



# THE BOOKMARK

Monthly Newsletter of the Gale Free Library

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### Important News

- The library will be closed on January 1st for New Year's Day and on January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- We still offer Curbside and Grab-and-Go pickup times. Appointments can be made via our website or by calling 508-210-5563.
- Our public computers have new sign-in software that requires your library card number, so please remember to bring your card with you. If you cannot find your card, or do not have one, the Circulation Department will be happy to assist you. If you are ineligible for a card, we can give you a guest pass for your session.
- Printing services have changed. After sending your document to the printer, you will need to pay for and release it at the terminal next to the photocopier. We are no longer able to offer the first 5 pages free. Each page will cost 10¢.
- Holden residents without a library card can now apply for a CW/MARS eCard. This card provides access to electronic materials, such as ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, and databases. It may be upgraded to a physical card with borrowing privileges by visiting the library. The registration form can be found on our website under the "How do I" and then "Get a library eCard" tabs.

# Adult Programs

## The Craft of Writing

### "Things"

Join us as we look at ways writers address the role of Things in our lives - from shopping for them, to letting them go.

Wednesday, January 12, 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](mailto:galefreelibrary@gmail.com). You will be sent an invitation for the online Zoom meeting.

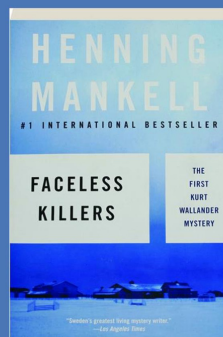
The Craft of Writing series looks at short published pieces to see what makes them "work." Each meeting focuses on a particular theme, and highlights techniques you might notice in your reading, or apply to any style of writing you like. You may attend as many or as few as you like.

Program lead by Holden writer and teacher Jennifer Freed. Please visit [jtfreed.weebly.com](http://jtfreed.weebly.com) to learn more.



## Classics Book Group

Join us in discussing  
"Faceless Killers"  
by  
Henning Mankell



## Postponed

Gale Free Library Program Room

Registration is required, as seating is limited.  
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email [galefreelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:galefreelibrary@gmail.com) to register.



## Book Discussion Groups



**\*Registration Required\***

Classics Book Club  
Postponed until February

Faceless Killers  
by Henning Mankell



## Movie Club



There will be no Movie Club meeting during the month of January.



THERE WILL BE NO  
CRAFT NIGHT FOR ADULTS  
OR MOVIE CLUB DURING THE  
MONTH OF JANUARY.

HAPPY NEW YEAR,  
EVERYONE!



# Book Review

BY JUDY

## Damnation Spring

by Ash Davidson

Ash Davidson’s debut novel, **Damnation Spring**, is set in northern California’s redwood country in the late 1970s. It is the saga of the hard-working Gunderson family: Rich Gunderson, a fourth-generation logger; his wife, Colleen, who has suffered multiple miscarriages, and their five-year-old son, Chub.

Rich Gunderson purchases a redwood grove with ancient trees to harvest, dreaming of a financially less burdensome future. The novel is set against a backdrop of environmental and economic issues. Defoliants used by the timber company could be poisoning the local water supply. An environmental group protests in an attempt to stop the harvesting of the ancient redwoods.

The characters are richly developed, on both sides of the issues, and you can easily relate to them. It is a story of ordinary citizens trapped in a situation beyond their control. Their survival is at stake as the conflicts unfold. Ultimately, this novel is a story of love, the power of family, and resilience.

# Staff Picks



Amy

DVD: **THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW**  
(2004) RATED PG-13

Danielle

BOOK: **UNDER RED SKIES: THREE GENERATIONS OF LIFE, LOSS, AND HOPE IN CHINA**  
BY KAROLINE KAN

Judy

BOOK: **THE THINGS WE CANNOT SAY**  
BY KELLY RIMMER

Magda

BOOK: **HEAVEN**  
BY MIEKO KAWAKAMI

Nancy R.

BOOK: **BROOKLYN**  
BY COLM TOIBIN

Spencer

BOOK: **LIVEWIRED**  
BY DAVID EAGLEMAN

Veronica

BOOK: **CHASING THE BOOGEYMAN**  
BY RICHARD CHIZMAR



# Teen Happenings

## **Friday-Afternoon Games**

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!

## **December 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 by January 8th (under teen upcoming programs, follow the sign-up link).

Each book of the month will come in a 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 pick up your book of the month on January 18th or 19th.

**Supplies are limited and a new sign-up is REQUIRED each month.**

## **New Grab-and-Go Style Clubs**

### **Crochet Club**

We will provide the crochet hooks, yarn, and any additional project materials once per month. Your materials will come with a QR code linked to our "how to" video and instructions.

Projects will start out at beginner level, and we will build on skills each month. Sign-up is required to join, and is good for six months. There are still a few spots available,

**Please sign up by January 22nd.**

**Pickup will be February 8th.**

Please see our website for more details and the registration link.

### **Baking Club**

We will provide the dry ingredients, recipe, and a QR code linked to our "how to" video.

There will be a new recipe each month!

Monthly sign-up is required .

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### **Pay it Forward Club**

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!

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# Children's Department



## Story Times

**STORY TIMES WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 20TH.**



**LAPSIT STORY TIME  
10:00am**

**2nd Floor Program Room**

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 ABCs and 123s.

**PRESCHOOL STORY TIME  
11:00am**

**2nd Floor Program Room**

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

BOOK (AGES 3+):  
**PENGUIN PROBLEMS**  
WRITTEN BY JORY JOHN  
ILLUSTRATED BY LANE SMITH

Kayla

BOOK (AGES 4+):  
**WINTER DANCE**  
WRITTEN BY MARION DANE BAUER  
ILLUSTRATED BY RICHARD JONES

BOOK (AGES 5+):

**OVER AND UNDER THE SNOW**  
WRITTEN BY KATE MESSNER  
ILLUSTRATED BY CHRISTOPHER  
SILAS NEAL

Stephanie

BOOK (AGES 10+):  
**WHO GIVES A POOP?: SURPRISING SCIENCE  
FROM ONE END TO THE OTHER**  
WRITTEN BY HEATHER MONTGOMERY  
ILLUSTRATED BY IRIS GOTTLIEB

BOOK (YOUNG ADULT):  
**CALL US WHAT WE CARRY**  
WRITTEN BY AMANDA GORMAN

Amy

BOOK: (AGES 2+):  
**THE SNOWY DAY**  
BY EZRA JACK KEATS

DVD: **PADDINGTON**  
(2014) RATED PG

## Children's Book Review

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### **EYES THAT SPEAK TO THE STARS**

by Joanna Ho; illustrated by Dung Ho

A young Chinese-American boy discovers himself, his roots, and his potential.

In this poetic celebration of body diversity, family, and Chinese culture, the author picks up on themes introduced in her **New York Times** bestselling picture book, **Eyes That Kiss in the Corners** (2021). While the previous title centered on female family members, this offering focuses on three generations of male kindred. After a classmate draws an offensive and hurtful picture depicting the boy with slits for eyes, he finds comfort in his father's affirming words: "Your eyes rise to the skies and speak to the stars. / The comets and constellations / show you their secrets, and your eyes can / foresee the future. / Just like mine." The boy narrates that his father's eyes "shine like runway lights" and are just like the eyes of his grandfather, who "holds the wisdom of generations." He describes how his little brother, Di Di, has eyes just like the male family members who came before him. By finding a mirror in the loved ones whom he so adores and admires, the narrator begins to see that his eyes are powerful and visionary: "My eyes shine like sunlight rays / that break through dark and doubt." The idea of "looking up" is a repeated textual and visual motif—sophisticated digital illustrations full of flowing lines imply upward movement, and scenes from the grandfather's memories and his retelling of Chinese tales, as well as scenes of the family spending time together, feature aerial objects like comets and Chinese kites and sky lanterns. The circular narration emphasizes the reassuring similarities between blood relatives and the continuity of family tradition.

A beautifully validating book that builds on the necessary work of its predecessor. (Picture book. 4-8)

