

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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Restoration Begins!



The Board of Trustees are pleased to announce that after a year of preparation, work on our historic windows began December 23. Village Green Restoration of East Falmouth will be onsite throughout the winter and into the spring. As restoration work progresses, different parts of the Library will be affected; the Library will do its best to keep patrons informed if access to a particular area will be compromised. Staff at the Reference Desk will provide assistance to patrons who have difficulty finding materials.

Library News

- The Library will be closed at noon on Tuesday, December 31 and will reopen Thursday, January 2 at 9:30am. Staff will be available Tuesday from noon until 8pm through our chat feature on our website at galefreelibrary.org and through our email at galefreelibrary@gmail.com.
- The Library will be closed Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We will reopen Tuesday, January 21 at 9:30am.
- Children ages 5 and up can join art educator Mary E. L. Shepherd for a Valentine's story time and craft. See page 3 for more details.

Adult Programs, Art Exhibits

Go Digital This Winter!

Just as the Library purchases books to add to our collection, we also purchase digital services for our patrons! Many patrons already use our Libby app to borrow books and audiobooks that can be read and listened to on their personal devices. But did you know that Holden residents have additional digital offerings available to them, namely, Kanopy, Hoopla, and Freegal?

- Kanopy is a video-streaming service where patrons can find movies of all kinds for adults and children. Patrons need to be Holden residents, and have a Gale Free Library card and a device or computer with internet connection.
- Hoopla is a digital media service that allows Holden residents with a Gale Free Library card to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics, and TV shows. There are hundreds of thousands of titles to choose from, with more being added daily.
- Freegal Music is a free music service available through the Library. With a Gale Free Library card, Holden residents can download and stream music through the Freegal app.

Have questions about our digital services? Contact the Reference Department at 508-210-5569 or email us at galefreelibrary@gmail.com.



*"Lift up your faces, you have a
piercing need / For this bright
morning dawning for you.... /
The horizon leans forward, /
Offering you space to place new
steps of change."*

*-from "On the Pulse of Morning"
by Maya Angelou*

*Our Cooking Club,
Craft of Writing, Mornings with
Maggie, and Adult Take-Home*

*Craft programs will be
taking a break in the
month of January.
All will return in February.*

*Please call us at the
Reference Desk with
any questions:
508-210-5569*



**Classics
Book Group**
Thursday, 1/23
6:30pm
Registration
required.

Join us as we discuss *Doctor Zhivago* by Boris Pasternak. Copies of the book can be picked up at the Reference Desk.

**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!

Art at the Gale Free Library

In January, *Art at the Gale Free* will feature works by members of the Holden Senior Center. A group exhibit, *Where Would You Like To Be In January?*, will be on view in the Program Room throughout the month. The Program Room is elevator accessible and open to the public. Please note that the Program Room is used for most Library programming, so if you are coming from afar, please check our calendar for all programs scheduled in January (galefreelibrary.org then Programs/Events and Library Calendar). Otherwise be prepared to peruse our shelves or enjoy the Reading Room while you wait.

Children's & Teens' Programs

Read, Build, Play with Community Connections



Friday, 1/17, 10 AM

Ages 2-5

In the Program Room

No registration required

Join us to read, build, and play! Children expand their problem-solving skills, and develop social skills as they build.

Arthropod Petting Zoo with Professor Bugman

Wednesday, 1/22, 4:20 PM

Ages 3+

In the Program Room

Registration opens 1/15

Learn all about Arthropods, the most diverse group of animal life on the planet, during this exciting show-and-tell-and-touch program! Learn, see, hear, touch, and even smell the incredible adaptations these creatures have that help them survive in the wild world.



Valentine's Card Craft

Thursday, 1/30, 4:20 PM

Ages 5+

In the Program Room

Registration opens 1/23

Join art educator Mary E. L. Shepherd for a Valentine's story time and craft! We will be reading *I Am Love* by Susan Verde and exploring color and collage to make these special cards.



Wiggle Waggle Music & Movement with Miss Nicole

Friday, 1/31, 10 AM

Ages 2-5

In the Program Room

To register please email

communityconnections@wachusettcfce.com

Join us for this interactive music and movement program promoting receptive and expressive language, while also supporting social, creativity, and listening skills. There will be loads of singing and dancing along with a story.



LEGO Club

Wednesday, 1/8 and 1/15

4:20 PM

Ages 6+

In the Program Room

Registration opens 1/2 and 1/8

Let's build a custom Minecraft world! Get your mining tools out-we're going to build a big, blocky universe. Watch out for creepers!

Graphic Novel Book Club

Thursday, 1/23

4:20 PM

Grades 4+

In the Program Room

Registration opens 1/2

Read and discuss *Snappedragon* by Kat Leyh and learn about making comics! Once you register, visit the Children's Room to borrow your copy of the graphic novel.

LEGO Jr.

Thursday, 1/9

4:20 PM

Ages 4-5

In the Program Room

Registration opens 1/2

Let's build a custom Minecraft world! Get your mining tools out-we're going to build a big, blocky universe. Watch out for creepers!

Teen Program

Dungeons and Dragons

Tuesday, 1/14

3:45 - 5:45 PM

Grades 6+

In the Program Room

Registration opens 1/7

Join the party for a second level adventure! This session is appropriate for new and experienced players alike. You can come with your own second level character or choose from a premade sheet.



Story Times



Lapsit Story Time

Ages 2 and under

Thursdays at 10 AM

In the Program Room

Beginning 1/9

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 at 11 AM

In the Program Room

Beginning 1/9

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!



Want info about all the goings-on in the Children's Room sent right to your inbox?

Sign up for our new email list at bit.ly/gflkidsemail.

You can also keep up with us on the Gale Free Kids Facebook page and at galefreelibrary.org.

Museum Moments, Local History

Museum Moments

"Joy of Music"

Worcester Art Museum

Renaissance Court

Sunday, January 5

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Free with Museum admission.

Surround yourself with art and music! Join us in the Museum's Renaissance Court for a festive winter concert with students from Worcester's Joy of Music Program. The concert will feature performances by "The Joy of Music Clarinet Ensemble," "The Riya Flute Duo," and the newly formed chamber group "A Musical Offering," comprising strings, flute, and piano.

"Strikes, Spares & Deadwood:
Candlepin Bowling"

Worcester Historical Museum

Now – March 29, 2025

Free with Museum admission.

Candlepin bowling was invented in Worcester in 1880, just around the corner from today's Worcester Historical Museum. The new exhibit "Strikes, Spares & Deadwood: Candlepin Bowling," in the Booth Gallery of the Museum, shares the origins and the technicalities of the sport. With items on loan from private collectors and images from WPI, Bentley University, Boston Public Library, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and more, this exhibit explores the game that is both frustration and family fun. Also featured are items from Colonial Bowling Center -- the last candlepin bowling alley in Worcester when it closed in 2020.

For information about the Gale Free Library's Museum Pass Program, please contact the Reference Desk at 508-210-5569 or email galefreelibrary@gmail.com.



Local History

Did you know that five different histories of the Town of Holden have been published thus far, beginning in 1841? To introduce our patrons to these histories, Local History plans to present excerpts from each book in the current and several subsequent issues of "The Bookmark." Copies of all five histories can be checked out from the Library.

The History of Holden, Massachusetts, 1684-1894

Fifty-three years after the publication of the Rev. Samuel Damon's history of Holden, a new history of the town appeared. Written at the request of local citizens, in conjunction with Holden's Sesquicentennial Anniversary, the second history is the work of yet another minister, the Rev. David Foster Estes, who served Holden's Baptist Church from 1886-1891. Although the Estes' history ends well before the 20th Century begins, I highly recommend it to readers for a number of reasons, including the volume's contemporary photographs and illustrations. Furthermore, the two subsequent histories of Holden drew upon Estes' hefty work (446 pages), with its excellent narrative, calendar, and statistics.

"The Town of Holden is situated in Worcester County, Massachusetts, about forty miles from Boston, and immediately adjoining, on the south, Worcester, of which it was originally a part. Its shape is a slightly irregular parallelogram. In view of its form and place on the map, it has been said that 'Holden lies like a diamond above the "Heart of the Commonwealth."' Its four sides were originally straight and nearly equal, but land has been set off from its west side to Paxton and from its east side to West Boylston. Its present bounds are:

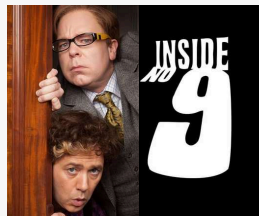
"Beginning at the north-west angle, at a stake and stones in a swamp, westerly from George C. Bond's house, near present road to Rutland : thence north fifty-six degrees east, eight hundred and ninety-nine rods by Rutland line to a stone post at Princeton corner, near Quinapoxet Pond : thence north fifty-six degrees east, one thousand two hundred and four rods to Sterling line (making a straight line two thousand one hundred and three rods) : thence south twelve and one-half degrees east, six hundred and thirty rods by Sterling to a stone post on West Boylston : thence north seventy-one and one-half degrees west, one hundred and four rods by West Boylston to a stone post : thence south five degrees east, one thousand six hundred and fifty-two rods by West Boylston to a stake and stones on Charles E. Parker's farm at Worcester line : thence south fifty-seven degrees west, one thousand five hundred and twenty-one rods by Worcester to a stone post at Paxton : thence by several small angles on the Paxton and Rutland lines to the first mentioned bound. [Whew!!!]

"The total area of the township, according to the State Census of 1885, is nineteen thousand nine hundred and eighty-two acres, of which three thousand four hundred and eighty-three and one-half are cultivated, eight thousand and thirty-eight and one-fourth are woodland, seven thousand five hundred and seventeen and one-half are permanent pasture, and nine hundred and forty-two and three-fourths are unimproved. The soil is varied, in general of a gravelly texture, and not especially strong; though on many of the hills it is stronger and richer, rather damp and almost stiff in texture. 'An area of fifty acres can scarcely be found containing a homogeneous soil or a plain surface.'" [Damon, p. 126]

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Be on the Lookout for...

Staff Picks



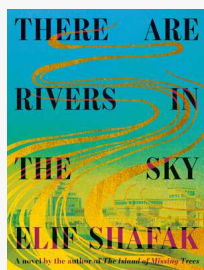
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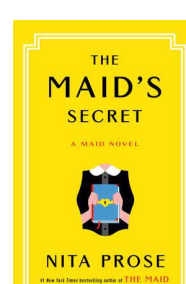
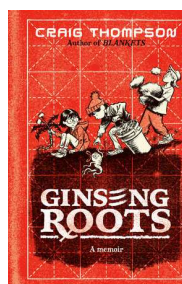
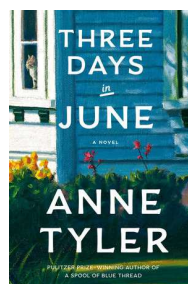
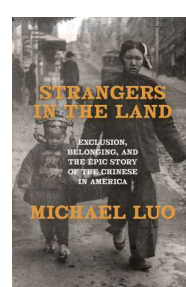
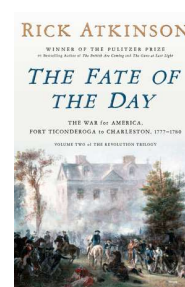
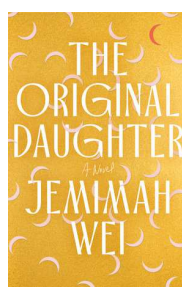
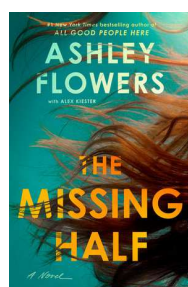
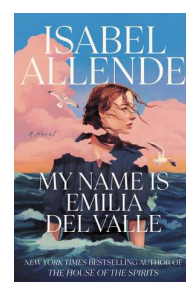
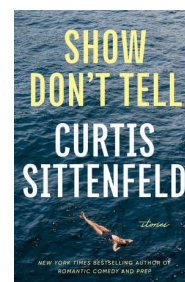
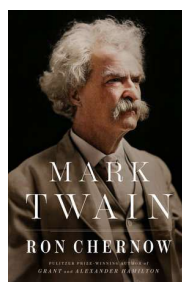
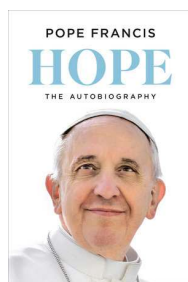
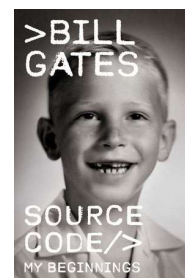
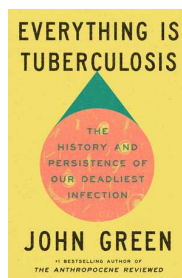
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By Elif Shafak
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Torch this Place
The Atomic Fireballs
Hoopla Music
Spencer



Titles to Look Forward to in 2025