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located directly
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Library Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

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"Nothing is pleasanter
than exploring a
library." — Voltaire



Library Connections

The Newsletter of Thayer Public Library

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How to Write a Novel or Publish Your Memoirs



Have you been thinking about writing a book? Do you want to tell your life story or share thoughts about an important time in your life with family, friends, or a wider readership? Or, how about writing a novel?

Local author Stephen A. White will cover the basics of what you need to know to brainstorm and write your own novel or memoir in this free presentation on **Tuesday, March 10th from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in Logan Auditorium**. Registration is requested. Register online through the library Event Calendar, in person, or over the phone at

781-848-0405, ext. 4417.

Stephen A. White grew up in South Boston and has been a writer for over 50 years. He is currently working on his 12th novel.

Willie Nelson: Songs & Stories with Matt York



Longtime New England singer/songwriter Matt York returns to Thayer Public Library on **Wednesday, March 18th from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in Logan Auditorium** to perform songs and tell stories about the great Willie Nelson, highlighting Willie's long and illustrious music career spanning over seven decades.

Fun fact! Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings starred in a Pizza Hut commercial in the 1990s, so **join us to commemorate it with complimentary pizza from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm** before the start of the concert.

Matt began playing the clubs of Boston in high school. Since 2022, he's performed over 500 concerts performing classic country music from as far north as Toronto and south as Nashville. In both 2022 and 2023, Matt was nominated for the Boston Music Award for Best Country Artist.

His most recent album, *Gently Used*, was named one of the top albums by the Patriot Ledger in 2024. Matt's books -- *The Words and Wisdom of Willie Nelson* and *The Highwaymen: Songs & Stories* -- include stories about his own travels and stories about the performers he's picked up along the way.

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

Hybrid Genealogy Club: WikiTree, a Global Family Tree



Join us on **Saturday, March 14th at 10:00 am in Logan Auditorium, or on Zoom**, to learn about WikiTree, a global family tree, from WikiTree Ambassador Taneya Koonce.

The WikiTree mission is to grow an accurate single family tree for the world to enjoy for free, forever. WikiTree balances privacy and collaboration so that living people can connect on one world tree to common ancestors.

Users privately collaborate with close family members on modern family history. As you go back in time, the privacy controls open up. Collaboration on deep ancestors is between distant cousins who are serious about genealogical research, careful about sources, and willing to check their research with DNA.

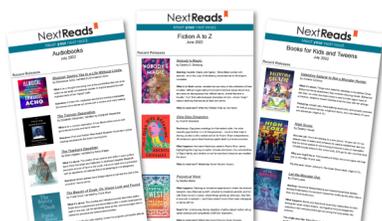
All the profiles are connected on the same system so the collaboration is creating a single family tree that connects us all, preserving our history, making our shared genealogy available for all to

access, for free, forever.

This will be a hybrid event, in person at the library or on Zoom. Registration is required 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. Can't make it to the meeting? Registering will put you on the Genealogy Club email list to learn about genealogy webinars and special events throughout the year.

Taneya Koonce combines 25+ years in information science with a passion for genealogy. An enthusiastic educator and volunteer leader in the genealogy community, she champions preserving family legacies and focused memory keeping. Through her Academy of Legacy Leaders & Taneya Junk Journals newsletters and communities she fosters inspiration and makes research, memory keeping, and organization approachable.

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. 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, teens, 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.

Fun and Games for Adults

The Library offers a lot more than just books and movies to check out and take home. We also offer programs for adults to have fun, play games and socialize.

Mah Jongg Open Play. Join us and play Mah Jongg on Monday mornings! We will meet in the **Reading Room on the Main Level from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. March meetings will be held on the 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th.**

Board Game Night for Adults. Do you enjoy playing board games? Then make plans to join us at our Monthly Board Game Nights for Adults! Stop in solo or bring a friend and join us for the May board game night, on **Monday, March 2nd from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Reading Room.**

Like to play Scrabble? Join us **every Thursday night for open Scrabble play on the Lower Level.** Come alone or bring a friend. All players are welcome. Meets **March 5th, 13th, 20th, and 27th. Play starts promptly at 6:30 pm.**

Jigsaw Puzzles on the Lower Level. Stop by the **Lower Level any time during regular library hours** and help piece together a jigsaw puzzle! Prefer to take a puzzle home to work on? Ask about the jigsaw puzzle swap!

