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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

Closed

Patriot's Day,
Monday, April 21st

*"Libraries store the
energy that fuels the
imagination. They
open up windows to
the world and inspire
us to explore and
achieve, and
contribute to
improving our quality
of life."*

—
Sidney Sheldon



Library Connections

The Newsletter of Thayer Public Library

APRIL 2025

Mushrooms, Mushrooms, Mushrooms!



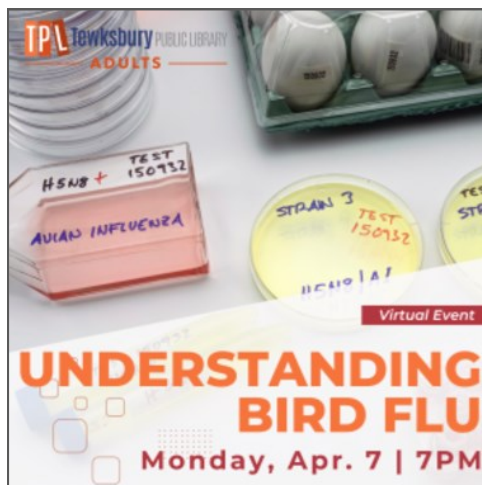
Mushrooms are extraordinary and weird.

Join us on **Wednesday, April 30th at 7:00 PM In Logan Auditorium** for a presentation by Kaylee, from McGuire's Mushrooms in Hingham.

She will teach us how to forage for mushrooms safely and show us how mushrooms grow. You can easily grow them at home! Kaylee will share plenty of interesting facts about these odd little numbers and explain their amazing role in nature.

This event is intended for an adult audience but children over 12 are welcome, too.

Behind The Headlines: Understanding Bird Flu (Virtual)



Thayer Public Library, in partnership with Tewksbury Public Library, virtually present *Understanding Bird Flu* on Monday, April 7th at 7:00 pm on Zoom with Dr. Catherine ("Katie") Brown, the Massachusetts State Epidemiologist and Public Health Veterinarian. Dr. Brown is also the current President of the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists.

She plays a key role at the state and national level in monitoring and responding to infectious disease threats, and has been involved with avian influenza for over 20 years. She will give a clear and authoritative overview of the nation's current situation and the risk that avian influenza presents. .

Sponsored by the Public Health Museum, in recognition of National Public Health Week, presented with support from the Tewksbury Public Library.

Registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Register online through the event calendar, in person at the reference Desk or over the phone at 781-848-0405.

This program will be recorded. All registrants will receive the recording via email within 48 hours of the program.

Spring Concert Series: Fred Moyer



Join us on **Saturday, April 12th from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in Logan Auditorium** for our April concert featuring Fred Moyer, who has mesmerized audiences nationwide with his exceptional piano skills for over 35 years.

He brings a unique blend of classical and jazz influences, showcasing the works of iconic jazz pianists such as Oscar Peterson, Bill Evans, and Erroll Garner. Through his collaboration with Dr. Green, Fred has also uncovered and shared hidden piano gems by Robert Schumann, garnering widespread acclaim in the music world and media.

Don't miss this special opportunity to experience the magic of Fred Moyer's piano artistry as he bridges the worlds of classical and jazz music -- he will captivate you with his unparalleled talent and passion for the art form.

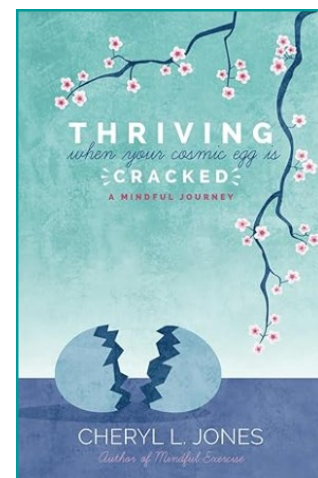
Save the date for our May 3rd concert featuring Nancy Carr, a seasoned performer who brings to life the timeless melodies of Gershwin and Cole Porter.

Thrive Forward

Feeling overwhelmed lately? Join us **Thursday, May 1st at 7:00 pm** in Logan Auditorium for **Thrive Forward: Fostering Individual and Collective Resilience**, a presentation by inspirational speaker Cheryl Jones.

Drawing from her book *Thriving When Your Cosmic Egg Is Cracked: A Mindful Journey*, Ms. Jones will show us a pathway forward while creating safe space for healing and growth. She'll show us how to expand beyond our thoughts and beliefs to create an enlightened narrative filled with hope and possibility.

We'll leave with inspiration and new skills to thrive forward, personally and collectively, regardless of politics.



Poetry Readings by the Chive Collective

Celebrate National Poetry Month at the library with readings by the Chive Collective on **Wednesday, April 9 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Reading Room on the Main Level**. The poets in the Chive Collective are Eileen Cleary, Christine Jones, Anne Elezabeth Pluto, and Gloria Monaghan.

- **Eileen Cleary**, a graduate of Lesley University's and Solstice of Pine Manor's MFA programs, is the author of *2 a.m. with Keats* and *Child Ward of the Commonwealth*, which received an honorable mention for the Sheila Margaret Motton Book Prize.
- **Christine Jones** earned her MFA from Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and is a therapist and mother of two. She's founder/editor-in-chief of *Poems2go*, an international public poetry project, and an associate editor of *Lily Poetry Review*.
- **Anne Elezabeth Pluto** is Professor of Literature and Theatre at Lesley University in Cambridge, MA where she is the artistic director and one of the founders of the Oxford Street Players, the university's Shakespeare troupe.
- **Gloria Monaghan** began writing poetry as a teenager after reading the imagists poets. She teaches poetry at Wentworth Institute of Technology and also runs poetry workshops and retreats.