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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

Closed

Patriot's Day,
Monday, April 20th

*"Libraries store the
energy that fuels the
imagination. They
open up windows to
the world and inspire
us to explore and
achieve, and
contribute to
improving our quality
of life."*

—
Sidney Sheldon



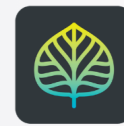
Library Connections

The Newsletter of Thayer Public Library

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Coming Soon: A New Library Catalog

Meet your new
library catalog.



Aspen
Discovery

We are excited to be introducing a new, easier to use, library catalog on **April 30th**. Some services will not be available from **Monday, April 27th through Wednesday, April 29th** while we migrate to the new catalog.

What you need to know:

- Thayer Public Library **will be open regular hours** and you **will** be able to borrow materials and pickup holds
- You **must have your physical library card or a digital version** with you in order to checkout materials
- Staff **will not** be able to search the catalog, look up your account, process payments, or make changes to your account
- You **will not** be able to search the catalog, place new holds, renew items, or update your account.
- You **will not** have access to Libby/Overdrive, Hoopla and some other electronic services
- You **will not** be able to reserve museum passes from home, but library staff **will** be able to make reservations for you.

Spring Craft Supply Swap



Join us Saturday, **April 11th from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm in the Reading Room** for our Spring Craft Supply Swap! Start the season fresh by bringing new or gently used arts and crafts materials to swap for new-to-you supplies!

Donations are not required to participate. Only arts and crafts-related items will be accepted. Suggested items include yarn, decorative paper, fabric scraps, kits, beads, etc. We cannot accept office supply donations. Items must be able to be reused — new or gently used, not expired.

Please limit donations to two bags/bins per person. Looking to donate more? Don't forget other local libraries or other local recycling options!

We recommend you bring a reusable tote to take your new-to-you items home in!

Abigail Adams: Liberty and Legacy



Don't miss this captivating one-woman historical performance by actress Sheryl Faye on **Saturday, April 25th from 2:00 to 3:00 pm in Logan Auditorium**. Sheryl brings to life the story of Abigail Adams.

Learn about her role as an influential leader and a powerful voice for women's rights through engaging storytelling and rich historical detail. Gain insight into Adams's life, her iconic letters, and her enduring legacy.

She is sometimes considered a founder of the United States and is now designated as the first Second Lady and second First Lady of The United States.

Adams's life is one of the most documented of the first ladies: she is remembered for the many letters she wrote to her husband while he stayed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, during the Continental Congresses. John frequently sought the

advice of Abigail on many matters, and their letters are filled with intellectual discussions on government and politics. In one of her more famous letters she implores her husband and his colleagues, all of whom were male, to "...remember the ladies...If particular care and attention is not paid to the Ladies we are determined to foment a Rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any Laws in which we have no voice, or Representation." Her letters also serve as eyewitness accounts of the American Revolutionary War home front.

This program is offered as part of the nation's 250th anniversary celebration and is made possible by the use of State Aid to Public Library Funds.

BookPage Online

Did you know that *BookPage* is available both in the library and online?

You can still pick up a print copy at the library, but you can also view the latest copy, and back issues, online at bookpage.com/dig.thayerpubliclibrary.

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.

The April issue takes a look at Maria Semple's *Go Gentle*, which gives readers a little of everything - including Stoic philosophy - and a whole lot of fun. Author-biologist David George Haskell evokes the sensual delights of nature's unsung evolutionary powerhouses: flowers. And speaking of the planet we call home, they've rounded up a bounty of beautifully written and illustrated picture books in celebration of Earth Day.



All You Need to Know About Dementia

Thayer Public Library and the Department of Elder Affairs invite you to a presentation by Dr. Edward Hoffer at the Dementia Support Group's regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday, April 28th from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Department of Elder Affairs, 71 Cleveland Avenue, Braintree.**

Dr. Hoffer will discuss dementia, answering what it is, when to suspect it, the tests your doctor should perform to investigate it, the available therapies, and how to prevent it.

Before the program, from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Alzheimer's Association MA/NH Chapter volunteers will offer information on free resources -- education and support for patients and caregivers, as well as fundraising opportunities -- provided by the Alzheimer's Association. They will also be available after the program to answer questions and share information.

Dr. Hoffer received his undergraduate degree at MIT and MD from Harvard. He completed his residency and cardiology fellowship at Mass General. He was in private practice for 40 years and did research on medical informatics at MGH.

A partnership between Thayer Public Library and the Department of Elder Affairs, this program is made possible in part by funding provided through State Aid to Public Libraries.