

# The Bookmark

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## Library News

- The Library will be closed Monday, October 9 in observance of Columbus Day.
- The Children's Room is featuring its Halloween programming, including its Witch's Cottage, during the month of October! See page 3 for more details.
- From October through December, we take a break from art exhibits in the Program Room. Instead, stop by the Program Room to be transported into a world of whimsy and story dreamt up by our Children's Librarians!
- Our Adult Take-Home Craft Program continues! See page 2 for more details.

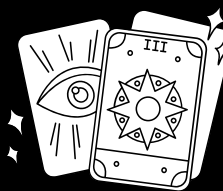
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# Adult Programs



## TAROT TALK WORKSHOP

Saturday, 10/21 at 11 AM (ages 13+)

Registration Required



### **Tarot Talk Workshop**

**Saturday, 10/21 at 11 AM (Teen/Adult Program)**

**In the Program Room. Registration required.**

Join Leeza Masia from The Tarot Collective to talk about how tarot cards can be a wonderful tool for self-reflection, self-discovery, and intuitive development. Bring your own deck or borrow one to explore. All levels of experience are welcome!

### **Adult Take-Home Craft**

**Starts Tuesday, 10/10**

No registration required.

Please visit the Reference Desk for your kit.

This month's craft will be Beeswax Wraps. Beeswax wraps are a sustainable alternative to plastic cling wrap, and a great way to reduce plastic waste in the kitchen. Every bag will contain free supplies and instructions. We hope you will have a good time making this craft at home!

### **Craft of Writing Workshop**

**Thursday, 10/12, 10:30am-12pm**

Virtual via Zoom; registration required.

#### **"The Art of Losing"**

For next month's Writing Workshop, we'll look at ways successful writers address the inevitable human experience of loss without crossing the line into sentimentality or cliché. No prior experience necessary!

### **Cooking Club**

**Saturday, 10/14, 10am**

In-person; registration required.

#### **"Soup"**

What's better than a simmering pot of soup on a cold day? Therapy Gardens will share new soup-making techniques using the latest equipment, tips for portioning and freezing soups, and their exclusive new recipes.

### **Mindfulness for Well-Being**

**Thursdays, 9/21-10/26, 6-7pm**

Virtual via Zoom; registration required.

Come join a friendly group and learn ways to use mindfulness for the purpose of increasing ease, balance, vitality, and connection. Themes we will explore this autumn include finding anchors of safety and places of well-being, cultivating gratitude, and developing resilience.

No prior experience needed--all are welcome!

### **Presentation by Mass Audubon**

**Tuesday, 10/24, 6-7pm**

In-person; registration required.

#### **"Wildlife in your Backyard"**

Learn about the variety of local wildlife that can be seen in your backyard in a one-hour, narrated slide presentation.

### **Classics Book Group**

**Thursday, 10/26, 6:30pm**

In-person; registration required.

#### **The Crucible**

Join us as we discuss *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller. Copies of the book can be picked up at the Reference Desk.

**Please contact the Reference Desk for more information or to register for our programs at 508-210-5569.**

# Children's Programs



## PROFESSOR BUGMAN ENTOMOLOGY ADVENTURES



### Spooky Bones and Creepy Crawlies with Professor Bugman

Friday, 10/6 at 4:15 PM (ages 4+)

In the Program Room.

**Registration required.**

What better way to combine the SPOOKY and the SCIENTIFIC than with an awesome Halloween learning event for kids? Explore real bones and skeletons from endemic Massachusetts animals, or hold and pet some of the biggest bugs you've ever seen!

## Halloween Happenings

### Wooden Pumpkin Painting

Tuesday, 10/3-Tuesday, 10/17  
(ages 2-12)

Join in our pumpkin decorating contest! Pick up your wooden pumpkin in the Children's Room on the 3rd, decorate it, then drop it off by the 17th. Entries will be judged by the 20th. Prizes will be distributed by age group. While supplies last.



### Create Your Own Spellbook

Wednesday, 10/18

4:15 PM (ages 7+)

In the Program Room.

**Registration required.**

Ever learn a new spell and have nowhere to write it down? Decorate your own spellbook with the help of Library Wizard Mr. McDonough.



### Scary Flashlight Story Time

Wednesday, 10/25

6:30 PM (ages 7+)

In the Program Room.

Join Mr. McDonough for some frightful tales by flashlight! Bring your own flashlight and blanket.

**\*\*These stories are too scary for little ones.\*\***



### Lapsit Story Time

Every Thursday

10 AM

In the Program Room.

**Ages 2 and under**

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

Every Thursday

11 AM

In the Program Room.

**Ages 3-6**

Join Mr. Kevin for lots of laughs and fun stories! This story time will focus on picture-book stories and include games or activities and of course Mr. Kevin's great sense of humor!

# Teen Programs



**Tarot Talk Workshop**  
**Saturday, 10/21**  
**11 AM (ages 13+)**  
**In the Program Room.**  
**Registration required.**

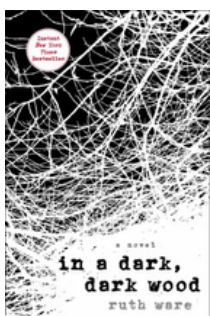
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**Anime Club**  
**Friday, 10/27**  
**3:30-4:30 PM (ages 13+)**  
**In the Program Room.**  
**No registration required.**

Enjoy some snacks and a few episodes of Mob Psycho 100. There will be time to hang out and chat after the episodes. You are welcome to bring your own snacks provided they're not messy.

## Staff Picks Perfect for the Season



**Danielle**  
*In A Dark, Dark Wood*  
 By Ruth Ware



**Spencer**  
*Jekyll*  
 DVD Series



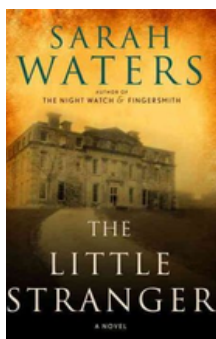
**Nancy Ch.**  
*The Miniaturist*  
 By Jessie Burton



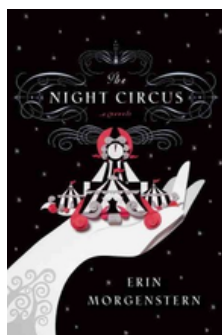
**Nancy Clay**  
*The Sanatorium*  
 By Sarah Pearse



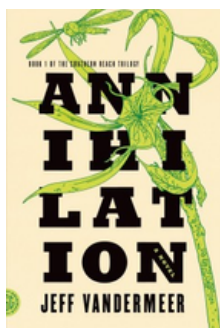
**Wendy**  
*Final Destination*  
 DVD



**Nancy Ch.**  
*The Little Stranger*  
 By Sarah Waters



**Alana**  
*The Night Circus*  
 By Erin Morgenstern



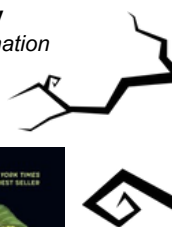
**Nancy Clay**  
*Annihilation*  
 By Jeff Vandermeer



**Nancy Clay**  
*The Guest List*  
 By Lucy Foley



**Katy**  
*The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires*  
 By Grady Hendrix



# Local History and Museum Highlights

## Local History

The oldest cemetery in Holden, often referred to as the Old Burying Ground, sits on the southwest corner of the intersection of Routes 31 and 122A. The land for this grave site, given to the young community of Holden in 1765 by a Bostonian, is populated with dark-gray slate gravestones, a common stone for cemeteries in the northern colonies during the 18th Century because of its availability, impermeability, and carvability. A number of the stones in the Old Burying Ground bear ornamentation, which may appear ghoulish to modern eyes, but was actually selected to convey certain messages to viewers. Four examples of decorated stones appear below:



While we can't be certain without documentation, the small, sad face that tops this headstone may be a depiction of the late Mrs. Hubbard.



Mrs. Sally Moore's headstone depicts both an urn and a willow tree, two ancient symbols. The urn may mean simply death or, more specifically, dust. The willow is a symbol of death, sorrow, and rebirth.



These conjoined gravestones, with their duplicate decoration, a winged skull or death's head, remind the viewer of the inexorable.

## Discovery Museum, Acton, MA



Images and text courtesy of the Discovery Museum.

The Discovery Museum is a hands-on museum for families that blends science, nature, and play in Acton. The Museum believes that play is the way children learn--play in both a STEM-rich environment and through a natural and inviting outdoor experience.

Be sure to check the Museum's calendar for ongoing and special events, including the Halloween Hullabaloo!



Discounted passes to the Discovery Museum and other museums are available at the Reference Desk or by calling 508-210-5569.