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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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Window restorers from Village Green Restoration of East Falmouth have been onsite this spring, installing newly restored windows in the north side and facade of the Damon Memorial.

Library News

- The Library will be closed Saturday, May 24 and Monday, May 26 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Beginning Saturday, May 31 through Labor Day weekend, the Library's Saturday hours will be 9 am to 1pm.
- Our seasonal passes to the Boston Children's Museum, Davis Farmland, and Native Plant Trust are now available. See page 4 for more Museum Pass information and events.
- Celebrate Mexican cuisine at the Cooking Club's Cinco de Mayo program on May 15. Details on page 2.
- The pollinator garden planting has been rescheduled! See our Children's Programs, page 3, for more information.
- 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!

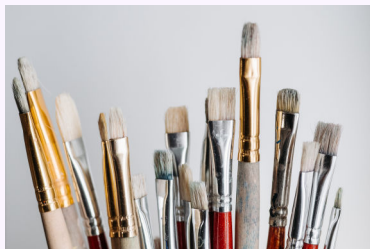
Adult Programs



Ukulele Group
Wednesdays, 5/7 and 5/21
6-7pm
Ages 16+

Registration required.

Join us for our new 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!



Gale Free Art Club
Wednesday, 5/28
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.



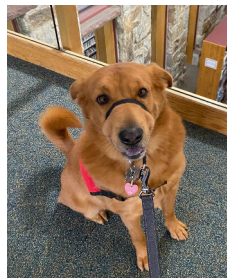
Cooking Club
"Cinco de Mayo"
Tuesday, 5/13
6:30pm

Registration required.

Mexican cooking has a rich history, with diverse flavors and influences. We invite you to celebrate this festive holiday with us, by bringing any dish influenced by the delicious and fascinating world of Mexican cuisine.

Mornings with Maggie
Wednesday, May 14
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.



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.

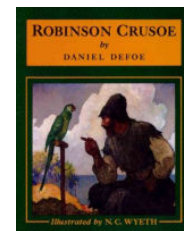
Art At The Library Mountview Middle School

We are happy to welcome back the students of Mountview Middle School! Come enjoy the many talents of these artists, which will be on display throughout May in both the Program Room and the Lobby.

The Craft of Writing Workshop
with Jennifer Freed
"Flash Fiction/Micro Prose"
Thursday, 5/15
10:30am-12pm
Online via Zoom.

Registration required.

How do writers of very short prose manage to tell a complete story in so few words? Join us to examine published works and elicit techniques.



Classics
Book Group
Thursday, 5/22
6:30pm



Join us as we discuss *Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe. Copies of the book can be picked up at the Reference Desk.

Ongoing Program
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!

Children's & Teens' Programs

Kidding Around Yoga with Miss Nicole

Friday, 5/9, 10 AM

Ages 2-5

To register please email

communityconnections@wachusettcfce.com

This is not your typical yoga class! Little ones learn some basic poses, with lots of music, movement, and literacy incorporated. Yoga helps children manage anxiety and improve emotional regulation, all while developing strength and flexibility!

Creating Calm Art Lesson

Tuesday, 5/20, 4:20 PM

Ages 5+

In the Program Room

Registration opens 5/13

Join art educator Mary E. L. Shepherd for another special story time and art lesson! We'll be reading *I Am Peace* by Susan Verde and exploring how artists use the element of line to create a calm feeling.

Hands On Nature Presents:

Butterflies and Moths

Wednesday, 5/21, 4:20 PM

Ages 3+

In the Program Room

Registration opens 5/14

Let's discover butterflies and moths, their life cycles, habitats, importance to our ecosystem, and the incredible migration of the Monarchs. There will be a special activity/craft, and live butterflies that you can see up close in our butterfly tent!



Beginning on May, 31, our Saturday hours will change!
We will be open from 9AM-1PM on Saturdays for the remainder of the summer.

Pollinator Garden for Earth Day

Thursday, 5/15

4:20 PM

All ages

In the garden by the Library parking lot

Registration opens 5/8

Please sign up as a family;

we need grown-up help as well!

Join us to help plant a new garden by the Library. We will need your help to grow the native plants that will help pollinators such as bees, butterflies, and birds thrive! Please bring your own garden tools.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Thursday, 5/29

4:20 PM

Grades 4+

In the Program Room

Registration opens 5/1

This month's graphic novel book club will be a special one! We will bring descriptions of our favorite Graphic Novels we've read this year to decorate a bulletin board, so that others can have recommendations from the community.



Story Times



Lapsit Story Time

Ages 2 and under

Thursdays at 10 AM

In the Program Room

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

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

Reflections of a Changing Japan: The
Evolution of Shin Hanga
Worcester Art Museum
Now through June 29

Delve into an era of change in Japan, when the past and the present blended to create an art form that was both distinctly Japanese and internationally resonant. Shin Hanga, or “new prints,” emerged in Japan in the early 1900s as a resurgence of the styles and techniques of traditional ukiyo-e printmaking from the Edo period.

Van Gogh: The Roulin Family Portraits
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
Now through September 7

Twenty-three works by Van Gogh featuring the Roulin family, neighbors during his stay in Arles in the South of France, are on view. These include the MFA's iconic portraits *Postman Joseph Roulin* (1888) and *Lullaby: Madame Augustine Roulin Rocking a Cradle (La Berceuse)* (1889), as well as important loans from museums such as the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, Museum of Modern Art in New York, Art Institute of Chicago, and Musée d'Orsay in Paris.

Castle Hill Tour: Cupola with a View
Castle Hill, a Trustees Property
Ipswich, MA
Saturday, May 24
\$15/adult, Free for children
with the Library's Trustees Pass

This is Castle Hill's most Instagramable tour experience and a particular treat for those interested in the architecture of the Great House and its surrounding property. Most important – you will get to step out onto the roof and take in the panoramic views of Castle Hill! Accessibility: This tour climbs three flights of stairs. We're sorry, there is no elevator. Headset amplifier available upon request.

For more information, see The Trustees of Reservations website at thetrustees.org.

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, continues:

“In ground plan the building is nearly square, being sixty-two by sixty-five feet, relieved on the south side by a semi-circular bay projecting nine feet, and on the northeast corner by a clock and bell tower eighteen feet square, rising to a height of sixty-four feet. The tower has a specially bold and massive character, taking a firm footing on the ground with its heavy buttresses, which run half way up its height until lost in the face of the wall. It is kept as low as its purposes will allow. A low arcaded belfry makes the top story, with its pyramidal roof covered with red slate. Directly below the belfry, on two sides, are open dials of black iron for the Howard clock. In the belfry hangs a bell, selected by Mr. Gale himself for its sweetness. The main building has a high pitched, hip roof, somewhat broken by gables and dormer windows, and covered with black Maine slate.

“At the main entrance, in the middle of the east front, is a massive round arch of fifteen feet span, and an open porch seven by seventeen feet, with a floor of dark red tiles.

“Two separate entrances from the porch have wide arched doorways, in the stone transoms of which, respectively, are cut the words ‘School’ and ‘Library’. The school entrance at the right has a vestibule seven by nine feet, with tiled floor, and opens into a spacious hall, from which a handsome stairway, of liberal dimensions and very easy grade, leads to the second story, which is fourteen high, and is entirely appropriated to the uses of the high school. Opposite the entrance is a stained glass arched window, of simple but rich design ; over the windows on the first landing are perforated stone transoms filled with stained glass bull's-eyes, geometrically arranged, and a bit of quiet coloring is seen in the round window at the head of the stairs.

Opposite the landing is a door to the main school room, at the right a door to the girls' cloak room, which is eleven by fourteen feet, and at the left the boys' coat room, which is seven by fourteen feet. Both of these rooms also connect directly with the main school room. The principal's cosy room, ten by thirteen feet, occupies the tower, and with windows on three sides commands charming views to the north, east and south. This room opens from the stairway hall. From this hall is also a stairway leading to the tower lofts and the unfinished attic. The main school room is forty by forty-six feet, besides its semi-circular bay window, seven feet deep, projecting from the south side of the room, opposite the entrance.”

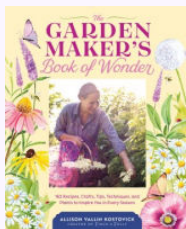
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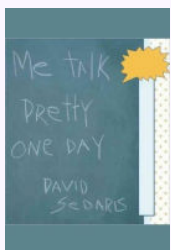
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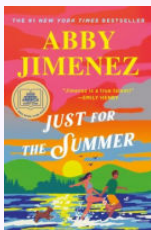
*The Love Elixir
of Augusta Stern*
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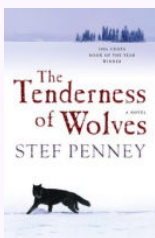
*The Garden Maker's
Book of Wonder*
by Allison
Vallin Kostovick
Nancy C.



*Me Talk Pretty
One Day*
by David Sedaris
*Celebrating its
25th anniversary
this month!*
Spencer



*Just for the
Summer*
by Abby Jimenez
Danielle



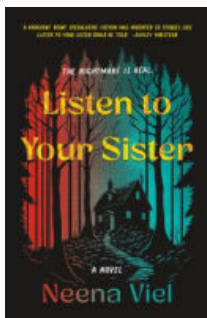
*The Tenderness
of Wolves*
by Stef Penney
Nancy E.



Shameless
DVD-TV Series
Spencer

Spotlight on Debut Authors

Spring is a great time to refresh your reading list with new authors--these books are in our Reading Room now!



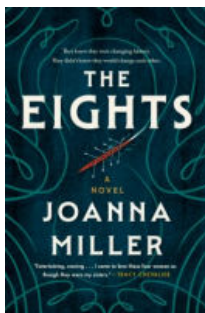
For fans of Jordan Peele's films, *Stranger Things*, and *The Other Black Girl*, *Listen To Your Sister* is a laugh-out-loud, deeply terrifying, and big-hearted speculative horror novel from electrifying debut talent Neena Viel.

"A knockout debut." -- Ashley Winstead "Incredibly original and seriously scary." -- Nick Medina "A brilliant fever-dream of a novel that effortlessly dances between horror, literary, and family saga—sure to appeal to fans of Grady Hendrix, Tananarive Due, Mona Awad, and Stephen King. — Maria Dong



A GOOD MORNING AMERICA BOOK CLUB PICK. "Homeseeking is about the love of home and family, even against unimaginable circumstances...[A] sweeping epic." — Good Housekeeping "Fans of historical fiction will want to pick up this exceptional novel immediately." —Los Angeles Times.

From WWII to 2008, this deeply moving story follows one couple across sixty years as world events pull them together and apart, illuminating the Chinese diaspora and exploring what it means to find home far from your homeland.



"Entertaining and moving...I came to love these four women as though they were my sisters."— TRACY CHEVALIER, #1 New York Times bestselling author.

Oxford, 1920. For the first time in its one-thousand-year history, Oxford University officially admits female students. Burning with dreams of equality, four young women move into neighboring rooms in Corridor 8. Beatrice, Dora, Marianne, and Otto—collectively known as The Eights—come from all walks of life, each driven by their own motives, each holding tight to their secrets, and thrown into an unlikely, unshakable friendship.

Information appears in our C/W Mars catalog, courtesy of the publishers.