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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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July Art Exhibit in the Program Room *Mini Murals: Large Works Made Small* by Caoin Springer O'Durgy



This month, Art at the Library features the work of artist Caoin Springer O'Durgy. *Mini Murals: Large Works Made Small* is a collection of bold, whimsical, and silly designs that capture and share child-like joy. All designs were created for large-scale installation, then hand-painted in small format to share. Caoin's background as a high school math teacher informs his public art practice as he engages local communities in workshops, education, and interactive installations. With community as the base, Caoin then creates whimsical, diverse, and color-blind friendly designs that bring together community members of all ages and backgrounds. For more information about this exhibit, or viewing Art in the Library exhibitions, please see our Art at the Library tab at our website, galefreelibrary.org.

Library News

- The Library will close Thursday, July 3 at 5pm and remain closed through Saturday, July 5 for the Fourth of July holiday. We will reopen Monday, July 7 at 9:30am.
- Our July Artist Caoin Springer O'Durgy leads an art workshop for our adult patrons on July 17. See page 2 for more information.
- The Children's Room is so busy this month, there are two *Bookmark* pages devoted to program descriptions. See pages 3-4 for a list of July programs, including the perennial favorite, the Teddy Bear Picnic!
- 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!

Adult Programs, Art at the Library

This summer, the Gale Free wants you to



Adult Summer Reading!

Adults and young adults (age 16+) can join in our Adult Reading Challenge this summer and "Level Up At Your Library!" As a reward for your reading, one lucky entrant will be drawn each week to receive a fantastic gift card to a local business!

It couldn't be easier—read a book (any book of your choice—audiobooks count too!), fill out a SHORT entry form and place it in our arcade machine entry box (you'll know it when you see it) at the Library! You can find entry forms and instructions on display near our entrance. Can't make it to the library? Call us in Reference at 508-210-5569 or email us at galefreelibrary@gmail.com and we'll fill out the entry form for you!

Nintendo Switch Night For Adults!

Tuesday, July 22
5:30-7:30pm

Reservations required.

Reservations are available in half-hour blocks. Time may be extended if blocks are available.

Adults will be able to join in the fun this summer and reserve our new Nintendo Switch! Please contact the Reference Desk to reserve your spot at 508-210-5569.

Board Games

Board games will be available on select evenings throughout the month.

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!

Adult Take-Home Craft

Starts Monday, 6/30
Please visit the Reference Desk
for your kit.

This month's take-home craft is "Patriotic Ribbon Rosette"! Pick up your DIY craft kit at the Reference Desk (while supplies last).

Ukulele Group

Wednesdays, 7/2 and 7/16, 6-7pm
Ages 16+

Registration required.

Join us for our Ukulele Group! Whether you are new to the ukulele or more advanced, we welcome you to join this group where you can play together, learn from each other, and have fun! Each month, we'll offer two Wednesday night sessions—come to either or both!

Cooking Club "Medieval Cooking" with M. Allyson Szabo

Tuesday, 7/8, 6pm

Registration required.

Come join Allyson for an evening of joyful learning about the foods, spices, and styles of cooking that were enjoyed in medieval England. You'll be able to taste a medieval dish cooked by Allyson, and take home the recipe to try yourself. She'll be bringing along her spice kit and cookbooks, and an enthusiasm for teaching about the time period and the food therein.

The Craft of Writing Workshop with Jennifer Freed "That Sounds Good"

Thursday, 7/17, 10:30am-12pm
Online via Zoom.

Registration required.

As we read, we sometimes notice how musical the writing seems. How do good writers accomplish that? Join us as we discuss techniques you can use in your own writing.

Art Workshop with Caoín Springer O'Dúrgy

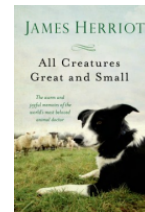
Thursday, 7/17, 6pm
Registration required.

You know you're painting right when you're giggling through the process, so let's paint some silly still lives together! Using toys, bright colors, and fun textures, we will create narrative works that foster excitement and joy for still life painting. Feel free to bring along your own favorite toys, sculptures, ornaments, or more to add to the whimsy!

Mornings with Maggie

Tuesday, 7/22, 10:30-11:30am

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



Classics Book Group

Thursday, 7/24
6:30pm

Join us as we discuss *All Creatures Great and Small* by James Herriot. Copies of the book can be picked up at the Reference Desk.

Art Club

Wednesday, July 30, 6-7:30pm
Ages 16+

Registration required.

Join us for our monthly Art Club! Bring your own supplies or use ours. We have watercolor paints and paper, brushes, pastels, colored pencils, graphite, pens, collage materials, and more! There will be no specific project. Each month, we'll have a quote or a book or an image available to inspire a(n optional) response. This program is intended for patrons of all abilities.

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



Truck Day

Tuesday, 7/1, 10AM-12PM

All ages

In the Town Parking Lot

They're baaack! Come see the town fire truck, dump truck, school bus, ambulance, police car, and other giant town vehicles. Climb in the cabs, blow the horns, and bring your cameras! **Rain or shine.**

Art in the Garden Party

Wednesday, 7/2, 2-4PM

(Rain date 7/10)

On the Library lawn

Join local parent and art educator Michelle McDonald for an art party to celebrate our new pollinator garden! Help us paint some flags, kindness rocks, and a sign to decorate the garden.

Renee Coro's

Teddy Bear Picnic

Wednesday, 7/9, 11 AM-12PM

(Rain date TBD)

On the Library lawn

Join Miss Renee for some music fun, and bring a stuffie to join in! Renee has performed at many local libraries and produced an original children's album in 2014 titled "Perfect Harmony." She is currently working on her second album.

Thank you to the Holden Cultural Council for sponsoring this event.



Tie-Dye Craft

Tuesday, 7/8, 3-4PM
(Rain date TBD)

Ages 5+

On the Library lawn

Join us for some awesome tie dye fun! Bring your own t-shirt, beach towel, hat, etc.

Free Play Fridays

Fridays, 7/11, 7/25, 2-3:30PM
Ages 7+

In the Program Room

Cool off on hot Friday afternoons with some gaming in the Program Room. Board games and a Nintendo Switch will be available!

Community Connection

Pet Scavenger Hunt

Monday, 7/14, 10-11AM

Ages 2-5

On the Library lawn

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

Story Times



Special Story-Time Show!

Thursday, 7/17, 11AM-12PM

(Rain date 7/10)

On the Library lawn

Get ready for a story time double feature! For one morning only, Mr. Kevin and Miss Rachel will be performing a special story time show including stories, singing, dancing, and more from your two favorite librarians.

Summer Lapsit Story Time

Ages 2 and under

Thursdays at 10AM

(Starting 7/10 through 8/14)

On the Library Lawn.

(In the Program Room if 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.

Summer Preschool Story Time

Ages 2 and under

Thursdays at 11AM

(Starting 7/10 through 8/14)

On the Library Lawn

(In the Program Room if 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!

Children's & Teens' Programs



Pirate Adventure

Tuesday, 7/15, 2-3 PM

On the Library lawn

Ahoy mateys! Get ready to set sail on a treasure-hunting adventure. You'll be outfitted with eyepatches, (temporary) tattoos, and bandannas before creating your own pirate flag and playing pirate games! *Thank you to the Holden Cultural Council for sponsoring this event.*



Yo-Yo Guy

Wednesday, 7/23, 2-3 PM

On the Library lawn

(In the Senior Center if it's raining)

Witness John Higby, the four-Guinness-record-holding yo-yo world-champion, in this high-energy show! He'll amaze you with feats of yo-yo skill and balance. *Thank you to the Holden Cultural Council for sponsoring this event.*

Awesome Robb Superhero Magic Show

Wednesday, 7/29, 4-5 PM

In the Senior Center

Witness Captain Awesome's super-heroic abilities in this magic show sure to awe and amaze. Come dressed as your favorite superhero to be part of the fun! *Thank you to the Holden Cultural Council for sponsoring this event.*



Lego Club

Fridays, 7/18 and 8/1, 3-4:30PM

(Rain date TBD)

Ages 4+

In the Program Room

Come join us for summer Lego club! We will be building pieces for our end-of-summer Big G Amusement Park. Come with your family, grab a bin of legos and build with us, no registration necessary!

Bead Lizards Craft

Tuesday, 7/22, 3-4PM

Ages 7+

In the Program Room

Create your own bead lizard keychain. Already a bead lizard expert? We can show you a few new creatures to try out!



Dragon Masks Craft

Monday, 7/30, 2-3PM

Ages 3+

In the Program Room

Decorate your own special dragon mask to wear!



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.



Staff Picks, Local History

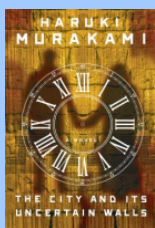
Staff Picks



We are the Light
by Matthew Quick
Rachel M.



Mozart's Starling
by Lyanda Lynn-
Haupt
Alana



*The City and Its
Uncertain Walls*
by Haruki
Murakami
Nancy E.



*There Are No
Grown-Ups:
A Mid-Life
Coming-of-Age Story*
by Pamela Druckerman
Katy



Radio Rewind: 1995
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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.

Excerpts from D. F. Estes'
The History of Holden, Massachusetts, 1684-1894, cont'd.

The Reverend Estes' description of the six-year-old Damon Memorial building, home of the Gale Free Library and Holden High School, concludes:

"The southeast corner of the building is reserved for the reading room, which is twenty by twenty-eight and one-half feet, besides its semi-circular bay projecting seven feet on the south side, opposite the entrance. It adjoins the book room and the waiting room, being separated from each by glazed screen work. It is a most attractive room, with its ample fireplace and oak mantel of tasteful design, chimney corner seat, tinted walls and delicately shaded stained glass transoms. A low case for books of reference fills the whole of the west side, and two large tables for periodicals stand in the room.

"The building throughout is finished with oak in the natural color. The carpenter work was done by Emory Rogers, who had also general charge of the whole work. Thomas Hennessey did the stone work, Peter Carr the brick work and plastering, and the walls and ceilings were tinted by Daniel Boyden. It was the intent of Mr. Gale that all material and labor for the building, so far as possible, should be derived from the town of Holden. However considered, the structure deserves the title which it has received, 'The Gem of Worcester County.'

"The formal exercises of the Presentation and Dedication of the Damon Memorial occurred August 29th, 1888. The day was very fine, and many visitors came from neighboring towns and from a distance to share with the citizens of Holden in the interest and pleasure of the day.

"At a legal town meeting, held September 26th, 1888, the acceptance of the Damon Memorial upon the conditions and requirements contained in the deed of gift, was formally voted. The following expression of thanks was also adopted:

"The Town of Holden in town meeting assembled formally accepts the 'Damon Memorial' Library and High School Building, and the books presented by Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Gale of Minneapolis, and desires at the same time publicly to express and place on record its appreciation of the goodwill, generosity and even munificence of these gifts. To the natural pride, which we have felt as our former fellow citizens in the worth and prosperity of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Gale, is now added the gratitude for their remembrance and helpfulness.

"The building most amply supplies needs already felt, and that on a scale which indicates the large heartedness of its donors, while the strength and dignity of its architectural structure makes it at once an ornament to the town and a constant lesson to its citizens.

"The town pledges itself to the fulfillment of the wise and fit conditions imposed by its donors, to the careful preservation of the property, to the enlargement of the Library, and to whatever may make school and library better subserve the purposes of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Gale, and better honor their large and wise liberality."

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