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If Children's Librarian Kevin McDonough is bringing out the Library's lawn chairs, it must almost be summer!



Library News

- The Library will be closed Saturday, May 27 through Monday, May 29 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.
- Reminder! Being "fine free" does not mean you can keep our library materials indefinitely! If you keep materials too long, you will be billed for the original purchase price of the materials. Please remember that other library users are waiting for the materials you have out. The outside return boxes are open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. If you have any questions, please see us at the Circulation Desk or call 508-210-5560.
- Are you still an OverDrive user? The app will be discontinued as of May 1! If you need assistance transitioning to Libby, please visit us at the Reference Desk.
- 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) or by contacting us at 508-210-5569.

Adult Programs

Forensic Science Roadshow

Thursday, 5/18, 6:00-7:30pm

(In-person; registration required)

Venture into the world of CSI with this interactive program that introduces you to the fascinating subject of forensic science. Topics will include blood, DNA, fingerprints, gunshot residue, footwear impressions and more. Presenter Paul Zambella was employed as a Forensic Scientist at the Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory for 36 years. His positions in the laboratory included crime-scene investigator, criminalist, drug analyst, serologist, and toxicologist. He participated in more than 500 crime-scene investigations, examined thousands of physical-evidence items, and testified in more than 350 criminal trials.

Contemporary Book Group

Tuesday, 5/2, 10:30am or Wednesday, 5/3, 1:00pm

(In-person, registration required)

This month, we will be discussing *Apeirogon*, by Colum McCann. 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:

"Building a Healthy Gut"

Tuesday, 5/9, 6:30-7:30pm

(In-person; registration required)

Find out why the gut microbiome plays a very important role in your mind and body health. We will learn which foods and lifestyle choices build a healthy microbiome and which do not. Presenter Peg Doyle is a passionate clinician and educator committed to the vital link between food and health. She is the author of *Food Becomes You -- Simple Steps for Lifelong Wellness*.

Classics Book Group

Thursday, 5/25, 6:30-7:30pm

(In-person; registration required)

Join us as we discuss *Code Talker* by Chester Nez. Copies of the book can be picked up at the Reference Desk.

Craft of Writing Workshop

Wednesday, 5/31, 10:30-12:00pm

(Virtual; registration required)

"Our Parallel Lives"

What if you were someone or something you're not? We'll look at ways of imagining yourself into another life.



Coffee and Crosswords!

New Day and Time:

Tuesdays, 3:00-4:00pm

Join us at the Library

to do a collaborative puzzle with local crossword constructor Frank Virzi. In addition to the Worcester Telegram & Gazette, Frank's puzzles have been published in The Los Angeles Times, The New York Sun, USA Today, Games Magazine, and more! We will supply the puzzles, pencils, and coffee-- just bring yourself!

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!

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

Children's Programs

Flower Paper Quilling for Mother's Day

Tuesday 5/9 4:15-5:15 PM (Ages 7+)

Learn the art of paper quilling to create a beautiful flower card for Mother's Day! Registration is required. See the Kids Page at galefreelibrary.org for more information.

LEGO Club

Wednesday 5/10 and Wednesday 5/17

4:15-5:15 PM (Ages 6+)

Kids in LEGO Club will build to a theme with Mr. Kevin, and then their work will be displayed in the Children's Room! This month's theme will be colors; each builder will pick a color to build in. Sign-ups will be posted Wednesday, 5/3 at 9:30 AM.

They fill up quickly! Keep an eye on our Facebook page for the sign-up post.

LEGO Jr.

Thursday 5/11

4:15-5:00 PM (Ages 4-5)

Kids in LEGO Jr. will build to a theme with Mr. Kevin, and then their work will be displayed in the Children's Room! This month's theme will be colors; each builder will pick a color to build in. Sign-ups will be posted Wednesday, 5/3, at 9:30 AM.

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Music and Me

Friday 5/19

10:00 AM (Ages 2-6)

Join Miss Jessica from Community Connections and get those little ones moving, dancing, and singing! Music builds strong brains! Registration is required. See the Kids Page at galefreelibrary.org for more information.

Story Times

Lapsit Story Time

Every Thursday at 10AM

(ages 2 and under)

in the Program Room

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 at 11AM

(ages 3-6)

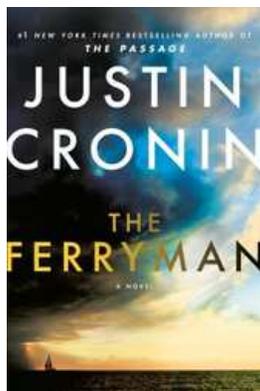
in the Program Room

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, and, of course, Mr. Kevin's great sense of humor!



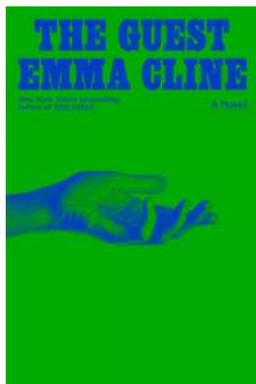
Be on the Lookout for...

New and Recommended by LibraryReads



From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Passage* comes a riveting novel about a group of survivors on a hidden island utopia-- where the truth isn't what it seems.

"Next to impossible to put down... exciting, mysterious, and totally satisfying." -- Stephen King



"Summer is coming to a close on the East End of Long Island, and Alex is no longer welcome.... Propelled by desperation and a mutable sense of morality, she spends the week leading up to Labor Day moving from one place to the next, a cipher leaving destruction in her wake. Taut, propulsive, and impossible to look away from, Emma Cline's *The Guest* is a spellbinding literary achievement." Publisher's summary.

Coming Soon! New Adult Program

Gamespace!

The Program Room will be open, and the 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!

Staff Picks

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Before and After:

The Incredible Real-Life Stories of Orphans Who Survived the Tennessee Children's Home Society

By Judy Christie and Lisa Wingate

Nancy E. C.

The House of Special Purpose

By John Boyne

Stephanie

Hither & Nigh

By Ellen Potter

"Very fun read--fantasy, but with a strong link to real world issues."

Wendy

Where the Crawdads Sing

PG-13, 2022

Based on the book by Delia Owens

Alana

The Language of Trees: A Rewilding of Landscape and Literature

By Katie Holten

"Visually stunning, filled with bite-sized essays and poetry from some of the greatest writers, this book feels as if it unlocks in the mind a primal language...one made up of nature and roots and deep interconnectedness of human history and trees."

Museum Highlights

The Trustees of Reservations



*The Grand Allee at
Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, Ipswich, MA*

One of the latest additions to our pass program at the Gale Free Library, The Trustees of Reservations is not one museum or location, but many! The Trustees care for more than 100 properties on roughly 47,000 acres in Massachusetts. Our Trustees GO Pass admits patrons at the Family Membership Level--free or reduced admission for 2 adults and children under 18--to Trustee properties throughout Massachusetts, including Fruitlands Museum in Harvard, Castle Hill on the Crane Estate in Ipswich, deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum in Lincoln, and Naumkeag in Stockbridge! See The Trustees website (thetrustees.org) for a complete listing, or pick up a property map and pass at the Reference Desk.



Naumkeag, Stockbridge, MA



Fruitlands Museum, Harvard, MA

Passes to the featured museums and others are available at the Reference Desk or by calling 508-210-5569.



Museum Moments

Sensory-Friendly Afternoon

Come play and explore in the accessible and universally designed **Discovery Museum and Discovery Woods** during this special free afternoon for children and adults with sensory sensitivities.

May 2, 1:30-4:40

Wool Days

Farmers give the sheep their annual haircut! Discover how New England farmers used sheep's wool in the 1830s.

Old Sturbridge Village

May 27-29

Hokusai:

Inspiration and Influence

On display at the **Museum of Fine Arts, Boston**
Through July 16

