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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,
February 17th
for President's Day

*"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*



Library Connections

The Newsletter of Thayer Public Library

FEBRUARY 2025

Public Internet Computer Upgrade

We are excited to be upgrading all of our public internet computers! The new computers will offer Windows 11 with enhanced security and the same productivity software that you are accustomed to using.

We are also introducing new printing and time management software. The date of the upgrade has yet to be finalized, and computers and printing may not be available for up to two weeks. **The tentative timeline for the computer upgrade is February 18th through 28th.**



During this time, Chromebooks (in-library use only) will still be available for checkout, so remember to bring your library card. Sorry, the Chromebooks will not have printing capability until the new print software is operational.

Chromebooks are perfect for using a Google account to access Google's web-based suite of applications which includes word processing, spreadsheets, slide presentations and more.

Want to learn more about free Google products? You can take an online training course through Gale Courses to learn about Google's many free applications on the web and how to put them to work for business, hobbies, and personal projects. Six week, instructor-led classes start monthly. The next Google Workspace class starts Wednesday, February 12th.

Prefer to learn with on demand streaming video? We have you covered! Niche Academy has a tutorial on *Using a Chromebook*, as well as lessons on other Google products. And Gale Presents: Ude-my also offers lectures and courses to help you learn how to get the most out of Google products.

You can find more information and links to Gale Courses, Niche Academy and Gale Presents: Ude-my on our webpage at www.thayerpubliclibrary.org/services.

Museum Passes for February Vacation



Looking for something to do during February vacation? Check out the library museum passes for some ideas and get 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, and click on the Museum Passes icon on the homepage.

If you have any questions, call the Reference Desk at 781-848-0405, ext. 4417 and we can walk you through the new pass reservation system or reserve a pass for you.

Author Hour in Massachusetts

Thayer Public Library, in partnership with the Tewksbury Public Library, presents "Author Hour in Massachusetts," a series of virtual author talks featuring some of the publishing industry's top trending writers.

We are offering the following webinars in **February (and early March), which will be held from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Zoom**. Registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Register online through the library event calendar, in person, or over the phone at 781-848-0405, ext. 4417.



- ◆ **Thursday, February 6th** — Bestselling author Robert Dugoni, along with co-authors Jeff Langholz and Chris Crabtree, will discuss their new World War II novel, *Hold Strong*.
- ◆ **Friday, February 7th** — Bestselling author Carter Wilson will discuss his new thriller, *Tell Me What You Did*, in conversation with bestselling author Wendy Walker.
- ◆ **Monday, February 10th** -- Heather Fawcett will discuss her new fantasy novel, *Emily Wilde's Compendium of Lost Tales*.
- ◆ **Wednesday, February 12th** -- Author Steve Berry will discuss his latest social horror novel, *The Medici Return*.
- ◆ **Thursday, February 13th** — Christopher Farnsworth will discuss his new thriller, *Robert B. Parker's Buried Secrets: A Jesse Stone Novel*.
- ◆ **Tuesday, February 18th** -- Christina Clancy will discuss her new novel, *The Snowbirds*, in conversation with bestselling author Lynda Cohen Loigman.
- ◆ **Wednesday, February 19th** -- Joseph Finder will discuss his new thriller, *The Oligarch's Daughter*, with author Lisa Gardner.
- ◆ **Friday, February 21st** — Bestselling author Victoria Christopher Murray will discuss her new novel, *Harlem Rhapsody*.
- ◆ **Wednesday, February 26th** -- Elinor Lipman will discuss her new romantic comedy, *Every Tom, Dick & Harry*.
- ◆ **Monday, March 3rd** -- Karen Thompson Walker will discuss her new novel, *The Strange Case of Jane O*, with Angie Kim.

These webinars -- **held from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm** -- are free and open to all. This series is being promoted by more than 50 public libraries in Massachusetts.

Concerts For Kids



Miss Ari's Family Tree Sing-A-Long —Join us in the **Children's Room on Thursday, February 6th from 10:15 am to 10:45 am** for Miss Ari's Family Tree Sing-A-Long! This engaging show turns singing and dancing into learning and play!

With live music featuring ukulele and guitar, it's fast paced and designed to keep everyone from infants to five-year-olds (and even parents) entertained! The show covers the classic nursery rhymes, colors and the alphabet while using shaker eggs, dance scarves for added fun. And Miss Ari always say "See You Later" with BUBBLES!

Mama Steph — This month beloved South Shore musician Stephanie Chase, better known as Mamasteph, returns to Thayer Public Library for one of her special concerts that features music, imagination, and puppetry!

Mamasteph plays the guitar and sings traditional children's songs as well as her own compositions. She is an accomplished musician, singer, songwriter, entertainer, and craftsperson. Join the fun on **Thursday, February 13th from 10:15 am to 11:00 am in the Children's Room**.

Music at the Blissful — Children are invited to a live music concert performed by Music at the Blissful (Evan Haller) on **Tuesday, February 18th from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the Children's Room**.

Evan is a six-time winner of the Boston Parent Paper's "Family Favorite" category. His high energy, fun filled, interactive, movement packed, music experience is great for the whole family.