is limited. Copies of the book can be picked up at the Reference Desk.

“Gamespace” Begins!

Wednesday, 7/12, 5:00-8:00pm

(Drop in, no registration required)

This summer, escape the heat and join us each week for an evening of tabletop games. Bring your friends along, relax, and have fun! A variety of board games will be available. Let us know if there is one in particular you would like us to have on hand. (Additional dates will be Tues 7/18 and Wed 7/26.)

Reception for July Art Exhibit

George Ludway, Watercolors

Wednesday, 7/19, 6:00pm

(Drop in; no registration required)

Refreshments will be served.

See page 4 for exhibit information.

Craft of Writing Workshop

Wednesday, 7/26, 10:30am-12:00pm

(Virtual; registration required)

“Writing Other Worlds”

For this month's Writing Workshop, we'll be discussing “Writing Other Worlds.” We'll examine ways authors evoke unfamiliar worlds--whether in historical fiction, science fiction, or simply far-away places--while keeping their plots moving forward. No prior experience necessary!

Weekly Knitting Group

Mondays, 1:00-2:30pm

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!



Adult Summer Reading Program

It's here! Adult Summer Reading 2023--“Go Anywhere...With a Book!”--runs from June 20-August 19! One reader will be drawn each week to receive a fantastic gift card to a local business! It couldn't be easier--read a book (any book of your choice--audiobooks count too!), fill out a SHORT entry form, stuff it in our suitcase, and you're on your way! You can find entry forms and instructions on display near our entrance. Can't make it to the Library? Call us at the Reference Desk at 508-210-5569 or email us at galefreelibrary@gmail.com and we'll fill out the entry form for you! Give us a call with any questions!

Please contact the Reference Desk for more information or to register for our programs at 508-210-5569.

Children's Programs

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Truck Day

Thursday 7/6 from 10 AM-12 PM
in the Town Parking Lot
(rain or shine)



They're baaack! Come see the town fire truck, dump truck, school bus, ambulance, police car, and other giant town vehicles. Climb in the cabs, blow the horns, and bring your cameras!

Trevor the Games Man

Tuesday 7/11 from 10:30-11:30 AM
on the Library Lawn
(rain date TBD)



Trevor delights young and old from the moment he arrives, stilt-walking in at over 9' tall! We begin with some REALLY high-fives; then it's time for an up-in-the-air extravaganza with 100% audience participation, including games. Kids will be laughing the whole time! *Thank you to the Holden Cultural Council for sponsoring this event.*

Harmonious Happenings: Music With Renee Coro

Wednesday 7/19 from 10:30-11:30 AM
on the Library Lawn
(in the Senior Center if it's raining)

Join Miss Renee for some music fun! Miss Renee has performed at many local libraries and produced an original children's album, "Perfect Harmony," in 2014. She is currently working on her second album. *Thank you to the Holden Cultural Council for sponsoring this event.*



Mike Bent's Abrakidabra!

Tuesday 7/25 from 2:15-3:15 PM
in the Senior Center

"Children should be seen and not heard"? Not in this magic show! "Little Voices, Big Change" from the Nickelodeon award-winning entertainer Mike Bent encourages kids to use their voices, talents, and a little magic to make a big difference! *Thank you to the Holden Cultural Council for sponsoring this event.*



Crafting Programs

Tie-Dye Craft (ages 5+)
Friday 7/7 from 2:30-3:30 PM
on the Library Lawn
(in the Program Room if it's raining)



Join us for some awesome tie-dye fun! Bring your own T-shirt, beach towel, hat, etc.

Sand Art (ages 5+)
Wednesday 7/12 from 3-4 PM
on the Library Lawn

(in the Program Room if it's raining)

Join us to make a beautiful and unique sand-art bottle.

DIY Zines Craft (ages 12+)
Tuesday 7/18 from 3-4 PM
in the Program Room

Got something to say? Say it in style! Learn how to make your own zine about anything you'd like, using our art materials to help.

Pet Rocks Craft (ages 5+)
Friday 7/21 from 3-4 PM
in the Program Room

Create your own pet rock and learn about the care and keeping of your stony friend.

LEGO Club (ages 4+)
Friday 7/14 and Friday 7/28 from 3-4:30 PM
on the Library Lawn
(in the Program Room if it's raining)

Come join us on the lawn for Outdoor LEGO Club! We will be building pieces for our end-of-summer Big G Amusement Park.

Come with your family, grab a bin of LEGO bricks and build with us! No registration necessary!



Lapsit Story Time

Every Thursday (after 7/6) at 10 AM (ages 2 and under)
on the Library Lawn
(in the Program Room if it's raining)

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 (after 7/6) at 11AM (ages 3-6)
on the Library Lawn
(in the Program Room if it's raining)

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, as well as Mr. Kevin's great sense of humor!



Be on the Lookout for...

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Judy Reviews...

The Other Family Doctor
A Veterinarian Explores What Animals
Can Teach Us about
Love, Life, and Mortality
By Karen Fine, DVM

Available in print format as well as audiobook.

The Other Family Doctor is a beautifully written, sensitive but objective account of the world of a veterinarian. Author Dr. Karen Fine is a holistic veterinarian who is fascinated by the relationship between animals and their humans. She shares both joyful and heartbreaking tales of veterinary practice; her various stories of both patients and her own pets explore animal and human connections.

Dr. Fine chronicles the beginning of her private house-call practice, where she is both a veterinarian and a business owner, performing many tasks associated with each role. She discusses wellness visits; the importance of preventative care; and caring for sick, injured or terminally ill pets. She also discusses making the difficult decision to euthanize a suffering animal, and coping with the grief and guilt that often accompany such a decision, one that can be very traumatic for the owner and the veterinarian.

To increase her array of available treatment options, Dr. Fine practices a combination of conventional Western and traditional Chinese medicine, including animal acupuncture and the use of herbal remedies.

Dr. Fine also notes the unusually high suicide rate among veterinarians, citing both animals and people in crisis. She believes both ethical and psychological issues can be contributing factors to the stress of the profession.

Caring for the animals in our lives teaches us about life and love. The book is a tribute to the animals that enrich our lives. Dr. Fine operated her house-call practice for twenty-five years in central Massachusetts. She is currently an associate veterinarian at Central Animal Hospital in Leominster, Massachusetts.

Art Exhibits in the Program Room

Throughout the year, the Gale Free Library will be displaying the artwork of a variety of artists. In July, we welcome photographer Vern McClish's late uncle, George Ludway, a cartoon artist who turned to watercolor landscapes in retirement, and left a large collection to his nieces and nephews. Ludway was a full-time artist who, after serving his country as a pilot in WWII, returned home to practice and refine his talent as an artist. For many years after the war Ludway made his living by creating and selling cartoons to magazines like "Field and Stream" and the "New Yorker." At seventy-five years old, he decided to paint watercolors. His nickname was "Shanty" because he loved to make paintings of small shanties around Lake Erie. Save the date for an art reception on Wednesday, July 19 at 6 pm.

Staff Picks

Spencer

Of Dice and Men:

The Story of Dungeons & Dragons and the People Who Play It

By David M. Ewalt

Dungeons & Dragons Day is July 27!

Danielle

The Vibrant Years

By Sonali Dev

Nancy Ch.

Summer on Sag Harbor

By Sunny Hostin

Stephanie

Leeva At Last

J FIC by Sara Pennypacker

Sara's latest book (author of *Pax*) with the main character a girl, but there are lots of strong boy characters as well.

It's a story of learning to believe in yourself, not your circumstances, and not where or who you have come from. This is a gentle and also extremely well-written tale.

Wendy

Champions

DVD PG-13 (2023)

Sports comedy feel-good film (based on a true story) that will put a smile on your face. Inspirational and heartwarming.

Starring Woody Harrelson.

Judy

Beyond That, the Sea

by Laura Spence-Ash

Excellent!

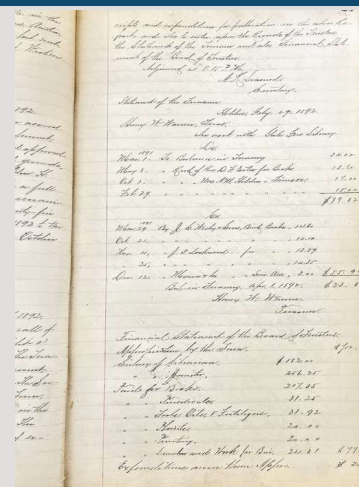
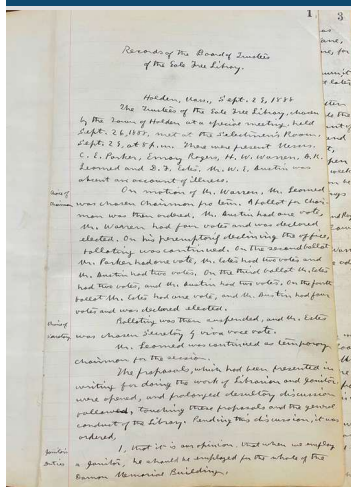


Local History and Museum Highlights

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The GFL Local History Room

Many of the paper documents in the Local History Room (LHR) were written with a dip pen and either iron-gall or aniline-dye ink. To protect the documents from the many harms of repeated handling, we make typescripts of their handwritten texts, which is not an easy process. To modern eyes, the range of personal and taught styles of cursive (script) handwriting employed in the 19th Century-- characterized by loops, pothooks, and other flourishes--can be challenging to read. Two volunteers in LHR are currently engaged in creating a typescript of the first ledger of minutes of the Damon Memorial's Board of Trustees. In certain instances, such as "translating" someone else's handwriting, two heads definitely prove better than one!



Check out our new Museum Pass brochure!

Passes are available at the Reference Desk or by calling 508-210-5569.

Boston Children's Museum (seasonal)

Coupon admits up to 4 people at half price Wednesday - Sunday.
(Note: Boston Children's Museum requires online booking.)

Mass. State Park Parking Pass

Pass provides free parking for one vehicle (excluding buses or vans) at over 50 Mass State Parks facilities that charge a daily parking fee.

New England Aquarium

Coupon admits up to 4 people at half price.

Davis Farmland (seasonal)

Pass admits up to 4 guests with a savings of \$5 off the online rate. (purchase at the gate; all parties must include a child 12 and under)

Museum of Fine Arts Boston

Coupon admits up to 2 people for \$10 each. Children 6 and under admitted free.
(Note: The MFA coupon passes require online advance booking.)

Old Sturbridge Village

Pass admits up to 4 people at half off daytime admission. Children 2 and under free.

Discovery Museum

Pass admits up to 3 people at half price.

Native Plant Trust / Garden in the Woods (seasonal)

Two passes available each day. Each pass admits 1 adult at half price and one child (3-17) at \$1.

New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill

Pass admits up to 4 people at half price. Children under 3 admitted free.

Ecotarium

Coupon admits 2 adults and 2 children (in one vehicle) at half price. Children under 2 admitted free.

Trustees GO Pass

Pass admits 2 adults and 2 children at the equivalent admission price of a Trustees Family Membership.

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

Coupon admits up to 4 people at \$5 each. Children under 18 admitted free.

(Note: Admission for the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum must be booked online 48 hours in advance!)

USS Constitution Museum

Pass admits up to 9 people free.

Worcester Art Museum

Pass admits up to 2 people at half price. (Note: Not accepted at Flora or special events.)

Worcester Historical Museum

Pass admits up to 2 adults and 4 children free.

