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The Library will be
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*A library could show you
everything if you knew
where to look.
— Pat Conroy*



Library Connections

The Newsletter of Thayer Public Library

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Eating Healthy on a Budget



Thayer Public Library is excited to host Therapy Gardens for “Eating Healthy on a Budget,” a workshop on **Saturday, January 27th at 2:00 pm in Logan Auditorium.**

Join us to discover practical tips and strategies to embrace healthy eating without breaking the bank! Therapy Gardens will uncover smart ways to save money while still enjoying nutritious and delicious meals, both when cooking at home and when ordering out. Learn actionable techniques to make healthy eating sustainable and affordable, while making your well-being a top priority.

No registration necessary. All are welcome.

This program is made possible through the use of Library State Aid Funds.

Device Advice

Get Free eBooks, Magazines, Music, Movies and More

Did you get a new device for the Holidays? Did you know you can get free eBooks, magazines, music, and movies from the library on your tablet, phone or computer? Come to the Device Advice workshop on **Wednesday, January 10th at 2:30 pm in Conference Room B** and we'll show you how!



Now that you've had some time to learn the basics of using your new tablet, smartphone or eReader you're ready to learn how to fill your entertainment needs with FREE ebooks, audiobooks, movies, magazines, and music using your Thayer Public Library card.

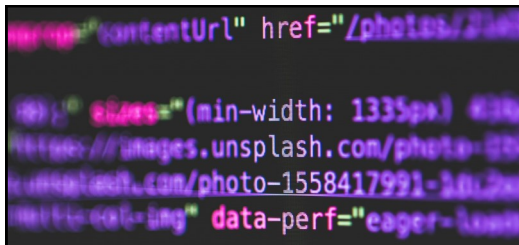
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Not all products are compatible with all devices. You will need to bring your library card (and PIN), and know the user ID and password for your device's app store. And don't forget to bring your device!

Space is limited and registration is required. Register online, over the phone (781-848-0405, ext. 4417), or in person at the Reference Desk.

Coding for Kids



Children can learn basic coding in this six-part series taught by a college computer professor. Starting on Saturday, January 6th. Two sessions are offered -- one for children in grades two and three (ages seven and eight) and another session for children in grades four and five (ages nine and ten).

Participants are required to bring a laptop to use during class.

Registration is required. Space is limited to 15 students for each age group. Register once to be enrolled in all six sessions.

Classes will be held on six consecutive Saturdays. The first session will meet on **Saturday, January 6th in the Stained Glass Tower of the Children's Room** (some future classes will meet in Logan Auditorium, check the calendar for meeting locations). The class for children in grades two and three will meet from **11:00 am to 11:30 am**; the session for grades four and five will meet from **11:35 am to 12:30 pm**.

Genealogy Club



Join us on **Saturday, January 20th @ 10:00 am in Logan Auditorium** when Genealogist Pamela Guye Holland will be here to talk about "Discovering Cousins Using DNA - Exploring Your Autosomal DNA Matches."

This talk will show you how to explore your matches and use the tools available at the major DNA testing companies: AncestryDNA, 23andMe, FamilyTreeDNA, and MyHeritage. It will focus on practical ways to discover how you are related to your Autosomal DNA Cousins.

Case studies using matches at each testing company will illustrate methods you can use to connect with new cousins who can help you grow your family tree. This talk assumes you are considering testing or have tested at one of the DNA testing companies.

Registration is requested, but not required. Register online through the library event calendar, in person or over the phone at 781-848-0405, ext. 4417 to be on the Genealogy Club email list to learn about genealogy webinars and special events throughout the year.



Miss Meghan the Story Lady: Backyard Birds



Ms. Meghan the Story Lady returns to the **Children's Room on Saturday, January 20th 10:00 am to 10:45 am** with stories and songs about "Backyard Birds!" After the stories and songs, children can make a bird-feeder to take home.

Meghan Malone is a passionate Children's Librarian with more than 30 years experience running story times and library programming for children and their caregivers. Her story times will have you singing and dancing!

Best for ages two-and-a-half to four but open to all children. No registration needed.

Book in a Bag

Book in a Bag is like a subscription box. You sign up each month to get a teen book and some goodies, but the catch is that it's free, because you're borrowing a library book for a month (but you get to keep the goodies)! The books and themes are picked by the Teen Librarian with help from the Teen Advisory Group. Book in a Bag pickup is always on a Thursday. January's books will be available for pick at the **Circulation Desk (they'll be in a special bag!) on Thursday, January 11th from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm**.



January's theme is "Food Wars." Spoiler free hint about the book: "Trust neither thin-bottomed frying pans nor Molinas."

This program is for tweens and teens in grades 7-12. Supplies are limited and **registration is required**. You can register online through the library calendar. Questions? Call the Teen Librarian at 781-848-0405, ext. 4415.