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Winter Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Friday and Saturday

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Holiday Hours

Closed:

Thursday, Dec. 25th

and

Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026

**Closing at noon on
Wed. December 24th and
Wed, December 31st**

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



Library Connections

The Newsletter of Thayer Public Library

DECEMBER 2025

Season's Greetings



The library will close at noon on
Wednesday, December 24th and Wednesday, December 31st.

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

**Hours are subject to change, so be sure to check our website for the latest
information on holiday hours and weather related closures.**

A Toast to History: 3D Teacups and the Boston Tea Party



Join Pop Up Art School on **Tuesday, December 9th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in Logan Auditorium** to celebrate America's 250th with a hands-on craft program inspired by one of the nation's most iconic acts of protest - the Boston Tea party.

Pop Up Art School's instructors will guide you through each step to create your own three-dimensional teacup and saucer to honor the spirit of revolution and remembrance. All materials are provided.

Let's raise a paper cup to 250 years of American independence. Enjoy hot tea and cookies as we blend creativity with history and the holidays in this fun event.

Space is limited and registration is required. Register online through the event calendar, in person at the Reference Desk, or over the phone at 781-848-0405, ext. 4417.

This program is offered as part of the nation's 250th celebrations and paid for by the use of State Aid To Public Library Funds.

Navigating Grief Through the Holidays



**Nurtured
Roots**

Thayer Public Library is partnering with Jennifer Lynn to offer *Navigating Grief Through the Holidays* on **Thursday, December 18th at 6:30 pm in Logan Auditorium.**

During the holidays and other meaningful moments, grief can show up unexpectedly and bring a mix of emotions, including sadness, anger, or confusion. There is no "right" way to grieve.

This one-time supportive session invites adults to reflect on their grief, connect with others, and discover practical ways to care for themselves through the holidays and beyond.

Led by Jennifer Lynn, Grief Educator and owner of Nurtured Roots. She supports children and adults navigating life changes through reflective practices, mindfulness, and self-care tools.

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

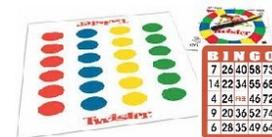
School Vacation Week at the Library

Make an Arctic Fox Craft — Children are invited to drop in to the Children's Room to make an Arctic Fox craft during School Vacation Week. Join us in the Children's Room during regular library hours from Friday, December 26th through Saturday, January 3rd. Available while supplies last..



Board Games and Family Play — Families, children and their care-givers are invited to stop in to the Children's Room on Friday, December 26th from 10:00 AM to noon to play. We will have board games and LEGOs available, so come join in the fun! No registration needed.

Big Games Day — Come have fun with oversized Board Games on Tuesday, December 30th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Held in the Children's Room and Logan Auditorium. Drop in anytime during the day, or come to a game starting every hour. For ages five to eleven. No registration needed.



Make a Mask for New Year's Eve Welcome in the New Year with a New Year's Eve mask that you create!



Children of all ages are invited to drop by the Children's Room on Wednesday, December 31st between 10:00 am and noon to make a New Year's Eve Mask. All materials will be provided, and no registration is needed. All you have to bring is your imagination!

Genealogy Club Hybrid Meeting



Digitization, Digital Commonwealth, and the Internet Archive

Join us on Saturday, December 6th from 10:00 am to 11:30 pm in Logan Auditorium or on Zoom to learn about digitization and the resources that you can find on the Internet Archive.

Joel DeMelo, Statewide Digitization Assistant & Project Archivist at the Boston Public Library, will join us over Zoom to introduce us to the Statewide Digitization Program with a focus on the Internet Archive. Learn useful tricks to get the most out of this valuable resource.

The Internet Archive began digitizing books in 2005 and today scans 4,400 books per day in 20 locations around the world. Books published in or prior to 1929 are available for download. The collection includes family genealogies, local history titles, directories, newspapers, pamphlets,

yearbooks, maps, and more.

This is a hybrid event, in person in Logan Auditorium, or online on Zoom. If you wish to attend virtually, you must register to receive the Zoom link. Register online through the library event calendar, in person at the Reference Desk or over the phone at 781-848-0405, ext. 4417.

Joel DeMelo is the Statewide Digitization Assistant & Project Archivist at the Boston Public Library. Joel graduated from UMass Boston and Simmons University's School of Library and Information Sciences, and got started working in cultural heritage preservation with the Massachusetts Hip Hop Archive.

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—Best Books season! Read the *BookPage* picks for 2025's standout reads, from nonfiction to picture books. And continuing the festive theme, find gift books for pet parents, film and TV buffs, poetry lovers, and more.

Plus, coming in January: One year ends and another begins, which means it's time for *BookPage*'s "Most Anticipated Books of 2026." Ring in the new year with self-help books and an interview with novelist Stefan Merrill Block about his debut memoir.

