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The Library is located directly across from Town Hall.

#### Fall Hours (Starting 9/5)

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Friday and Saturday

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

The Library will be closed Monday, September 4th for Labor Day

To find out about ALL the events that the library offers each month sign up for our monthly e-newsletter!



Charles C. Kokoros  
Mayor

# Library Connections

## The Newsletter of Thayer Public Library

SEPTEMBER 2023

## Fall Hours Start September 5th

The library will be closed on Monday, September 4th for the Labor Day holiday.

The library will be closed all day on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> for an in-service Staff Development Day.

Fall hours start on Tuesday, September 5th. Fall hours are:

Monday through Thursday: 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

Friday and Saturday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm



## Concert with Jazz Singer Donna Byrne



We're pleased to welcome Donna Byrnes and her Quartet to open the Thayer Public Library 2023 Concert Series on **Saturday, September 16th from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in Logan Auditorium.**

Donna Byrne is a jazz singer at the top of her game, a true entertainer whose music is fiery or tender by turns. Her powerful voice, energetic persona, and ability to convey a sense of her life experience gives her music a spiritual feel that captivates jazz fans and leading artists alike.

*This program is made possible through the use of library state aid funds.*

## Chocolate Tasting 101

Join us on **Saturday, September 23rd at 2:00 pm in Logan Auditorium** to learn all about chocolate with Therapy Gardens!

Eating chocolate releases endorphins that make you happy! And some chocolate can actually be good for you! Come try an array of gourmet chocolate to stimulate your pallet. Squares of milk, dark, and low-sugar chocolate will be offered for sampling.

Also learn about the ingredients, processing and where cocoa pods are grown from our own resident chocolate expert. We will also review the latest nutritional and health information. Great for all us chocoholics!

Space is limited and **registration is required.** Register online through the Event Calendar, in person at the Reference Desk, or over the phone at 781-848-0405, x4417.



# Becoming a Self-Published Indie Author Workshop



Whether you're working on your first book or your fifteenth, you're bound to learn something from our panel discussion on self-publishing on **Saturday, September 23, from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm in Logan Auditorium.**

Three area experts will talk about how to prepare, publish, and promote your work:

**Willie Wideman-Pleasants** is an author, poet, publisher, and educator. She is currently the Chair of the National Writers Union/Boston Chapter and the co-founder of the author's support group, Authors without Borders, for writers navigating the maze of writing, publishing, and marketing books. She is a radio

and cable show personality at Boston Neighborhood Network.

**Dale T. Phillips** has published novels, story collections, non-fiction, and over 80 short stories. He has been a panelist for many national writing conferences and gives frequent talks and workshops on Independent publishing. His book, *How to be a Successful Indie Author*, helps many authors seeking a path through the world of publishing.

**MaryBeth McCarthy**, writing under the name M. Dalto, is the author of adventurous romantic fantasy stories. Since October 2021 she has been an exclusive Wattpad Creator. She is a freelance editor and a mentor for WriteHive, where she hopes to engage, assist, and inspire new writers through their literary journey. She co-owns the independent publishing house, *Sword & Silk Books*, where she is currently Senior Editor.

Books will be available from the authors for purchase. No purchase is necessary to attend this free event.

If you are interested in attending this live event virtually, via Zoom, please register online through the event calendar at least three days in advance.

## BookPage Now Available Online



Now you can get the latest copy of *BookPage* as soon as it comes out without leaving home.

Thayer Public Library is excited to now offer *BookPage* online, in addition to the print version available at the library.

*BookPage* is an editorially independent discovery tool for readers, highlighting the best new books across all genres.

The September issue features this season's crop of fall fiction. William Kent Krueger's standalone mystery **The River We Remember** excavates the darkness of small-town America, **A Woman Is No Man** author Etaf Rum returns with her sophomore novel and Zadie Smith ventures to Victorian England. They've also rounded up some excellent new parenting books and bestsellers to watch out for.

To start reading the latest issue, just go to [www.bookpage.com/dig.thayerpubliclibrary](http://www.bookpage.com/dig.thayerpubliclibrary).

## Back to School for Adults

The whole family can go back to school this Fall using your Thayer Public Library card! Take a course to enhance your career, or learn something just for fun. Choose online interactive classes with Gale Courses, or on-demand video instruction with Udemy.



**Gale Courses** includes a wide range of interactive classes on topics from drawing to database management. Courses, led by live instructors, include topics for personal enrichment as well as professional development.

The program is entirely online, with each course lasting six weeks. New sessions start once a month. You should expect to spend from two to four hours each week completing two lessons while participating and interacting with other students and instructors in an online discussion area.



**Gale Presents: Udemy** offers thousands of on-demand video courses taught by world-class instructors across more than 75 categories. Find courses in the areas of business, technology, and design, as well as courses on health and well-being, the arts and language learning.

Select the instructor and content that best addresses your skill need and learning preferences and filter search results on course features, level, duration, topic, and ratings. Courses are replaced monthly with new material addressing emerging topics.