



The BOOKMARK

The monthly newsletter of the Gale Free Library

October 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

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Book Cellar Hours

Monday 1-4pm *Donations Only*

Tuesday-Thursday 1-4pm

Saturday 10am-3pm

This October, our Reading Room will be transformed
into a Masquerade Ball, the setting of
a live Murder Mystery, in



MIDNIGHT AT THE MASQUERADE

A Masquerade Murder Mystery

Attend the Billionaires' Club Annual Masquerade Ball
and get this soiree back on track by solving
the crime before the masked menace gets away!

Thursday, October 22 | 5:30-8pm

Adults only, ages 18+

In the Reading Room

Registration is required | See page 2 for more details

Costumes encouraged!

Calendar Reminder

The Library will be closed Monday, October 12.



*An Evening of
Irish Harp and Vocals
with Áine Minogue
"Harvest Celebration"*
Wednesday, October 28
6-7:30pm

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."

**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

Adult Take-Home Craft
Begins Tuesday, October 6

This month's craft is a "Bookish Hedgehog"! Stop by the Reference Desk for your craft. Crafts are one per person.

Ukulele Group
Wednesdays, October 7 & 21
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! If you are new to the group, please contact the Reference Desk to let us know you'll be attending.

The Craft of Writing Workshop
"Color"
Thursday, October 8
10:30am-12pm
Online via Zoom

Registration required

As the leaves turn, and we look ahead to the more subdued palette of winter, let's see how putting color into a piece of writing can help carry it.

Cooking Club
"First Recipe"
Tuesday, October 13
6:30-7:30pm

Registration required

For this program, we thought it would be fun to flash back to the first recipe you remember making, and share it with the group. If you'd like, you can put a modern spin on it--or make it just like you remember it! Please bring your recipe along with the dish.



Adult Ukulele Class
with Julie Stepanek
Thursday, October 15
6:30-7:30pm

Registration required

Want to try an instrument that is fun and easy to play? Join Julie Stepanek as she shows the fundamentals of ukulele playing. No experience necessary. Ukuleles provided. This program is for ages 16 and up.

Classics Book Group
Tuesday, October 20
1-2pm

Registration required

Join the Classics Book Group to discuss *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck. Copies of the book can be picked up at the Reference Desk.



Midnight At The Masquerade
Thursday, October 22
5:30-8pm
Ages 18+

Registration required

Join us for an evening at the library like no other, as our Reading Room is transformed into the scene of a Masquerade Ball Murder Mystery! This special program will be presented by Boston's Murder Mystery Company. The "crime" will take place from 6-8pm, however guests are expected to arrive by 5:30pm to mingle, review the rules, set the scene, and receive suspect roles. Registration is limited, so please contact us to save a spot. *Costumes are encouraged!*

Art Club
Thursday, October 29
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 quotation or a book or an image available to inspire a(n optional) response. This program is intended for patrons of all abilities.

*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!

Book Clubs

Tween Graphic Novel Book Club

Tuesday, October 13
3:30 PM
Grades 6+

Registration opens 9/22 at 12 PM

Come read and discuss *Sheets* by Brenna Thummler! 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, October 15
4:20—5:20 PM
Grades 4+

Registration opens 9/24 at 12 PM

Come read and discuss *Free Piano (Not Haunted)* by Whitney Gardner! 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

Tuesday, October 20
4:20-5:20 PM
Grades 4+

Registration opens 9/30 at 12 PM

Join Mr. Kevin to discuss modern classics. This month's title will be announced soon! Once you register, visit the Children's Room to borrow your copy of the book.

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

Yayoi Kusama:

The Princess of Polka Dots
Thursday, October 1
4:20-5:20 PM
Ages 5+

Registration opens 9/24 at 12 PM

Join art educator Mary E.L. Shepherd for an art lesson. As we read about this famous artist, we will learn about her love of polka dots, infinity mirrors, and be inspired by her artwork of pumpkins too. Then we will create our own pumpkin artwork.

LEGO Masters

Wednesday, October 7
4:20-5:20 PM
Ages 10+

Registration opens 9/30 at 12 PM

We want to have our most experienced LEGO builders to help design and build this month's Halloween display. Our first session each month will be for our older builders ages 10 and up -- your builds will help set up the world for our younger builders to fill in.

LEGO Jr.

Thursday, October 8
4:20-5:05 PM
Ages 4-5

Registration opens 10/1 at 12 PM

A club for our youngest LEGO heads. We're making scary buildings and cars for our Halloween display. Please plan on attending with your child--it's fun to build together!

LEGO Club

Wednesday, October 14
4:20-5:20 PM
Ages 6+

Registration opens 10/7 at 12 PM

This month is all about spookiness as we work on buildings and cemeteries for our Halloween display. Our LEGO Masters will set the stage, and our regular LEGO club kids will add to the scary world. Witches, ghosts, and skeletons, oh my!



Kidding Around Yoga
with Miss Nicole
Friday, October 16
10-11 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!

Free Play Friday

Friday, October 30
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

Lapsit Story Times
Thursdays
10:00—10:30 AM
Ages 2 and under

No registration required.

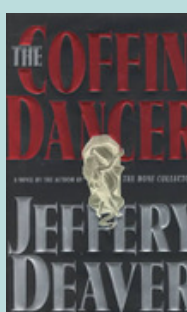
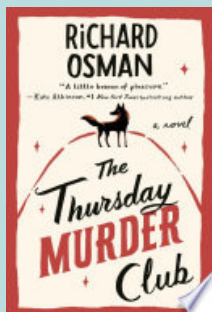
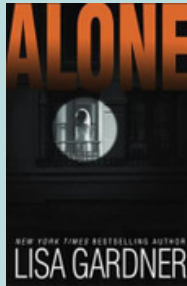
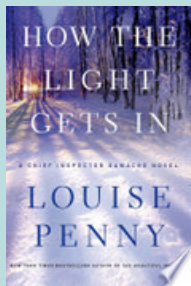
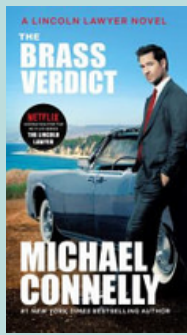
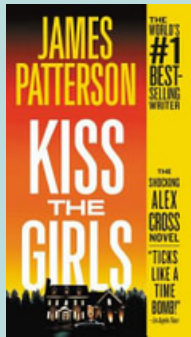
Join Miss Rachel for songs, short picture-book stories, and more. This story time will focus on routine, repetition, and early literacy skills like ABCs and 123s.

Preschool Story Times
Thursdays
11:00—11:30 AM
Ages 3-6

No registration required.

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!

Top Circulating Mysteries at the Gale Free



Halloween in the Children's Room

Slime Time
Friday, October 16
4:20-5 PM
Ages 4+

Registration opens 10/9 at 12 PM

Release your inner mad scientist or cauldron-stirring witch by customizing a jar of sticky slime with Miss Rachel! Please note that this program is only 40 minutes long and ends at 5 PM.

*Hollywood Horror:
Cuts and Bruises*
with Little Spark Theater
Wednesday, October 21
4:20-5:50 PM
Ages 10+

Registration opens 10/14 at 12 PM

Dive into the world of stage makeup with some gruesome wounds for this special Halloween class! Join Little Spark Theater to learn some tricks of the trade for creating realistic-looking wounds using makeup. *Participants will be required to sign a waiver before participating.*

Witch's Pillows
Friday, October 23
4:20-5 PM
Ages 4+

Registration open 10/16 at 12 PM

Decorate a witch's pillow and fill with a blend of herbs for an enchanting scent! Please note that this program is only 40 minutes long and ends at 5 PM.

Create Your Own Spellbook
Wednesday, October 28
4:20-5:20 PM
Ages 7+

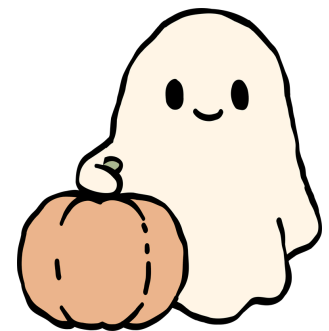
Registration opens 10/21 at 12 PM

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

*Halloween Scavenger Hunt With
Community Connections*
Friday, October 30
10-11 AM
Library Lawn
Ages 2-5

No registration required

Join Community Connections for a silly spooky Halloween scavenger hunt on the lawn. This program helps increase social, fine and gross motor and problem solving skills, and is a fun way to build vocabulary!



Once again, the Gale Free Library will be participating in "Halloween in Holden," a trick-or-treat event organized by Holden's Recreation Department. Trick-or-treating will be held throughout the building on Saturday, October 24, 11am-2pm.

Museum Passes

Weekend of Wonder New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill

Saturday, October 10-

Monday, October 12

Free with General Admission

Reserving tickets online

is strongly recommended*

Join NEBG for a weekend full of magic this autumn as fairy friends transform the Garden into a realm filled with imagination, wonder, and enchantment. Explore the gardens while enjoying brews and local fare at the beer garden, browsing a fairyland artist and vendor market, and discovering hidden fairy houses along the way. This weekend features magical crafts, workshops, and entertainment for all ages. Spread your wings and come dressed up as your favorite magical being!

Be sure to visit nebg.org for further information and the complete schedule.

**Contact our Reference Desk to reserve the pass and receive the discount code for online ticket purchases.*

Autumn Adventures Weekend at the Ecotarium

Saturday, October 31-

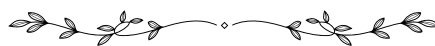
Sunday, November 1

Have you noticed changes in the leaves? A chill in the air? The start of a spooky season? Autumn is here and the Ecotarium is getting into the Halloween spirit. Explore ghost bubbles, go on an adventure in our Glow Zone or even celebrate Jack-O-Lanterns with some explosive experiments all while learning about the science behind changing seasons! Costumes are appreciated, but not required. Join them for a happy, haunted Halloween!

For more information, and a complete schedule of the weekend, visit ecotarium.org.

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.

Art in the Library



The Library Show

In the Upstairs Lobby

In October, the Gale Free Library staff are back with another exhibit! Come see what your favorite librarians craft and create outside of library hours.



The Upstairs Lobby is accessible by elevator or stairs and is open whenever the Library is open.

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.