



The BOOKMARK

The monthly newsletter of the Gale Free Library

November 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-4 pm

Contact Us:

508-210-5560

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Book Cellar Hours

Monday 1-4pm *Donations Only*

Tuesday-Thursday 1-4pm

Saturday 10am-3pm



Last month, Susan Scott, Director of Gale Free Library, accepted a donation from Kitty Bradshaw of the Holden Woman's Club for the Friends of Gale Free Library. The Woman's Club has given several generous gifts to the Library to support literacy, children's programs, and collection enhancement.

The Friends of Gale Free Library provide invaluable services, resources, and programs for the community, including museum passes, online databases, art exhibits and workshops, adult programming, and the Children's Summer Reading Program. If you are interested in learning more about the Friends of Gale Free Library or becoming a member, please reach out to us at the Library at (508)210-5569.

The Library will be closed Wednesday, November 11,
in honor of Veterans Day.

The Library will be closed Thursday, November 26,
for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Art at the Library

Attention, artists, groups, and organizations! Applications are now open for 2027 for proposed solo or group art exhibits at the Library.

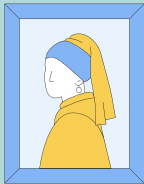
CALL FOR ART

The Gale Free Library in Holden is now accepting applications for our 2027 Art Exhibit season.

Inquire at the Reference Desk.

Groups and individuals are welcome to apply via our website:
galefreelibrary.org

For more information, visit our Art at the Library page on our website at galefreelibrary.org.



Are you looking for timely news about our upcoming programs? Sign up to receive weekly updates by clicking on the "Page Through Our Programming" link on our Library's homepage at galefreelibrary.org.

For more information or to register for adult programs, please contact the Reference Desk at 508-210-5569 or email us at galefreelibrary@gmail.com.

Adult Programs

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 creating, or just sit and knit or crochet!



Adult Take-Home Craft Begins Tuesday, November 3
This month's craft is a Felt and Cork Turkey! Stop by the Reference Desk for your craft. Crafts are one per person.

Classics Book Group

Tuesday, November 17
1-2pm

Registration required

Join the Classics Book Group to discuss *My Antonia* by Willa Cather. Copies of the book can be picked up at the Reference Desk.

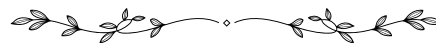
Cooking Club "Casseroles"

Tuesday, November 17
6:30-7:30pm

Registration required

One pan meal, casserole, covered hot dish...whatever you call it—is the perfect dish for the cooler months. Good comfort food to share with family and friends. Join us and share yours! Please bring your recipe along with the dish.

Community Art Show Call for Art



November Community Show:

Quiet

The Gale Free Library Community Art Show returns in November with a calming question.

What is **quiet** to you? Maybe it is time spent with watercolors and a cup of tea. Or curled up with a pet or a cozy book. Watching the first snow of the season. Feeling the breeze beneath a tree. Or perhaps think about a quiet composition? A landscape? Monochromatic paintings?

All ages and abilities welcome. Any 2D form of art is eligible: painting, poetry, photography. Unframed preferred; matted okay. Contact the Reference Desk with questions: 508-210-5569 or galefreelibrary@gmail.com

Drop off: November 2-7
(at the Reference Desk)

The exhibit will be displayed
in the Upstairs Lobby from November 5 - 30, 2026.

Many thanks to Friends of Gale Free Library for sponsoring art in the library. The Upstairs Lobby is elevator accessible, located at 23 Highland Street in Holden, MA.



Traditional Corn Husk Doll

Art Workshop

Friday, November 13

4:20—5:20 PM

Ages 10+

Registration opens 11/6 at 12 PM.

Join a Tomaquag Museum Indigenous educator for a corn husk doll making workshop. Corn husk dolls are a traditional toy made from the husk of the flint corn grown by the Native people in Massachusetts. In this workshop, you will be guided step by step in the process of making your own doll using contemporary materials.

The recommended age for this program is 10 and up. Participants must be able to tie knots or have a caregiver assist them in doing so.

Beeswax Candles Craft

Wednesday, November 18

4:20—5:00 PM

Ages 6+

Registration opens 11/10 at 12 PM

Create a beautiful centerpiece or gift out of all-natural beeswax sheets!



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

Children's & Teens' Programs

LEGO Masters

Wednesday, November 4

4:20—5:20 PM

Ages 10+

Registration opens 10/28 at 12 PM

Help build an urban streetfront to set the LEGO Macy's Day Parade up! Our first session each month will be for older builders, ages 10 and up. Your builds will help set up the world for our younger builders to fill in.

LEGO Club

Thursday, November 5

4:20-5:20 PM

Ages 6+

Registration opens 10/29 at 12 PM

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

LEGO Jr.

Friday, November 6

4:20-5:05 PM

Ages 4-5

Registration opens 10/30 at 12 PM

A club for our youngest LEGO heads. Help build floats for the LEGO Macy's Day Parade! Please plan on attending with your child. It's fun to build together!



Kidding Around Yoga

with Miss Nicole

Friday, November 6

10 AM

Ages 2-5

To register, please visit

www.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!

Tween Graphic Novel Book Club

Tuesday, November 17

3:30-4:30 PM

Grades 6+

Registration opens 10/27 at 12 PM

Come read and discuss *Oddity Woods* by Kay Davault! We will also discuss art and how graphic novels are made. Once you register, visit the Children's Room to borrow your copy of the graphic novel.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Thursday, November 19

4:20—5:20 PM

Grades 4+

Registration opens 10/29 at 12 PM

Come read and discuss *Lost Time* by Tas Mukanik! We will also discuss art and how graphic novels are made. Once you register, visit the Children's Room to borrow your copy of the graphic novel.

Book Nook Book Club

Monday, November 23

4:20-5:20 PM

Grades 4+

Registration opens 11/2 at 12 PM

Join Mr. Kevin to discuss modern classics. This month's title is *Because of Mr. Terupt* by Rob Buyea! Once you register, visit the Children's Room to borrow your copy of the book.

Free Play Friday

Friday, November 20

2:30-4:30 PM

No registration required.

Board games, Nintendo Switch, Magic: The Gathering, and Pokemon will all be available.

Teens-only hour is 2:30-3:30. After 3:30 the program will be for all ages. Children ages 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Caregivers are encouraged to join in the fun!

Weekly Story Times

Please note:

Story Times will not take place on November 12 or 26.

Lapsit Story Times

Thursdays

10:00—10:30 AM

Ages 2 and under

No registration required



Preschool Story Times

Thursdays

11:00—11:30 AM

Ages 3-6

No registration required

Staff Picks



Theo of Golden
by Allen Levi



Take the Lead
by Shelley Shepard Gray



The Unselected Journals of Emma M. Lion
by Beth Brower



The Invisible Gorilla: and Other Ways Our Intuitions Deceive Us
by Christopher Chabris and Daniel Simons



Postscript
by Cory McCarthy

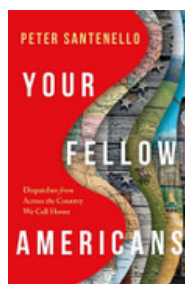


Nathan for You
DVD-2013
Rated 14 and up

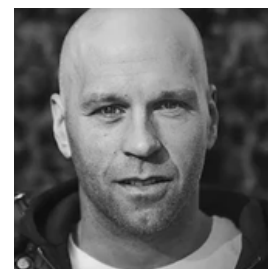


The Academy
by Elin Hilderbrand
and
Shelby Cunningham

Judy Reviews



Your Fellow Americans: Dispatches from Across the Country We Call Home
By Peter Santenello



Your Fellow Americans: Dispatches from Across the Country We Call Home is written by an adventurous, charismatic, and independent journalist and filmmaker Peter Santenello. The book is a journey through some of the very best of America, reminding us of the reasons we love this place and one another. It is an intimate portrait of everyday life across diverse and often overlooked and misrepresented United States communities. Each chapter focuses on a different region and different cultures that all connect to form the United States.

Santenello visited tiny towns in Appalachia, the streets of East Los Angeles, the backwaters of the Louisiana Bayou and the Mississippi Delta. He spent time with an Amish community in Florida and another in Ohio, and with the native Alaskan Yupik tribe who resides on St. Lawrence Island, in the Bering Sea of Alaska, where he could look towards Russia.

He visited the land of the giant redwoods, Smith Island in the Chesapeake Bay (the island has been shrinking for centuries), and the Hamptons at the far eastern tip of Long Island. The Hamptons are forever balancing two worlds, sometimes in harmony, sometimes in friction--the summer economy and the residents who rise and sleep by the marine forecast and live the world of catch quotas and dock prices.

What began as curiosity became an intimate revealing portrait of America today. *Your Fellow Americans* captures what makes this country so dynamic, so resilient, and, most important, human. He didn't discover a nation torn in two. He discovered people who wanted to be seen, who were willing to listen, and who still believe we're more alike than different.

With humor, overflowing energy, and joyful enthusiasm for the human spirit, this book is a celebration of the United States that exists beyond the headlines. It is an invitation to rediscover the soul of what makes up the place we call home.

Judy is a member of our Circulation and Reference staffs.

Museum Passes

*"Maverick Kings:
Three Visionary Pharaohs
of Egypt's Golden Age"*
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
Through December 6

Drawing primarily from the MFA's extensive collection of ancient Egyptian art, one of the largest and most important in the world, "Maverick Kings" explores the lives and legacies of these dynamic monarchs through their art and own words.

The exhibition also includes objects on loan from the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the Egyptian Museum in Berlin, the Cleveland Museum of Art, and the Kimbell Art Museum in Fort Worth, Texas.

Visit mfa.org for more information.

13th Annual Fruitlands Bonfire

Fruitlands Museum, Harvard
The Trustees of Reservations
Saturday, November 7 | 4-6pm

Fruitlands says goodbye to the 2026 Main Season at their 13th annual bonfire. The event begins at 4PM and the fire will be lit as night falls around 4:45PM. Guests will be encouraged to write down a wish and tuck it into a collection basket before the basket is set afire, sending their hopes and dreams into the night sky. Bring family and friends and enjoy a heartwarming fire on an autumn evening. There will be hot apple cider for sale on a cash-only basis.

\$15 per car for Trustees Members. One ticket covers all visitors arriving in the same vehicle. In the event of inclement weather, this event will take place on Sunday, November 8, from 4-6PM. Any scheduling changes will be communicated to ticket holders via email.

Visit thetrustees.org for more information.

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

Local History

Patrons of the Children's Room may have noticed a few more recent additions to their treasured space in the form of signage, such as the hanging "Roberta's Book Nook" sign, and artwork, for example, the framed "A Cozy Winter's Read" watercolor print, both of which can be found in the bay area on the south side of the room. Since some of you may have wondered who "Roberta" is, what follows is a preview from the commemorative that will soon be installed in Roberta's nook.

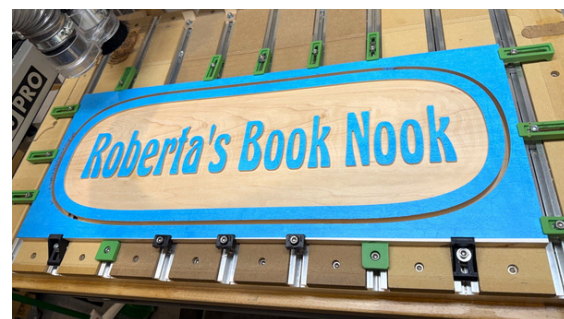
"Roberta Bodwell (1942-2017) was a beloved president of the Friends of Gale Free Library and the founder and director of the Book Cellar, the Library's used-book store. A dedicated Holden volunteer, she was honored in 2015 with the Holden Woman's Club's Person of the Year award and the Holden Democratic Town Committee's Good Neighbor Award. This alcove pays tribute to her generous spirit and her dedication to the Library and the community it serves."

Richard Maurer, Trustees of Damon Memorial Library Chair

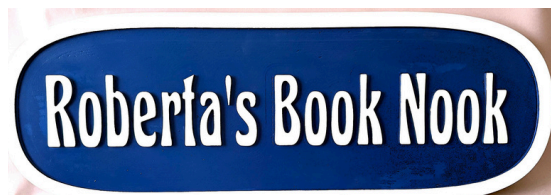
The photographs below right were shared by Roberta's husband, Arthur "Art" Bodwell, who designed and produced the nook's sign in honor of his wife.



The sign installed
in the Children's Room.



Art used his Computer Numerical Control (CNC) router to create Roberta's sign.



The front of the sign (above) and the back of the sign with the creator's name (below).

