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# 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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# Library News

- The Library will be closed Tuesday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day.
- The Library will be closed Thursday, November 28, for Thanksgiving Day.
- Be sure to visit our Upstairs Lobby during the month of November to view "Comfort," our Community Art Show. See page 2 for more information.
- The Children's Room renovations continue! Follow the progress on Facebook and Instagram.
- Looking for timely Library news? Sign up to receive updates on our weekly Adult Programs by clicking on the link on our website's "Adult Programs and Events" page and by following us on Facebook and Instagram.



Story Time in the Gale Free Library Children's Room, 1962. See page 4 for more about the history of the Children's Room.

# Adult Programs, Art at the Library



## Art at the Library



Upstairs Lobby
On view Wednesday, 11/5
through Saturday, 11/29
Public Reception
Saturday, 11/15

The Gale Free Library Community Art Show returns in November with a cozy autumnal theme! What does comfort mean to you? Whether it is the act of art making, or an object you've painted or photographed that you would like to share, we want to bask in that which settles and soothes.

All ages and abilities welcome. Any 2D form of art is eligible: painting, poetry, photography. Unframed preferred; matted okay. Please drop off work at the Reference Desk between November 1-6, and pick up between November 29-December 3.

A **public art reception** for "Comfort" will be held Saturday, November 15, 11am-12pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Mornings with Maggie Saturday, 11/1 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 therapy team certified through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. No registration required.

Adult Take-Home Craft Starts Tuesday, 11/4 Please visit the Reference Desk for your kit.

This month's take-home craft is Wooden Bead Corn! Pick up your DIY craft kit at the Reference Desk (while supplies last).

Ukulele Group Wednesdays, 11/5 and 11/19 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! Each month, we'll offer two Wednesday night sessions--come to either or both! If you are new to the group, please contact the Reference Desk to let us know you're attending.



The Craft of Writing Workshop with Jennifer Freed "A Child's Voice" Thursday, 11/13 10:30am-12pm Online via Zoom

#### Registration required.

We'll look at ways to successfully use a child's voice, and discuss why the child narrator might work even in a story for adults.

Cooking Club "Polish Your Polish" Tuesday, 11/18 6:30pm

#### Registration required.

If you had to describe Polish cuisine in one word, "hearty" would be the best-fitting choice. Join us in this culinary trip to Poland. Bring your Polish dish along with a recipe. Looking for inspiration on what to cook? Stop by the Reference Desk to borrow a Polish cookbook or choose from a selection of handpicked recipes.

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



"Ish" Art Lesson with Mary E.L. Shepherd Thursday, 11/13, 4:20 PM Ages 5+ In the Program Room.

#### Registration opens 11/6.

Join art educator Mary E. L. Shepherd for another special story time and art lesson!

Edible Bird Feeders with Hands on Nature Wednesday, 11/19, 4:20 PM Ages 4+ In the Program Room.

#### Registration opens 11/12.

Join Hands on Nature to make natural feeders for our local wildlife! The feeders will provide food for them during the short, dark days of winter.

Kidding Around Yoga with Miss Nicole Friday, 11/21, 10 AM Ages 2-5 In the Program Room.

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!

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 and galefreelibrary.org.

#### LEGO Club

Wednesdays, 11/5 and 11/12 4:20 PM Ages 6+ In the Program Room.

#### Registration opens 10/29 and 11/5.

Help build a cityscape and floats for the LEGO Macy's Day Parade!

Ready, Build, Play with Community Connections

Friday, 11/7 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.

LEGO Jr. Thursday, 11/6

4:20 PM

Ages 4-5

In the Program Room.

#### Registration opens 10/30.

Help build a cityscape and floats for the LEGO Macy's Day Parade!

Graphic Novel Book Club Thursday, 11/20, 4:20 PM

Grades 4+

In the Program Room.

#### Registration opens 10/30.

Read and discuss *Chickenpox* by Remy Lai and learn about making comics! Once you register, visit the the Reference Desk to borrow your copy of the graphic novel.



#### Dungeons and Dragons One-Shot Tuesday, 11/18, 3:30-5:30 PM

Grades 6+

#### Registration opens 11/11.

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



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, along with Mr. Kevin's great sense of humor!

# Museum Passes, Local History



## **Museum Moments**

Saturday Open Studios Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum November 15

Free with Museum Admission
Visitors are invited to the Bertucci
Education Studio to gather memories of
neighborhoods through texture rubbings in
an activity designed by Polly Thayer Starr
Visiting Artist crystal bi. Open Studios are
free with Museum admission and
participation is on a first-come, first-served
basis. Visit gardnermuseum.org for more
information.

Afternoon Astronomy
The EcoTarium
Saturday and Sunday
November 15 & 16 | 4:15pm
Free with Admission
Join us on Sundial Plaza to look through a telescope at the Moon or another planet, or if conditions don't permit come into the Alden Planetarium for an interactive guided tour of the evening sky! Visit ecotarium.org for more information.

Christmas at the Manse Concord, MA Friday, November 28 Reduced admission with the Trustees GO Pass

Step back in time and embark on a journey through a breathtaking colonial home transformed for the holiday season! Immerse yourself in the magic of Christmas as you discover how New Englanders crafted new traditions and festive celebrations Hawthornes' time. This isn't just a tourit's an invitation to step into a world where history and holiday cheer come together in unforgettable experience! See thetrustees.org for more information and registration.

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.





## Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Children's Room

One of the consistent questions I ask Third Graders during their visit to the Library each spring is "How old did you have to be to use the Gale Free in the early days?" When the children learn that patrons had to be at least 13 years old, a common rejoinder is "Didn't they want their kids to read?!" And my response is "Of course." One of the sections of the initial (and only) catalogue of the Gale's collection (c. 1892) is "Juvenile," where you'll find entries for *Little Women*, *The Young Trail Hunters*, *Marvels of Animal Life*, *Flaxie Frizzle*, and *The Prince and the Pauper*, among others. The reason young children weren't welcome in the Library had to do with, not the promotion of childhood illiteracy, but the social custom "Children should be seen and not heard."

When Addie Holden, our first Librarian, retired at the end of 1943, the Damon Memorial Trustees hired as Librarian a woman who chose to ignore that custom. Her name was Amy Louise Snow, and before she had been on the job a full year, she proposed constructing a Children's Room. That space, which originally occupied part of what is currently the Circulation Workroom (the room behind the Circulation Desk), opened during Book Week, held November 11-17, 1945.

Years later, the Children's Room would be relocated to the south side of the Lower Level before finally landing in the former Holden High School rooms on the Second Floor of the original building—all because Amy Snow's original vision of a place in the Library just for children, where they could gather, listen to stories, and select books to check out, proved to be exceptionally popular. Throughout her tenure, Amy Snow worked at improving and growing the Children's Collection, a great beginning to the superb collection that our youngest patrons enjoy today.

Please join us in wishing the Children's Room a "Happy 80th Birthday"! (And watch for more history about the Children's Room in the December and January issues of "The Bookmark.")

## Another Birthday!

Join us in wishing the Gale Free Library's "Book Express" a Happy 25th Anniversary! Be on the lookout for a story about the Library's "Book Express" service in the December issue of "The Bookmark"!



# Staff Picks, Looking Ahead with Libby

## Staff Picks



The Night Agent Season One



Fortunate Harbor
By Davis Bunn



Cold Wind

By Paige Shelton



The Mezzanine
By Nicholson Baker



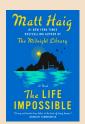
Bringing Up Baby DVD 1938



The Country
Guesthouse
By Robyn Carr



Sister Mother Warrior By Vanessa Riley

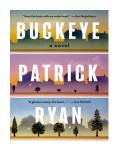


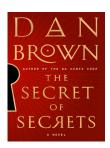
The Life Impossible By Matt Haig

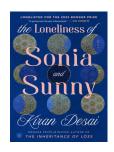
# Looking Ahead with Libby

The Most Anticipated Arrivals of Fall 2025

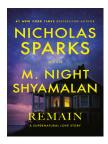
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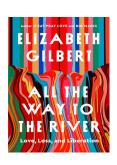




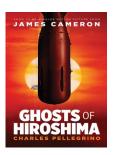




## Nonfiction









## Young Adult





