



**Thayer Public Library**  
798 Washington Street  
Braintree, MA 02184

The Library is located directly across from Town Hall.

**Regular Library Hours**

Monday - Thursday  
9:00 am - 9:00 pm  
Friday & Saturday  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Closed on Sunday

**Summer Hours**

July through Labor Day  
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9:00 am - 8:00 pm  
Friday  
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# Library Connections

The Newsletter of Thayer Public Library

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## You Named It!

Thank you for all your fabulous naming ideas for the newsletter. We had over 150 suggestions! We appreciate the way everyone connected to the library through this contest. We hope you like the new name! We think it expresses the broad nature of what the library is to the community. Whether you are a child, teen, or adult, there is something to connect you to Thayer Public Library. It's your place for:

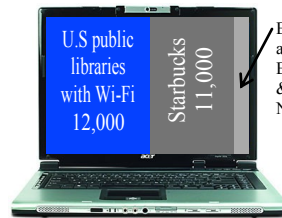


- \* concerts & author talks
- \* information & hobbies
- \* children's story times & crafts
- \* book clubs
- \* teen fun & homework
- \* new topics & titles to keep you up to date
- \* lifelong learning & promotion of literacy
- \* meeting friends or quiet spaces
- \* computers & training & WiFi
- \* and so much more!

We hope you find *Library Connections* newsletter to be an important connection to your community library. Please visit us soon and often!

## How We Stack Up: 2010

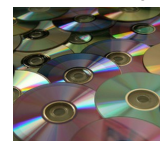
All across the country, public libraries offer needed services to their communities. Nationwide public libraries check out nearly as many materials every day as FedEx ships packages worldwide. The Thayer Public Library played its part by loaning almost 400,000 items last year. Plus we shared nearly 100,000 items through the OCLN network.



Borders and Barnes & Noble 1,300

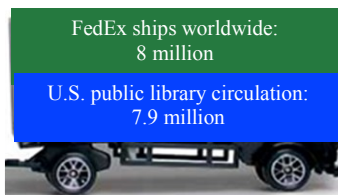
Every day our study areas are full of people using the library's free WiFi service to write their resume and apply for jobs, study for class, prepare business proposals, check email, and play games. Today, the number of U.S. public libraries with WiFi access has climbed to nearly 12,000 - that's more than Borders and Barnes & Noble combined. That's even more than Starbucks! And, at the library, you can get a cup of coffee from the Friend's Café for only 75¢.

Movie rental is big business: Americans spend over \$22 million renting DVDs from outlets like Netflix and RedBox. We



also borrowed 2.1 million DVDs from our public libraries. Last fiscal year Thayer Public Library checked out almost 95,000 DVDs and videos to the community!

These figures, plus many more factors, keep us on track in fulfilling the library's mission to improve the quality of life for Braintree's residents. Stop in and see what we have for you!



Sources: OCLC: <http://www.oclc.org/reports/stackup/>, TPL ARIS Report.

# Teen News from the Young Adult Room



“Knowledge is free at the library. Just bring your own container.”

Unknown

♥ Hi Teens, If you’re between the ages of 12-18 and have never visited the Young Adult Room, you don’t know what you’re missing! From magazines, audio books & Playaways to computers with games and Internet access, to the latest fiction and Manga, to great non-fiction books to help with reports, you’ll find it all here! And, if all that isn’t enough, we’ve added video games for the Wii, PS2,

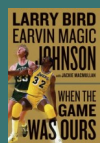
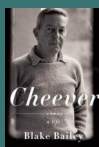
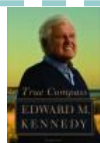
PS3, & Xbox 360, plus a separate DVD and CD collection, just for Young Adults!

It’s a lot of work to keep up with all of these collections, but luckily I have help. The TAG (Teen Advisory Group) meets once a month to help choose materials, plan activities and events, and share their ideas and opinions, making the young adult area their own. If

you’re interested in joining TAG, please contact me, Reba Tierney, YA Librarian [rtierney@braintreema.gov](mailto:rtierney@braintreema.gov).

Love to read, but not sure what you should read next? Check out my blog: Reba Recommends. You can find everything that I have been reading, and what I think about it! You can also email me with comments, suggestions and recommendations of your own.

Your YA Librarian,  
Reba ♥  
See you soon!



## What’s in a Life?

Do people fascinate you? Are you inquisitive about how they got to where they are in life? Then biographies might be the right choice for you. Here’s a list of some recent titles that you may want to catch up on. More biographies, autobiographies, and memoirs are on the lower level of the library. And don’t miss the recommended and best selling lists on the search page of the library catalog.

**True Compass: A Memoir** by Robert F. Kennedy

**Open: An Autobiography** by Andre Agassi

**Going Rogue: An American Life** by Sarah Palin

**Bold Fresh Piece of Humanity** by Bill O’Reilly

**When the Game was Ours** by Larry Bird

**Cheever: A Life** by Blake Bailey

**Pops: A Life of Louis Armstrong** by Terry Teachout

**Sitting Bull** by Bill Yenne

“One sure window into a person’s soul is his reading list.”

Mary B. W. Tabor

## Need a Book ? We Can Help!

Our reference librarians get an amazing variety of questions that often provide intellectual challenge. One type of question that comes up regularly is how to get materials not in the library. With three levels of Inter-Library Loan (ILL) service available, this is usually an easily resolved situation.

1. BASIC - directly through our online catalog

from an OCLN library. With 28 libraries in our network, materials are usually available through one of them.

2. VIRTUAL-CATALOG - Can’t find it in OCLN? VirtCat is a group of other library networks in Massachusetts, also available through a link on the catalog. Sign in with your library card to search the database and keep track of your holds.

3. ILL SERVICE - Not in VirtCat? Information desk librarians will take your request and search *throughout the entire country* to fill it. Just ask!

Assisting people to find what they need is but one of the very rewarding things we do. If you need help locating a book, CD, DVD, magazine article, or other material please stop and ask - we will be happy to help you!

# Your Library Never Closes

Have you ever wanted to find a great book to listen to or read when the library wasn't open? Now you can download e-books as well as audio books from Overdrive. Many titles can be burned to CD or transferred to a supported portable device so you can take digital materials with you on-the-go!

To access the digital media collection just click on the Overdrive icon on the bottom left of the library homepage at:

[www.thayerpubliclibrary.net](http://www.thayerpubliclibrary.net).



Or, from the library catalog, choose the "Download E-Books & Audio" link in the header.

To start enjoying the convenience of digital library media, all you have to do is:

Download, install, and activate the free software.

Check out, download & enjoy!

OverDrive makes it easy to download books to these devices:



This is just one of the many library services you can use anytime from home. As you become acquainted with the Thayer Public Library website you'll be surprised how many services are available 24/7!

We're up when you are:

24/7

[www.thayerpubliclibrary.net](http://www.thayerpubliclibrary.net)

- Renew books
- Check due dates
- Place & cancel holds
- Book a museum pass
- Download e-books & audiobooks
- Register for events
- Search the catalog
- Research our 50+ databases

## From the Children's Room

Ask any kid in the library - they will agree that the Children's Room is the heart of the whole place! There is always fun going on here: craft programs, story times, a monthly Manga workshop, and many special events. There are wonderful displays in a bright and engaging area, with materials suitable for infants through grade 6 students, and Internet computers with fun

games. The best part, though, is our staff. Friendly and helpful, they promote literacy in a welcoming environment, and are always ready to offer suggestions for a great book or the best web sites to help with a school report. Our professional librarian, Elisabeth Strachan, works with the Early Literacy Task Force in the School Department. Cathie



Tomczyk, library assistant, was awarded the Community Inclusion award from SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Council) for fostering compassion, respect, and inclusion. So, next time you're in, stop by and say hello. Pictured from left to right are: Norma Zeoli, Kristine Cloyes, Janice Martin, Cathie Tomczyk, Elisabeth Strachan, Melissa Kelleher.

## Book Nook: A Day in a Life

Can one day change your life? These authors seem to think so, as all of the books listed here take place over the course of a single day.

**Arlington Park** by Rachel Cusk is a day long look at the minor victories and tragedies of a group of middle class families.

**If Nobody Speaks of Remarkable Things** by Jon Macgregor follows life on an average British street the day Princess Diana died.

**Odd Thomas** by Dean Koontz is a story of a short order cook who is silently approached by the ghost of a young girl, and is psychically led to her killer.



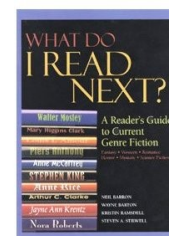
These items are arranged by the author's last name on the main level of the library.

Find more great reads:  
**FICTION CONNECTION**

Link to it on our website.

And remember - you can always speak with a staff member for suggestions for your next great read!

One day can change your life forever, so spend your time wisely.



# Friends News



## **Friends Concert Series**

September 19

**Brian McCarthy, pianist**

October 17

**Judy Cobble & Friends**

November 21

**Moby Dick & the Wailers**

January 16

**Frederick Moyer, pianist**

February 27

**Cantabile Quartet**

March 20

**Ruth Harcovitz, soprano**

April 17

**Matt & Shannon Heaton**

May 15

**Perry Rossi, jazz**

This fall has been a very exciting time for the Friends of Thayer Public Library. The October 21st Annual Meeting marks a change of leadership. John Cobble and John Pelose retire from the Board after each has served over a decade as President and Treasurer respectively. Carol Singler leaves after years of service as a volunteer and a Board member. They all continue to be valued members and volunteers. Our new slate of officers is: Lisa Lenon, President; Liz Hurley, Vice President; Laura Colpus, Secretary; and Matt McIntyre, Treasurer.

September began our ambitious Membership Drive. The Friends

play a vital role in supporting programs at the library such as the Concert Series and the Author/Speaker Series as well as major fundraising efforts such as the new parking lot. Please help us support our goals by joining today.

The Friends Book Sale on the lower level of the library is open during library hours. Hardcover books are \$1 and paperbacks are \$.50. Most of our materials come from generous donations by our patrons. Please donate your gently used books to benefit the library.

Contact the Friends at:  
[FriendsofThayerPL@braintree.ma.gov](mailto:FriendsofThayerPL@braintree.ma.gov)  
781-848-0405 x 4002

# Friends of Thayer Public Library

To renew membership or to become a member of the Friends of Thayer Public Library, complete and mail this form to: Friends of Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree, MA 02184.

Annual Dues: Individual, \$10; Dual/Family, \$20; Patron, \$50; Contributing, \$100 or more. Your contribution may be tax-deductible.

For my enrollment as a member of the Friends of Thayer Public Library, I enclose my annual dues of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Please make check payable to "Friends of Thayer Public Library" **Thank you!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_

Area of interest/activity with the Friends: Book Sale \_\_\_\_\_ Hospitality Concerts/Special Events \_\_\_\_\_

Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Directors \_\_\_\_\_ Call me to discuss these or other areas \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to support the Friends, but cannot be active at this time \_\_\_\_\_

For more information call 781-848-0405 x4002