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The Library is located
directly across from
Town Hall.

Winter Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Friday and Saturday

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

The Library will be
closed
Monday, January 20th
for
Martin Luther
King Jr. Day

*A library could show you
everything if you knew
where to look.
— Pat Conroy*



Library Connections

The Newsletter of Thayer Public Library

JANUARY 2025

Museum Pass Reservations

We are introducing new museum pass reservation software starting January 1st.

You will still be able to reserve passes online — simply go to the Museum Pass page on our website (www.thayerpubliclibrary.org/museum-passes) to see all the passes we have. When you are ready to reserve a pass, follow the link to make a reservation. Then choose the museum you want to visit to see what dates are available, or choose the "Browse by Date" link in the upper right corner to see which passes are available on a given day.

If you have any questions, call the Reference Desk at 781-848-0405, ext. 4417 and we can walk you through the new software or reserve a pass for you.



Children's Concert with Matt Heaton



Join us in the **Children's Room on Tuesday, January 14th from 10:15 am to 10:45 am** for a concert performed by Matt Heaton, a local, well-known children's musician.

Matt Heaton believes music for kids can be entertaining for both children and their grown-ups.

His songs blend mid-century American guitar styles: surf, rockabilly, western swing & soul, delivered with a wry sense of humor and a sincere sense of fun.

Kids dance, laugh, and sing along. Grown-ups appreciate the touches of humor and observations of kid behavior. Call it children's music or family music, it's sure to please listeners of all ages. Best for ages

two-and-a-half to five, but open to all children. No registration needed.

English Conversation Circles: New Day & Time



Would you like to practice speaking English with other learners? Do you know someone who is learning English and would like to practice?

Join us on **Saturday, January 25th from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in Conference Room B on the Upper Level** to practice your English language and conversation skills with other learners. Meetings are held weekly, so save the date for **Saturday, February 1st at 3:00 pm!**

English Conversation Circle is not a class! It is a time for English language learners to gather at the library to practice speaking together in English. English Conversation Circle is best for intermediate to advanced learners, but beginners are welcome.

Author Hour in Massachusetts

Thayer Public Library, in partnership with the Tewksbury Public Library, presents "Author Hour in Massachusetts," a series of virtual author talks featuring some of the publishing industry's top trending writers. The following webinars will all be held in January from **7:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Zoom**. Registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Register through the event calendar on our website, in person at the Reference Desk, or over the phone at 781-848-0405, ext. 4417.



- ◆ **Tuesday, January 7th** — Larry Rohter will discuss his new book, *Into the Amazon: The Life of Cândido Rondon, Trailblazing Explorer, Scientist, Statesman, and Conservationist*.
- ◆ **Tuesday, January 14th** — Clay McLeod Chapman will discuss his latest social horror novel, *Wake Up and Open Your Eyes*.
- ◆ **Thursday, January 16th** -- Bestselling author Kate Fagan will discuss her new novel, *The Three Lives of Cate Kay*.
- ◆ **Tuesday, January 21st** -- James Grippando will discuss his new legal thriller, *Grave Danger*.
- ◆ **Thursday, January 23rd** — Bestselling authors Scott Turow (*Presumed Guilty*) and Alafair Burke (*The Note*) will discuss their newest thrillers, in conversation with Dwyer Murphy, editor-in-chief of *CrimeReads*.
- ◆ **Wednesday, January 29th** -- Bestselling author Thomas Perry will discuss his new thriller, *Pro Bono*.
- ◆ **Thursday, January 30th** -- Erika Swyler will discuss her new dystopian novel, *We Lived on the Horizon*.
- ◆ **Friday, January 31st** — Grady Hendrix will discuss his new horror novel, *Witchcraft for Wayward Girls*.

These webinars, which meet from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, are free and open to all. This series of virtual author talks is being promoted by more than 50 public libraries in Massachusetts.

Self-Defense Class



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WAH LUM KUNG FU
& TAI CHI ACADEMY
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A self-defense workshop for **ages 16 and up** will be held on **Saturday, January 4th** from **1:30 pm to 4:30 pm** in **Logan Auditorium**. Space is limited and registration is required.

Sifu Mai Du, owner of Wah Lum Kung Fu & Tai Chi Academy, and her team provide a free self-defense training class. In this active participatory workshop, you will practice realistic self-defense tactics. You will learn situational awareness and how to handle a confrontation, both physically and mentally.

Check-in starts at 1:15 pm and the program will begin promptly at 1:30 pm. Please allow time for parking and checking in. Please wear comfortable clothes and athletic shoes. Register online through the library event calendar. Questions? Contact info@caab-ma.org.

Organized by Sifu Mai Du, Thayer Public Library, and the Chinese American Association of Braintree (CAAB).

Save the Date: Lunar New Year Children's Celebration



Join us **Saturday, February 1st** from **11:00 am to noon** in **Logan Auditorium** to celebrate Lunar New Year!

We will have crafts and games for children and families to celebrate Lunar New Year 2025 -- The Year of the Snake. Come make a snake of tubes and paper, then wriggle it across the floor and enjoy other activities for children.

Lunar New Year is a celebration of the arrival of spring and the beginning of a new year on the lunisolar calendar. It is the most important holiday in China, and it is also widely celebrated in South Korea, Vietnam, and countries with a significant overseas Chinese population.