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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 16th
for Presidents' Day



Library Connections

The Newsletter of Thayer Public Library

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Adult Winter Reading Challenge

Winter just got more fun!

Join our **Adult Winter Bingo Challenge** running now through **Saturday, February 28th**.

All you have to do to participate is complete activities, mark your bingo card, and stay motivated all winter long.

Prizes, fun, and bragging rights included!

You can pick up a bingo sheet at the library anytime during regular library hours throughout the challenge dates.



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

February Hours



The library will be closed on **Monday, February 16th** for Presidents' Day.

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

Our virtual library is always open with many resources available 24/7.

February Virtual Programs

You can still enjoy library programs when it's freezing cold outside and you don't want to leave the house. Join us on Zoom!

We are offering the following programs on Zoom in February in partnership with the Ashland Public Library (unless otherwise noted). **Registration is required** in order to receive the Zoom links. Register online through the library event calendar, in person, or over the phone at 781-848-0405, ext. 4417. Programs will be recorded. If you can't make it to the live Zoom webinar sign up to receive the recording via email.



Nava Atlas & Bob Eckstein: "Inspired by Cat: Writers & Their Mews(es)" — Join us on **Monday, February 2nd from 7:00 pm to 8 pm on Zoom** as bestselling Vegan Cookbook writer, Nava Atlas, and New Times Cartoonist, Bob Eckstein discuss vegan recipes, cats, great writers, museums, and whatever! If any, or all, of that appeals to you, we hope you'll join us!

Cooking Demo with Heidi McIndoo: Mini Cheesecakes with Raspberry Sauce — Learn how to make Mini Cheesecakes with Yummy Raspberry Sauce with our favorite chef, Heidi McIndoo on **Monday, February 9th from 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Zoom!** Registrants will receive a link to access the recipe in the confirmation and reminder emails.

Sally Snowman, the last USCG Keeper of Boston Light and Husband Jay Thomson — Join us on **Thursday, February 12th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm on Zoom** to learn about Boston Light from Sally Snowman, Ph.D., Keeper of Boston Light 2003-2023, and her husband Jay Thomson. A power-point presentation will provide photos of Boston Light's 307 years of history and few photo anecdotes of Sally's experiences as a 21st Century Keeper.

(How to Avoid) "Death in Glacier National Park" with Author Randi Minetor — Join us on **Monday, February 23rd from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Zoom** to discuss the 10th anniversary (and rerelease) of Randi Minetor's book, "Death in Glacier National Park: Stories of Accidents and Foolhardiness in the Crown of the Continent." Get ready for your upcoming summer vacation plans with this important and, probably, humorous presentation!

Burglary At The Louvre -- How Can Writers Top This? — In this Zoom presentation on **Wednesday, February 25th at 7:00 pm** the Curators of Crime, mystery authors Connie Berry, Lane Stone, Nina Wachsmann, and M. A. Monnin, will examine the public's fascination with the recent burglary of Napoleonic jewels at the Louvre and discuss how, as authors, they have used the same elements in their books. Offered in partnership with the Tewksbury Public Library.

"The Invention of Charlotte Brontë" with Author Graham Watson: Take Three! — Join us on **Thursday, February 26th from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Zoom** as Graham discusses Charlotte Brontë's life - the myths vs. reality - as well as his own research and the writing of his fantastic book!

Genealogy Club

Join us on **Saturday, February 14th at 10:00 am in Logan Auditorium, or remotely on Zoom**, to learn about the resources held in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) library from Olivia Millunzi, the Reference Librarian at the (DAR) Library in Washington, D.C.

Registration is required to receive the Zoom link. Register online through the library calendar, in person at the Reference Desk, or over the phone at 781-848-0405, ext.4417.

Since its founding in 1896, the DAR Library has grown into a specialized collection of American genealogical and historical manuscripts and publications, as well as powerful on-site databases.

The DAR Library collection contains over 225,000 books, 10,000 research files, thousands of manuscript items, and special collections of African American, Native American, and women's history, genealogy and culture. Nearly 40,000 family histories and genealogies comprise a major portion of the book collection, many of which are unique or available in only a few libraries in the country.

Olivia Millunzi is the Reference Librarian at the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Library in Washington, D.C. She holds a BA in History and Museum Studies with a French minor from Juniata College, and an MLIS focusing in Diversity & Inclusion from the University of Maryland's iSchool. Olivia has worked at local and county historical societies, historic homes, the National Park Service, and the National Anthropological Archives at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History. She began working at the DAR as a Staff Genealogist in 2019, and in 2022 became the Reference Librarian for the DAR Library.

