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Library News

- The Library will be closed Monday, June 19, in observance of the Juneteenth holiday.
- Summer Reading Programs begin this month! See page 2 for more on Adult Summer Reading and page 3 for Children's Summer Reading!
- Throughout the year, come to the Library's Program Room to view a series of art exhibits. For the month of June, we will be featuring the artwork of Anne Tisdell. See page 4 for more details.
- Coming in July, 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!
- Keep up-to-date with our Adult Programs by signing up to receive weekly updates. Click on the link on our website homepage (galefreelibrary.org) or contact us at 508-210-5569.

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Adult Programs

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“Drawing and Sketching Birds”

Ages 16+

Thursday, 6/15, 6:00-8:00pm

(In-person; registration required)

Join us to explore methods for drawing birds in both studio and field! Wildlife Artist Barry Van Dusen will discuss the value of keeping a field sketchbook, and the techniques, challenges and opportunities involved with drawing wild birds outdoors. Next, Barry will offer a follow-along drawing demonstration, in which he discusses bird anatomy and structure, and tips for drawing various parts of the bird. He'll end the demonstration with a start-to-finish drawing of a Carolina Wren, offering a detailed sequence of steps for creating a complete bird drawing.

Author Book Talk with Richard Maurer

Wednesday, 6/28, 6:00pm

(In-person; registration required)

At a time when computers and spaceflight were dominated by men, Margaret Hamilton rose to lead one of the most crucial parts of the space program: writing the software that would guide astronauts from Earth to the Moon and back. Local author Richard Maurer interviewed Margaret for over 30 hours and tells her life story in “The Woman in the Moon,” aimed at 5th grade and up. His talk will be followed by refreshments and a book-signing. All proceeds from the sale of books will go to The Friends of Gale Free Library. “Fascinating and engaging...Maurer manages to make even the most complicated subjects accessible.” —Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

Contemporary Book Group

Tuesday, 6/6, 10:30am, or Wednesday, 6/7, 1pm

(In-person; registration required)

This month, we will be discussing *Oh William!* by Elizabeth Strout.

There are two sessions to choose from--please note that registration is required, as space is limited. Copies of the book can be picked up at the Reference Desk.

Cooking Club: “Honey”

Tuesday, 6/13, 6:00pm

(In-person; registration required)

For our next program we will be celebrating “Honey”! Please bring one of your favorite dishes that features honey, along with the recipe. Joining us will be a special guest, a local apiarist who will share her beekeeping experiences!

Craft of Writing Workshop

Thursday, June 29, 10:30-12:00pm

(Virtual; registration required)

“Creating Characters”

For this month's Writing Workshop, we'll be discussing “Creating Characters” by looking at ways authors use a character's own words to “show instead of tell.”

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 Begins June 20!

It's hard to believe, but summer is almost here! And with it comes our Adult Summer Reading Program starting June 20! This year's theme is “Go Anywhere with a Book!” Books can take you anywhere in the world. And with the assortment of books available—from hardcover and paperbacks to e-readers, CD audiobooks and the Libby app—you have the ability to take books almost anywhere, too! This summer, let your reading take you places by entering to win gift certificates from local businesses! An entrant will be chosen each week to receive a gift certificate from one of our fantastic local shops! Information on how to participate in the Adult Summer Reading Program will be available soon at the Circulation and Reference Desks and on Facebook and Instagram!

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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Summer Reading Sign-Ups Begin Friday, June 23rd!!

Find Your Voice in the Gale Free Library Children's Room this summer!

Sign up and get your own summer journal and colored pencil set with our logo, along with your reading log and bingo card. Each week that you check in, you'll get a new prize, and for each 180 minutes you read, you'll get a collectible button. If you get a bingo, you get to pick a free book.

There's a new prize every week so come back often to get them all!

Our summer of self-expression is packed with fun performances, crafts, scavenger hunts, and more. The first two events of the summer are at the end of this month: Teddy Bear Picnic and Drum to the Beat with Otha Day.

Summer Reading Sign-Ups Begin Friday, 6/23

Sign up in the Children's Room or online at galefreelibrary.beanstack.org/reader365 to get started with your summer reading journey.



Official Start of Summer Reading Monday, 6/26

Check-ins begin now. Start earning prizes and collecting buttons!



Music and Me Friday, 6/2 at 10 AM (ages 2-6)

In the Program Room

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

Registration is required.

Pride Pins Craft

Tuesday, 6/6, 3:45 - 4:45 PM (ages 13+)

In the Program Room

Express yourself with handmade pronoun or pride pins!



This flair is perfect for LGBTQ+ Pride Month.



Teddy Bear Picnic Tuesday, 6/27, 11:30 AM (Wednesday, 6/28 rain date)

On the Library Lawn

Bring your stuffies, your picnic blanket and lunch! Come celebrate the beginning of summer with our annual Teddy Bear Picnic and concert with Rick Goldin. After the concert, make a bead necklace for your stuffie. This event is sponsored by the Holden Cultural Council.

Drum to the Beat with Otha Day Thursday, 6/29, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

On the Library Lawn (In the Senior Center if it's raining)

Everyone keeps the beat in this collaborative, spontaneous drum circle. Otha facilitates fun and lively drum circles from the deep belief that rhythm has the power to build community, promote well-being, and create joy. This event is sponsored by the Holden Women's Club.



Be on the Lookout for...

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Debut Novels

Try these debut novels
for a fresh new voice
and perspective!

Damnation Spring
By Ash Davidson

Beyond That, The Sea
Laura Spence-Ash

Looking for Jane
Heather Marshall

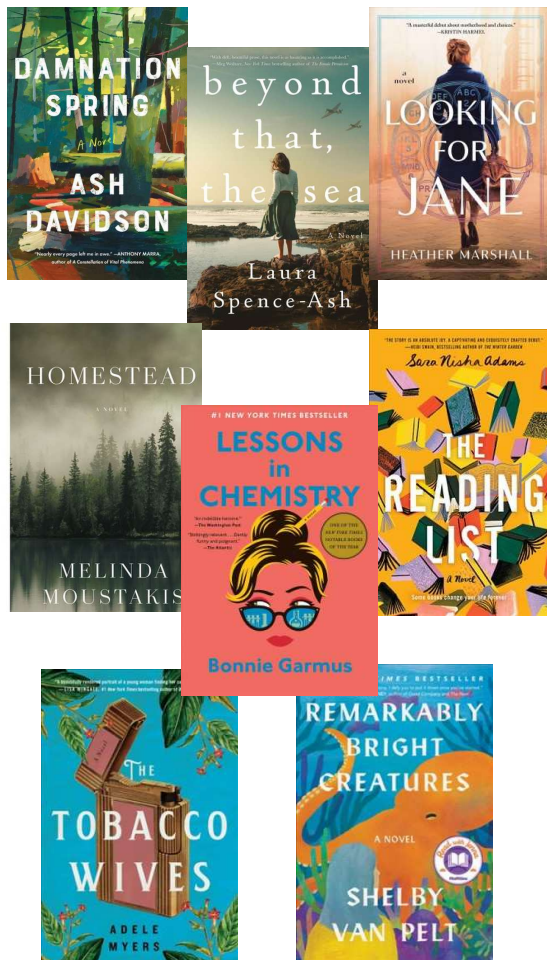
Homestead
Melinda Moustakis

Lessons in Chemistry
Bonnie Garmus

The Reading List
Sara Nisha Adams

The Tobacco Wives
Adele Myers

*Remarkably
Bright Creatures*
Shelby Van Pelt



Staff Picks

Judy

Looking for Jane
By Heather Marshall
An excellent debut novel!

Danielle

Romantic Comedy
By Curtis Sittenfeld

Nancy E. C.
Year One

By Nora Roberts
Post-apocalyptic life with good vs. evil in
humans and magical creatures: witches,
elves, fairies, etc.

Nancy Ch.

*Musings of an Energy Nerd:
Toward an Energy-Efficient Home*
By Martin Holladay

Stephanie

When Sea Becomes Sky
By Gillian McDunn
Great story of a sister and her brother, told
with such skill and awareness of summer
and siblings.

Katy

*Foreverland:
On the Divine Tedium of Marriage*
By Heather Havrilesky
A hilarious examination of modern marriage
and partnership. If you listen to the audio
version, the first 6 hours "reads" like
stand-up comedy.

Spencer

How Minds Change :
*The Surprising Science of Belief, Opinion,
and Persuasion*
by David McRaney



Art Exhibits in the Program Room

Throughout the year, the Gale Free Library will be displaying the artwork of a variety of artists. In June, we will be featuring the works of Anne Tisdell. Anne grew up in Swampscott, MA, an oceanside community north of Boston. She retired in 2016, after working as an RN and a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner for 45 years. Since retirement, Anne has had the time to pursue interests in art, music, dance and photography. Many of the paintings that she creates are based on her own photographs or the photographs by friends with their permission. Recent exhibitions include the 122 Diner in Holden, Pearle L. Crawford Library in Dudley, and Booklover's Gourmet in Webster.

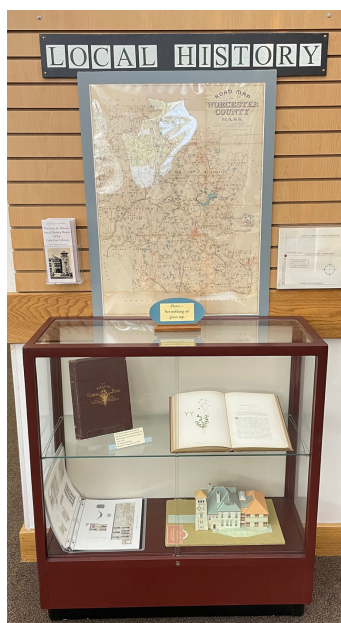
Local History and Museum Highlights

The GFL Local History Room

Many patrons don't know that the Gale Free Library has a Local History Room (LHR), also known as the Archives, on the Lower Level of the Library. The Gale Free is fortunate to have an LHR that is both overseen by a town employee and a coterie of volunteers and open certain hours. Please note, though, that because the Local History Librarian is sometimes called away for large projects, meetings and desk coverage, making an appointment to visit the LHR is a good idea.

The Local History Librarian is responsible for identifying, organizing, repairing, and preserving the wonderful collection of the LHR, which focuses on the Damon Memorial-Gale Free Library and Holden. The Librarian is also responsible for the several photographs, antique maps, and other documents that patrons can view on the First and Second Levels, as well as the artifacts in the Reading Room and elsewhere in the Damon. She also conducts historic tours (watch for future announcements), conducts and assists with genealogical and historic-building research for patrons, and keeps an eye on the general well-being of the Damon Memorial and its landscape.

Every few months, the LHR offers a new display in the spot to the left of the elevator on the First Floor. The next time you visit the Library, won't you stop to see some of the treasures from our collection, including an 1898 map of Worcester County?



Native Plant Trust



*Image courtesy of
Native Plant Trust/
Garden in the Woods,
Framingham, MA*

The Native Plant Trust/Garden in the Woods is located in Framingham on 45 acres sculpted by retreating glaciers into eskers and steep-sided valleys, with a brook, pond, and wetlands. Here you'll find inspiration for your own garden and a new appreciation for the varied plant life of our region. The main path through the Garden is a mile-long loop with a crushed-gravel surface, requiring about an hour to an hour and a half to walk. Benches are dispersed throughout. The natural terrain is rugged, with a steep slope at the entrance and exit of the Garden.

See their website at nativeplanttrust.org for amenities including their Garden Shop, advance-order box lunches and tour schedule.

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