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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

"Books are a uniquely portable magic."

Stephen King



Charles C. Kokoros
Mayor

Library Connections

The Newsletter of Thayer Public Library

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Update on Overdrive and Libby Apps

OverDrive is discontinuing the legacy OverDrive app in April 2023 and transitioning users to the Libby app. Libby is OverDrive's newer app for browsing and enjoying digital content from our library. It's time to give Libby a try! All your loans, holds, and wish list items will be waiting for you in Libby when you add your library card.



Libby also comes with new features we know you'll love, like:

- Tags to categorize books however you'd like—you can even sync your OverDrive wish list into a tag!
- A central bookshelf for all loans and holds
- Customizable notifications for ready holds, new magazine issues, and more
- Compatibility with Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, and Sonos speakers
- Extra learning and entertainment resources, like Kanopy
- Easy access to OverDrive support staff

Please note: Our library's digital collection will continue to be available on the web at <https://ocln.overdrive.com> on desktop and mobile devices.

You can learn more at <https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby/switchtolibby>.

Coffee With Local Authors

Join us on **Saturday, March 4th from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm** in Logan Auditorium for **Coffee with Local Authors: Boston Crime Fiction Edition**.

Three local authors will talk about writing and self-publishing their Boston crime fiction series, followed by a Q&A. Complimentary refreshments will be provided.



- Nicole Asselin, author of *Concession Stand Crimes*
 - Bill Fleming, author of *The Third Rail*
 - Tom MacDonald, author of *The Murder of Vincent Dunn*
- Books will be made available for purchase by the authors; no purchase is necessary to attend this free, in-person event.

Celtic Celebration

Join the Thayer Public Library and the Braintree Department of Elder Affairs for a Celtic Celebration with Davis Bates! **Space is limited and registration is required.**

Join us at the **Braintree Department of Elder Affairs, 71 Cleveland Avenue, on Monday, March 20th from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm** for tales and songs from Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. We will hear stories of seal folk and wee folk, and have sing-alongs galore in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

Davis Bates has been telling stories for over forty-four years in schools, libraries colleges and community settings around New England and across the country. His recording of Family Stories won a Parents Choice Gold Award and was named one of the year's best Audio Recordings by Booklist Magazine.

Enjoy a traditional Irish Corn Beef and Cabbage Boiled Dinner catered by Fasanos. Lunch is at 12:00 pm and the performance starts at 12:30pm.

This celebration is free, but registration is required. Call 781-848-1963 to register.

This program is supported in part by the Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the



Knitting Group



Join the Thayer Public Library's new informal knitting group!

Bring your project and enjoy the company of other knitters **every third Tuesday of the month from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Reading Room.** This month the group will meet on **March 21st.**

Basic knitting skills are required; but help may be available from others. Beginners to experts are welcome. No registration is necessary, walk-ins are welcome!

Genealogy Club: The Gravestone Girls

The Genealogy Club is excited to welcome *The Gravestone Girls* on **Saturday, March 25th at 10:00 am in Logan Auditorium** to learn more about what we can find "Past the Cemetery Gate."

"Past the Cemetery Gate" is a 90-minute presentation where we learn to 'read' the cemetery for clues and information! Using direct observation and deductive reasoning from objects such as the writing, art, geology and the cemetery landscape, many new insights can be revealed. That new insight can answer questions, create new inquiries and open doors for further detective work. Many use the cemetery as a cursory resource for learning, genealogy, or entertainment, some haven't tapped it at all. This program will get you looking at these spaces, both old and new, as a valuable resource for their data collection activities!

Brenda Sullivan has been immersed in gravestone art, history, and symbolism for more than 30 years. An education in Art History and restoration led to the creation of Gravestone Girls. Gravestone Girls create replicas of old New England tombstones in the form of wall hangings, magnets, coasters, mirrors, pinboards, and more! Cast directly from originals still on cemetery landscapes, their art is a piece of history in your hand! "Keeping Our Dead Alive" through lectures, tours, classes, and art, they work nationwide, raising cemetery awareness and teaching citizens the history buried under their feet.

All are welcome! Please register through the Event Calendar to receive future emails about genealogical events, webinars, articles, as well as a link to the recording of this event.

