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The Library is located  
directly across from  
Town Hall.

### Winter Hours

#### Open for Browsing

Mon: 10 am-7 pm

Wed: 10 am-7 pm

Fri: 10 am-5 pm

#### Curbside Pickup

Tues: 10 am-7 pm

Thurs: 10 am-7 pm

The Library will be  
closed

**Monday, February  
15th  
for Presidents' Day**



Charles C. Kokoros  
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# Library Connections

## The Newsletter of Thayer Public Library

FEBRUARY 2021

### Virtual Writers Group



The TPL Writers Group meeting will be held virtually, via **Zoom, on Tuesday, February 2nd from 3:00-4:00 pm**. Advance registration by noon on the day of the meeting is required to receive the Zoom meeting invite. Register online, in person, or over the phone. If you have any questions on the writers group or how to attend virtually via Zoom, email Laurie at [lcavanaugh@braintree.ma.gov](mailto:lcavanaugh@braintree.ma.gov).

Meet others who love to write! Share tips of the trade, and get/give encouragement and support to other area writers. The TPL Writers Group meets monthly to talk about works in progress and the writing and publishing process. Meetings will eventually return to Saturday morning, once the library schedule permits.

Reading briefly from your own work is optional. Meetings are sponsored by the Thayer Public Library; group meetings are facilitated by a librarian.

### Virtual Genealogy Club

Are you interested in tracing your family's history? Are you working on your genealogy and want to meet up with others who are working on their family trees? Then join us at the Thayer Public Library's Genealogy Club on **Tuesday, February 9th at 6:30 pm on Zoom**. Everyone is welcome from novice to expert. Come learn about the resources that the library has to offer. We can compare notes and stories as well as help each other with research.

Registration is required to receive the Zoom invitation by email. Register online, in person at the Reference Desk, or over the phone at 781-848-0405, x4417.



### Museum Passes



Some of our museums are starting to reopen again this month and as they reopen many will be accepting library passes. For museums that require a physical pass, reserve your pass just like you always have, and check out the passes as in the past.

We strive to provide current information about each museum but please check directly with the museums for hours and restrictions; most museums now require reservations to be made online in advance. Many also have reduced hours and some may not allow discounts at this time.

Some of our passes are now available as e-tickets, so you don't have to visit the library to get the discounted price. And don't forget that you can reserve museum passes online or by calling us at 781-848-0405, x4417 during library hours.

# Newspapers and Magazines



Did you know that you can still read newspapers and magazines from the library while the Periodical Room is closed? You may not be able to browse the magazines at the library, but you can check them out to read at home. You can even have magazines included in your curbside pick up. Call us at 781-848-0405, x4417 to place a hold on specific issues for you ahead of time. And don't forget that you can also get downloadable magazines through RBDigital.

You also have access to newspapers, including today's *Patriot Ledger*, *Boston Herald*, and more! While you do have to read them online, these newspapers look just like the print edition. Articles from these papers, and hundreds of others across the country, are available through *America's News* from Newsbank. This resource is not just limited to newspapers and news magazines, it also includes transcripts from radio and television programs and stories from the wire services, and more.

And that's not all -- current and back articles from hundreds of other news sources, including the *Boston Globe*, are available through our online databases. Learn how to set up an account for the full text version of *The New York*



## February Activities for Kids and Teens @ the Library

### For Kids

#### Stories and Songs

Join us on Zoom from 9:30-10:00 am on **two Tuesdays in February** to listen to some stories. Best for ages two to five.

- **Tuesday, February 2nd** -- Valentine Stories
- **Tuesday, February 23rd** -- Dinosaur Stories

Registration is required to receive the Zoom invitation. Register online, in person, or over the phone.

#### Tuesday Tunes Sing-along

**Tuesday, February 9th from 9:30-10:00 am on Facebook Live.** Join us to sing some favorite songs and rhymes. For ages two to five.

**Take & Make Crafts — Three Wednesdays in February. Pick up in the Children's Room from 10:00 am-7:00 pm**, while supplies last. Craft bags will be available on:

- **February 3rd** -- Chinese New Year Craft
- **February 10th** -- Valentine Craft
- **February 24th** -- Dinosaur Craft



#### School Vacation Activity Bag

A Nature Detective activity bag for three different age levels will be available to Take and Make at home. **Pick up bags during regular library hours on Friday, Feb. 12th, Tuesday, Feb. 16th, or Wed. Feb. 17th.**

#### Faves on Friday

Stop by **Facebook Live two Fridays this month from 3:00-3:15 pm** for some book suggestions.

- **February 12th** -- Dragons and Chinese New Year
- **February 26th** -- Family Stories



Can't make it on Friday? Faves on Friday will be recorded so you can watch any time that is convenient for you.

### For Teens

#### Tween and Teen Grab 'n Go: Relax

Love yourself and relax this month! Grab your free kit and book on **Tuesday, February 9th from 10:00 am-7:00 pm**, then enjoy the activities on your own time.

Kits Include a squish toy, coloring pages, colored pencils, self-care bookmark, and other activities for de-stressing.

This program is for grades five through 12 and registration is required. Please allow two hours after registering to pick up your kit(s).

#### South Shore Book Buzz



Tune in on **Tuesday, February 16th from 3:30-4:00 pm** for a teen book share on Instagram Live. Learn about new YA books from South Shore Young Adult Librarians. You can comment in our live stream, recommend a recent book you read, hear about what other teens are reading or share a book that fits the monthly theme.

This month's theme is ***Because We Love It*** and is hosted by @ventressteenlib.

#### You Should Read This...

A new episode of *You Should Read This* will be available at **3:00 pm on Tuesday, January 26th on Instagram!**

*You Should Read This* is a five-minute book recommendation video produced by Christina, the Young Adult Librarian. It features two books and an audiobook you should read!

Follow us on Instagram at @thayerpubliclib.