

THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY  
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The Library is located  
directly across from  
Town Hall.

#### Summer Hours (through August 29)

Monday - Thursday  
9:00 am - 8:00 pm  
Friday  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

#### Fall Hours (Starting September 2)

Monday - Thursday  
9:00 am - 8:00 pm  
Friday and Saturday  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm



# Library Connections

## The Newsletter of Thayer Public Library

AUGUST 2025

## Summer Reading Grand Finale



Join us on **Thursday, August 14th** for the rescheduled **All-Day Games Extravaganza as the Grand Finale** of this year's **Level Up at Your Library** Summer Reading Program.

Games, activities, and special events will be set up **throughout the library from 11 am to 7 pm**. We'll have snacks and beverages, outdoor games PLUS indoor air-conditioning to keep you cool in August. Roam through the building to see what you can play! Try out Giant Jenga, win a prize at BINGO, join a jigsaw puzzle competition, test your Scrabble skills, explore with a Seek & Find, go on a Dino Hunt, try your hand at a videogame, and much more! Don't miss **Big Ryan's Mystery Room: Alien Escape** specially for tweens and teens ages 10 and up at 6:00 pm.

Drop in for an hour or stay all day. Fun for all ages! Be sure to check the library calendar for the full schedule of events, or pick up a schedule the day of the event.

Level Up at Your Library is an all-ages summer reading program based around puzzles and games, because libraries are not just a space for knowledge -- they are also a space for fun!

*Statewide summer reading programs are supported by the Massachusetts Library System, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the Boston Bruins, with funding from the Institute of Museums and Library Services. The Thayer Public Library Summer Reading Program additionally supported by local sponsors: Starland Sportsplex (Hanover), and Altitude Trampoline Park (Avon).*

## New Museum Pass: Children's Museum Easton



children's museum easton

Now you can visit the Children's Museum in Easton for half price. The pass, which needs to be picked up at the Reference Desk, is good for up to two people. There is one pass available per day.

The Children's Museum in Easton was founded on the principle that play and hands-on learning is critically important to successful child development. This educational, cultural, and social learning center for children and families primarily focuses on children ages one through seven. The museum is located in a historic Old Fire House in North Easton.

## Children's Book Sale

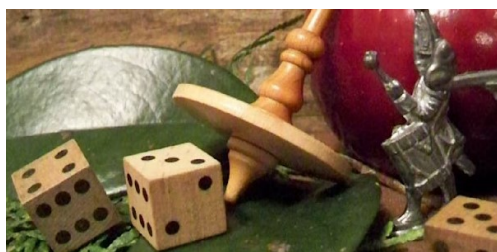
Save the date!

The Friends of Thayer Public Library are hosting a Book Sale of just **Children's Books on Saturday, September 13th from 9:00 am to noon in Logan Auditorium**.

They have collected a large selection of gently used children's books for this special sale. Find titles for all ages from infants to teens!



# Historic Fun and Games at Watson Park



Historic New England staff join us at **Watson Park Playground on Tuesday, August 5th from 10:30 am to 11:30 am** for some historic fun and games! This Arts in the Parks program is for ages five to twelve and will be presented by Historic New England staff. Held in honor of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution.

Try some games from Colonial New England and other eras and make some modern day versions of some games and toys!

In case of rain, Historic Fun and Games will be held inside the Children's Room of the Library.

*This program is funded by a grant from the Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.*

## Virtual Programs

We are pleased to be offering a number of virtual programs this month in partnership with the Tewksbury Public Library.

Registration is required to receive the Zoom link. Register through the library's online calendar, in person at the Reference Desk or over the phone at 781-848-0405, ext. 4417. These programs will be recorded, so if you can't make it to the live Zoom webinar sign up anyway and you will receive the recording via email within 48 hours of the program.

### **The History of Contagious Disease Hospitals in Massachusetts — Wednesday, August 13th at 7:00 pm**

Explore the complex history of contagious disease hospitals in Massachusetts from the 19th to the early 20th century with Dr. Katherine M. Anderson Benson, MFA, EdD, an institutional historian and award-winning author.

### **George S. Boutwell: The Most Consequential American Political Figure You've Never Heard Of — Wed. August 20th at 7:00 pm**

Historian Jeffrey S. Boutwell will discuss his new biography, *Boutwell: Radical Republican and Champion of Democracy*. For seven decades, George Boutwell sought to "redeem America's promise" through racial equality, economic equity, and the humane use of American power abroad.

### **Tips of the Trade for Writers: Advice From Audiobook Producer Scott Ellis — Tuesday, August 26th at 7:00 pm**

Award-winning audiobook producer and narrator Scott Ellis offers tips of the trade for aspiring audiobook authors and narrators.

### **Managing Money: A Caregiver's Guide To Finances — Wednesday, August 27th at 7:00 pm**

Discover how to avoid financial abuse and fraud, start a conversation about finances, assess financial and legal needs, and find support. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association.

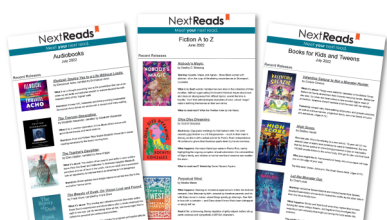
### **Job Search Help: Job Search Triage — Wednesday, August 13th at 9:30 am**

Learn a simple process to make more effective use of your time, energy and resources during your job search. Zero in on what's working and what's not.

### **Job Search Help: Ageism In The Job Search — Wednesday, August 27th at 9:30 am**

Thousands of smart and experienced workers can't land a job, because of misguided perceptions and biases against mature job seekers.

## NextReads Newsletters



Looking for a great new book or audiobook? Want to know what's next at the library? Sign up for Thayer Public Library's NextReads Newsletters and get customized recommendations in your email inbox!

Sign up on our website at [www.thayerpubliclibrary.org](http://www.thayerpubliclibrary.org). Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the link to "Choose Your Lists."

There's something for everyone — fiction, nonfiction, kids suggestions, teen books, and more!

You can also sign up for our Monthly Newsletter, the Children's Newsletter, the Teen Newsletter or the Genealogy Club Newsletter. Be one of the first to learn about new books and events at the library.