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The Library is located directly across from Town Hall.

#### Library Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Friday & Saturday

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Closed

Patriot's Day,  
Monday, April 18th

*"Libraries are a cornerstone of democracy—where information is free and equally available to everyone. People tend to take that for granted, and they don't realize what is at stake when that is put at risk."*

—Carla Hayden,  
Librarian of Congress



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# Library Connections

## The Newsletter of Thayer Public Library

APRIL 2022

## Understanding Contemporary Poetry



Celebrate National Poetry Month with an hour of poetry and conversation with an expert!

Join us **Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00 pm in Logan Auditorium** to learn more about Understanding Contemporary Poetry with Professor Gloria Monaghan of Wentworth University School of Science and Humanities. Prof. Monaghan will explain how to read contemporary poetry for meaning and understanding, sharing examples from her own work and that of other contemporary poets.

Gloria Monaghan is a Professor at Wentworth University in Boston at the School of Science and Humanities. She is the author of two chapbooks and three books of poetry, including *Flawed* (Finishing Line Press, 2011), which was nominated for the Massachusetts Book Award. Her poems have appeared in *Blue Max Review*, *Adelaide*, *Aurorean*, *Chiron*, *Nixes-Mate*, *First Literary Review East*, *Aries*, among others. In 2018 her poem, "Into Grace" was nominated for the Pushcart Prize. She has also been nominated for the Griffin Prize.

This free event, open to the public, is sponsored by Thayer Public Library. Registration is requested, but not required. Please register online, in person, or over the phone at 781-848-0405 x4417.

## Craft & Chat



Do you like meeting new people and making crafts? Then join us at Craft & Chat, a free program on **Tuesday, April 26th. Two sessions will be offered, choose the one that is best for you: 10:30 to 11:30 am in the Reading Room or 6:30 to 8:00 pm in Logan Auditorium.**

This month we will be making mini ceramic planters. Bring your creativity and we will provide the craft supplies. Space is limited at this adult program; advance registration required.

## EFT Mini Workshop

Join experienced Yoga and Mindfulness instructor Jennifer Lynn, owner of Nurtured Roots, on **Saturday May 7th from 10:00 am to 11:00 am in Logan Auditorium** to learn the simple practices of mindfulness, breathwork, and Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT) as a way to find peace and balance of mind and body.

Experience how to effectively acknowledge negative feelings and use these techniques as a tool to help focus on positive outcomes, including reduced stress, pain, anxiety, and depression. Space is limited and registration is required.



**Register for either, or both, of these programs online through the Library Event Calendar, in person at the Reference Desk, or over the phone at 781-848-0405 x4417.**

# Nature in Your Neighborhood



Join Thayer Public Library and Mass Audubon for a series of programs on **Nature in Your Neighborhood**.

## Children's Art Program: Thursday, April 7th from 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm in Logan Auditorium

Children can tap into their artistic side and explore the nature of Braintree with Mass Audubon! Join us for printmaking and nature journaling to learn about local bird species, practice your observation skills and explore signs of Spring. Parents or caregivers are welcome to observe. Limited to ten children, ages six and up. Registration is required. Register online, in person, or over the phone at 781-848-0405 x4417.

## Nature Program for Adults: Thursday, April 7th at 6:30 pm in the Reading Room

Discover the secret life of your local bird species! Join Mass Audubon for this illustrated lecture where we'll uncover the why and how behind bird behavior, discuss bird migration patterns, and learn to identify local species. No registration needed.

## Nature Hike for Families at Pond Meadow Park: Saturday, April 9th from 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Families can explore together local open space together with Mass Audubon! Join Audubon staff for a guided nature hike and learn to identify signs of Spring, practice birding techniques, and enjoy the outdoors at Pond Meadow Park. This program is limited to ten families and registration is required. Register online, in person, or over the phone at 781-848-0405 x4417.

## Nature Hike for Adults at Pond Meadow Park: Saturday April 16th from 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Get out on the trail with Mass Audubon to identify signs of Spring, practice bird identification, and learn about your local flora and fauna. Join Mass Audubon for a guided hike at Pond Meadow Park and leave with newfound knowledge of this local open space. Registration is required. Register online, in person or over the phone at 781-848-0405 x4417.

*These events are co-sponsored by Mass Audubon and Thayer Public Library. They are 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.*

# Live Performances for Children

## Mamasteph Concert

Saturday, April 9th, 10:30 am to 11:15 am



Beloved South Shore musician Stephanie Chase, better known as Mamasteph, joins us for a concert on **Saturday, April 9th from 10:30 am to 11:15 am in Logan Auditorium.**

Mamasteph plays the guitar and sings traditional children's songs as well as her own compositions. She

is an accomplished musician, singer, songwriter, entertainer, and craftsperson. Her concerts are always popular and feature music, imagination, and puppetry!

Registration is not required for this free program, but space is limited. The first 60 people to arrive will be admitted to the show.

## Pumpnickel Puppets Present Peter Rabbit

Thursday, April 21st, 11:00 am to 11:45 am



Join us on **Thursday, April 21st at 11:00 am in Logan Auditorium** when the Pumpnickel Puppets present a delightful adaptation of Peter Rabbit.

For nearly forty years the Pumpnickel Puppets have captivated audiences of all ages with humorous and colorful presentations of classic folk and fairy tales. John McDonough and his puppets present over two hundred fifty shows a year at schools, libraries and private parties throughout the New England area.

This program is free and open to families with children of all ages. No registration required, but admission is limited to the first 60 people.

**Be sure to check the Library Event Calendar to see everything we have planned for April School Vacation Week!**