

January 2021

THE SAWYER

Thank you for serving as a corporator for the Sawyer Free Library. We thought you might be interested in our new monthly newsletter. We're sending you a copy to help keep you informed. But if you'd prefer not, you may indicate that at the bottom of this email.

This month in the Matz Gallery

January's featured artist, **Carol Dirga**, describes her exhibit:

The exhibit is "an interweaving of reflections on 2020 with memories of life and travel. My map from life before the pandemic is colorful and crisscrossed with roads. I'm not on any road now. I step into my garden to uncover what the rabbit has been investigating. And to wash my hands for 20 seconds in the soil."

Come visit Carol's exhibit!



Device of the Month

The best of the best! SFL's expert librarians have selected bestselling fiction and outstanding nonfiction titles and loaded them on to individual eReaders. You can check out ten titles on one device. Check one out for a week and enjoy one or all ten great reads!



[Click here for more information about Digital Devices to Go](#)

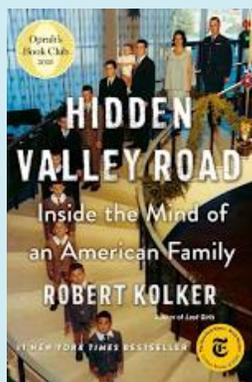
Meet Annemarie

Annemarie is our newest staff member. She will be working as our administrative assistant - a position she filled for 14 years at Endicott College. Annemarie is a Glosta Girl and loves her family, her grandchildren and sparkly sweaters. She is famous for making the best French macaroons. Library staff is hopeful for some samples!



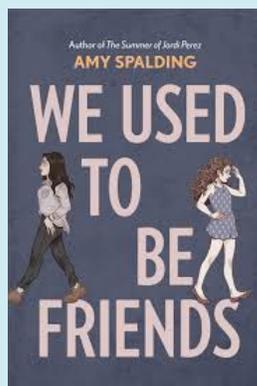
Gloucester Favorites of 2020

We tallied our statistics to bring you some of Gloucester's 2020 favorites



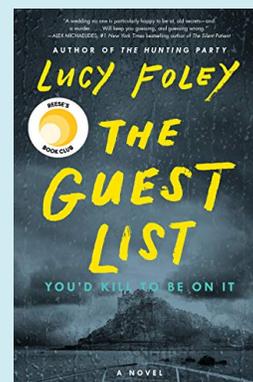
Nonfiction

[Click here for 2020 Non-Fiction favorites](#)



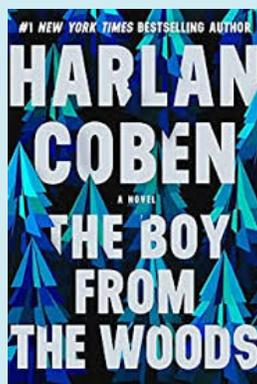
Young Adult

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Fiction

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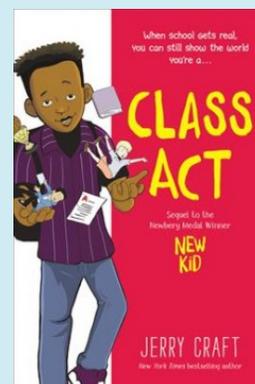
Mystery and Thrillers

[Click here for 2020 Mystery favorites](#)



Film

[Click here for 2020 Film favorites](#)



Children's

[Click here for 2020 Children's favorites](#)

January Online Programs

For recurring events, check our [calendar here](#)

Saturday, January 9
The Oldest Houses in Gloucester



Pru Fish will present a program detailing the history of the oldest houses in Gloucester - a fascinating look at the oldest examples of architecture on our backyard.



Thursday, January 21 Exercises for the quiet Eye

Annie Storr presents "Exercises for the Quiet Eye," a program designed to open the moment when someone can fully see the art in front of them. It aims to suspend attention, to quiet the drive to "figure out" and "move on."



Monday, January 25 Self-Care in Uncertain Times

Join us for an engaging and informative program with nutrition and supplement expert Susan Davis. Susan has been serving the community in the Health and Wellness field for 35+ years. In this hour-long program, we will learn new ways to address winter wellness.



Thursday, January 28 Current Reads

Come join this rousing discussion and find out what your fellow book lovers are reading. This is a great way to build and expand your own winter reading lists. Come prepared to share your current and favorite titles.

Children's Services

Try out our new AWE station

Looking for a safe, educational outing for your child aged 2 - 8? Bring them to play for 30 minutes on our new AWE station. Loaded with over 4,000 learning activities,

the AWE station creates an easy-to-use, single learning solution for young learners of all ages to build their literacy skills.



Meet Katelyn

Katelyn is our latest staff addition to Children's Services. Her goal is to pursue a career in Library Science. She has experience as a Library Assistant in the Children's Department at Bigelow Public Library in Clinton, MA. Katelyn loves cats, art, anime, films and all kinds of seafood. Her favorite movie is Shawshank Redemption.



Friends of the Sawyer Free Library

Check out the new Friends Book Shop

Are you looking for some books to get you through the winter season, a new cookbook maybe or a gripping mystery? The Friends of the Sawyer Free Library are here for you! While our Book Shop is temporarily closed, we have our new mini "Book Nook" with a smaller selection of gently used fiction and audio books as well as DVDs. Come in and browse. All proceeds are used to benefit the Sawyer Free Library. Thanks for your support!



To find out more about the Friends, click [here](#)

One last thing - Celebrating MLK

The Library will be closed on Jan 18, 2021 in honor of Martin Luther King Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 19, at 12pm

We'll hope to see you sometime this month!

"I HAVE DECIDED TO STICK WITH LOVE. HATE IS TOO GREAT A BURDEN TO BEAR."

-MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



