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located directly  
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#### Library Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Friday & Saturday

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Through May 7th

Closed

Memorial Day,  
Monday, May 29th

*"The only thing that  
you absolutely have to  
know, is the location of  
the library."*

— Albert Einstein



Joseph C. Sullivan  
Mayor

# Library Connections

## The Newsletter of Thayer Public Library

MAY 2017

### Meet Dash and Dot

Dash and Dot are robots that teach kids to code while they play. Using free apps and a compatible tablet or smartphone, kids learn to code while they make Dash sing and dance. And now you can borrow Dash and Dot from the library! Check one out and take it home for two weeks.

There are no renewals and there is a \$1.00 a day overdue fine.



Dash responds to voice, navigates objects, dances and sings. Use Wonder, Blockly, and other apps to create new behaviors for Dash — you'll be doing more with robotics than you thought possible!

Dot comes with several games you can play right out of the box, such as Magic Dot Ball, Dot of Music, and Light Sword. Using free apps you can see how these games are created, and make over a hundred more of your own!



### Words, Wind, and Wood: Native American Flute and Spoken Word

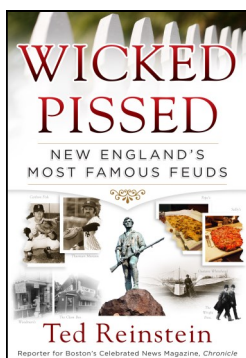
Experience an hour of mindfulness on **Thursday, May 4th from 7 to 8 PM in Logan Auditorium**. Relax while listening to musician **Jerry Lagadec** perform on Native American flute, guitar, and the spoken word. Mr. Lagadec, who started playing Native American flute in his 50s, now has flutes in various sizes and tones that he plays along with the guitar, using a musical and rhythmic backdrop to create a mesmerizing, live tapestry of spoken-word poetry and music. Free and open to the public.

Don't miss this musical, literary event!

*This program is supported in part by a grant from the Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.*



### Wicked Pissed: New England's Most Famous Feuds



#### Chronicle Reporter Ted Reinstein Talks About His New Book

Join us on **Tuesday, May 30th at 7:00 PM in Logan Auditorium** when *Chronicle* Reporter Ted Reinstein will discuss his latest book, ***Wicked Pissed: New England's Most Famous Feuds***.

Ted Reinstein, a native New Englander and local writer, tells fascinating stories from the history of New England in this fun, accessible book. From sports to politics, food to finance, aviation to engineering, to bitter disputes over simple boundaries themselves, New England's feuds have peppered the region's life for centuries. They've been raw and rowdy, sometimes high-minded and humorous, and in a place renowned for its deep sense of history, often long-running and legendary.

Bringing to life many of the fights, spats, and arguments that have, in many ways, shaped the area itself, Reinstein demonstrates what it really means to be Wicked Pissed.

## Braintree High School Yearbooks Online



Braintree High School yearbooks from 1935 to 2016 are now digitized and available to browse online.

Links to the yearbooks are on our website, [www.thayerpubliclibrary.org](http://www.thayerpubliclibrary.org), on these

pages: *People and Genealogy Databases*, *Alphabetical List of Databases*, and *Services List*.

Browse through any year online or download as many as you like to search for friends and relatives.

## Mutiny on the Bounty

On **Thursday May 11th at 7:00 PM** in the **Reading Room** on the Main Level. Join local historian **Bob Begin** for a presentation on "Mutiny on the Bounty." This illustrated talk will provide insight on Fletcher Christian, William Bligh and the historical context of what happened to the captain and crew of HMS Bounty in 1789.



## Coffee with Local Authors: Read Local!

Three successful authors from Braintree will talk about writing and self-publishing their books on **Saturday, May 13th from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM** in **Logan Auditorium**.



Featured speakers are Lt. Col. Bill Fleming, recently retired from the MBTA Police, who co-authored (with Joe Peters) **Code Black**, a novel of a possible terrorist strike in Boston at the St. Patrick's Day Parade, and is working on a second book of crime fiction set in Boston; Catherine Magia, author of **The Fisherman's Bride**, a work of historical fiction about the wife of the Bible's Simon Peter; and Ana Cuevas, author of **In a Land I Did Not Choose**, a memoir both of coming to this country from Mexico as a child and also of growing up with a disability (blindness).

Copies of their books will be available for sale, but no purchase is necessary to attend.

Support your local writing community with your attendance! Light refreshments will be served. Free and open to the public.

## May Newly Released Movie



Join us on **Wednesday, May 10th at 6:30 PM** in Logan Auditorium for our monthly showing of a newly-released-on-DVD movie. This month's movie is **La La Land**, starring Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone.

Nominated for eight Academy Awards, including Best Picture, **La La Land** tells the story of Mia, an aspiring actress, and Sebastian, a dedicated jazz musician, who are struggling to make ends meet in a city known for crushing hopes and breaking hearts. Set in modern day Los Angeles, this original musical about everyday life explores the joy and pain of pursuing your dreams.

Can't make it on Wednesday night? Don't forget that you can see an encore presentation of the newly released movie the following day at an afternoon matinee in Logan Auditorium. This month's show time is **Thursday, May 11th at 2:00 PM**.

Black Label Media, Rated PG-13, 128 mins.

## Friends of the Library Concert Series

Pianist **Fred Moyer** will perform in **Logan Auditorium** on **Sunday, May 21st from 3:00 - 4:00 PM** as part of the Friends of Thayer Public Library Concert Series.

For more than thirty years as a full-time concert pianist, Frederick Moyer has established a musical career that has taken him to forty-three countries and to venues such as Suntory Hall in Tokyo, Sydney Opera House, Windsor Castle, Carnegie Recital Hall, Tanglewood, and the Kennedy Center. He has appeared as piano soloist with most of the major orchestras in the United States as well as many orchestras in Europe, Asia, South America, Africa and Australia.

Join us for an enjoyable afternoon of music followed by light refreshments. Free, no reservations needed.

