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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 Monday, February 19 in observance of Presidents' Day.
- Board games will be available on winter nights when there isn't a program in the Program Room. Grab some friends or family and try a new game or play an old favorite this winter!
- Community Connections hosts the Children's Program "Books and Blankies" on Friday, February 16. More information can be found on page 3.
- Winter weather can sometimes cause disruptions in our Library's delivery service. During the winter months, if you are concerned that one of your requested items has been "in transit" too long, please know that the season may be the cause.



Save the Date

The Friends of the
Gale Free Library
invite you to the
"Windows of Opportunity" Gala
on Saturday, April 27, 2024
in support of the Library's
Window Restoration Campaign

Adult Programs



Mornings with Maggie! Wednesday, February 21 10:30-11:30am

Come meet our new friend, Maggie! Patrons of all ages are invited to spend time with Maggie, a certified therapy dog. She is so friendly, and loves to be petted, talked to, and even read to! Stop by anytime; no registration needed.



February Art at the Gale Free

This month's art in the Program Room features abstract painting on wood by artist William Holmes.

Stop by to view art in the Library anytime during open hours when a program is not in session. For further information about availability, please call the Reference Desk at 508-210-5569.

Adult Take-Home Craft Starts Monday, 2/5 No registration required. Please visit the Reference Desk for your kit.

February's craft will be a Kusudama Origami Flower. Every bag will contain free supplies and instructions. We hope you will have a good time making this craft at home! Please note that, because of limited supplies, adult crafts are one per person.

Genealogy for Novices Tuesdays, 2/6, 2/20, 2/27, 3/5 6:30-7:30pm Registration required.

Have you postponed researching your family because you're not sure where to begin? Then please join us to learn how to avoid many of the stumbling blocks beginners encounter; organize and preserve your information and materials; and use online databases and the documents they provide.

Cooking Club Tuesday, 2/13, 6:30pm Registration required.

We are starting off a new year of Cooking Club with "Appetizers"! Appetizers are the perfect starter for any type of party--and the perfect excuse to throw one! Which is your favorite? Let us try it! Please bring in one of your favorite appetizers, along with the recipe.

The Craft of Writing Workshop with Jennifer Freed "Quirky Love Poems" Wednesday, 2/14, 10:30am-12pm Online via Zoom. Registration required.

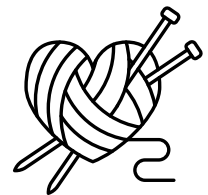
Join us as we look at poems that don't abide by the usual Valentine's Day rules. Open to all who enjoy reading and writing.

Classics Book Group Thursday, 2/22, 6:30pm Registration required.

Join us as we discuss Edith Wharton's novel *Ethan Frome*. Copies of the book can be picked up at the Reference Desk.

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!



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.



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!



Bricks Week!

All Ages

Tuesday 2/20 to Friday 2/23

Build with bricks over break!

LEGO and DUPLO bricks will be in the Children's Room for February break.

Children

Read, Build, Play with Community Connections

Ages 2-5

Friday, 2/2, 10 AM

In the Program Room.

Registration opens 1/26.

Join us to read, build, and play! Children expand their problem-solving skills, and develop social skills as they build.

LEGO Club

Ages 6+

Wednesday, 2/7 and

Wednesday, 2/14, 4:20 PM

In the Program Room.

Registration opens

1/31 and 2/7.

Come build an apartment for the residents of Rainbow Acres, this month's LEGO display!

LEGO Jr.

Ages 4-5

Thursday, 2/8, 4:20 PM

In the Program Room.

Registration opens 2/1.

Create vehicles for Rainbow Acres!

Mad Science Presents:

Dry-Ice Capades

Grades K-5

Friday, 2/9, 4:20 PM

In the Program Room.

Registration opens 2/2.

Young mad scientists will get the chance to explore the properties of matter at extreme temperatures. At the end, you get to create your own color-changing cup to take home!

Books and Blankies

Ages 2 and under

Friday, 2/16, 10 AM

In the Program Room.

Registration opens 2/9.

Join Community Connections for loads of finger plays, short stories, and music. This program is ideal for developing language and fine and gross motor skills, all while connecting with your little one sitting on your lap!

Graphic Novel Book Club

Grades 4 and up

Thursday, 2/29, 4:20 PM

In the Program Room.

Registration opens 2/1.

Read and discuss a graphic novel (to be announced online and in the Children's Room soon!), and practice making comics!

Teens

Dungeons and Dragons

Grades 6 and up

Tuesday, 2/13, 3:45-5:45 PM

In the Program Room.

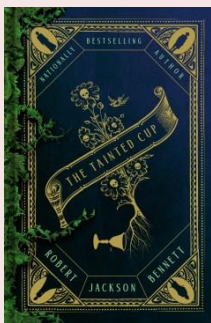
Registration opens 2/6.

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



Local History, Library Reads

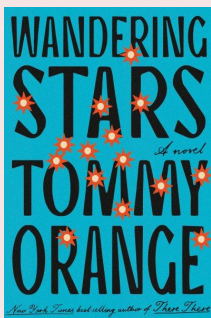
New And Recommended by Library Reads



The Tainted Cup
By Robert Jackson Bennett



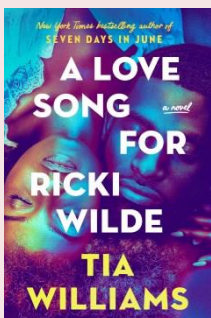
When Grumpy Met Sunshine
By Charlotte Stein



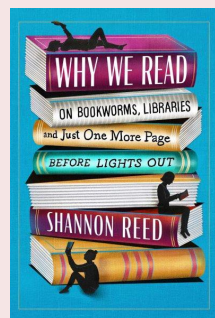
Wandering Stars
By Tommy Orange



The Fox Wife
By Yangsze Choo



A Love Song for Ricki Wilde
By Tia Williams



Why We Read: On Bookworms, Libraries, and Just One More Page Before Lights Out
By Shannon Reed

Local History

Outside of a page or column devoted to humor, jokes have historically served as fun fillers for undedicated space in printed publications. The early yearbook staffs of Holden High School enjoyed loading up on jokes and puns representing the humor of their time in each issue of "The Clarion," especially to tease their classmates and teachers. Here is a sampler from the 1930s (only the names have been altered):

Dentist: "Pardon me a moment, Sir, I must have a drill."
Patient: "Can't I even have a tooth fixed without a rehearsal?"

Teacher: "Do you think paper can be used effectively to keep people warm?"
Student: "I should say so! The last report card I brought home kept the family hot for a week."

Customer One: "Waiter, this butter is so strong it could walk around the table and say 'Hello' to the coffee."
Customer Two: "Well, the coffee's so weak it can't answer."

Boy One: "I called on Shirley last night and I was hardly inside the door before her mother asked my intentions."
Boy Two: "That must have been embarrassing."
Boy One: "Yes, but that's not the worst of it. Shirley called from upstairs and said, 'That isn't the one, Mother.'"

(Overheard at a party)
Stranger One: "Very dull, isn't it?"
Stranger Two: "Yes, very."
Stranger One: "Let's go home."
Stranger Two: "I can't. I'm the host."

Teacher: "Tomorrow I'll lecture on evolution."
Voice from the last row: "Oh, cut out the monkey business."

Girl One: "Rudy's new car is awfully tricky."
Girl Two: "Yes, you ought to see it play dead on a lonely road."

Local History content is provided by our Local History Librarian, Nancy Richards.

Be on the Lookout for...

Ways to donate to the
Windows of Opportunity
Campaign:



Make checks payable to "FGFL
Windows Campaign" and mail to

Friends of Gale Free Library
23 Highland Street
Holden, Massachusetts 01520

To donate through Venmo,
Square, or Paypal, please scan the
QR codes below.



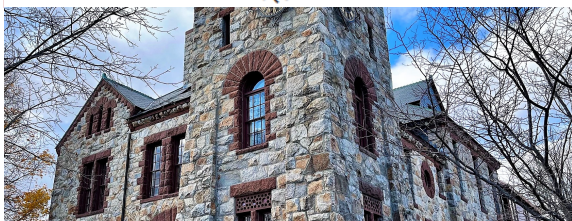
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Friends of Gale Free Library Announces \$200,000

WINDOWS OF OPPORTUNITY CAMPAIGN

Gale Free Library's historic windows are 135 years old and showing their age. Library and town officials agree it's time to fully restore these beautiful architectural features. Therefore, the Friends of Gale Free Library has launched *Windows of Opportunity*, a fundraising campaign with the goal of raising \$200,000 toward the total restoration and repair of the 60 exterior windows in the Library's original Damon Memorial building.

The balance of the funding, which is estimated to total over \$750,000, will come from projected grants and town appropriations. "We want to show our love for this remarkable building, which has been called the 'Gem of Worcester County,'" says *Windows of Opportunity* co-chair Penny Morgan.

Penny, along with co-chair Pat Korandanis, invites businesses and the public to contribute at one of the following levels:

- FRIEND: \$125
- BENEFACTOR: \$250
- PATRON: \$500
- SPONSOR: \$1,000 to \$20,000 and above

Sponsors receive an array of benefits, outlined on the Friends' website: FGFL.ORG.

Those who donate \$10,000 and above will have a permanent name plaque installed beneath one of the most prominent windows in the Damon Memorial building.

FGFL is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, and all contributions are tax deductible.

For questions, please write or phone Penny Morgan at pguymor@gmail.com or (774) 364-2011, or Pat Korandanis at korandanisp@gmail.com or (508) 829-9979.