



The BOOKMARK

The monthly newsletter of the Gale Free Library

June Library News

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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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Plant A Seed, Read
Adult Summer Reading
Begins Monday, June 22

Unearth A Story
Kids' Summer Reading
Sign-ups begin Monday, June 15



Summer Reading Begins!

It's that time of the year when we start sowing the seeds of excitement--Summer Reading 2026 is right around the corner! Join us for our Adult and Children's Summer Reading programs! Beginning June 22, Adult Summer Reading participants can enter a weekly drawing to win gift cards to local businesses and free books. Visit our display table in the Library lobby or follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more information. Sign-ups for kids participating in Summer Reading begin Monday, June 15 in the Children's Room. See page 3 for further details.

Calendar Reminders

Saturday hours during the summer are 9am-1pm.
The Library will be closed Friday, June 19
in observance of Juneteenth.
We will reopen Saturday, June 20 at 9am.

*Tour the Reservoir
Like It's 1901*

Tuesday, 6/16, 6:30-7:30pm

Registration required

On June 20, 1901, officials of the towns and cities in the Metropolitan District took a tour of the Wachusett Reservoir construction project. Follow along in their footsteps, led by Chairman of the Water Board Henry H. Sprague, and enjoy ephemera like newspaper clippings, sketches, and photographs. This program is generously provided by the DCR's Division of Water Supply Protection for Wachusett Reservoir.

*Unsung Heroes of
the American Revolution*

A Group Art Show by the Senior Center Photography Club In the Program Room will be a series of black-and-white photographs that will portray American Revolution monuments, location markers of significant events in Concord and reaching out into Worcester and neighboring towns.

In the lobby there will be a mixture of period and newer photos. These will be both black-and-white and colored photos.

There will be a public reception on June 11 at 6pm at which guests can enjoy the exhibition and ask questions of the photographers. In honor of the exhibition, a "Minute Man" from the Minute Man National Historical Park will be joining us to play the flute during the reception. Light refreshments will be served.

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.

Adult Programs

*Adult Take-Home Craft
Begins 6/2*

This month's craft is a "Special Decorative Gift Bag." Stop by the Reference Desk for your craft. As supplies are limited, crafts are one per person.

*Ukulele Group
Wednesdays, 6/3 & 6/17,
6-7pm
Ages 16+*

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! If you are new to the group, please contact the Reference Desk to let us know you'll be attending.

*Classics Book Group
Tuesday, 6/16, 1pm
Registration required*

Join the Classics Book Group to discuss *Walden* by Henry David Thoreau. Copies of the book can be picked up at the Reference Desk.

*The Craft of Writing
Workshop
"Joy"*

Thursday, 6/18, 10:30am-12pm
Online via Zoom
Registration required

Some say writing about happiness falls easily into cliché. Let's look at writing that manages not to do so.

*Historical Tour
of the Gale Free*

Saturday, 6/20*, 10am

Registration required

Join us as our Local History Librarian, Nancy Richards, guides us on a historical tour of the Damon Memorial building, home to the Gale Free Library. Space is limited. *Rain date 6/27.

Art Club

Wednesday, 6/24, 6-7:30pm

Ages 16+

Registration required

Join us outside on our Library lawn for this special art club! (Weather dependent--we will move back inside if it's raining or too hot.) 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 quotation or a book or an image available to inspire a(n optional) response. This program is intended for patrons of all abilities.

*Weekly Knitting &
Crocheting Group
Mondays, 1-2:30pm*

Please join us in the Program Room each Monday afternoon. All are welcome, from beginners to experienced! Come to see what others are knitting, or just sit and knit!

Truck Day

Thursday, 6/25
10 AM to 12 PM

In the Town Parking Lot
(across the street from the Library)
Come see a 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.



Bright Star Theatre Presents: Dino Academy

Tuesday, 6/30, 4 PM
On the Library Lawn

Step into the prehistoric world
with Dino Academy! This
unforgettable field trip, led by the
quirky and curious Dr. Sara Tops,
will be an action-packed
adventure uncovering fascinating
dino facts. Get ready to travel
through time! Thank you to the
Holden Cultural Council for
sponsoring this event.



Children's & Teens' Programs



Unearth A Story!

Summer Reading Sign-Ups Open Monday, June 15th

Unearth A Story this summer!

Sign up in the Children's Room or online.

Summer Reading Check-Ins Begin Monday, June 22nd

Each week that you check in, you'll get a prize, and for every 3 hours you read, you'll earn a dinosaur trading card! When you read 12 and 24 hours, you will earn a free book!



*Listen, Learn, and
Be Inspired:*

If the Dinosaurs Came Back
Tuesday, 6/9, 4:20 PM
Ages 5+

Registration opens 6/2

Learn about surrealist art
with art educator Mary E. L.
Shepherd from Community
Creations Art Studio.



*Summer Scavenger Hunt
with Community Connections*

Monday, 6/15, 10 AM
Ages 2-5

On the Library Lawn

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

Story Times

We will be taking a break from
Story Times for the month of
June while we prepare for
Summer Reading!



Want info about all the
goings-on in
the Children's Room
sent right to your inbox?
Sign up for our email list
at bit.ly/gflkidsemail.
You can also keep up
with us on the Gale Free
Kids Facebook page
at galefreelibrary.org.

Museum Passes

Take Aparts
Friday, June 19

1pm-3pm

at the Discovery Museum
Visit discoveryacton.org
for more information.

Free with admission

Are you curious about what's inside telephones, computers, radios, and more? Grab a screwdriver and discover resistors, capacitors, and circuit boards as you uncover the inner workings of everyday electronics.

*Information courtesy of
The Discovery Museum's website.*

*Designing for Delight:
A Garden Tour of Naumkeag*
Friday, June 19

Visit thetrustees.org for times
and ticket information.

Free with admission

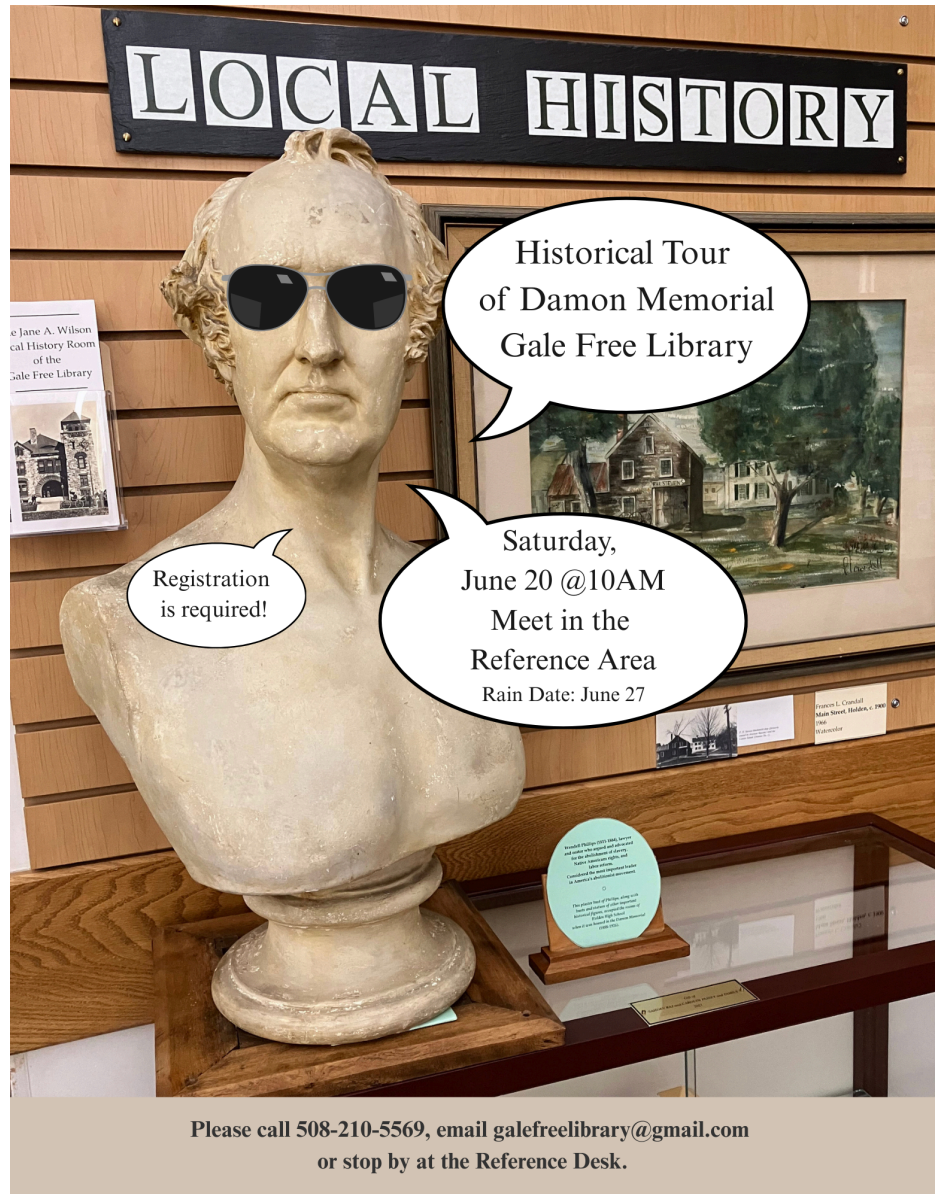
Explore stunning terraces and garden rooms with sweeping views of the Berkshire Hills as our passionate garden guides share the stories behind the creation of this iconic estate.

These popular tours take visitors beyond the blooms to focus on the fascinating history of the Choate family, the vision of landscape architect Fletcher Steel, and the collaborative creation of one of the most celebrated landscapes in New England.

*Information courtesy of
The Trustees of Reservations website.*

For more information or to reserve passes to these or other participants in our Museum Pass Program, please call the Reference Desk at 508-210-5569.

Local History



LOCAL HISTORY

Historical Tour
of Damon Memorial
Gale Free Library

Registration
is required!

Saturday,
June 20 @10AM
Meet in the
Reference Area
Rain Date: June 27

Please call 508-210-5569, email galefreelibrary@gmail.com
or stop by at the Reference Desk.

Historical Tour of the Gale Free

Have you always wondered about the history of our beautiful Gale Free Library building? Join us at 10 am on Saturday, June 20 (rain date June 27) for a historical tour of the Damon Memorial building, home to the Gale Free Library, led by Local History Librarian Nancy Richards. Space is limited and registration is required. For more information or to register, please contact the Reference Desk at 508-210-5569 or email us at galefreelibrary@gmail.com.

Staff Picks



Yesteryear
by Caro Claire Burke

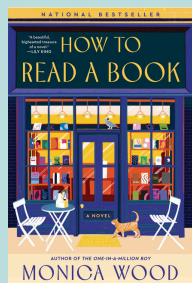


Beautyland
by Marie-Helene Bertino

Patrons' Picks



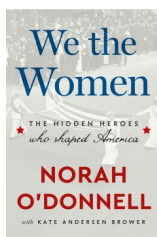
Some Desperate Glory
By Emily Tesh



How To Read A Book
By Monica Wood

Did you read a great book and just have to share it with someone? Stop by the Reference Desk and tell us about it! Your recommendation may appear in the next "Bookmark"!

Judy Reviews



*We The Women:
The Hidden Heroes Who Shaped America*
By Norah O'Donnell
With Kate Andersen Brower

We The Women: The Hidden Heroes Who Shaped America, written by Norah O'Donnell with Kate Andersen Brower, shines a bright light on the women whose courage, intelligence, and persistence helped to shape the United States. The book is engaging and thought provoking, and pays tribute to the decisive role women played in the nation's history.

The book spans generations of women from the American Revolution to modern times. The book is divided into five sections. Part One is 1776-1826, the Revolutionary War and the first 50 years of the United States. Part Two begins with the Seneca Falls Convention (1826) and includes the Civil War (1876). Part Three covers the years 1876-1926, the Gilded Age and Progressivism. Part Four covers the period from 1926-1976, which is marked by war and civil unrest, and Part Five is 1976-present day. Within each section are chapters on individual women and their contributions to history. Some are well known and familiar to the reader, but others are obscure and very interesting.

We The Women gives the reader a fresh look at American history through the eyes of women. The women demanded the country live up to the promises made 250 years ago in the Declaration of Independence: "[T]hat all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Women kept asking and continue to ask – why don't these unalienable rights apply to us?

I was familiar with some of the women, but I was unaware of the contributions of others. These women influenced politics, reform movements, education, medicine, journalism, civil rights, and public policy. The short chapters often sparked my curiosity and it was difficult to put this book down. This book is extremely readable and the author keeps the vast scope of material moving. The historical figures are presented in a manner that illustrates how deeply women influenced the nation's development. I strongly recommend this book; it's especially poignant as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our democracy.

Judy is a member of our staff--you will see her at both the Circulation and Reference desks.