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Library Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 am - 9:00 pm

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9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Closed
Patriot's Day,
Monday, April 17th

"A library is not a
luxury but one of the
necessities of life" –

Henry Ward
Beecher.



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Library Connections

The Newsletter of Thayer Public Library

APRIL 2023

Award Winning Author and Journalist Jan Brogan

Join us on **Thursday, April 6th at 7:00 PM in Logan Auditorium** when award winning author and journalist Jan Brogan will discuss her latest book, *The Combat Zone: Murder, Race, and Boston's Struggle for Justice*. The book was shortlisted for both an Agatha Award and an Anthony for the best non-fiction of 2021.

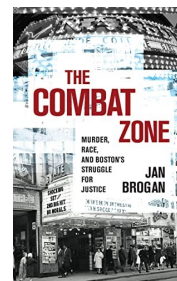
The Combat Zone is a riveting account of a brutal murder, race, two flawed trials, and the not so delicate dance between justice and revenge. It covers the 1976 murder of Harvard football player Andrew Puopolo in Boston's old Combat Zone, the two trials that followed, with nearly opposite verdicts, and the impact on the city and on the criminal justice system.

The book also explores survivor grief, the offers the Puopolo family received to have the three Black defendants "whacked" in prison by the Mob, and the fine line between justice and revenge.



Jan Brogan has been a journalist for more than thirty years, working as a correspondent for The Boston Globe, a staff writer for The Worcester Telegram and The Providence Journal. She is the award-winning author of four mysteries, one of which is currently under development for a television series.

She holds a master's degree in English from the University of Massachusetts, Boston. She also teaches journalism at the Boston University Summer Journalism Institute Academy. She lives with her husband in a Boston suburb.



Craft & Chat

Everything Spring!

Craft & Chat with us! Join us at the library on **Tuesday, April 11th at 10:00 am in the Reading Room** to create your own spring craft. This is a great way to relax and connect with others.

Crafts are simple, fun, and whimsical. Craft will include a lady bug clothespin, color your own bee plant stake, and flower birdhouse. Choose one or make them all!

Please register, supplies are included but quantities are limited.



Make a Book Bag



Please join us on **Saturday, April 15th at 2:00 pm in Logan Auditorium** for a book bag sewing workshop. Make a one-of-a-kind book bag using pre-cut fabric pieces and simple sewing techniques.

Participants must have basic sewing skills. You must be able to thread a needle independently and execute a basic running stitch.

Registration is required to attend; this program is limited to 15 participants due to limited amount of materials.

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.

Don't forget to check the Event Calendar to see all of the programs and events we have planned!

Fun and Games for Adults

Who says the kids should have all the fun? We certainly don't! That's why we are introducing two new programs this month — a Monthly Board Game Night for Adults and Maj Jongg Instruction and Play.

Monthly Board Game Night for Adults. Stop in solo or bring a friend and join us for our first board game night on **Monday, April 3rd from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Reading Room.** Come see the competitive and collaborative board games and card games we have. No registration required -- this is a drop-in program.

Maj Jongg Instruction and Play. We will meet for three Mondays at 11:00 AM. April 10th will meet in Logan Auditorium and the April 24th, and May 1st sessions will meet in the Reading Room. Instructor Carol Cohen will provide general information about the game and teach us all how to play!

Come to learn from scratch or use this as brush up and practice. Players of all levels are welcome! If you are coming as a novice player, please try to come to all of the first three sessions if you can.

If you have a Mah Jongg set, please bring it with you, otherwise borrow one of ours. Please register to receive updates or any schedule changes. Register online through the Event Calendar, in person or over the phone at 781-848-0405, ext. 4417.



School Vacation Week @ TPL

For Children

Movie -- Minions: The Rise of Gru.



Tuesday, April 18th at 10:30 am see the newest Minions movie on the big screen in **Logan Auditorium.**

Disney Trivia Contest.

Join us on **Wednesday, April 19th from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm in Logan Auditorium** to test your knowledge of Disney movies and Star Wars. Contestants must be between the ages of five to eleven. Kids of all ages, families, and teens are welcome in the audience.

LEGO Challenge.

Thursday, April 20th in the Children's Room from 2:15 pm to 3:15 pm. Kids ages five to eleven are invited to use our LEGOs and their imaginations to see what they can create!



Drop-In Board Games, Play, and Craft.

Join us in the **Children's Room between 10:00 am and noon on Friday, April 21st.** Have informal fun with other kids.

For Teens

Teen Blackout Poetry.

Join us in the **Teen Room on Tuesday, April 18th from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm** to try making your own blackout poetry! You will be given time to work on your poems, and then share them with your peers.

Blackout poetry is when you take a written piece of text from a book, newspaper, or magazine and redact words, in order to come up with your very own poem.

Tweens and Teens Oreo Taste Test

Come join us on **Thursday, April 20th from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm in Logan Auditorium** to taste test some Oreos and see if you can guess what flavor cookie you are eating!

There will be six different flavors to try!

After guessing each of the flavors participants will rank them from best to worst.

Registration is required. Register online through the Event Calendar, in person, or over the phone at 781-848-0405, ext. 4415. **Registration opens**



Community Survey

Thayer Public Library is planning for the future and needs your help! Your response to our Community Survey will help the Strategic Planning Committee chart a course for the library's next five years, and ensure that Thayer Public Library is fulfilling its mission to provide resources and offer services the community wants and needs.

The survey is short – Honest! Answering the questions online through SurveyMonkey is preferred, but printed surveys are available for those who would rather respond that way. Either way, your response is much appreciated. The library's Community Survey will close at the end of the day on Friday, April 21st. To respond online go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/ThayerPublicLibraryCommunitySurvey. You do not have to be a resident of Braintree to respond to the Community Survey.

Questions? Contact Laurie Cavanaugh, Assistant Director, at lcavanaugh@braintreema.gov or 781-848-0405 x4418.

