

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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Gale Free Community Art Show

We are excited to announce our second Community Art Show of the year! This month, we invite all ages to submit an original work of art that brings you "Joy"! Please drop off your unframed piece at the Reference Desk between September 3 and 12 (max size 12"x16", matted okay) for display in our Upstairs Lobby throughout the month. **All are welcome to join us for a Public Reception to celebrate our fabulous community artists on Saturday, September 21, from 11am-1pm.** If you have any questions, please call the Reference Desk at 508-210-5569 or email us at galefreelibrary@gmail.com.

Library News

- The Library returns to its typical Saturday hours, 9am-4pm, after the Labor Day holiday.
- Join us for "Haunted Road Trips of New England" on Tuesday, September 17. See our Adult Programs on page 2 for further information.
- Kidding-Around Yoga for ages 2-5 is at the Library on Friday, September 13. Please see page 3 for further information.
- 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

"Haunted Road Trips of New England" with Roxie Zwicker of New England Curiosities

Tuesday, 9/17

6:30pm

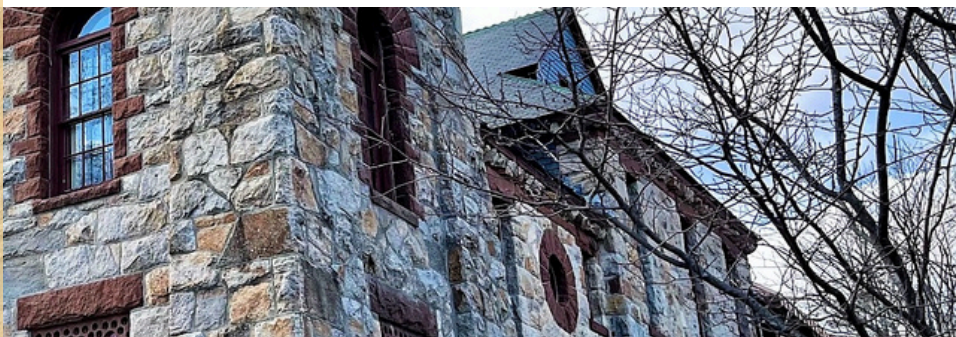


Take a virtual road trip along the strange highways and byways of New England with mystery maven Roxie Zwicker. Learn about secrets, fun landmarks, mysterious places, and active haunts to explore that will prompt you to take your own unforgettable trips.

Roxie Zwicker has been entertaining locals, visitors from away, and curious souls since 1994. Her company, New England Curiosities, has been offering award-winning tours, presentations, and special events based on New England folklore and ghost stories since 2002. Roxie's TV appearances include *New Hampshire Chronicle*, New England Cable News, the HISTORY Channel, and the Travel Channel. She is the published author of 10 books that delve into history, legends, and lore. **Registration required.**



"Water Scenes" by Anne Tisdell September Art in the Program Room



Adult Take-Home Craft

Starts Wednesday, 9/4

Please visit the Reference Desk
for your kit.

This month's take-home craft is "Soft Rock Paperweight"! 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!"

Saturday, 9/7

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

"The Family Nurse: Home Medical Care in the Early 19th Century" with Christine Higginbottom

Tuesday, 9/10, 6pm

Registration required.

Christie Higginbottom joins us for this program illustrating the role played by home-grown, wild-gathered, and purchased herbal remedies in the treatment of common health problems in Early American households. Christie will describe plant varieties and preparation methods, including infusions, decoctions, ointments, poultices, fomentations, and tinctures. Christie has worked as a costumed interpreter at Old Sturbridge Village since 1981. From 1984 to 2004, she coordinated the historic horticulture program, researching, planning, and planting the recreated kitchen and flower gardens at the museum's historic households. In addition, she writes and consults on historic gardens and their interpretation, antique plants, and herb use, and lectures at museums and historic sites, garden clubs, historical societies, and libraries.

Flower-Arranging Workshop with Margaret Newton

Thursday, 9/12

6pm

Registration required.

Margaret Newton, whose gorgeous bouquets you have likely seen at our Holden Farmers Market, will be visiting the Library to talk with us about flower arranging and care. Participants will be able to choose from a selection of her beautiful homegrown dahlia blooms.

The Craft of Writing Workshop with Jennifer Freed "Food"

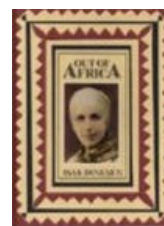
Thursday, 9/19

10:30am-12pm

Online via Zoom.

Registration required.

Let's look at ways that everyday foods can become a starting point to telling a powerful story. No experience necessary. Registration required.



Classics Book Group

Thursday, 9/26

6:30pm

Registration
required.

Join us as we discuss *Out of Africa* by Isak Dinesen. Copies of the book can be picked up at the Reference Desk.

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
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Children's & Teens' Programs

Story Times Return!

Lapsit Story Time

(Ages 2 and under)

Thursdays

Beginning 9/12

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

Beginning 9/12

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, and of course Mr. Kevin's great sense of humor!



Kidding-Around Yoga

with Miss Nicole

Friday, 9/13

10 - 11 AM

(Ages 2-5)

In the Program Room

Registration required.

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!

Read, Build, Play with Community Connections

Friday, 9/27

10 - 11 AM

(Ages 2-5)

In the Program Room

Registration required.

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, 9/26

4:20 - 5:20 PM

(Grades 4+)

In the Program Room

Registration opens 9/3.

Read and discuss *Plain Jane and the Mermaid* by Vera Brosgol, and learn about making comics! Once you register, visit the Children's Room to borrow a copy of the graphic novel.

Teen Programs

Dungeons and Dragons

Tuesday, 9/24

3:45 - 5:45 PM

(Grades 6+)

In the Program Room

Registration opens 9/17.

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. **Interested in using our space and resources to run your own game? Contact Rachel at rburton@cwmars.org.**

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.

You can also keep up with us on the

Gale Free Kids Facebook page and galefreelibrary.org.

Museum Passes, Local History

Museum Moments



Feather Fest
September 7
Ecotarium

Join our Feather Fest to spy some frequent flyers, use tools to simulate birds' eating habits, practice your calls and warbles, and meet a favorite feathered friend. Discover the fascinating world of birds in this avian adventure! All Feather Fest activities are included in admission! ecotarium.org



Fall Fest
September 21-22
Old Sturbridge Village

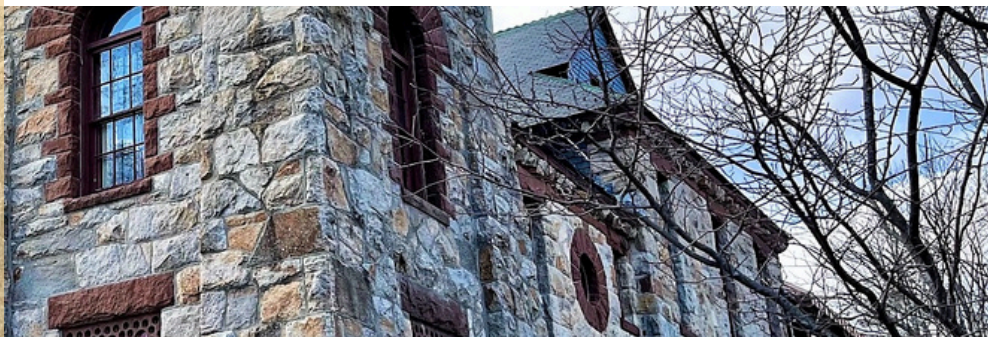
Spend the day in the vibrant surroundings of New England's largest outdoor living-history museum. Come enjoy a day of family fun and educational adventure. Whether you're a history enthusiast, a lover of animals, or simply looking for a fun and informative fall outing, Fall Fest offers something for everyone. osv.org

Dali: Disruption and Devotion
Now through December 1
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

Dali: Disruption and Devotion juxtaposes nearly 30 paintings and prints on loan from the Salvador Dalí Museum in St. Petersburg, Florida, with European masterpieces from the MFA's collection, including portraits, religious scenes, and still-lives by El Greco, Orazio Gentileschi, and Velázquez, among others. mfa.org



Contact the Reference Desk at 508-210-5569
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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.

The History of Holden, Massachusetts, 1667-1841.

The first history of Holden was written by the Reverend Samuel C. Damon, a son of Holden and a brother of Susan Damon Gale, who married the founder of the Damon Memorial and Gale Free Library, Samuel C. Gale. A recent graduate of the Andover Theological Seminary, Reverend Damon was asked to deliver "an historical address" at the centennial celebration of Holden, held May 4, 1841 in the town center. His well-received address, with added notes and an appendix, became this published history.

To set the scene:

"[May 4, 1841] was remarkable in the climate of New England. Snow had fallen during the preceding week to unusual depth, and the white drifts and beds remained along the borders and covered the little hollow of the fields, and although the sun shone bright, the north-west wind was chilled with the breath of winter." (*National Aegis*, May 19, 1841)

From Damon's address:

"The earliest authentic accounts, on record, which refer to the tract of land now embraced within the limits of the township of Holden, are co-eval with the history of Worcester. That town originally had its North and South halves. The General Court of Massachusetts, in May, 1667, appointed a Committee 'to take an exact viewe' of lands lying in the vicinity of Quinsigamond Pond . . .

"[The Committee believe] it expedient, that the honored Court will be pleased to reserve [the lands] for a town, being conveniently situated, and well watered with ponds and brooks, and lying near mid-way between Boston and Springfield, about one day's journey from either. . .

"The persons, who had obtained a grant of this tract of land from the General Court, did not consider their title as valid, until by purchase, it had been secured to them by the Indians, the original proprietors of the soil. On the 13th of July, 1674, John alias Horrawannonit, or Quiquonassett, Sagamore of Pakachoge, and Solomon alias Woonaskochu, Sagamore of Tataessit, together with the consent of their kindred and people, conveyed by deed the abovementioned tract of land . . . the broken upland and woodlands, woods, trees, rivers, brooks, ponds, swamps, meadows, mineralls, or any other thing, or things whatsoever, lying or being within that tract of land, containing eight miles square or the contents thereof, to be layd out. . . in time convenient."*

*Dated July 13, 1674, the land described in the deed would become Worcester, Holden, Auburn, and added sections of Paxton and West Boylston.

Local History content is provided by our Local History Librarian, Nancy Richards.

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Hypnotic

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2023 DVD--Action

Wendy

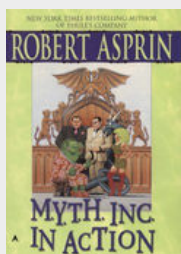


Arthur the King

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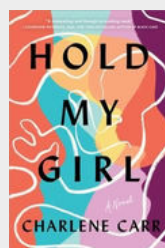
2024 DVD

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in Action*

by Robert Asprin
Spencer

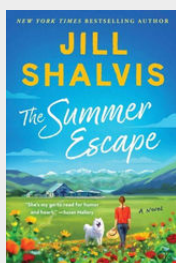


Hold My Girl

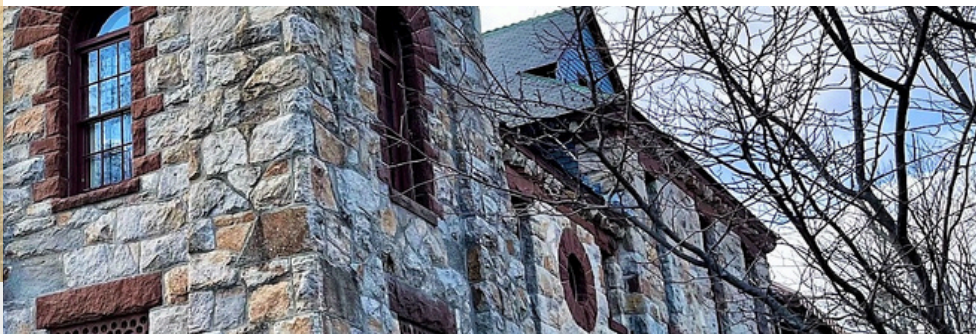
by Charlene Carr
Danielle



We Could Be So Good
by Cat Sebastian
Nancy Cl.



The Summer Escape
by Jill Shalvis
Nancy Ch.



It's Not Over Yet-- Five End-of-Summer Reads with Intrigue, Mystery, and Romance

Read and Recommended by Judy of Circulation

The Summer Swap, the newest release from Sarah Morgan, is an emotional roller coaster about family, friendship, and forgiveness. It is the story of a summer escape to Cape Cod with heartbreak, the unraveling of long-held secrets, and chances to start over. The characters are well developed, and it's hard to put the book down.

The Lost Letters from Martha's Vineyard by Michael Callahan has a bit of intrigue and mystery. The story alternates between 1959 vintage Hollywood and modern Martha's Vineyard. Mercy Welles, a rising young actress, suddenly disappears from the Hollywood scene. Many years later her granddaughter, Kit, is packing up her grandmother's attic and discovers a box of letters. Alternating timelines between Kit and Mercy put together the puzzle pieces of Mercy's life, which contains love, betrayal, and murder.

Seven Summers by Paige Toon is a tale about the comings and goings and the risings and fallings of the relationship between Liv and Finn. Liv lives in Cornwall while Finn lives in Los Angeles near his band, aspiring to be a songwriter. They promise to see each other every summer as long as they are both unattached. And then Liv meets Tom...your heart shatters into pieces and is put back together again and again.

A Happier Life, the newest release from Kristy Woodson Harvey, takes place in Beaufort, North Carolina. Keaton Smith, the granddaughter of Rebecca and Townsend Saint James, agrees to clean out the detritus of their home so the property can be put on the market. The house on Sunset Lane has remained closed and unoccupied since their fateful disappearance in 1976 and literally feels like a museum. As Keaton gets to know her neighbors and the town folks, she begins to wonder if the stories about her grandparents that she has grown up with are true. Could there be more to the story?

15 Summers Later is the most recent book by author RaeAnne Thayne. It is set in Emerald Creek, in the panhandle of Idaho. It's an appealing story about two sisters who survive a traumatic event as teenagers that continues to affect their lives. Their ordeal changed everything, and now they must attempt to reconcile their futures and face their past. There is mystery, intrigue, and romance in this enjoyable tale.

