Important News

- The library will be closed on Mon, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. We will reopen on Tues, July 5th at 9:30am.

- The library is now on its summer schedule. Our hours are Mon 9:30am-5:30pm, Tues to Thurs 9:30am-8:00pm, Fri 9:30am-5:30pm, and Sat 9:00am to 1:00pm.

- TELL YOUR FRIENDS — If they need a library card account, they can get a CWMARS ecard! Go to https://catalog.cwmars.org/eg/opac/ecard/form

- You can view the full schedule for our Children and Teen Summer Reading Programs on our website!

- The Book Cellar summer hours are Mon 1pm-4pm for donations only, Tues to Thurs 1pm-4pm, and Sat 10am-12pm.
Adult Programs
Registration for programs is required.
Please email galefreelibrary@gmail.com or call 508-210-5569.

Craft Night for Adult—Special Series
Paint a Nesting Doll
Starting July 7th, this series will run every Thursday evening at 6:30pm during the month of July
You will be given your blank doll at the first session, and by the end of the 4th session you will have a fun keepsake. Space is limited so please sign up early if you would like to attend.

Beginner's Drawing Series
6–Class Series, Mondays 10am-11:30am
July 11th, 18th & 25th and Aug. 1st, 8th & 15th
Students will learn to draw using basic shapes to create birds, trees, animals, houses, flowers, chairs, and much more. From that point, we will explore perspective, shading, dimension, and elements of design. We will also experiment what some call “doodling” and some call “zentangle”. Both are super elements for relaxation and fun, as well as giving our arm and hand muscles some workouts!

Books, Boots, and Bridles: The Story of the Horse Back Librarians
Tuesday, July 12th at 2:00-3:00 pm on ZOOM
Join us, in partnership with the Tewksbury Public Library, as we learn the story of the Pack Horse Library initiative, a little known program of FDR’s Work Progress Administration (WPA). Its mission, carried out almost entirely by women, was to deliver and distribute reading materials to the far off corners of Appalachia during the darkest hours of the Great Depression. This program will be led by Jeffrey Urbin, Education Specialist at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum.

Craft of Writing Series: "First Person"
Thursday, July 21st at 10:30am via ZOOM
Join us as we look at techniques authors use to create first-person narrators. No prior experience needed. Open to all who enjoy reading and writing. You will NOT be required to write or share your work.

Classic Book Club
*Registration Required*
Thursday, July 21st
6:30 PM
Poetry Share
Bring 2 of your favorite poems to share with the group.

Cooking Club
*Registration Required*
Tuesday, July 12th
6:30 PM
Food and Recipes from Around the World

Movie Discussion
*Registration Required*
Wednesday, July 13th
6:30 PM
"The Birds"
1963 (PG-13)

Wondrous Read Ahead
Theme 1: Books by a New-to-You Author
Theme 2: Western Fiction
Theme 3: Books with an Ocean View
Theme 4: YA Books Everyone Should Read--Regardless of Age
Two-For-One Book Review

By Rachel

**Fridge Love: Organize Your Refrigerator for a Healthier, Happier Life—with 100 Recipes**

By Kristin Hong

&

**The Lazy Genius Kitchen: Have What You Need, Use What You Have, and Enjoy It Like Never Before**

By Kendra Adachi

Do you buy fruits and vegetables that go bad before you can enjoy them? Do you find yourself wondering what to have for dinner? Check out these two books: *Fridge Love* by Kristen Hong and *The Lazy Genius Kitchen* by Kendra Adachi.

*Fridge Love* is a wonderful colorful book that will get you excited about taking care of your refrigerator and your produce. The author covers the history of refrigeration and how refrigerators work, as well as how to clean and store fruits and vegetables to get the most out of your purchases.

*The Lazy Genius Kitchen* will help you get your kitchen and meal planning in order. This book gives you permission to stop pressuring yourself to make complicated, multiple-component meals. The book contains a great “How To” section with many tables/graphs as guides for making food taste good, tools/techniques, meal planning, and freezer cooking.

Staff Picks

Amy
BOOK: A HEARTY BOOK OF VEGGIE SANDWICHES
BY JACKIE FREEMAN

Danielle
BOOK: SUMMER ON THE BLUFFS
BY SUNNY HOSTIN

Nancy M. C.
BOOK: ONE SUMMER: AMERICA, 1927
BY BILL BRYSON

Spencer
MUSIC: ALBUM (1986)
BY PUBLIC IMAGE LTD

Stephanie
BOOK: THE ANTHROPOCENE REVIEWED: ESSAYS ON A HUMAN-CENTERED PLANET
BY JOHN GREEN

Veronica
MOVIE: DUNE (2021)
RATED PG-13

Wendy
MOVIE: OFFICE SPACE (1999)
RATED R
"In Friendship"

One of the dearest collections in the Gale Free's Local History Room consists of 14 tiny pieces of art created by girls (and at least one young woman) in the early 19th Century. Half of the collection is pictured to the right.

The largest item, the full-length portrait of an adult woman in a red skirt (No. 3), measures 4¼” X 5”. The smallest is the faceless doll (No. 2), which is no taller than a "splash stick" for a hot beverage, or two inches high. The creations were made with a variety of media, including pencil, ink, watercolors, and early wax crayons.

All but two of the items, the doll figure and No. 4, bear either the name or initials of the artist, written in pencil on the reverse of the little pictures. The signatures that appear most frequently are "Abbie G. Bailey" or "A. G. B." A quick search for information about Abbie Bailey in Local History produced the following:

Abbie was Abigail Goodell Bailey, who was born in Holden on April 19, 1825 to James and Elizabeth (or Elisabeth) Bailey. Abbie had at least five older siblings, all of whom were also born in Holden. On March 13, 1848, when she was 22, Abbie married Joseph Holland Gleason in Holden. Abbie died at 86 Chestnut Street in Everett, Massachusetts on October 24, 1903.

Image No. 5 is a drawing of the smartly dressed Abbie, drawn by an Ann Warren in the autumn of 1846 (or possibly, the other way around, as both Abbie's and Ann's names appear on the reverse of the portrait). This drawing was done, most likely, in oak-gall ink and surprisingly, has retained its original color of dark black, instead of fading to brown. It is a wonderful snapshot of the clothing and accessories of the period as worn by the then 21-year-old Abbie Bailey.

For information about all 14 of the items in the collection, please stop by the Local History display case next to the elevator on the First Floor of the Library.
Children's Programs

Oceans of Possibilities Summer Reading Program
Register in person or online all summer long! Visit our website for more information and to view the full summer schedule.

Todd the Magician
Wednesday, July 6th, 2:15pm-3:15pm, at the Senior Center
Todd Migliacci appears in Holden for the first time with a crazy, funny magic show that will blow your mind! Todd combines mind-reading, illusions and juggling in a show great for the whole family.
Event sponsored by the Holden Cultural Council.

Tie Dye Craft
Friday, July 8th & 22nd, 2:30pm, on the library lawn
(Weather permitting; we will move to the Program Room if raining)
Two chances to join Miss Kayla for some awesome tie dye fun! Bring your own t-shirt, beach towel, hat, etc. Best for ages 5+.

Harmonious Happenings: Music with Renee Coro
Tuesday, July 12th at 11am-12pm, on the library lawn
(Weather permitting, we will move to the Program Room if raining)
Renee Coro is the founder and owner of Harmonious Happenings, Music Therapy Services. Renee has worked as a private-practice music therapist for over the past 13 years with children and adults of all abilities. She has a professional performance background as a singer and dancer, and provides both clinical and community outreach music programs in many settings, including public school districts, nursing homes, recreational centers, early childhood centers, and library programs in both MA and CT. Renee created and produced an original children's album in 2014 titled “Perfect Harmony”. She is currently working on her second children’s album, which will debut later this year. Event sponsored by the Holden Cultural Council.

Wachusett CFCE Sensory Explosion
Wednesday, July 13th, 10am-11:30am, on the library lawn
(Weather permitting, we will move to the Program Room if raining)
Join Miss Patty from Community Connections out on the library lawn for sand and water sensory tables, groovy manipulatives, and group fun. Good for ages 2-6.

LEGO Club
Friday, July 15th & 29th, 3pm-4pm, on the library lawn
(Weather permitting; we will move to the program room if raining)
We’re bringing all our LEGO’s out to the library lawn for some outdoor fun. Help us build our end-of-summer Big G Amusement Park. We need rides, carnival games and food stands, so come hang out with us and build build build! Ages 6-11.

Wingmasters Birds of Prey
Wednesday, July 20th, 11am-11:45am, at the Senior Center
Join bird rehabilitation experts Jim Parks and Julie Anne Colliers for an up-close look at New England native owls, hawks, and falcons. All these birds are rescued from the wild. Jim and Julie Anne will talk about the birds’ habits and habitats and bring them right up for you to see. Amazing! Sponsored by the Holden Cultural Council.

Wachusett CFCE Scavenger Story Hunt Fun
Monday, July 25th, 10am-11:30am, on the library lawn
(Weather permitting; we will move to the Program Room if raining)
Join Miss Patty and Community Connections on the library lawn for stories, games, and a special scavenger hunt. Ages 2-6.

Story Times

BEACH TOWEL
BABY LAPSIT STORY TIME
Thursdays at 10:00am
Library Lawn

Lapsit story time is for children ages 2 and under.
Join Miss Kayla for songs, felt board stories, short picture book stories, and more. This story time will focus on routine and repetition and early literacy skills like ABC’s and 123’s. Bring a beach towel and join us on the library lawn. 20 minute playgroup following each story time.

BEACH TOWEL
PRESCHOOL STORY TIME
Thursdays at 11:00am
Library Lawn

Preschool story time is for children ages 3-6.
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! Bring a beach towel and join us on the library lawn. 20 minute playgroup following each story time.
Teen Happenings

Oceans of Possibilities Summer Reading Program
Register in person or online all summer long.
Log your hours for a chance to win prizes; the more you read, the more tickets you earn for the end-of-summer prize raffle. Visit our website for more information and to view the full summer schedule.

Crochet Club
This club is currently FULL. Pick-up on July 12th.
If you have already registered, your registration is automatically carried over. Any questions, please email Miss Kayla at galefreeteens@gmail.com.

Baking Club
Register by July 6th. Pick-up on July 12th.
New recipe each month. We will provide the dry ingredients, recipe, and a QR code linked to our "how to" video. Registration is required each month. See website for more details and registration link.

Pay It Forward Club
Register by July 6th. Pick-up on July 12th.
Each month will be a different charity with a new project. You pick up the materials, which we provide, then create or collect the items and bring them back to the library by the drop-off date. The library will send them off to the cause, working together to pay it forward! See website for more details and registration link.

Wicked Good Henna with Mandy Roberge
Thursday, July 14th from 6pm to 8pm in the teen space.
Stop by the teen space anytime on Thursday July 14th for your own unique henna tattoo. No sign-up required. Mandy started Wicked Good Henna in 2014 and since then has made her living doing henna at large events—libraries, festivals, and big ole parties. She does beautiful work. Check it out at https://www.wickedgoodhenna.com/

Young Adult Book of the Month Club
Register by July 15th. Pick-up on July 26th.
Have you heard of all those young-adult subscription book boxes and wished you could join the fun? Now you can, with the Gale Free Library Young Adult Book of the Month Club! Each surprise book of the month comes in a tote bag, which will also include bookish goodies such as bookmarks, buttons, stickers, and more, all for you to keep! Supplies are limited and sign-up is REQUIRED. Visit our website for more details under "teen upcoming programs."

Tie Dye Craft
Tuesday, July 19th at 6pm on the library lawn.
(Weather permitting; we will move to program room if raining)
Join Miss Kayla for some tie dye fun! Bring your own T-shirt, towel, hat, etc. to dye. No registration necessary.

Children's
Department

Staff Picks
for Teens

Kayla

BOOK: THE AGATHAS
BY KATHLEEN GLASGOW

BOOK: TOKYO DREAMING
BY EMIKO JEAN

BOOK: RIVALS
BY KATHARINE MCGEE

Amy

BOOK: THE LORD OF THE RINGS TRILOGY
BY J. R. R. TOLKIEN
Two Dogs
Written and Illustrated by Ian Falconer
Ages 5-7

Housebound wiener dogs Augie and Perry get up to no good when left on their own. Posing his poohces on four legs or, anthropomorphically, two (or even, at the beginning, as busts on stands), Falconer takes a break from his long-running Olivia series to proffer as winsome a doggy duo as ever was. Drawn with great and often hilariously expressive precision—and frequently placed on entirely blank backgrounds to call attention to the fact—the two dachshunds appear at first glance as dignified as “little Roman emperors.” Appearances can be deceiving, though: “Most of the time Augie looked more serious. Perry was all over the place.”

As their human family, never seen (except once as light-skinned hands), is gone all day at work or school, the dogs look for ways to relieve their boredom...first by tussling over a ball, then by figuring out how to open the back door to an exciting world of flowers to water, a pool to splash in, and, best of all, a lawn to excavate (“Dachshunds love to dig”). The sound of a car pulling in may touch off some momentary panic (“We’re going to get in TROUBLE, Augie!”), but dachshunds are also smart enough to run back inside and exude innocence convincingly enough to earn treats rather than punishment. A snug, funny round of hijinks by low dogs.