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Monthly Newsletter of the Gale Free Library

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Important News

- If you would like to receive a digital version of our newsletter, please subscribe by emailing us at galefreelibrary@gmail.com.
- The library will be closed on Thursday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day. We are also closed on Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th in observance of Thanksgiving.
- The Book Cellar is accepting donations on Mondays only, from 1-4.
- The Gale Free's newest framed piece is a portrait of Stephen C. Earle, the architect of the original Damon Memorial building, and a reproduction of his display ad from the **Worcester City Directory** for 1888, the year in which the Damon Memorial was dedicated. It is notable that this is the first time Earle's name has been permanently displayed in the building he designed. You'll find the piece hanging across from the DVDs, not far from the circulation desk. Enjoy!



Adult Programs

Craft Night for Adults

PAINTED BOOK TOTE

Join us as we turn a plain and boring canvas bag into a fall themed masterpiece. This bag will be the perfect solution to the age-old struggle of carrying home all your library books!



November 4th at 6:30 PM

Space is limited so please register by calling us at 508-210-5569 or emailing galefreelibrary@gmail.com

The Craft of Writing

"Writing of Thanks And Giving"

Come join us as we look at ways successful authors write about gratitude and giving while avoiding cliché.

Thursday, November 18, 10:30AM-12:00PM
Gale Free Library (Online via Zoom)

No prior experience needed. Open to all who enjoy reading and writing. You will NOT be required to write or share your work.

This class is free, but space is limited. To register, please call 508-210-5569, or email galefreelibrary@gmail.com. You will be sent an invitation for the online Zoom meeting.

The Craft of Writing series looks at short published pieces to see what makes them "work." Each meeting focuses on a particular theme, and highlights techniques you might notice in your reading, or apply to any style of writing you like. You may attend as many or as few as you like.

Program lead by Holden writer and teacher Jennifer Freed. Please visit jfreed.weebly.com to learn more.



Book Discussion Groups

Registration Required

Classic Book Club

There will be no meeting of the Classic Book Club during the month of November.

Movie Club

Registration Required

November 10th at 6:30 PM
"St. Elmo's Fire"

A poster for the Movie Club. At the top, it says "Gale Free Library" with a small star icon. Below that, in large white letters on a dark background, is "MOVIE CLUB". To the left of the center, it says "Nov. 10th" and to the right, "6:30 p.m.". In the center, there is an illustration of a red and white striped clapperboard, a pair of white movie glasses, and a red and white striped popcorn bucket. Below the illustration, in a dark box, it says "St. Elmo's Fire" and "Rated R". At the bottom, in small white text, it says "How does movie club work? Movie Club is held on the second wednesday of every month. Copies of the movie will be available to check out at the library, starting a week prior to the meeting. Watch it any time before the group meets. Next, Come to the in-person discussion group to talk about what you just watched!"



Staff Picks

Danielle

**BOOK: SMALL GREAT THINGS
BY JODI PICOULT**

Judy

**BOOK: ANIMAL, VEGETABLE, MIRACLE:
A YEAR OF FOOD LIFE
BY BARBARA KINGSOLVER**

Kathleen Y.

**BOOK: LINCOLN'S MELANCHOLY: HOW
DEPRESSION CHALLENGED A
PRESIDENT AND FUELED HIS
GREATNESS
BY JOSHUA WOLF SHENK**

Magda

**BOOK: THE YARN WHISPERER: MY
UNEXPECTED LIFE IN KNITTING
BY CLARA PARKES**

Nancy M.C.

**BOOK: BOOK OF LOST NAMES
BY KRISTEN HARMEL**

Nancy R.

**BOOK: INVISIBLE MAN
BY RALPH ELLISON**

Spencer

**BOOK: THE RIVER
BY PETER HELLER**

Veronica

**BOOK: SEVEN HUSBANDS OF
EVELYN HUGO
BY TAYLOR JENKINS REID**

Book Review

KIRKUS REVIEWS, OCT. 1, 2021

CHRISTMAS IN ROSE BEND

by Naima Simone

Grief and healing take center stage in this contemporary Christmas romance set in a quaint Massachusetts town. For Boston emergency room nurse Nessa Hunt, the hits don't seem to stop coming. Six weeks earlier, her father, Isaac, died of cancer, leaving her the guardian of her 12-year-old half sister, Ivy, a young girl she barely knows given how little her dad wanted to do with her after having gotten divorced from her mother years ago. And six months before Isaac's death, Nessa's mother confessed on her deathbed that Isaac wasn't really her father at all. It's a secret that eats at her, especially as she fulfills Isaac's last wish that she and Ivy spend the holidays together in Rose Bend. The trip starts poorly, as Ivy acts out in grief and the pair hits traffic, making them late to their check-in at the Kinsale Inn. Upon arrival, Nessa literally walks into Wolfgang Dennison, the innkeeper's son, and their attraction is immediate. Wolf has his own trauma, having lost a friend in combat and spent significant time in a military hospital; now he's dealing with the return of his former fiancée, Olivia, after she broke off their engagement. As in many small-town romances, Nessa and Wolf are repeatedly thrown together amid the Christmas festivities. Nessa's grief at times feels overwhelming: She's lost both of her parents within a year and been saddled with a preteen she feels woefully unprepared to raise. It doesn't help that she has to face Olivia as a romantic rival. Though this romance packs in plenty of charming wintry scenes and holiday cheer, the characters' emotional weight and their slow-burn romance keep the plot from feeling too sugary sweet. A festive romance that packs an emotional punch.



Children's Programs

November 1st

Registration opens for November Lego Club.

This is a two-week program for kids ages 5-11.

Please see our website for more details.

November 9th

REGISTRATION opens for "Clara and the Nutcracker Ballet"

Ages 4+, Please register each child separately. No more than 2 children per family. Parents will be asked to wait outside the program room because of limited space (doors will be open).

November 10th & 17th @ 4:15pm-5:15pm

LEGO Club (Ages 5-11)

This month's project: Build a New York City street and floats for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. When done, we'll display our cityscape in the Children's Room! Lego Club is a two-week program and will be held in the program room on the 2nd floor.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED, starting November 1st.

November 16th @ 4:30pm-5:30pm

"Clara and the Nutcracker Ballet" (Ages 4+)

The Hanover Theatre presents the iconic Clara, dressed fully in costume, from their upcoming production of **The Nutcracker**.

Clara will read from the original story, and children will learn a small excerpt of a dance from the ballet.

Afterward, kids will be able to take a picture with Clara.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED, starting November 9th.

November 22nd

Thanksgiving Craft

Stop by the children's room anytime and pick up a Thanksgiving themed craft. You are welcome to stay and make the craft in the children's room, or take the craft home. Crafts will be available while supplies last. Best for ages 3-6.

Teen Happenings

New tables and chairs have arrived in the teen space!

The tables and chairs are reserved for teens only from 3pm-6pm daily. Drop in after school! It's a great space to study, work on group projects, and play games with friends.

Game Afternoon!

Stop by the teen space every Friday afternoon from 3pm-5pm for game afternoon. Board games and card games (like Uno, Apples to Apples, or Chess) will be available. Come hang out with friends, unwind from the school week, and kick off the weekend!

November Young Adult Book of the Month Club

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! Just sign up on our website each month, using the link provided. It's FREE!

Each book of the month will come in a reusable tote bag, which includes our surprise book of the month, as well as some bookish goodies, such as bookmarks, buttons, or stickers--all for you to keep!

You can sign up now for our November book. Copies will be available for pick up by November 22nd. Supplies are limited and sign up is REQUIRED.

Children's Department



Story Times

STORY TIME WILL BE HELD ON THE LIBRARY LAWN (WEATHER PERMITTING) EVERY THURSDAY. AS THE WEATHER GETS COLDER, WE WILL MOVE INSIDE TO THE PROGRAM ROOM (2ND FLOOR). PLEASE NOTE THE LIBRARY IS CLOSED ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY, AND NOVEMBER 25TH FOR THANKSGIVING!

LAPSIT STORY TIME

10:00am

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.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

11:00am

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!



Children's Department

Staff Picks

Kevin

PICTURE BOOK (AGES 3+)
GOODBYE AUTUMN, HELLO WINTER
BY KENARD PAK

Kayla

BOOK (AGES 8+)
HERE IN THE REAL WORLD
BY SARA PENNYPACKER

Stephanie

BOOK (AGES 8+)
WILLODEEN
BY KATHERINE APPLIGATE

Kathleen Y.

BOOK (AGES 12+)
LUNAR CHRONICLES SERIES
BY MARISSA MEYER

Amy

PICTURE BOOK (AGES 3+)
BODIES ARE COOL
BY TYLER FEDER

PICTURE BOOK (AGES 4+)
I WANT TO BE A VASE
BY JULIO TORRES; ILLUSTRATED BY
JULIAN GLANDER



Children's Book Review

BY DENISE MEALY. THE CHILDREN'S BOOK REVIEW, JULY 29, 2021

The Hug

Written by Eoin McLaughlin; Illustrated by Polly Dunbar

Hedgehog and Tortoise are both looking for a little something lovable – a hug! But Hedgehog is a bit too...spikey. Every animal he asks to hug him practically runs away in terror! Fox has to run off and knock over some garbage cans, Squirrel is “too busy” counting her three measly nuts, and the magpie bird had to sing a very squawky song! Wise Owl, however, tells Hedgehog the truth: he’s just a bit too spiky for most animals to hug. But not to worry, because someone is just right out there, somewhere, ready to hug him.

Tortoise is too hard to hug, the other animals think, and he walks along asking for hugs from all his forest friends. Badger is too sticky and scarfing down berries and cannot hug poor Tortoise. Rabbit has to dig a very important (and very dirty!) hole, and Frog has to jump off to do whatever it is that frogs have to do. When he comes across the wise forest owl, Owl tells him that although he’s too boney for most to consider hugging, there is definitely someone out there perfect to hug him.

So when Tortoise and Hedgehog find each other, they run up and give the biggest, friendliest spiky/bony hug there ever was, and they are thrilled. And it was all thanks to Tortoise’s unique and bony shell and Hedgehog’s very different and spiky back.

This fun story about friendship and differences comes alive with poignant, sweet illustrations of these lively forest animals. And with two stories in one, children will get to see both sides of this adorable story! After reading Hedgehog’s side, flip the book over and start Tortoise’s story. They meet in the middle with a very friendly, wonderful hug! There are tiny details in each illustration, like the sticky berries and clumps of dirt on Tortoise’s back, that can be found in Hedgehog’s story, creating a fun Easter-egg surprise during re-reads.

Children will love the silly excuses each forest animal makes about not hugging the tortoise or the hedgehog, and they will be so excited to see that they finally find each other! With funny but sweet language and clever illustrations, **The Hug** is the perfect story for bedtime or storytime.