



The BOOKMARK

The monthly newsletter of the Gale Free Library

September 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



what a SUMMER!

The Children's Room statistics are in--and our amazing community showed up in a big way this summer!

There were 850 registrants for the Children's summer reading program who read a total of 626,531 minutes!

From special story times to magic shows, from live raptors to Town trucks, the Gale Free held 36 Children's programs, which were attended by 3,588 participants!

Calendar Reminders

The Library will be closed Saturday, September 5 through Monday, September 7 for the Labor Day holiday.

Saturday hours return to 9am-4pm beginning Saturday, September 12.

Adult Programs

The Art of Photography with Don Bullens

Thursday, September 24
6:30-7:30pm

Registration required

Would you like to learn more about the art of photography? Drawing from art theory, our September exhibiting photographer, Don Bullens, will be presenting a program focusing on techniques to help you create better photographs. His presentation will include a PowerPoint program demonstrating the concept of simplicity, the use of the rule of thirds, implementing angles and leading lines, and the importance of lighting for effective and pleasing results. Don teaches digital photography at Worcester State University, and shows and sells his work in Florida and New England.

Reiki-Infused Sound Bath with Brandy Lefsyk

Tuesday, September 29
6:30-7:30pm

Registration required

A sound bath is a therapeutic and meditative experience where you "bathe" in the sounds and vibrations produced by different instruments, such as chimes and crystal bowls. Through these sounds and vibrations, your mind enters a meditative and relaxed state. Sound bathing has been found to be beneficial for relieving anxiety and stress, promoting deep meditation, heightening clarity, and improving the ability to concentrate. A sound bath is beneficial for beginners of meditation, but is also great for seasoned meditators. Join us for this introduction to Sound Bath Healing. Chairs will be provided, but you are welcome to bring a mat or cushion.

*For more information or to register
for a program, please contact the
Reference Desk at 508-210-5569
or email us at
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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, September 1

This month's craft is a Corn Kernel Imprinted Tile craft! Stop by the Reference Desk for your craft. Crafts are one per person.

Ukulele Group

Wednesdays, September 2 & 16
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.

Cooking Club "Coffee Cupping with Rob Fitzgibbon"

Tuesday, September 8
6:30pm

Registration required

Learn all about the fascinating world of coffee from coffee enthusiast Rob Fitzgibbon. Enjoy an informal half-hour presentation covering coffee as an agricultural commodity, how it's grown and processed, how it's been consumed throughout history. You will also learn about roasting, aroma, taste, and mouthfeel. Rob will then lead participants in a fun interactive exercise in which they try three different coffees and document what they smell and taste, using stickers and a flavor wheel. The event will conclude with participants sharing their perceptions of taste and aroma, engaging in a Q & A session, and finishing their coffee.

The Craft of Writing Workshop "Labor"

Thursday, September 10
10:30am-12pm
Online via Zoom

Registration required

We'll look at poems in which the first-person speaker is not the author, but some other (e.g., fictional or historical) character, and discuss why and how one might apply this approach.

Classics Book Group
Tuesday, September 15
1pm

Registration required

Join the Classics Book Group to discuss *Main Street* by Sinclair Lewis. Copies of the book can be picked up at the Reference Desk.

Mornings with Maggie
Tuesday, September 22
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 therapy team certified through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. No registration required.

Art Club
Wednesday, September 30
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.

Book Clubs

Tween Graphic Novel Book Club

Tuesday, September 15

3:30 PM

Grades 6+

In the Program Room.

Registration opens 8/25.

Read and discuss *The Well* by Jake Wyatt, and learn about making comics! Once you register, visit the Children's Room to borrow your copy of the graphic novel.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Thursday, September 17

4:20 PM

Grades 4-5

In the Program Room.

Registration opens 8/27.

Read and discuss *El Deafo* by Cece Bell, and learn about making comics! Once you register, visit the Children's Room to borrow your copy of the graphic novel.

Book Nook Book Club

Tuesday, September 29

4:20 PM

Grades 4+

In the Children's Room.

Registration opens 9/1.

Join Mr. Kevin to discuss modern classics. This month's book is *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio! 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

Seed Mosaics

with Hands on Nature

Wednesday, September 16

4:20 PM

Ages 4+

In the Program Room.

Registration opens 9/9.

Join Hands on Nature for a discussion on the life cycle of a plant, then make some seed art to take home!

Kidding Around Yoga

with Miss Nicole

Friday, September 25

10 AM

Ages 2-5

In the Program Room.

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, September 25

2:30-4:30 PM

In the Program Room.

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.

Teen Program

Dungeons and Dragons

Tuesday, September 22

3:30-5:30 PM

Grades 6+

In the Program Room.

Registration opens 9/1.

Join us at the Library for a four-session 5th Edition D&D campaign! Signing up for this program is committing to attend four events. Learn more on our website!

Weekly Story Times

Lapsit Story Times

Thursdays

Beginning September 10

10:00—10:30 AM

Ages 2 and under

In the Program Room.

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

Beginning September 10

11:00—11:30 AM

Ages 3-6

In the Program Room.

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!

Museum Passes

New England Dahlia Society Show & Sale

At the New England Botanic Garden
This show is scheduled for both **Saturday, September 26** and **Sunday, September 27**. This event is included with General Admission. **NEBG recommends purchasing your tickets online in advance to secure your preferred date.** You can also buy tickets in person at the Garden.

Saturday, September 26

Bouquet Sale: 1-5pm

(while supplies last)

Show: 2-5pm

Award Ceremony: 3-4pm

Sunday, September 27

Show: 10am-3p

Lecture: "Dahlias 2.0:

New Varieties, New Science,
New Methods"

11am-12pm

Bouquet Sale: 11am-3pm

(while supplies last)

Sale of Show Flowers: 3pm-3:30pm

(while supplies last)

This annual two-day event is coordinated by the New England Dahlia Society, a group of over 100 dahlia enthusiasts devoted to the study, growth, exhibition, and enjoyment of dahlias. For your viewing pleasure, Society growers from across New England will showcase artistic displays of their most unique and beautiful blooms.

Please visit nebg.org for more information.

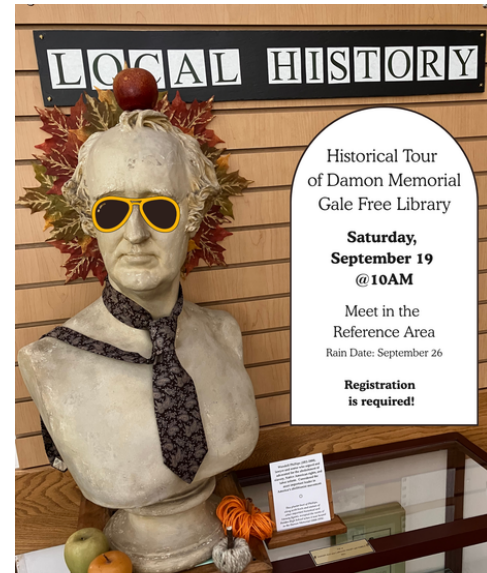
For more information or to reserve passes to this venue or other participants in our Museum Pass Program, please call the Reference Desk at 508-210-5569.

To view our Museum Pass brochure with all our offerings, visit "Museum Passes" under our Services tab on our website galefreelibrary.org.

Local History

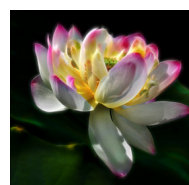
Historical Tour of the Gale Free

Have you always wondered about the history of our beautiful Gale Free Library building? Join us at 10 am on Saturday, September 19 (rain date Saturday, September 26) for a historical tour of the Damon Memorial building, home to the Gale Free Library, led by Local History Librarian Nancy Richards. Space is limited and registration is required. For more information or to register, please contact the Reference Desk at 508-210-5569 or email us at galefreelibrary@gmail.com.



Art at the Library

Don Bullens picked up a camera and found he could get backstage at concerts with his Nikon and some flimsy press credentials. That discovery led to some great images of Bob Dylan, The Rolling Stones, Bob Marley, The Grateful Dead, and other rock icons. He designed his own darkroom and spent a decade experimenting with black-and-white photography. Initially reluctant to move to digital photography, Don decided to follow the advancements in the medium and eventually became a convert. He spent years exploring the distinctive wildlife and panoramic vistas of the Florida Keys. Locally, he photographs the storms and seasons of New England and its flowers, ferns, bees, and butterflies. Don's international portfolio includes photographs of Ireland and Scotland, Russia, Italy, Prague, and Iceland. Most recently, he has focused on the architecture and street life of Rome and Barcelona. Don's work has been exhibited at the Redbone Gallery, Islamorada, Florida and the Alba Adriatic in Abruzzi, Italy. His photos have appeared in books, and his work earns awards and recognition on internet photography sites. He has work currently on exhibit at the NOA Gallery in Groton, MA. Don has taught digital photography and visual literacy at Worcester State University for the past forty years. He will be exhibiting in both the Program Room and the Upstairs Lobby of the Library.



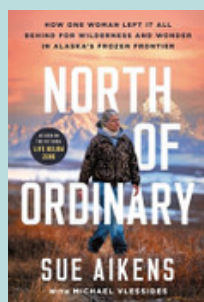
Staff Picks



The Lost Man
by Jane Harper



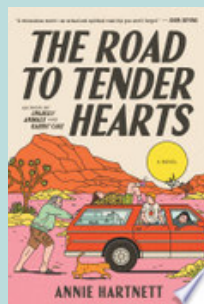
The Hopkins Manuscript
by R. C. Sherriff



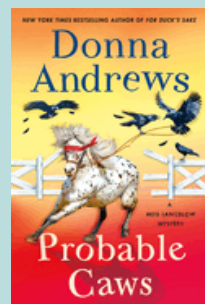
North of Ordinary
by Sue Aikens



Buckeye
by Patrick Ryan



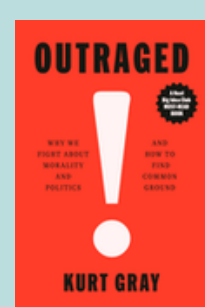
The Road to Tender Hearts
by Annie Hartnett



Probable Caws: A Meg Langslow Mystery
by Donna Andrews



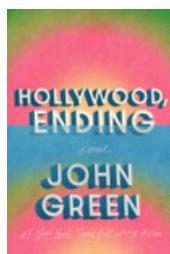
Small Things Like These
by Claire Keegan



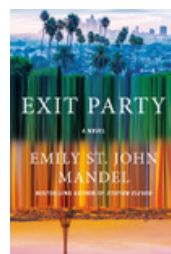
Outraged
by Kurt Gray

Fall-bulous!

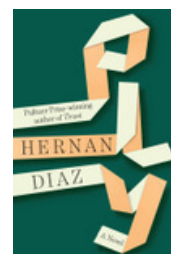
Highly Anticipated Titles Arriving This Fall



Hollywood, Ending
by John Green



Exit Party
by Emily St. John Mandel



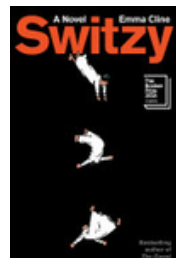
Ply
by Hernan Diaz



The French Illusion
by John Grisham



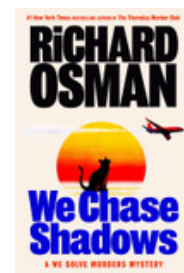
The Pirate Queen
by Ariel Lawhon



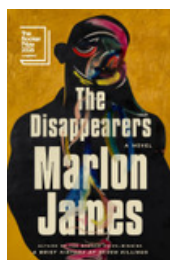
Switzy
by Emma Cline



The Rouse
by China Miéville



We Chase Shadows
by Richard Osman



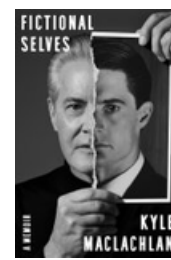
The Disappears
by Marlon James



Every Story Is a Love Story
by Imbolo Mbue



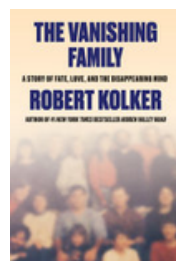
The Art of Fighting
by Priya Parker



Fictional Selves
by Kyle MacLachlan



Simply Ina
by Ina Garten



The Vanishing Family: Love, Fate, and the Quest to End Dementia
by Robert Kolker



The Butterfly Season: What 64 Butterflies Taught Me about Nature's Great Mysteries and the Meaning of Life
by Lea Korsgaard



Take My Word for It
by LeVar Burton

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