

The BOOK MARK

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-1 pm

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Dedication in Memory of Jeanne Tolomeo



In June, the Library community dedicated a crabapple tree (pictured at right) in honor of Jeanne Tolomeo, our beloved Book Cellar coordinator who passed away in 2022. Along with Jeanne's children, Dawn and Kip; Richard Mauer, Chair of the Board of Trustees; and Karen Cavan, head of the Friends of the Gale Free Library, Library volunteers and staff celebrated Jeanne's life and service to our Library. As we watch this tree grow and blossom throughout the coming years, we will continue to be inspired by Jeanne's lasting impact and legacy in our community.



"Trees are poems that
the earth writes
upon the sky."
— Khalil Gibran,
Sand and Foam

Library News

- The Library will be closed Saturday, August 31 through Monday, September 2 for the Labor Day holiday.
- The Library will be open during Holden Days on August 24 from 9am-1pm. See more information about Holden Days on page 5.
- The Library is migrating to a new mobile print service! If you use our PrinterOn services and would like more information, please contact the Reference Desk at 508-210-5569.
- Join local ceramicist Hannah Lipper for "What's in a Mug?" on August 20. See page 2 for more information.
- Tanglewood Marionettes presents *Hansel and Gretel* on Thursday, August 8. See page 3 for details.

Adult Programs, Art Exhibits



“What’s in a Mug?”

Tuesday, 8/20, 6pm
In the Program Room
Registration required.

Join Hannah Lipper of Cosmos Pottery, a ceramicist and Holden resident, and dive into all of

the steps that go into crafting a wheel-thrown mug from start to finish. In this lecture, you'll become familiar with the different processes within small batch ceramics and walk away with an even greater appreciation for handmade work!

Hannah's lecture will include video demonstrations of each step, along with examples of tools, pieces, etc. that will be passed around.

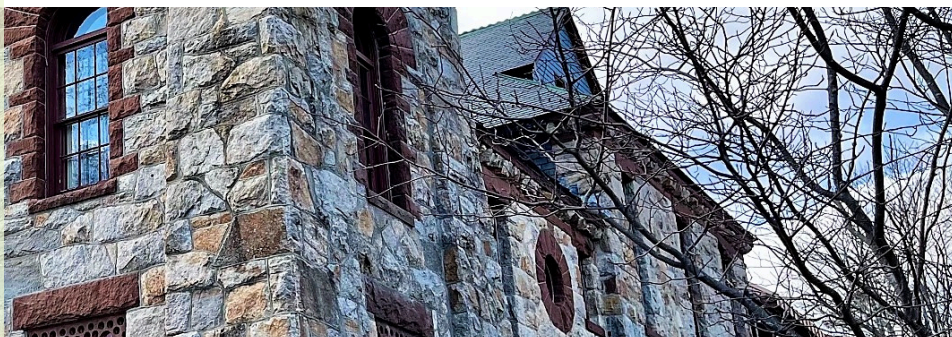
This program is recommended
for ages 13+.

August Art Exhibits

In the Program Room
“Retrospectives of
the Art of James X Palace”
by Jim Palace

Art Reception Thursday, 8/8, 5-7pm

Upstairs Lobby
“Still Life from Everyday Life”
(acrylic/oil)
by Iram Chughtai



Summer Reading Wrap-up

Our Adult Summer Reading Olympic Challenge concludes this month! The last day to enter is Saturday, August 17 by 1pm. The final drawing will be held on August 19. If you have yet to participate, there's still time to get in the game! See our entryway display or follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

Adult Take-Home Craft

Starts Monday, 8/5

Please visit the Reference Desk
for your kit.

This month's take-home craft is “Decorate a Tea Towel!” Pick up your DIY craft kit at the Reference Desk (while supplies last). Every bag will contain free supplies and instructions. No registration required.

The Craft of Writing Workshop with Jennifer Freed “Parents”

Thursday, 8/8

10:30am-12pm

Online via Zoom.

Registration required.

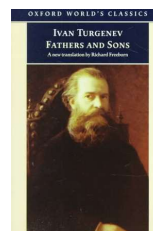
As we become adults, we see our parents differently. Let's look at writings that address this rich topic.

Cooking Club “Blueberries”

Tuesday, 8/13, 6:30pm

Registration required.

It's blueberry season--and it's the perfect time to talk, cook, and share your blueberry dish with others! Please bring one of your favorite blueberry creations along with the recipe.



Classics
Book Group
Thursday, 8/22
6:30pm
Registration
required.

Join us as we discuss *Fathers and Sons* by Ivan Turgenev. Copies of the book can be picked up at the Reference Desk.

“Mornings with Maggie!”

Saturday, 8/24

10:30-11:30am

Our friend Maggie will be back to spend some time with us and brighten Holden Days! Maggie and her person, Kelly, are a certified therapy team through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. No registration required.

Weekly Knitting & Crocheting 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.



Children's & Teens' Programs



Mike Bent's Abrakidabra!

Thursday, 8/1

4 PM - 5 PM

In the Senior Center

This magic show from the Nickelodeon award-winning entertainer Mike Bent is sure to captivate and entertain all ages. You may even end up on stage as part of the magic! *Thank you to the Holden Cultural Council for sponsoring this event.*



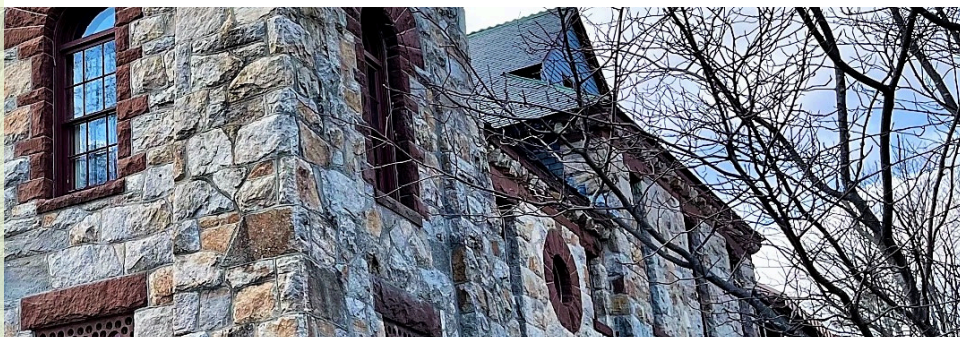
Tanglewood Marionettes Presents *Hansel and Gretel*

Thursday, 8/8

4 PM - 5 PM

In the Senior Center

See the Tanglewood Marionettes take on the classic Brothers Grimm fairy tale *Hansel and Gretel*. All of the staging, scenery, and marionettes are handcrafted and together represent over a year of construction time. *Thank you to the Holden Cultural Council for sponsoring this event.*



SUMMER READING WRAP-UP!

The last day to check-in for Summer Reading is Saturday, August 17! If you can't make it to the Children's Room, you can always put those last few minutes in on the Beanstack app! Remember that the library closes at 1 PM on Saturdays during the summer.



Community Connections

Ice Cream Shape Scavenger Hunt

Monday, 8/12

10 AM - 11 AM

On the Library Lawn

Join Community Connections for an ice-cream-themed scavenger hunt. This program helps increase social, fine, and gross motor and problem-solving skills, and is a fun way to build vocabulary!

School Folder Decorating

Wednesday, 8/14

3 PM - 4 PM

(ages 5+)

In the Program Room

Get ready to go back to school by decorating a colorful folder with our craft supplies!



Summer Story Times

Lapsit Story Time

(ages 2 and under)

Thursdays

8/1 & 8/8*

at 10 AM

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

(ages 3-6)

Thursdays

8/1 & 8/8*

at 11 AM

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

**August 8 is the last day for Story Times this summer! We will be back in the fall!*

Museum Passes, Local History

Museum Moments



At the New England Botanic Garden
at Tower Hill

Flora in Flight

Now through October 31

The New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill features *Flora in Flight*. This aerial-art exhibit by Patrick Shearn of Poetic Kinetics is on view now through October 31. Visit nebg.org for more information.

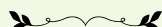


At the Trustees of Reservations
Fruitlands Museum

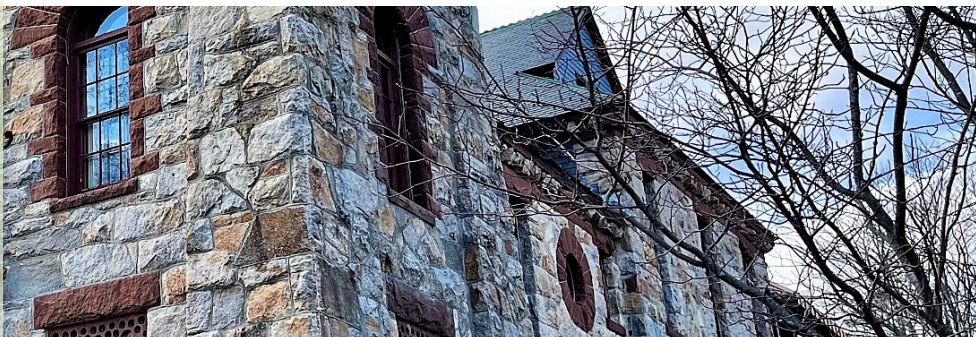
The Edge of Becoming

Now through October 31

The Edge of Becoming is a new outdoor commission by Rachel Hayes installed along the hillside of Fruitlands Museum's property. This exhibit expands upon her indoor exhibition *Transcending Space*. Visit thetrustees.org for more information.



Contact the Reference Desk at 508-210-5569
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Museum Passes or for further information.



Local History

Travelling Back to 1944



Following Librarian M. Addie Holden's retirement from the Gale Free Library in 1943, the Damon Memorial Board of Trustees elected to have a representative of the State Division of Public Libraries, a part of the Massachusetts Department of Education, survey the Library for the

benefit of the Town, Trustees, and new Librarian, Amy L. Snow. What follows, and will continue to be presented in future issues of the "Bookmark" until complete, is the submitted report, written by Library Adviser E. Louise Jones and dated April 13, 1944. Note that the format of the report has been altered slightly to improve readability, and a few non-essential lines have been omitted.



The following is the final installment of the Massachusetts report. Please see the four previous editions of "The Bookmark" for the first, second, third, and fourth installments.

Chaffins Branch*

It is recommended that this branch be administered actually as a branch of the Gale Memorial Library [sic] and not as an independent unit. All books, both for the branch and for the main library, should be purchased and cataloged at the main library by the head librarian. Books [that] are given to the Chaffins Branch should go first to the main library for cataloging. The branch library might need a small basic collection, but on the whole . . . to keep the branch collection interesting the books should be lent to the branch for a given length of time and then exchanged for fresh material. In this way the branch would always be provided with a proportion of the old and new books, and it could draw on the main library for other material as needed. This practice is followed in all proper library systems. If this policy is established now when the branch is new it can be followed through the years, and if some kind of better branch quarters are forthcoming they will function under the administration of the main library and the trustees. It might be that it would be desirable to have a representative from the Chaffins part of the town on the Board of Trustees. . . .

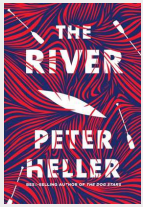
*The Chaffins Branch was established in Chaffins Elementary School, which once stood where the Holden Municipal Light Department building is today, in July 1942. The Branch closed in December 1965.



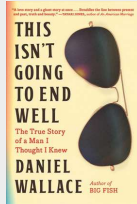
Local History content is provided by our Local History Librarian, Nancy Richards.

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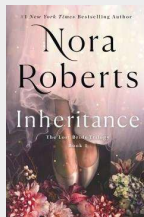
The River
by Peter Heller
Nancy Cl



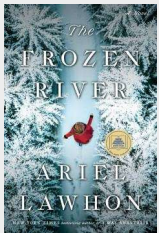
This Isn't Going to End Well
by Daniel Wallace
Danielle



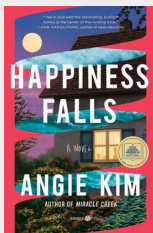
Marcel the Shell with Shoes On
PG-2021
"Whimsical family film"
Wendy



Inheritance
by Nora Roberts
Nancy Ch



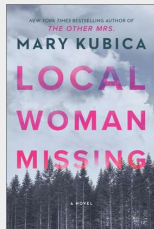
The Frozen River
by Ariel Lawhon
Nancy Cl and Katy



Happiness Falls
by Angie Kim
Katy



Tree. Table. Book.
by Lois Lowry
Magda



Local Woman Missing
by Mary Kubica
Danielle

HOLDEN DAYS 2024

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, August 24, 2024

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Holden's Main Street

The Wachusett Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present "Holden Days," a town-wide celebration that is taking place Saturday, August 24 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Now in its 44th year, this annual event promises great food, fun, and entertainment for the entire family, as well as promotional opportunities for area businesses and organizations.

A sampling of this year's activities includes free Main Stage performances by "Decades by Dezyne" and "Midnight Riders," fun activities and demonstrations in the Kids Court, an auto showcase, and bandstand performances by "Screen Door."

The Gale Free Library will be open from 9am-1pm during Holden Days. Our used bookstore, "The Book Celler," will be open, and our resident therapy dog, Maggie, will be greeting visitors from 10:30-11:30am.

In addition, visitors can stroll through the Marketplace, which promotes area businesses and non-profits; visit the Art Lot and Craft Corner, which spotlights local artisans and crafters, and enjoy breakfast and lunch at the Food Court.

There's something for everyone! Join us Saturday, August 24!

