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781-848-0405

### Winter Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Friday and Saturday

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Holiday Hours

*Closed:*

*Wednesday, Dec. 25th*

*and*

*Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025*

*Closing at 12:00 pm on*

*Tuesday, December 24th*

*and*

*Tuesday, December 31st*

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



# Library Connections

## The Newsletter of Thayer Public Library

DECEMBER 2024

### Season's Greetings



The library will close at 12:00 noon on  
Tuesday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 31st.

The library will be closed on Wednesday, December 25th for the Christmas holiday and on  
Wednesday, January 1st, 2025 for New Year's Day.

Even though the library is closed for these holidays you can place holds online 24/7 through  
the library catalog at [ocln.org](http://ocln.org). And don't forget to check out all the digital resources available  
on the library's website, [www.thayerpubliclibrary.org](http://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 and weather related closures.**

## Local Author Book Fair



The TPL Writers Group presents the second  
annual Local Author Book Fair at Thayer Public  
Library on **Saturday, December 7th from 10:30  
am to noon in Logan Auditorium.**

Drop in for complimentary hot cider and to  
chat with local authors from Braintree and  
other area towns. With more than a dozen  
participating authors, you're bound to find  
something you like!

Remember, books make great gifts! Get some holiday shopping done at the library and support  
our local authors.

Ten percent of the proceeds will benefit The Friends of Thayer Public Library. And don't forget  
to visit the Friends' Bookstore on the Lower Level while you're here, to buy some gently used  
bargains!

## Puzzle Exchange

Love doing jigsaw puzzles, but you've done  
all the ones you have at home? Looking to  
clear out some space and have a fresh  
challenge? Stop by the Lower Level of the  
library with your used puzzles and exchange  
them for some new-to-you puzzles!



Don't have the time or space to set up jigsaw puzzles at home? Then stop by our puzzle table to  
help complete the library's current puzzle.

Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter for all the news!

# School Vacation Week at the Library

**Polar Bear Craft** — Children are invited to stop by the **Children's Room** from **Thursday, December 26 through Monday, December 30th** to make an easy paper Polar Bear Craft.

Craft supplies will be available from **10:00 am through 8:00 pm on Thursday, December 26th and Monday, December 30th** and from **10:00 am through 4:00 pm** and on **Friday and Saturday, the 27th and 28th**, while supplies last.

**Board Games and Family Play** — Children and their families or caregivers are invited to drop by the **Children's Room** anytime between **10:00 am and 12:00 noon on Friday, December 27th** to play board games and LEGOs for some informal fun. We will also have an easy craft available. Little ones, under four years old, can still enjoy toys on the younger side of the room. No registration needed.



**Movie for Kids: IF** — Join us on **Friday, December 27th at 2:00 pm in Logan Auditorium** to watch the movie IF on the big screen. Starring Cailey Fleming, Ryan Reynolds, and John Krasinski, IF is a heartwarming and hilarious tale about a girl who discovers that she can see everyone's imaginary friends. With this unique gift, she embarks on a magical journey to reconnect forgotten IFs with their kids.

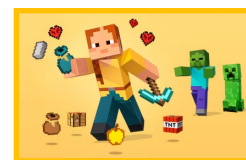
Each child will receive a free figurine or cup that goes with this movie, courtesy of AMC Theatres, Braintree.

*Paramount ~ 104 minutes ~ Rated PG.*

**Bracelet Making for Tweens** — Come to **Logan Auditorium on Monday, December 30th from 2:00 pm to 2:50 pm** to make a bracelet with us! For ages nine to twelve. No registration required. While supplies last.

**Learn to Code Minecraft** — Learn to code Minecraft with the experts from Code Wiz on **Monday, December 30th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm in Logan Auditorium**. Laptops will be provided by Code Wiz.

For ages seven to twelve. Space is limited and **registration is required**. Register online through the Event Calendar in person or over the phone at 781-848-0405, ext. 4425.



## Genealogy Club



Are you interested in tracing your family's history? Are you working on your genealogy and want to meet up with others who are working on their family trees?

Join us at the Thayer Public Library's Genealogy Club on **Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 10:00 AM in Logan Auditorium** where we will be joined by guest speaker Mike Proctor for "Genealogy Research in the Maritime Provinces."

Mike Proctor is the historian at The Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants (MSMD), and a Director at The New Brunswick Genealogical Society, Inc. (NBGS, Inc.), a non-profit organization founded in 1978 to encourage and facilitate family historical research in New Brunswick, Canada.

## December BookPage

Don't forget to pick up a copy of the December *BookPage* when you visit the library.

*BookPage* is a discovery tool for readers, highlighting the best new books across all genres. *BookPage* is editorially independent; only books they highly recommend are featured. Any publisher-sponsored content is clearly labeled as such.

It's the most wonderful time of the year—*BookPage* is revealing their 89 Best Books of 2024! And they're keeping the holiday spirit going with gift guides, a glorious book for birders and nature lovers by the one and only Amy Tan, and a music critic's charming ode to Taylor Swift.

Plus, coming in January: A reader's work is never done, and the Most Anticipated Books of 2025 await.

Nnedi Okorafor starts the year off with a bang in *Death of the Author*, her first foray beyond the bounds of sci-fi, and Deborah Plant bestows on us an unpublished novel by Zora Neale Hurston.



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