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The Library is located directly across from Town Hall.

Fall Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Friday and Saturday

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

The Library will be closed Monday, September 1st for Labor Day and Wednesday, September 17th for Staff Development

To find out about ALL the events that the library offers each month sign up for our monthly e-newsletter!



Library Connections

The Newsletter of Thayer Public Library

SEPTEMBER 2025

Fall Hours Start September 2nd

The library will be closed on Monday, September 1st for the Labor Day holiday.

The library will be closed all day on Wednesday, September 17th for Staff Development Day.

Fall hours start on Tuesday, September 1st. Fall hours are:

Monday through Thursday: 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

Friday and Saturday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm



Paths to Publication for Writers



Local best-selling author Janis Robinson Daly will share thoughts on processes involved in publishing a novel on **Saturday, September 6th from 10:00 am to noon. This hybrid program will be held in person in Logan Auditorium and on Zoom.** Registration is requested for in-person attendance and is required for virtual attendance. Register online through the library's event calendar, in person at the Reference Desk, or over the phone at 781-848-0405, ext. 4417.

Interactive exercises will help writers determine the best path to consider: traditional, small/indie press, hybrid, or self-publishing.

Inspired by the discovery that an ancestor founded the Woman's Medical College of PA in 1850, Daly wrote her first novel, *The Unlocked Path*, which celebrates pioneering women doctors at the turn of the 20th Century. Its sequel, *The Path Beneath Her Feet*, honors the work of the American Women's Hospitals in rural America during the 1930s.

The Unlocked Path and *The Path Beneath Her Feet* were both named a #1 New Release for US History on Amazon upon their release and both received an Honorable Mention for General Fiction from the New England Book Festival Awards. *The Unlocked Path* was named a finalist for the 2023 Goethe Awards of Late Historical Fiction from the Chanticleer International Book Awards, *The Path Beneath Her Feet* was recently awarded First Place for the 2024 Goethe Awards.

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!



Fall Concert Series



We'll be celebrating the second annual "Good Neighbor Day" on **Saturday, September 27th from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in Logan Auditorium**, with the launch of our Fall Concert Series, featuring *Top Shelf Jazz with the Randy Cloutier Jazz Trio*.

The Randy Cloutier Jazz Trio is a talented group of musicians with a long history of collaboration across Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. For 25 years, they have been delivering engaging performances that captivate audiences. Their repertoire spans jazz standards, lively swing, classics from the Great American Songbook, Latin tunes, creative arrangements, and original pieces.

The trio features Randy Cloutier, a versatile drummer and vibraphonist, pianist Willie Myette and upright bassist Tom Casale. Together, the Randy Cloutier Jazz Trio offers a fresh and innovative musical experience, making them a standout act wherever they perform.

Good Neighbor Day is a statewide celebration dedicated to strengthening connections, encouraging kindness, and fostering a deeper sense of belonging throughout the Commonwealth.



Last year, September 28th was designated "Good Neighbor Day" by the Massachusetts Coalition to Build Community and End Loneliness. This year, the celebration has been extended to the whole weekend, September 26th through 28th.

For more information about the Massachusetts Coalition to Build Community and End Loneliness, visit www.endlonelinessma.com.

Tech Talk: Artificial Intelligence



Ever wonder if your toaster is secretly smarter than you? (Spoiler: It's not... yet.)

Join us on **Monday, September 29th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in Logan Auditorium** for a lighthearted yet informative introduction to Artificial Intelligence (AI) — what it is, what it isn't, and what are the chances it will steal your job.

We'll explore how AI is already part of your life (yes, even in your fridge) and what the future might hold — from friendly robot assistants to the occasional existential crisis. We'll do some fun live demos with text-based generative AI programs you might have heard of, such as ChatGPT and Claude, but we'll also touch on some serious issues related to AI, such as data privacy, copyright violation, and ethical concerns, just to name a few.

No technical knowledge needed! If you can ask Siri what the weather is, you're qualified.

Come for the knowledge. Stay for the laughs. Leave smarter than your smart speaker.

DISCLAIMER: Some, not all, of this event description was "written" by ChatGPT. The toaster image was completely created by Canva AI.

Program presented by one of our librarians on staff, Laurie Cavanaugh.

Back to School for Adults

The whole family can go back to school this Fall using your Thayer Public Library card! Take a course to enhance your career, or learn something just for fun. Choose online interactive classes with Gale Courses, or on-demand video instruction with Udemy.



Gale Courses includes a wide range of interactive classes on topics from drawing to database management. Courses, led by live instructors, include topics for personal enrichment as well as professional development.

The program is entirely online, with each course lasting six weeks. New sessions start once a month. You should expect to spend from two to four hours each week completing two lessons while participating and interacting with other students and instructors in an online discussion area.



Gale Presents: Udemy offers thousands of on-demand video courses taught by world-class instructors across more than 75 categories. Find courses in the areas of business, technology, and design, as well as courses on health and well-being, the arts and language learning.

Select the instructor and content that best addresses your skill need and learning preferences and filter search results on course features, level, duration, topic, and ratings. Courses are replaced monthly with new material addressing emerging topics.