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Winter Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Friday and Saturday

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Holiday Hours

Closed:

Monday, Dec. 25th

and

Monday, Jan. 1, 2023

*Closing at 2:00 pm on
Saturday, December 23rd
and
Saturday, December 30th*

*Please check our website
for updates on holiday
hours and weather
related closures.*



Charles C. Kokoros
Mayor

Library Connections

The Newsletter of Thayer Public Library

DECEMBER 2023

Season's Greetings



The library will close at 2:00 pm on Saturday, December 23rd and be closed all day Monday, December 25th for the Christmas holiday.

The library will close at 2:00 pm on Saturday, December 30th and be closed all day Monday, January 1, 2024 for the New Year's Day holiday.

Even though the library is closed for these holidays you can place holds online 24/7 through the library catalog at ocln.org. And don't forget to check out the digital resources on the library website, www.thayerpubliclibrary.org, which are also available 24/7.

Hours are subject to change, so be sure to check our website for the latest information on holiday hours.

Help With the Holidays

Let us help make this holiday season a bit easier and a little less stressful! You already know we have books, DVDs, and CDs to help make the holidays a little more fun and a little easier, but did you know our online databases can help, too?

- **Consumer Reports** -- Research those holiday presents before you buy!
- **New York Time Cooking** -- This digital cookbook and cooking guide will help you discover, save, and organize the world's best recipes to help make holiday entertaining easier. Sign in through the library catalog at ocln.org.
- **Culinary Arts: Gale OneFile** -- Stumped for cooking ideas? Try this database.
- **Home Improvement: Gale OneFile** -- Get your home in tiptop shape for the holidays!
- **Gale Presents Udemy** -- Need a break from holiday stress? Uedemy can help with videos on Mindfulness and Meditation. Pressed for time? You can even sort videos by duration!
- **Hoopla** -- Find e-books on entertaining, cooking, holiday traditions, crafts, and more. Choose some holiday background music from the music collection. And don't forget you can watch holiday movies to get in the spirit!
- **Overdrive** -- Now offering magazines and videos in addition to e-books and e-audiobooks! Be sure to check out the Home and Garden or Food and Wine magazine collections for the latest in holiday ideas.



Find links to these databases, and many others, on our webpage

www.thayerpubliclibrary.org/databases-alphabetical.

Genealogy Records at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds



The Genealogy Club is pleased to welcome Norfolk County Register of Deeds Bill O'Donnell on **Saturday, December 9th from 10:00 am to 11:30 am in Logan Auditorium** to learn more about using land records for genealogical research.

Register O'Donnell will guide us in using land records for genealogical research, followed by a question and answer session. After his talk, two of his assistants will be able to answer any additional questions and look up documents and print them out.

The Registry of Deeds is the principal office for real property records in Norfolk County, cataloging and housing more than 10 million land documents dating back to 1793. Under Bill O'Donnell the Registry of Deeds has made the research process easier through its History Comes Alive Transcription Program where all the Registry documents from 1793 to 1900 have been transcribed from old cursive writing into clearly readable and easy-to-read and print.

William P. O'Donnell of Norwood is Register of Deeds for Norfolk County, and by virtue of that office, serves as an Assistant Recorder of the Massachusetts Land Court. A graduate of Boston College Law School and Georgetown University, O'Donnell was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in 1985. He served as an Assistant District Attorney for Norfolk County, as well as private practice, which included real estate, conveyancing and related areas. He serves as president of the Massachusetts Registers of Deeds Association.

Taste Tests for Kids and Teens

Hershey's Kisses: Guess the Flavor

On **Tuesday, December 26th from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm in**

Logan Auditorium, we'll be serving up seven different flavors of Hersey's Kisses! Can your taste buds tell what each one is? How many can you guess?



For ages six to twelve. The first 45 children to arrive will be admitted.

Pringles Taste Test for Teens

Teens and tweens, do you love Pringles? All the flavors? Come to **Logan Auditorium on Thursday, December 28th from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm** when we will be doing a taste test of ten different Pringles flavors.

Discover which flavors you love, and which ones you loathe. Try some, or try them all!



Davis Bates: Winter Song & Story Celebration

Join us in the **Children's Room on Wednesday, December 27th from 3:00 to 4:00 pm** for a Winter Song and Story Celebration with storyteller Davis Bates, a Parents Choice Award Winner.

This program of songs and stories will bring warmth to the coldest time of the year, while celebrating a variety of holiday traditions. Ideal for ages four to twelve. No registration required.



December Book Clubs

Take a break from holiday preparations and join us at a book club this month. Three of the library's regular monthly book clubs will meet this month. The Nonfiction Book Club and The Reader's Group are not meeting this month, but the January titles are available to pick up at the Circulation Desk.

The Brown Bag Book Club meets in **Logan Auditorium, from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm on Wednesday, December 13th** to discuss *The Jane Austen Society* by Natalie Jenner.

The Second Thursday Book Club meets on **Thursday, December 14th from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm in the Reading Room** for a discussion of *Lucy by the Sea* by Elizabeth Strout.

The Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Club meets on **Monday, December 18th from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Reading Room** to discuss the *Annihilation* by Jeff VanderMeer.

