

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, January 1 for New Year's Day and Monday, January 15 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- Please join us for a poetry reading featuring author and artist Judith Ferrara, followed by an open mic on January 18. See page 2 for details.
- Kids Grade 4 and up are welcome to join Assistant Children's Librarian Rachel Burton at the Graphic Novel Book Club. See page 3 for more 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!

"Hope
Smiles from the threshold of the year to come,
Whispering 'it will be happier'..."
— Alfred Lord Tennyson



*The Staff and Trustees of
the Gale Free Library
wish you peace, health, and
happiness in the New Year!*



Adult Programs

Permanent Art Exhibits on Display at the Gale Free Library

While visiting the Library, be sure to see the black and white framed photographs of Holden by Ron Rosenstock throughout the Reference department on the first floor. The exhibit was commissioned by the Holden Arts Lottery Council in 1985. Also on permanent display: see photos of early school children from when the Gale Free was both a library and a high school in the corner stairway nearest Highland Street, and peek over the shoulders of staff at the Circulation Desk to see Addie Holden, our very first librarian. Visit the Reading Room and the Mystery/Travel section for sculptures in our permanent collection.

Adult Take-Home Craft Starts Monday, 1/8 No registration required.

Please visit the Reference Desk for your kit.

Pick up your DIY craft kit at the Library (while supplies last). Our January Take-Home Craft will be a homemade Lemon Sugar Scrub. Every bag will contain free supplies and instructions. We hope you will enjoy making this craft at home.



Contemporary Book Club Wednesday, 1/10, 1pm Registration required.

Join us as we discuss *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. Copies of the book are available at the Reference Desk.

Classics Book Group Thursday, 1/25, 6:30pm Registration required.

Join us as we discuss Virginia Woolf's novel *Mrs. Dalloway*. Copies of the book can be picked up at the Reference Desk.

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!

*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 at the Gale Free Presents a Solo Exhibit

RECIPROCITY: PAINTINGS AND POEMS BY JUDITH FERRARA

JANUARY 2024 IN THE PROGRAM ROOM



**Please join us on
January 18 at 6 pm** for
a poetry reading by
author and artist Judith
Ferrara followed by an
open mic.

Participants are invited
to read either an
original art-themed
poem or one written by
another poet.

Children's & Teens' Programs

Story Times

Lapsit Story Time

Every Thursday (starting 1/11)
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 (starting 1/11)
11 AM

In the Program Room
Ages 3-6

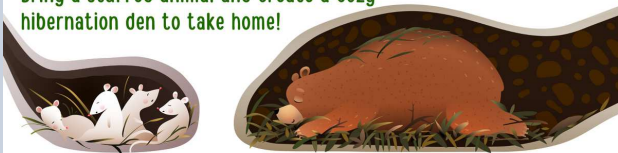
Join Mr. Kevin for lots of laughs and fun stories! This story time will focus on picture-book stories and include games or activities and of course Mr. Kevin's great sense of humor!



Hands-On Nature: Winter Hibernation

Friday 1/26 at 4:20 PM (ages 6+)
in the Program Room. Registration opens 1/19.

Find out how your favorite animals spend the winter as we learn about hibernation and the amazing adaptations of animals in New England. Bring a stuffed animal and create a cozy hibernation den to take home!



Children

LEGO Makerspace (Ages 4+)

Wednesday, 1/10 and
Wednesday, 1/17
4-6 PM

In the Program Room.

No registration required.

Join Mr. Kevin for some LEGO free-building fun! There is no registration required for this program, but we request that you attend only one of the two sessions.

Over and Under the Snow (Ages 6+)

Tuesday, 1/16 at 4:20 PM
In the Program Room.

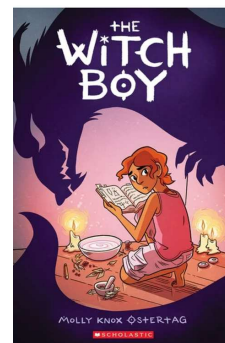
Registration opens 1/9.

Enjoy a snowy story and create two winter scenes with the help of local artist Jenna Bailey.

Graphic Novel Book Club (Grades 4 and up)

Thursday, 1/25
4:20 PM

Register in the Children's Room or by emailing rburton@cwmares.org. Read and discuss volume one of *The Witch Boy* by Molly Ostertag, and practice making comics!



Teens

Painting Vinyl Records (Grades 6 and up)

Tuesday, 1/23
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.

Local History, Museum Passes

Worcester Art Museum

Founded in 1896, the Worcester Art Museum (WAM) is located at 55 Salisbury Street in Worcester and is a member of the Gale Free Library's Museum Pass program.

WAM's mission is to "connect people, communities, and cultures through the experience of art." The collection at the WAM contains nearly 38,000 objects including European and American art, Japanese prints documenting the history of printmaking in Japan, and Roman mosaics, including "The Hunt" mosaic which once covered the floor of a house in the ancient Roman city of Antioch. Currently on display for a limited time at WAM is *Rembrandt: Etchings from the Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen* and *Faith Ringgold: Freedom to Say What I Please*.

Other amenities at the WAM include a cafe and Museum shop. See their website at worcesterart.org for more information.

*Information and images
courtesy of WAM's website.*



*Self-Portrait with Saskia, 1636, etching
by Rembrandt van Rijn*

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

Local History

With the passing years, the minutes of the Trustees of the Damon Memorial become more fascinating. For instance, ninety years ago the Trustees discussed, researched, and ultimately purchased interior* electric lighting and installation services from the Coughlin [sic] Electric Co. Still in business, Coghlin Electric was only three years old when the Trustees approached them about electrifying the Damon.

Another major topic of research in 1913 was the "sanitary conditions" of the building. At the beginning of 1914, the Trustees voted to have their President provide the Town with their final report of "the estimated cost of flush closets, urinals, and the construction of a cess-pool [sic]." At the time, the occupants of the Damon Memorial still relied on the stone outhouse (now the Library's storage building), which was then attached to the back of the Damon.

Librarian Addie Holden had an annual salary of \$200.08 (roughly \$6,200 in 2023), and Custodian H. C. Damon, an annual salary of \$408.42 (roughly \$12,650 in 2023).

What follows are a few of the miscellaneous expenditures the Trustees approved ninety years ago:

"J. S. Wesby & Son, for binding books	45.05
Julian Benoit, for painting	45.35
F. F. Houghton & Co., for steam fitting and labor	22.73
H. H. Hoit, for making sign and expense	2.01
Office Equipment Co., for revolving bookcase	18.00
Putnam & Fales, for painting flagpole	5.00
Frost Stamp & Sta. Co., for repairing typewriter	1.50
J. W. Rice, for fertilizer	1.00
J. F. Henderson for repairing roof	3.00"

The Trustees also planned and held a formal 25th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Damon Memorial on August 29, 1913.

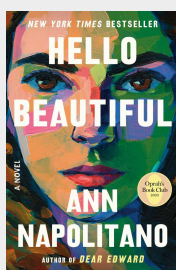
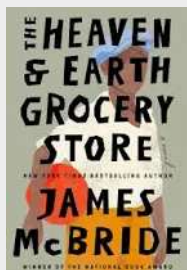
**Exterior lighting for the Damon was a Town matter.*

Be on the Lookout for...

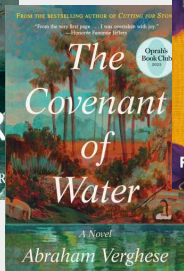
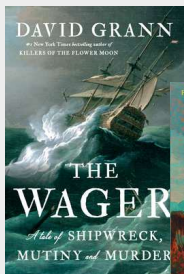
New Year's Reading Resolutions

(Books still on our TBR list!)

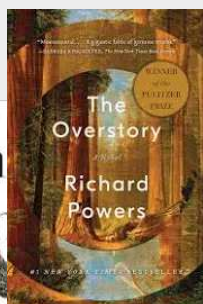
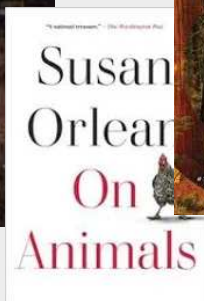
Rachel M.



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Books We're Excited About in 2024!

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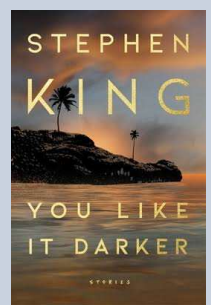


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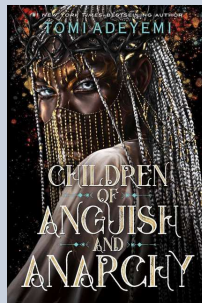
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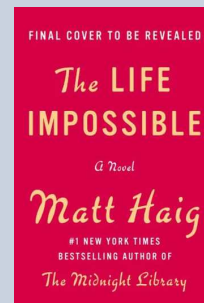
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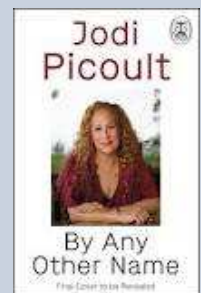
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August 2024

Magda



Expected
September 2024

