

# The BOOKMARK

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## Library Hours

Monday 9:30 am-5:30 pm

Tuesday 9:30 am-8 pm

Wednesday 9:30 am-8 pm

Thursday 9:30 am-8 pm

Friday 9:30 am-5:30 pm

Saturday 9 am-4 pm

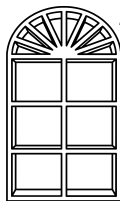
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## Library News

- **The Library will be closed Saturday, November 11 in observance of the Veterans Day holiday and Thursday, November 23 for Thanksgiving Day.**
- **During the month of November, we will be participating in "NaNoWriMo," which stands for National Novel Writing Month. We will be offering designated time in our Program Room to write, and making resources available to assist you. See page 2 for more information.**
- **Kids 4 years old and older are invited to help Jenna Bailey from Burlap Bee create a mural for the Library! Registration is required. See page 3 for more information.**
- **Looking for timely Library news? Sign up to receive updates on our weekly Adult Programs by clicking on the link on our website's homepage ([galefreelibrary.org](http://galefreelibrary.org)) and by following us on Facebook and Instagram!**



## "Windows of Opportunity"

Praised as "The Gem of Worcester County" on its completion in 1888, Gale Free Library, also known as the Damon Memorial, still sparkles in the town center of Holden. A grand

Romanesque revival building, the Library was given a major makeover and a modern addition in 1989. However, the original windows were only maintained at that time, not replaced. They've been periodically scraped, reglazed, and repainted. But they're essentially unchanged since 1888. The windows are now failing because of age. Library and town officials agree it's time to fully restore these beautiful architectural features. See **page 5** to find out how you can help with our "Windows of Opportunity" fundraising campaign.

# Adult Programs

## November is National Novel Writing Month!

During the month of November, we will be participating in National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo). NaNoWriMo is a fun, empowering approach to creative writing. The challenge: Draft an entire novel in just one month. In honor of this yearly event, we will be offering:

- Designated time on Thursday evenings from 6-8pm in our Program Room for anyone who would like to spend a quiet evening writing. We'll also have writing "kits" comprising a journal and pen available during this time.
- Our monthly Craft of Writing Workshop, available via Zoom, RSVP required (see this page for more information).
- Books on the subject of writing for CW/MARS patrons to check out.

For more information, visit [nanowrimo.org](http://nanowrimo.org).

**For more information or to register for a program, please contact the Reference Desk at 508-210-5569 or email us at [galefreelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:galefreelibrary@gmail.com).**

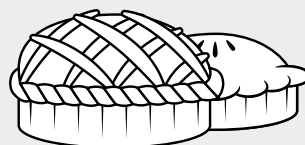
### **Adult Take-Home Craft Starts Monday, 11/6** **No registration required.** **Please visit the Reference Desk for your kit.**

We are now offering take-home craft kits for adults! Pick up your DIY craft kit at the Library (while supplies last). The November craft is Mini-Pie Magnets! Every bag will contain free supplies and instructions. We hope you will enjoy making this craft at home!

### **Cooking Club** **Tuesday, 11/14** **6:30pm**

#### **Registration required.** **"Mystery Cookbook"**

We're leaving our cooking choices up to fate again, as we each choose a "Mystery Cookbook" for our November cooking program! Stop by the Reference Desk and select a cookbook wrapped in paper. You can choose any recipe from the book to make. For the meeting, bring your dish, a copy of the recipe, and your mystery cookbook!



### **Contemporary Book Group** **Wednesday, 11/8** **1pm** **Registration required.**

Join us as we discuss *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb. Copies of the book are available at the Reference Desk.

### **Craft of Writing Workshop** **Wednesday, 11/15** **10:30am-12pm** **Virtual via Zoom;** **registration required.** **"Memoir Craft Talk"**

In this presentation, author and educator Jennifer Freed will share excerpts from her book *When Light Shifts*. Jennifer will discuss strategies she used for individual pieces, the thought process for shaping the memoir as a whole, and some of the poems by other writers that inspired her own. No prior experience necessary!

### **Weekly Knitting Group** **Mondays, 1-2:30pm**

We offer an in-person meeting, as well as a virtual meeting. (No registration is needed for the in-person meeting. For the virtual meeting, please contact the Library for an invitation.) All are welcome, from beginners to experienced!



# Children's & Teens' Programs

## Story Times

### 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!



## Mural Art With Jenna Bailey

Tuesday, 11/14 at 4:20 PM (ages 4+) in the Program Room. Registration opens 11/7. Join Jenna Bailey from Burlap Bee for a story time and collaborative mural for the library! We'll display the mural for 2 weeks, and then you will be able to take your piece home with you.



[galefreelibrary.as.me/mural-art](http://galefreelibrary.as.me/mural-art)

## Children

### Lego Club

(Ages 6+)

Wednesday, 11/1 and  
Wednesday, 11/8  
4:20PM

In the Program Room

**Registration opens a week before the program (10/25 and 11/1).**

Help us build a two-story building facade for our annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade display.

### Kidding Around Yoga with Miss Nicole

(Ages 2-5)

Wednesday, 11/8  
10AM

In the Program Room

This is not your typical yoga class! Little ones learn some basic poses, with lots of music, movement, and literacy incorporated. Yoga helps children manage anxiety and improve emotional regulation, all while developing strength and flexibility!

### Lego Jr.

(Ages 4-5)

Thursday, 11/9  
4:20PM

In the Program Room

**Registration opens 11/2.**

Kids will work together to create floats for our annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade display.

### Beeswax Candles Cottage Craft

(Ages 6+)

Wednesday, 11/15  
4:20PM

In the Program Room

**Registration opens 11/8.**

Create a beautiful centerpiece or gift out of all-natural beeswax sheets!

## Teens

### Sushi Candles

Cottage Craft

(Grades 6+)

Thursday, 11/16  
4PM

In the Program Room

Roll up some all-natural beeswax candles that look good enough to eat! Registration is not required for this craft; however, supplies are limited and will be given out on a first-come-first-served basis.

### Dungeons and Dragons One-Shot

(Grades 6+)

Tuesday, 11/28  
3:45 - 5:45PM

In the Program Room

**Registration opens 11/21.**

Join the party for a 3rd-level adventure! This session is ideal for players who have some experience, but new players are still welcome.

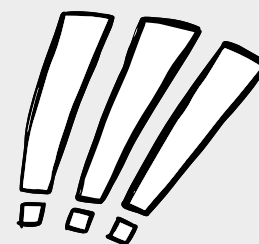
### Anime Club

(Grades 8+)

Wednesday, 11/29  
3:30PM

In the Program Room

Enjoy some snacks and the beginning of *Keep Your Hands Off Eizouken!* You are welcome to bring your own snacks, provided they're not messy.





# Local History, Museum Passes

## Museum of Fine Arts, Boston



Images and information courtesy of the MFA website.

The Gale Free Library is fortunate to be able to offer discounted passes to the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA), Boston. With over half a million works of art, the MFA welcomes more than a million visitors a year. Notable works on display include John Singleton Copley's "Paul Revere" (1768), Vincent Van Gogh's "Houses at Auvers" (1890), and King Menkaura (Mycerinus) and Queen, one of 65,000 works of art primarily from Egypt and Sudan, dating from 6500 BCE to 600 CE.



**"Fashioned by Sargent"**  
on exhibit at the MFA  
through January 15, 2024.

To reserve passes to the MFA or other museums, contact the Reference Desk at 508-210-5569.

## Local History

### ***A Late Opening for the Gale Free Library?***



M. Addie Holden's picture hangs in the Gale Free Library today.

As many of you may know, especially if you attended the 125th Anniversary Celebration of the Damon Memorial—Gale Free Library in 2013, the Memorial and Library were dedicated on August 29, 1888. What you may not know is that the Library did not open on Dedication Day. In fact, the Gale Free Library didn't officially open for circulation until November 30, 1888.\*

Why do you think three months passed before Holden's long-awaited town library threw open its doors to the community? Most likely, for several reasons. First of all, the original staff of the Library consisted of one person, Librarian M. Addie Holden (today's staff numbers 19!). And second, Addie had her hands full. Now that the Town had a public library, The Holden Library Association (housed on the Second Floor of Town Hall) turned over their sizeable collection to the Gale Free and disbanded. Founders Samuel C. Gale and Susan (Damon) Gale contributed \$3,000.00 toward the purchase of new volumes, while John Wadsworth of Chicago provided \$100.00 for the same purpose.\*\* Addie chose to wrap each volume in brown paper, and applied her own numbering system to the protective paper, using a dip pen and bottle of ink. Periodical and magazine subscriptions were purchased and the first new issues, catalogued. A system for circulating materials also had to be developed and put in place. And, of course, Addie had administrative duties to perform, including meeting with the Damon Memorial Trustees, responding to mail, and developing a way to present each item in the Library's collection in one place (the latter project took another two years). Not to mention that at least some of Addie's work was done under the light of kerosene-fueled lamps. So we say, "Hats off to Addie!"

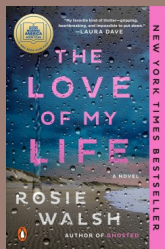
\*Holden High School, which was on the Second Floor of the Damon from 1888 to June 1926, opened in its new quarters in September 1888.

\*\*\$3,100.00 for library books doesn't sound like much of a budget to modern ears, but in the 1880s hardcover volumes usually sold for less than \$2.00 apiece.



# Be on the Lookout for...

## Staff Picks



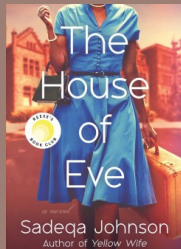
**Danielle**

*The Love of My Life*  
By Rosie Walsh



**Wendy**

*Are You There God?  
It's Me, Margaret.*  
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**Alana**

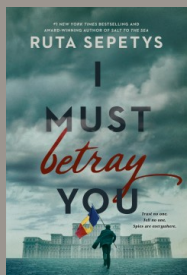
*The House of Eve*  
By Sadeqa Johnson  
Be sure to read  
the Author's Note.



**Spencer**

*Miss Scarlet &  
The Duke*  
DVD

Runner up in the  
Massachusetts Teen Choice Awards.



**I Must Betray You**  
By Ruta Sepetys

A rare look at the youth-led rebellion that toppled Romania's Ceaușescu. Seventeen-year-old Cristian Florescu ... is as much of a rebel as it's possible to be in

Bucharest, Romania, in 1989. Communist dictator Nicolae Ceaușescu has been in power for 24 years, and most Romanians live in poverty, exporting what they produce to unknowingly fund Ceaușescu's obscenely extravagant lifestyle .... Sepetys brilliantly blends a staggering amount of research with heart, craft, and insight in a way very few writers can.

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## "Windows of Opportunity"

"Windows of Opportunity," a fundraising campaign led by the Friends of Gale Free Library, aims to help by raising \$200,000 toward the total restoration and repair of the 60 exterior windows in the original Damon Memorial building. Friends of Gale Free Library will be holding several fundraising events, culminating in the "Windows of Opportunity" Gala, which will take place Saturday, April 27, 2024, at Val's Restaurant. For the week preceding the Gala there will be an on-line auction, during which you are encouraged to bid on a variety of items and experiences that have been donated by local merchants and members of the community. Local businesses will be invited to act as sponsors and, of course, we would be very grateful for donations from members of the community and Library patrons. Your support is vital to the success of this campaign. For donations using:

**Venmo, enter: 2FGFL01 (or scan the QR code below)**

**PayPal, enter: FGFL Windows Restoration Campaign**



Friends of Gale Free Library is a 501(c)(3) public charity, and contributions are tax deductible. To donate or for further information, please contact Penny Morgan, Campaign Co-Chair, at [pguymor@gmail.com](mailto:pguymor@gmail.com) or 774 364-2011.