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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

The library will be closed on Monday, Feb. 19th for the President's Day holiday.

*"The library takes me away from my everyday life and allows me to see other places and learn to understand other people unlike myself.--Gloria Estefan*



Joseph C. Sullivan  
Mayor

# Library Connections

## The Newsletter of Thayer Public Library

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### Cooking Tips and Tools for Older Adults



Thayer Public Library is delighted to host Therapy Gardens for a workshop on *Cooking Tips and Tools for Older Adults* on **Saturday, February 24th at 2:00 pm in Logan Auditorium.**

Join us as Therapy Gardens explores practical tips and adaptive tools to make cooking easier and more enjoyable for older adults. Whether you're a seasoned cook or a beginner, you'll learn how to simplify the cooking process and save time in the kitchen. Senior-friendly product recommendations and where to obtain them will be provided.

No registration necessary. All are welcome.

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

### Museum Passes for February Vacation



Looking for something fun to do during February vacation? Check out the library museum passes for some ideas and get free or discounted admission to local museums. Many of the museums now offer e-passes, so you don't have to stop by the library to pick up a pass.

You can reserve museum passes online, over the phone, or in person at the Reference Desk. All you need is an OCLN library card in good standing and your PIN. School vacation weeks are very popular, and the number of passes is limited, so remember to reserve your passes early!

For more information, or to reserve passes, go to our website, [www.thayerpubliclibrary.org](http://www.thayerpubliclibrary.org), and click on the Museum Passes icon on the homepage.

### Lunar New Year Celebration

Come celebrate the Year of the Dragon with us on **Saturday, February 10th from 10:00 am to 11:00 am in Logan Auditorium.**

Crafts and games will be provided by the Children's Room. You'll be able to make a paper lantern with a picture of a dragon, and create a dragon mask. Play "Chase the Dragon's Tail" and other games.

Teen volunteers will read picture books about dragons. Families will have the opportunity to take pictures posing with our dragon picture.



# Genealogy Club

Join the Genealogy Club in welcoming guest speaker Susan M. O'Connor, President of the Massachusetts Genealogical Council (MGC) on **Saturday, February 17th at 10:00 am in Logan Auditorium**. MGC is the umbrella organization for Massachusetts genealogists, historical societies, and individuals concerned about records preservation and free and unfettered access to civil records.

Ms. O'Connor is also the Treasurer of the New England Association of Professional Genealogists, and on the Professional Development Committee of the Association of Professional Genealogists. She holds a Certificate in Genealogy Research from Boston University.

Registration is requested, but not required. Register online through the library calendar, in person at the Reference Desk, or over the phone 781-848-0405, ext. 4417. By registering you will be added to the distribution list for upcoming events.



## For Teens

### Auditions for Murder Mystery Party



We are looking for six actors for the library's annual Murder Mystery Party (May 16th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm). This year's "murder" happens at a summer camp in Maine in 1985.

Auditions will be held on **Wednesday, February 7th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the Teen Room**. Please register online, in person or over the phone. Open to all teens! Participants will receive volunteer hours.

Actors must also be available for one rehearsal a month in March, April and May (exact dates/times TBD).

### Teen Cookie Decorating

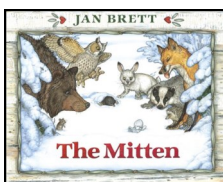
Mandy from Wicked Good Henna returns to present this Royal Icing Cookie Decorating Program for teens! Join her on **Wednesday, February 21st from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm in Logan Auditorium**.



We will use a method called "flooding" and learn some specialized techniques to decorate the cookies.

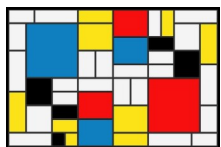
Registration is required and space is limited. Register online, in person, or over the phone. **Registration opens Monday, February 5th at 9:00 am**.

## February Vacation Week For Kids @ the Library



### Historic New England Winter Program

Historic New England is coming to the **Children's Room on Tuesday, February 20** with a Winter-themed program for children ages three to six. Staff from Historic New England will read the book "The Mitten" by Jan Brett and provide related activities and a craft. No registration necessary.



### Make Mondrian Style Modern Art

come to the **Children's Room on Wednesday, February 21st from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm** to create your own Modern Art masterpiece out of paper using bright colors and shapes. We will be following the style of artist Piet Mondrian, an early abstract artist, who used bold lines and colors in his creations.

For children ages five and up. All supplies will be provided. No registration required.



### Hawks and Falcons

Learn about Birds of Prey from Mass Audubon on **Thursday, February 22nd from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm in Logan Auditorium**.

Discover the different birds of prey that call Massachusetts home and meet two of them! Learn where they live, what they eat, and their unique behaviors.

Best for ages five to twelve. Limited to the first 50 who arrive. The number of participants is limited by Mass Audubon, in order to control noise volume for the birds.