

The BOOKMARK

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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October Program Headliners



Sam Baltrusis

Spooky season has begun! Join us on Thursday, October 9 at 6:30pm for *Ghosts of Sleepy Hollow* as author and journalist Sam Baltrusis takes us on a bone-chilling journey through the streets of Sleepy Hollow. Registration is required. See page 2 for more information.



Áine Minogue

Join us for *An Evening of Irish Harp and Vocals* on Wednesday, October 22 at 6:30pm, when we welcome back Irish harpist and vocalist Aine Minogue to the Gale Free Library. Registration is required. See page 2 for more details.

Library News

- The Library will be closed on Monday, October 13, for the holiday.
- Halloween programs abound in the Children's Room this month! See page 3 for more information.
- The Gale Free Community Art Show returns in November. See page 5 for our "Call for Art" flyer with all the details.
- 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. For Children's Room programming, sign up for our email list at bit.ly/gflkidsemail. Or keep up with us by following us on Facebook and Instagram!



Our Local History Room is looking for good copies of the following Wachusett yearbooks: 1955, 1972, 1982, 1983, 1986, 1987, 1988 and 1990. If you have a copy you'd like to donate, please contact Nancy Richards at 508-210-5569.

Adult Programs

Whimsical Still-Life Painting with Caoín Springer O'Durgy

Wednesday, 10/8, 6pm

Registration required.

You know you're painting right when you're giggling through the process, so let's paint some silly still lifes together! Using toys, bright colors, and fun textures, we will create works that foster excitement and joy for still-life painting. Feel free to bring along your own favorite toys, sculptures, ornaments, or more to add to the whimsy!

Ghosts of Sleepy Hollow with Sam Baltrusis

Thursday, 10/9, 6:30pm

Registration required.

Nestled on the banks of the Hudson River, Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown are steeped in history and ghost lore. Famous for Washington Irving's "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," the storied Westchester region also has a dark history of witches, spies, and pirates. Rumors of Headless Horseman sightings surge during spooky season when visitors flock to the Valley's haunted hot spots like the Old Dutch Church and the famed writer's Sunnyside home. Join author and journalist Sam Baltrusis on a bone-chilling journey through the streets of Sleepy Hollow as he breathes new life into the legendary village's long-departed souls.

An Evening of Irish Harp and Vocal with Áine Minogue

Wednesday, 10/22, 6:30pm

Registration required.

We are happy to welcome back Irish harpist and vocalist Áine Minogue to the Gale Free Library. Born and raised in County Tipperary, Ireland, Áine is an award-winning harpist, singer, arranger and composer who has entertained Presidents and Prime Ministers and traveled extensively to perform at concerts across the United States and around the world. With a dozen solo album recordings to her credit, Áine has been nominated for several awards for her work as a record producer. The "Boston Globe" has said, "...this Irish harpist combines a hypnotic Celtic spirituality and contemporary sophistication in her playing and delicately lovely singing."

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!

Adult Take-Home Craft

Starts Wednesday, 10/1

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

Ukulele Group

Wednesdays, 10/1 and 10/15

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'll be attending.

Cooking Club

"5 Ingredients or Less"

Tuesday, 10/14, 6:30pm

Registration required.

Sometimes our pantry is running low, so we skip the recipes that call for too many ingredients. What's your go-to dish with five ingredients or fewer? Join us to share your favorite dish, along with the recipe, and to hear about others' delicious choices.

The Craft of Writing Workshop

with Jennifer Freed

"The Familiar and
the Foreign"

Thursday, 10/16, 10:30am-12pm

Online via Zoom

Registration required.

Let's look at writing that invites readers to see a place from an unfamiliar perspective.

Mornings with Maggie

Saturday, 10/18, 12-1pm

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.

Art Club

Wednesday, 10/29, 6-7:30pm

Ages 16+

Join us for Meditative Art Making processes and the last Art Club of the year. We'll have some quiet music and all the art tools you need. Come away with a feeling of calm and several approachable, intuitive methods to art making. Our themes and topics at Art Club are always optional, but this one will share some specific techniques to decompress. After this, we'll be on a hiatus over the Thanksgiving and winter holidays, but we look forward to picking right back up in January!
RSVP recommended.

*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

Spellbook Craft

Wednesday, 10/22, 4:20 PM

Ages 7+

Registration opens 10/15.

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

Cuts and Bruises Stage Makeup

with Little Spark Theater

Thursday, 10/23, 4:20-5:50 PM

Ages 10+

Registration opens 10/16.

Dive into the world of stage makeup with some gruesome wounds in this special Halloween class! Join Little Spark Theater to learn some tricks of the trade for creating realistic-looking wounds using makeup.

Bead Skeleton Keychain

Tuesday, 10/28, 4:20 PM

Ages 7+

Registration opens 10/21.

This keychain is sure to rattle your bones! Make your very own skeleton keychain out of pony beads.

Halloween Scavenger Hunt with

Community Connections

Friday, 10/31, 10 AM

Ages 2-5

On the Library Lawn.

No registration required.

Join Community Connections for a silly, spooky Halloween scavenger hunt. This program helps increase social, fine, and gross-motor and problem-solving skills. It's also a fun way to build vocabulary!



Wooden-Pumpkin-Painting Take-Home Craft

Wednesday 10/1 - Wednesday 10/15

In the Children's Room.

Lend a hand in decorating the Library for Halloween! Pick up your wooden pumpkin starting on the 1st, decorate it, then drop it off by the 15th. When you return your pumpkin, we'll have a treat for you! While supplies last.

LEGO Club

Wednesday, 10/1 and

Wednesday, 10/8, 4:20 PM

Ages 6+

Registration opens 9/24 and 10/1.

Build the spookiest spot in the sea for this month's monster island LEGO display!

LEGO Jr.

Thursday, 10/2, 4:20 PM

Ages 4-5

Registration opens 9/25.

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

Read, Build, Play

with Community Connections

Friday, 10/3, 10 AM

Ages 2-5

No registration necessary.

Join us to read, build, and play! Children expand their problem-solving skills, and develop social skills as they build.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Thursday, 10/16, 4:20 PM

Grades 4+

Registration opens 9/25.

Read and discuss *Eerie Tales from the School of Screams* by Graham Annable and learn about making comics! Once you register, visit the Children's Room to borrow your copy of the graphic novel.

Kidding Around Yoga with

Miss Nicole

Friday, 10/17, 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!



Dungeons and Dragons One-Shot

Tuesday, 10/21, 3:30-5:30 PM

Grades 6+

Registration opens 10/14.

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.

Weekly 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.

Museum Passes, Local History

Museum Moments

At the Ecotarium

Autumn Adventures:

The Great Green Investigation
Saturday and Sunday, October 4 & 5

Free with Admission

- Leaf Logic Mission Control Center — Examine fall leaves and the science behind them as you embark on your investigation
- Glow Zone Secret Color Lab — Discover the wonders of ultraviolet light with hands-on glow-in-the-dark activities and a glowing “laser” maze
- Leaf Rubbing — Observe and capture the beautiful structures of leaves by making your own leaf rubbing
- Hibernation Station — Build a shelter of your own and learn how animals prepare for the changing seasons
- Fall Photo Stations — Take a photo with your group at our themed photo backdrops

See ecotarium.org for more information.

At the Discovery Museum

National Chemistry Week:
The Hidden Life of Spices!

Sunday, October 19

10am to 12pm

Free with admission

Discover the wonders of chemistry as we celebrate National Chemistry Week. Join us and our guest educators from the local American Chemical Society Chapter for fun, hands-on activities on this year's theme, “The Hidden Life of Spices!”

See discoveryacton.org
for more 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.

As with the Damon and Estes histories of Holden, the third town history was written at the request of the committee that organized an anniversary celebration-- Holden's 200th year or Bicentennial.

Excerpts from Florence Newell Prouty's
History of the Town of Holden, Massachusetts, 1667-1941
“QUABBIN [RESERVOIR] TUNNEL IN HOLDEN

Thanks is extended to Mr. William W. Peabody, division engineer of the Metropolitan District Water Supply Commission for the following description of this engineering project—

The Quabbin Aqueduct which supplies water for the Metropolitan District of Boston passes through Holden for a distance of about 4½ miles in nearly an east-west direction through what was formerly Quinapoxet Village*. This aqueduct is a tunnel 24.6 miles in length and is the second longest completed continuous tunnel in the world, being of a size sufficient to run a standard trolley car through it. It is constructed entirely in rock ranging in depth below the ground surface from 200 feet to 800 feet. It takes water from the Ware River at Coldbrook** and from Quabbin Reservoir at a point about one mile south of the former Greenwich Village***. It is lined with concrete, forming a waterway 12 feet, 9 inches high and 11 feet wide.

Two of the thirteen shafts on this tunnel are in Holden. Shaft 2 adjacent to the Quinapoxet River about one mile east of the West Boylston town line is about 315 feet deep and Shaft 3 in North Woods**** district, and also adjacent to the Quinapoxet River, is about 350 feet deep. The tunnel crosses under Manning Street near Shaft 2 where it is 330 feet below the street; under Wachusett Street at the former Quinapoxet Village, 310 feet below the street; 360 feet below Princeton Street; 400 feet below Whitney Street; 430 feet below Bryant Road and is about 470 feet below Broad Street which it crosses near Shaft 4 just west of the Holden line in Rutland. The portion of the tunnel within the town of Holden was constructed during 1927 to 1931, inclusive and was first put into service in March, 1931, when water from the Ware River was first diverted through the tunnel from Shaft 8 at Coldbrook to Wachusett Reservoir at Oakdale.

During the construction of the shafts and tunnel, an average of about 150 men were employed within the limits of the town of Holden. A camp was maintained at Shaft 2 where a considerable proportion of the men working from this shaft lived, but many of the men employed lived at their own homes and drove to and from work in their own cars. Only a short length of tunnel was driven from Shaft 3.

During the construction of the tunnel a detail study of the geological structure was made and specimens of rock were taken throughout the length of the tunnel at intervals of about 50 feet and were preserved and are available for public inspection at the Intake building at Coldbrook.

This tunnel passed through a dike of trap rock in Holden about ½ mile east of the Rutland town line. This is part of the same formation afterwards developed and now operated as a quarry by the Holden Trap Rock Company, at Jefferson.”

*One of the several former villages of Holden.

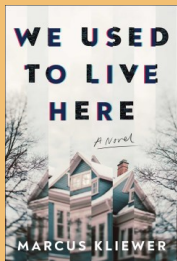
**Coldbrook Springs was once a village of Oakham.

***One of the four villages lost to construction of the Quabbin Reservoir.

****Another former village of Holden.

Staff Picks, Call for Art

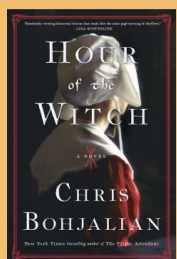
Staff Picks



We Used to Live Here
By Marcus Kliewer



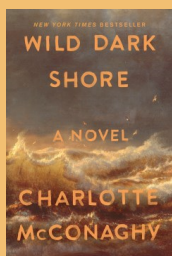
*Lost on a Mountain
in Maine*
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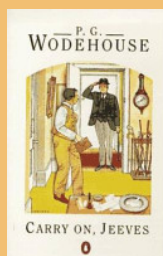
Hour of the Witch
By Chris Bohjalian



William
By Mason Colle



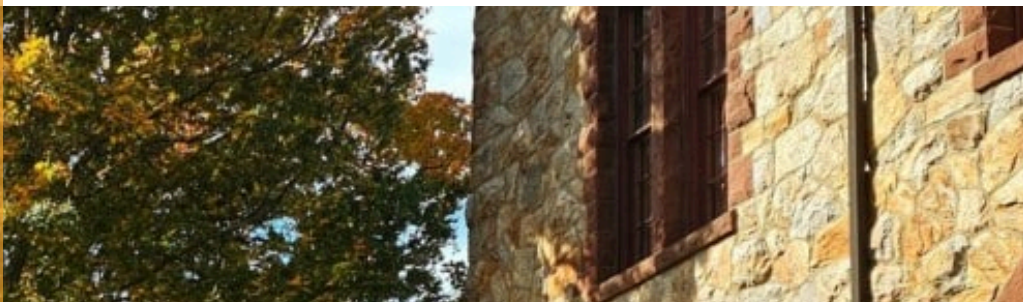
Wild Dark Shore
By
Charlotte McConagh



Carry On, Jeeves
By P. G. Wodehouse
Celebrating its 100th
anniversary this month!



It Came from 2005
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- ALL AGES
- ALL ABILITIES

Public
Reception
Sat., 11/15
11 am - 12 pm

Call for Art

November Community Show: Comfort

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. Contact the Reference Desk with questions: 508-210-5569 or galefreelibrary@gmail.com

Drop off: November 1-6
(at the Reference Desk)

Pick up: November 29-December 3

The exhibit will be displayed
in the Upstairs Lobby from November 5 - 29, 2025.

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

