

# The BOOK MARK

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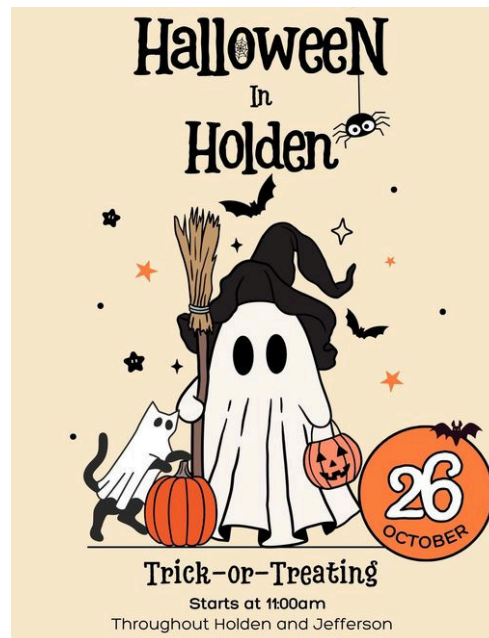
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## Library Hours

Monday 9:30 am-5:30 pm  
Tuesday 9:30 am-8 pm  
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Thursday 9:30 am-8 pm  
Friday 9:30 am-5:30 pm  
Saturday 9 am-4 pm

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On Saturday,  
October 26, the Holden  
Recreation Department  
is holding "Halloween in  
Holden"! Stop by  
designated shops and  
businesses in Holden,  
including the Gale Free  
Library, to get a head  
start on Halloween fun!

## Library News

- The Library is happily fine free! However, we do ask that patrons respect reasonable return windows. If you are finished with your books, please return them for the next person to enjoy!
- *Try Neurographics! Meditative Art-Making* on Wednesday, October 23. See Adult Programs on page 2 for further information.
- The Children's Room is holding their annual Wooden-Pumpkin-Painting contest! See page 3 for more information.
- Do you or someone you know struggle with traditional print materials because of a visual, physical, or reading disability? If so, please see page 5 for more information about the Talking Book Library.
- The link to submit art-exhibit proposals for 2025 is officially open! Please visit the "How Do I" tab on our website at galefreelibrary.org.

# Adult Programs, Art Exhibits

## "Try Neurographics! Meditative Art-Making"

Wednesday, 10/23  
6pm

Registration required.



Join us for a simple, inviting approach to drawing. No advanced skills needed! If you can hold a pen, you can make neurographic artwork. Neurographics is a mindful, intuitive way of sitting with a question or an intention, then turning it into art. Developed by a psychologist and used in many creative-therapy practices around the world, the lines and mark-making mimic neuropathic synapses, allowing the mark-maker to relax and settle the mind while the subconscious works itself out. You'll leave with an original piece of art, which you can choose to leave black and white or make colorful! You'll also leave with a meditative practice that you can use anytime you need it, right at home.

## October Art in the Library Upstairs Lobby

### MEMORIES

An homage to the ones  
touched by dementia.  
The ones who care, who  
love, who are the keepers  
of the memories.  
By Cristina Farrer

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 Take-Home Craft

Starts Tuesday, 10/1

Please visit the Reference Desk  
for your kit.

This month's take-home craft is a  
"Paper-Roll Pumpkin"! Pick up your  
DIY craft kit at the Reference Desk  
(while supplies last). Every bag will  
contain free supplies and  
instructions. No registration  
required.

## "Mornings with Maggie!"

Tuesday, 10/8  
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.

## Cooking Club

### "Mystery Historic Recipes"

Tuesday, 10/8, 6:30pm  
Registration required.

We are excited to offer this program  
in cooperation with the Gale Free  
Local History Room! In the past, we've  
had "Mystery Cookbook" programs.  
Now, participants will get to select a  
"Mystery Historic Recipe" from local  
cookbooks published before 1950,  
hand-selected by Local History staff,  
to re-create and share with our  
group.

## The Craft of Writing Workshop with Jennifer Freed "Memoir"

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

Registration required.

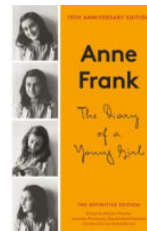
We'll look at excerpts from published  
memoirs and discuss different  
approaches to telling our own family  
and personal stories.

## Classics

### Book Group

Thursday, 10/24  
6:30pm

Registration  
required.



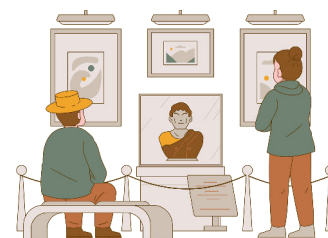
Join us as we discuss *Diary of a  
Young Girl: The Definitive Edition* by  
Anne Frank. Copies of the book can  
be picked up at the Reference  
Desk.

## "Creating Mini Memories!"

Saturday, 10/19  
10-11:30am

Registration required.

Join Cristina Farrer, our October  
featured artist, to create paintings  
of gorgeous flowers on mini-  
canvases. The canvases will be  
perfect little mementos for nursing  
homes, for highlighting that corner  
of your house, or to give to a BFF.



## 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

## Wooden-Pumpkin-Painting Contest

Tuesday, 10/1 - Tuesday, 10/15

In the Children's Room

Join in our annual pumpkin-decorating contest! Pick up your wooden pumpkin starting on the 1st, decorate it, then drop it off by the 15th. Entries will be judged by the 22nd. Prizes will be distributed by age group. While supplies last.

## Nature's Real Vampires with Hands-On Nature

Wednesday, 10/16

4:20pm

(Ages 3+)

In the Program Room

**Registration opens 10/9**

Just in time for Halloween, come learn about real animals that scare and spook us! We will learn about creatures that don't just come out on Halloween, but are here all year round. Afterwards, make a glow-in-the-dark bat puppet!



## Story Times

### Lapsit Story Time

(Ages 2 and under)

Thursdays at 10 AM

In the Program Room

### Preschool Story Time

(Ages 3-6)

Thursdays at 11 AM

In the Program Room



## LEGO Club

Wednesday, 10/2 and 10/9

4:20 PM

(Ages 6+)

In the Program Room

Build some spooky crooked houses for the October Halloweentown LEGO display! **No registration will be required for this LEGO club; however, the doors will close at 4:25 PM and we cannot accommodate latecomers.**

## LEGO Jr.

Thursday, 10/10

4:20 PM

(Ages 4-5)

In the Program Room

**Registration opens 10/3**

Get ready to rumble and roar by making some monster trucks for the October Halloweentown LEGO display!

## Create Your Own Spellbook

Wednesday, 10/23

4:20 PM

(Ages 7+)

In the Program Room

**Registration opens 10/16**

Ever learn a new spell and have nowhere to write it down? Decorate your own spellbook with the help of the Library Wizard, Mr. McDonough.

## Slime Time

Tuesday, 10/29

4:20

(Ages 4+)

In the Program Room

**Registration opens 10/22**

Release your inner mad scientist or cauldron-stirring witch by customizing a jar of sticky slime with Miss Rachel!

## Graphic Novel Book Club

Thursday, 10/24

4:20 PM

(Grades 4+)

In the Program Room

**Registration opens 10/2**

Read and discuss a graphic novel (to be announced soon), and learn about making comics! Once you register, visit the Children's Room to borrow a copy of the graphic novel.

## Spooky Scavenger Hunt

Friday, 10/25

10 AM - 11 AM

(Ages 2-5)

On the Library Lawn

Community Connections will be hosting a spooky scavenger hunt on the lawn!

## Teen Programs

### Dungeons and Dragons

Tuesday, 10/15

3:45 - 5:45 PM

(Grades 6+)

In the Program Room

**Registration opens 10/8**

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.



*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](http://bit.ly/gflkidsemail).*

*You can also keep up with us on the Gale Free Kids Facebook page and at [galefreelibrary.org](http://galefreelibrary.org).*

# Museum Passes, Local History

## Museum Moments

*Meet the  
Stormgears FRC 5422  
Robotics Team*  
Discovery Museum  
Friday, October 4  
6:30-7:30pm  
Free with admission

Join the Stormgears FRC 5422 Robotics Team and learn about their involvement in Robotics Challenges. Meet the previous season's robot and try a couple of hands-on activities that demonstrate some of the basics behind robotics, including mechanics and coding.

*Arms & Armor Demonstration:  
Secrets of Swordplay*  
Worcester Art Museum  
Sunday, October 6 & 27  
2-2:30pm  
Free with admission

Watch the art of swordplay in action! Learn how swordfighters throughout history used these elegant weapons, and try hefting a reproduction broadsword or rapier to get a feel for what they were really like. Programming subject to change. See [worcesterart.org](http://worcesterart.org) for more information.



A reminder that our seasonal pass to the Boston Children's Museum runs through October 31 only.

Contact the Reference Desk at 508-210-5569 or [galefreelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:galefreelibrary@gmail.com) to reserve Museum Passes or for further information.

## 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 S. C. Damon's

*The History of Holden, Massachusetts, 1667-1841, cont'd.*

"The dividing line between North [eventually Holden] and South Worcester was drawn during the year 1683 or 4. [However, between 1686 and 1713] . . . very meagre records have been preserved relating to the North half of Worcester.

[Then--]

"An incident occurred [in the] Spring of 1723, . . . Mr. Jonas Rice, a citizen of South Worcester, had discovered limestone\* upon the farm, now known by the name of the Bullard Farm.

". . . A settlement was made in the immediate neighborhood of the lime lot, which is supposed to be the FIRST SETTLEMENT in Holden. The remains of lime kilns still appear about 60 rods south of Timothy Parker's house.

"The records of the proprietors of the common and undivided lands in North and South Worcester, indicate that vigorous exertions were made on their part to promote the rapid settlement [of the "Lime Lot" area], immediately subsequent to the incorporation of Worcester.

"Near 4000 acres of land, in North Worcester, were transferred from company stock to private individuals. . . . To facilitate settlements and raise the value of landed property, the proprietors appointed a committee to lay out four public roads, 6 rods wide, from the centre of North Worcester, in such ways as would be most serviceable to the said half part and the towns adjoining.

". . . At a general meeting of the citizens of North and South Worcester, held March 3, 1740, it was voted, that the North half part of the township be set off a distinct and separate town . . . . The Act passed the General Court, January 2, and was signed by His Excellency, Governor Belcher, Jan. 9, 1741, and in the 14th year of the reign of George II.

"When this Act had passed the General Court, the North half of Worcester became a distinct and separate town, 'by the name of Holden, with all the powers, privileges, and immunities which the inhabitants of other towns within this Province do, and by law ought to enjoy.'"

\*Limestone was an extremely valuable material for both construction and agriculture from the 18th through the early 20th centuries.

*To be continued*

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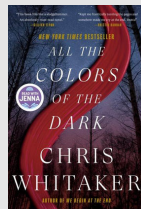


# Be on the Lookout for...

## Staff Picks



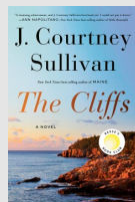
*What Lies in the Woods*  
by Kate Alice Marshall  
Nancy E.



*All the Colors  
of the Dark*  
by Chris Whitaker  
Danielle



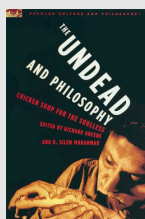
*Wicked Little  
Letters*  
DVD-Rated R  
Spencer



*The Cliffs*  
by J. Courtney  
Sullivan  
Katy



*The Night Swim*  
by Megan Goldin  
Nancy E.



*The Undead  
and Philosophy*  
by Richard Greene  
and  
K. Silem Mohammad  
Available in  
Commonwealth  
Catalog  
Spencer



## The Worcester Talking Book Library

TALKING  
BOOK  
LIBRARY

The Library's Reference staff recently had the pleasure of hosting a representative from the Worcester Talking Book Library (WTBL), an accessibility service of the Worcester Public Library. We were amazed at the plentiful and creative services the WTBL offers to qualifying Massachusetts residents of any age who struggle with traditional print materials because of a visual, physical, or reading disability. Among the services are

- access to audiobooks through easy-to-use equipment or the BARD app, which can be installed on your own mobile device;
- large-print books for all ages;
- audio-described DVDs;
- programs and workshops (recent programs include "Birding By Ear," as well as live music and audio-described movie events);
- children's services, including access to Wonderbooks;
- Dial-A-Story;
- a public space at the Worcester Public Library's Main Branch that includes accessible computer stations;

and much more!

Most items can be shipped right to you via mail, with return postage included. **All services and resources are provided free of charge** thanks to funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and materials supplied by the National Library Service. For more information on services or resources, or for questions on eligibility or how to get started, please contact us at the Gale Free Library. Or feel free to reach out to the WTBL directly at 508-799-1730 or 1-800-762-0085 (email: [talkbook@mywpl.org](mailto:talkbook@mywpl.org)).