



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
Monday - Thursday
9:00 am - 8:00 pm
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9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Closed Saturday & Sunday

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The Newsletter of Thayer Public Library

FALL - WINTER 2011

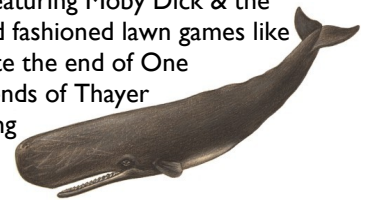
What a Whale of a Summer!

Thayer Public Library had a whale of a summer with the introduction of our first One Braintree, One Book community-wide read to support literacy and community pride. The great American novel *Moby-Dick* by Herman Melville was our first title. Mayor Joseph Sullivan supported and encouraged this initiative with funding and great enthusiasm. One of the highlights of our summer-long celebration included Whale Day with New England Aquarium. Aquarium staff and library volunteers conducted hands-on activities with over 800 people who attended Whale Day!

We visited the New Bedford Whaling Museum and Seamen's Bethel Chapel, the inspiration for the setting for *Moby-Dick*. Next we visited Arrowhead, the home of Herman Melville where he wrote *Moby-Dick*. We lunched at the Red Lion Inn and finished the day at the Norman Rockwell Museum. Last we took an Ocean Alliance-sponsored Cape Ann whale watch out of Gloucester and experienced fantastic views of humpback whales.

Meanwhile back at the library, hundreds enjoyed arts & crafts programs; story hours; lectures on scrimshaw, Nantucket baskets, whales and the environment; films including two versions of *Moby Dick* and several documentaries. We had Fishy Fridays, book discussion groups, watercolor lessons, and more. There were activities for every interest and every age during this whale of a summer.


The finale was an Ice Cream Social with Jazz Under the Big Tent, featuring *Moby Dick* & the Wailers and free sundaes. Braintree Historical Society provided old fashioned lawn games like Rounders and Hoops & Sticks. Over 700 people helped to celebrate the end of One Braintree, One Book until next year. With many thanks to the Friends of Thayer Public Library and the Library Board of Trustees for their continuing generous support. Thar she blows!



Museum Passes are a Great Deal

The library's Museum Pass Service offers Braintree residents access to discounts to 20 of the area's most popular museums:

- Boston Children's Museum 
- Cape Cod Museum of Natural History
- Fuller Craft Museum
- Harvard Museum of Natural History 
- Heritage Gardens & Museum
- Institute of Contemporary Art 
- Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
- John F. Kennedy Library & Museum
- Massachusetts Audubon 
- Massachusetts Parks Pass 
- Museum of Fine Arts
- Museum of Science

- New Bedford Whaling Museum 
- New England Aquarium
- Old Sturbridge Village
- Pawtucket Red Sox 
- Plimoth Plantation
- The Sports Museum 
- Wheelock Family Theatre 
- Zoo New England 

You'll need your library card in good standing and be a resident of Braintree to use the pass service. Passes may be reserved up to 3 months in advance through the information desk on the lower level, through our website at: www.thayerpubliclibrary.net or by calling 781-848-0405 x4417.



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

Unknown



“Most people think video games are all about a child staring at a TV with a joystick in his hands. I don’t. They should belong to the entire family.”

Shigeru Miyamoto

Game designer (Mario, Donkey Kong)

Teen Stuff - Try Something New!

♥ The Young Adult Department offers a multitude of monthly programs guaranteed to be fun, free, and open to any Young Adult between the ages of 12-18. Monthly programs include a Teen Craft, Teen Wii Time, a YA Movie, meetings of the Teen Anime/Manga Club, the Middle School Book Club, and the Teen Advisory Group (TAG). These events are always listed on our online calendar with full descriptions. Check

back often to see which movie we are going to show and which book the Middle School Book Club will be reading. Then grab your friends and join the fun!

The purpose of this department is to respond to the needs and interests of YAs between 12 & 18. Help make it great by offering your ideas and suggestions. Is there a craft, or a game or Wii tournament that you would

like to have? Then let us know! Just contact either Reba Tierney, Young Adult Librarian, or one of our TAG members with your ideas.

In addition to these regular monthly programs, we also offer Special Events, which can be anything from author visits to yoga workshops. So, keep checking the calendar on our website and try something new today!

♥ 781-848-0405 x4415

Like to Play Scrabble?

The Library’s Scrabble Nights have been going on for years and the regular players are always interested in welcoming new players to the game. It’s a great way to keep your mind actively learning and to meet new people. New players will get a sheet of “Cool Words to Know” that will help you get an edge on the game. It has a list of those special words that contain a ‘Q’ but no ‘U’ and lists to help

get rid of a rack of too many vowels, plus more. Game boards and dictionaries are provided.

Open Scrabble Play

Thursday Nights at 6:30 pm

on the Lower Level

All players are always welcome.

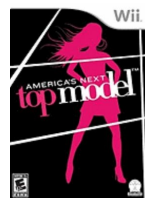
Come alone or bring a friend.



Now Your Library’s Got Game

We’ve “got game.” We’ve got it in PlayStation 2, PlayStation 3, Wii, Xbox, and DS!

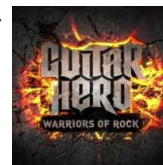
Gold’s Gym Dance



Wii Workout, Zumba, America’s Top Model, Diddy Kong Racing, and Cloudy with a Chance

of Meatballs just to name a few!

This popular collection is in high demand.



Games are located in the Children’s Room on the upper level and in the Young Adult Collection on the lower level for you to browse. Or find games through the catalog. Just enter the name of the game in a title search or use the

words or phrase search for your format (Wii, DS, etc.) to find all the games for your system. Then place a hold to make sure you get the very next available copy.



Please ask a librarian if you need any help finding what you want.

Your Library Never Closes

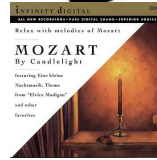


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- Place & cancel holds
- Book a museum pass
- Download e-books & audiobooks
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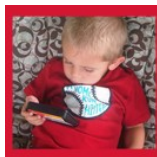
The Brand New Playaway View!

The latest addition to the Children's Department is the new Playaway View. The View is the first all in one video player. It is a durable, kid-friendly, hand-held device pre-loaded with up to 8 hours of video programs. The View offers entertainment and educational programs from such studios as Sesame Street, PBS

Kids, National Geographic, and Nickelodeon. Each View is rated for a particular age group from preschool up to grade 5.

Come in and see the View on display in the Children's Room where you and your child can try it out and then choose one to borrow. This kid-friendly video View is ready to go with your kids, wherever your kids

go! This cool new device is created only for children and is available only from your library!



**Portable
Durable &
Convenient
No DVDs
No Downloads**

"If you want your children to be brilliant,

read them fairy tales. If you want them to be geniuses, read them more fairy tales."

Albert Einstein

Crafts, Games, and More Fun for Kids

There is so much going on at the library for kids of all ages that it's hard to fit it all in here. Here's an overview and information on how to find out more:



Anime/Manga Club
one Saturday per month
For kids who like Tokyo Mew Mew, One Piece, or other manga.

Board Game Fun for ages 8-12
Wednesdays, 3:00 - 4:30

We provide the games; you bring the fun. "Apples to Apples" is a favorite.



Two Craft Programs
each month

one for age 3 and up
one for age 8 and up



Weekly Storytimes

for ages 3-5 on Wednesdays
ages 2-3 on Mondays
infants - 24 months on Mondays

All programs are free but some require sign-up. Please see our calendar of upcoming events at: www.thayerpubliclibrary.net
Or call us at 781-848-0405 x4425 for more information.





Friends News

The Friends' mission is to enhance the library in ways outside its normal budget. This means that we can be very creative in bringing enrichment, entertainment, learning and beauty to the library. Here are just some of the ways we accomplish our mission.

The Friends donate awards for the Halloween Ghost Story Contest, Scrabble Tournament, & Braintree's Got Talent competitions to honor creativity, skill, and talent.

The new Washington Street gardens were planned, installed, and are maintained by the Friends. You can now enjoy the library even if you are just driving by!

The Friends have obtained a grant from Target which will be used to purchase learning/activity centers in the children's library, including

puppets and tables for Legos, Duplos, trains, and building blocks. These activities stimulate imagination, language, storytelling, and play – all necessary pre-reading skills.

Relax in the Friends Café and enjoy a drink or snack from the vending machines and quiet conversation.

The very popular Sunday afternoon Concert Series provide free performances by professional musicians who will inspire and entertain all.

The Friends raise money through dues, donations, and the proceeds from the sale of books and Friends book bags. Please support us. Join, donate your gently used books, and buy and use our book bag to proudly show your support.

Contact the Friends at:
FriendsOfThayerPL@braintreema.gov
781-848-0405 x4002



Friends Concert Series

2011 - 2012

October 16
Brian McCarthy, pianist

November 20
Nancy Carr, singer

January 22
Spinnaker Wind Quintet

February 19
Nick Dinnerstein, cellist

March 18
US Navy Band Northeast
location: Town Hall

April 15
Akiko Kobayashi, violinist

May 20
Perry Rossi Orchestra, jazz

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 _____

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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

