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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 D.P.W. did a fantastic job erecting our new outdoor tent, which will be used for outside programs, and installing the new lawn. We are deeply appreciative for all their hard work!
- We are happy to announce that we have a new Local History display case located next to the elevator in the Reference Room. The case is the gift of Sahdev Raj and Carolyn Passey and family. Stop by to check it out!
- The Book Cellar is accepting donations on Mondays only, from 1-4.
- Don't forget that we offer our Book Express service for housebound patrons. To inquire about this program, or to register, please call 508-210-5563 to speak with Danielle Yanco, Assistant Circulation Manager.

Adult Programs

CRAFT NIGHT

For Adults

September 2nd at 6:30 PM

"Mandala Rock Painting"



REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Call 508-210-5569 or email galefreelibrary@gmail.com

The Craft of Writing

"How Sentences Flow"

Let's look at how writers use very long or very short sentences to control and enhance their stories.

*Thursday, September 9, 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 jffreed.weebly.com to learn more.



Book Discussion Groups

Registration required

Classic Book Club
September 23rd 2:00 PM

"Jane Eyre"
by Charlotte Bronte



Movie Club

Registration Required

There will be no Movie Club discussion group this month.



Staff Picks

Amy

**MUSIC: HEAVY CROWN (2016)
BY LAST IN LINE
GENRE: HARD ROCK/ METAL**

Danielle

**BOOK: AN AMERICAN MARRIAGE
BY TAYARI JONES**

Judy

**BOOK: THE FOUR WINDS
BY KRISTIN HANNAH**

Kathleen Y.

**BOOK: THE STORMLIGHT ARCHIVES
SERIES
BY BRANDON SANDERSON**

Magda

**MOVIE: THE COURIER (2020)
RATED PG-13**

Nancy M.C.

**AUDIOBOOK: SUMMER ON THE BLUFFS
BY SUNNY HOSTIN**

Rachel

**BOOK: THE STRANGER IN THE WOODS:
THE EXTRAORDINARY STORY OF THE
LAST TRUE HERMIT
BY MICHAEL FINKEL**

Spencer

**BOOK: SECONDHAND: TRAVELS IN THE
NEW GLOBAL GARAGE SALE
BY ADAM MINTER**



Book Review

BY STEPHENIE HARRISON. BOOKPAGE, AUGUST 2021

The Reading List by Sara Nisha Adams

Although Sara Nisha Adams makes her authorial debut with *The Reading List*, her connection to the world of books is not new. She has worked as a book editor and attributes her passion for reading to her early childhood, when she bonded with her grandfather over their shared love of literature. Not only did this relationship cultivate a lifelong case of bibliophilia, but it also served as the inspiration for *The Reading List*, a story about two lonely individuals whose initial common ground is, ironically, that neither has any interest in reading.

We first meet Mukesh, a widower who is grieving the passing of his beloved wife (who was a voracious reader) and finds himself increasingly alienated from the rest of his family. Desperate to form a connection with his bookish granddaughter, Mukesh heads to the local library to try to better understand her. There he meets Aleisha, a teenager who dreams of becoming a lawyer and views her summer position at the library with disdain. Following a disastrous first meeting with Mukesh, Aleisha stumbles upon a mysterious list of book titles, which she decides she will recommend to Mukesh and read alongside him as a means of making amends.

What begins as a whim soon transforms into a deeply enriching and gratifying experience. The books act as a lifeline for Mukesh and Aleisha as the two new friends navigate their personal tribulations. Reading is so often viewed as a solitary pursuit, but *The Reading List* turns that idea on its head, illustrating the ways one book can touch many lives and act as a shared point of empathy, uniting disparate individuals into a community.

In Adams' gentle novel, there is no sorrow or trouble so great that a good book—and a supportive friend—cannot help, and it is never too late to become a reader. As an uplifting and tenderhearted celebration of libraries and the transformative power of books, *The Reading List* is particularly perfect for book clubs and sure to brighten any reader's day.

Children's Programs

September 1st

LEGO Club registration opens for September. See below for details about this two-week program.

September 15th & 22nd at 4:15

LEGO Club

Registration Required

For kids 5-11. Learn new Lego building techniques and work together to build themed creations to be displayed in the library. We supply the bricks, your kids bring their skills and enthusiasm. Lego Club is a two-week program. We will be either outdoors under our new shade structure or indoors in the Program Room if the weather is bad.

September 27th

Fall Take & Make Craft

Stop by the Children's Room desk to pick up a fall-themed take-and-make craft. Crafts will be available on a first come, first served basis until supplies run out.

Special Program For Parents of Teens

September 22nd at 6pm @ the library.

FAFSA Q&A

Do you have a child entering college in the next year or two?

Please join us for an overview of the college financial-aid process. Topics will include the application process, types of financial aid and financing options. Time will also be set aside for questions and answers. This presentation will be delivered by a seasoned college financial-aid professional with experience at public, private, two-year and four-year institutions. Keep in mind that the 2022-2023 financial-aid application opens on October 1, 2021!

Young Adult Programs

Coming soon.....

Stay tuned for announcements and details about upcoming Young Adult programs!

Children's Department



Story Times

STORY TIMES WILL BE HELD ON THE LIBRARY LAWN UNDER OUR NEW SHADE STRUCTURE (WEATHER PERMITTING) EVERY THURSDAY BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 16TH.

LAPSIT STORY TIME
10:00 AM

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
11:00 AM

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 9+)
**NEVERMOOR: THE TRIALS OF MORRIGAN
CROW**
BY JESSICA TOWNSEND

Kayla

BOOK (AGES 13+)
DUSTBORN
BY ERIN BOWMAN

Stephanie

PICTURE BOOK (AGES 5+)
LITTLE TURTLE AND THE CHANGING SEA
BY BECKY DAVIES

Kathleen Y.

BOOK (AGES 10+)
HEROES OF OLYMPUS SERIES
BY RICK RIORDAN

Amy

PICTURE BOOK (AGES 3+)
THE OLD TRUCK
BY JARRETT PUMPHREY & JEROME
PUMPHREY

Children's Book Review

BY KEVIN

Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow
by Jessica Townsend

An elaborate, complicated fantasy about a young girl considered bad luck in the real world. A mysterious man named Jupiter North escorts her to Nevermoor, a magical steampunk-style city, where the mysteries of Morrigan's bad luck are revealed. Great world-building fantasy, beautifully written, with indelible characters and a fascinating story. Part of a trilogy; the entire series is wonderful. Recommended for 5th grade and up (adults will like this too)!

Children's Book Review

BY STEPHANIE

Diary of a Spider
by Doreen Cronin; pictures by Harry Bliss

I've never been a fan of spiders. Truth be told, I am very afraid of them. Recently, some very brave library patron borrowed practically all the fiction and non-fiction books on spiders in the Gale Free collection! While re-shelving these books, I decided to read Diary of a Spider. Good thing I did! It was eye opening. I may get through this summer without screaming when that big one surely crosses my path. Filled with humorous insight into how a spider thinks, sprinkled with a side of facts and including a little bit of friendship advice, this older but great book needs to be on everyone's summer reading list.

