

## THETFORD LIBRARIES

### LATHAM LIBRARY

**Sunday hours:** Latham Library is now open on Sundays from 10 am to 1 pm.

**Senior Research Shelf:** Latham Library now has a senior resource shelf! It includes books relevant to seniors, and a senior resource folder that is chock full of information; please feel free to make photocopies of anything inside.

**Holiday Book Sale** Sat., Nov. 18, 9:00-3:00. Latham Library's annual Holiday Book Sale is almost here! Come shop our great selection of books for children and adults, movies on DVD, books on CD, music, video games, gift items, etc. Great prices (\$2 hardcover, \$1 paperback for most books, half price for children's!) and a bag sale from 1:00-3:00. All proceeds benefit the Latham Memorial Library.

**Magic Card Night** Mon., Nov. 20, 6:30-8:00 pm. Come play Magic, the card game, with friends. All ages are welcome. We now have extra decks for those who need them. Other role playing games such as D&D are welcome too!

### ONGOING PROGRAMS AT LATHAM LIBRARY

**Tales and Tunes for Tots** is a playgroup for babies, toddlers and their caregivers. Wednesday mornings at 10am.

**Storytime** Fridays at 10:30am. All ages are welcome.

**Knitting Group** Thursday evenings from 6-8 pm. Beginners and experienced knitters welcome.

**Afterschool activities** for kids in grades 4-6 run every Friday that Thetford Elementary School is in session, unless noted. Children may walk to Latham Library from school for stories, games, arts and crafts, and other fun activities.

### PEABODY LIBRARY

**Nancy Kilgore reading** Wed., Nov. 15 at 7:00 pm. Nancy Kilgore, former Post Mills resident, will give a reading from her new novel, *Wild Mountain*. From Amazon: "*Wild Mountain* is a page-turning, beautifully written novel about the love between Frank and Mona, the love of place, freedom to marry, and freedom from the past, by a writer whose prose has been compared to Alice Munro's."

**Afterschool activities** for children in grades K-3 will begin on Wed., Sept. 6 and run every Wednesday that TES is in session, unless noted. Kids may take the bus from TES to the library for stories, games, crafts, and other fun activities! Pick-up time is 4:30.

For more information, including lists of new books and movies, please visit [thetfordlibrary.org](http://thetfordlibrary.org).

*Emily Zollo*

### THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

Button up your home for winter and win prizes!

Efficiency Vermont and the Energy Action Network have teamed up to reward Vermonters for qualifying energy-saving actions like changing your furnace filter or caulking windows. Record your actions at [vtenergydashboard.org](http://vtenergydashboard.org). Each entry qualifies you for a chance to win weekly prizes, like a smart thermostat or a \$100 gift certificate to a local hardware store. All entries will be eligible to win \$500 toward a full home weatherization project. Weekly raffle drawings run through Dec. 1.

For energy-saving ideas, visit [buttonupvermont.org](http://buttonupvermont.org). Button Up Vermont is a community-based public outreach campaign, sponsored by Efficiency Vermont, to promote home energy efficiency improvements.

Learn more at [tiny.cc/nov17energy](http://tiny.cc/nov17energy).

*Alice Stewart*

### PARISH PLAYERS

**Scooter Thomas Makes It To The Top Of The World**, directed by Kay Morton, will run Thursdays-Sundays: Dec. 7th, 8th, 9th, 14th, 15th, 16th at 7:30 p.m. & 10th, 17th at 3:00 p.m.

Tickets available at the door, at [parishplayers.org](http://parishplayers.org) or at 802-785-4344. We accept cash, local checks, and cards. Thank you for your support!

At the age of 23, Peter Parnell wrote this play as his senior project while attending Dartmouth College. The show had its premier showing at the Eclipse Grange 39 years ago. Mr. Parnell has since been a writer for television's *The West Wing*, *The Guardian*, *Six Degrees*, and *Inconceivable*. He has written plays that have gone on to Broadway and Off-Broadway. Our fingers are crossed since inviting Mr. Parnell to come to one of the performances. What a wonderful tribute that would be to commemorate our 50 years of continuous quality theater.

For more information, visit [parishplayers.org](http://parishplayers.org).

*Katherine Morton*

### SENIOR COFFEE KLATCH

Don't forget the 2nd Wednesday Senior Coffee Klatch coming up on Nov. 8th at the Thetford Center community center, 10-11:30. Free coffee, light refreshments, and lots of good conversation! Call Pril Hall for a ride at 333-4077.

*Pril Dorman Hall*

### THETFORD ELDER NETWORK LUNCHEON

Come to the North Thetford Church Thurs., Nov. 16, at 11:30 for a sumptuous dinner to be enjoyed with friends familiar and new: Roast turkey, potatoes, gravy, stuffing, peas or squash, cranberry sauce, and pies. We'll enjoy a great meal and trading news and stories with other community members.

Senior Solutions sponsors our monthly TEN Luncheons, usually held on fourth Thursdays. Your suggested donation (\$5 if you can) will be gratefully accepted.

Would you like to volunteer for one specific task? Call Cathy at 785-3136.

We give thanks for a nourishing harvest and for all who make these fun events possible, including to the fine company at every meal!

*Susan Rump*

## **NONFICTION BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

The next meeting of Thetford's informal nonfiction book discussion group will take place at Latham Library on Thetford Hill on Tues., Nov. 28th at 7 pm. We will be discussing *Dark Money* by Jane Mayer.

Why is America living in an age of profound economic inequality? Why have protections for employees been decimated? Why do billionaires pay a far lower tax rate than middle-class workers? Jane Mayer shows how a network of exceedingly wealthy people with extreme libertarian views bankrolled a systematic, step-by-step plan to fundamentally alter the American political system.

You can find the book at your library; via interlibrary loan; as an audio or e-book via the Green Mountain ([gmlc.overdrive.com](http://gmlc.overdrive.com)) or New Hampshire ([nh.overdrive.com](http://nh.overdrive.com)) library consortiums; from your bookseller; or at [bookfinder.com](http://bookfinder.com). All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

*EDM Landman MD*

## **THETFORD ACADEMY**

At the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year, TA launched a half-day **environmental studies and outdoor education** class that allows students to earn credits in Science, English and an elective in a nontraditional setting. The class takes advantage of the vast natural resources that the Thetford Academy campus has to offer, and engages students in hands-on, outdoor learning and scientific

exploration. Already this year, students in the class have begun construction on a 20 ft. yurt platform that will serve as their outdoor classroom, made apple cider from a traditional apple press and offered samples to the student body, and learned survival and orienteering skills to utilize while navigating the outdoors. The ten students in this inaugural class have thoroughly enjoyed this new way of learning.

A dozen TA students participated in a **Poetry Slam** earlier this fall, presenting their original work to students, teachers and community members. The performances were judged by five student judges selected by Ms. Silver, based on qualifications listed by the applicant, the more preposterous, the better. The focus of the event was on the students, their work and their presentations, rather than their scores. The house band, led by music teacher Greg Mellinger, opened and closed the event. Poetic performances ranged from short to long, silly to serious, personal to general. Student performers were Natalie Smith '19, Eli Kaliski '19, Gabe Gaetz '19, Gabriel Geller '19, Allen Wang '18, Katy Howard '19, Jordan Smith '20, Ian Spelman '19, Caitlyn Town '18, Alden Nichols '19, Jade Elias '19, and Tait Linehan '19. This fall's winner was Jordan Smith '20, with runner-up Eli Kaliski '19.

The Fall Play class will be performing **The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)** in a three show run in mid-November. Shows will be on Nov. 16, 17 and 18. Stay tuned for more information.

Jennifer Gernhard's Cooking for Health class is sponsoring a **Food Drive** for the Thetford Food Shelf through Dec. 20. If you would like to donate, please bring nonperishable food items to the main office at Thetford Academy.

The 6th Annual **Thetford Geography Bee** is coming up on Fri., Nov. 3, at Thetford Academy. The Geo Bee is a series of multiple choice questions typically crafted around a topic. This year's theme is "Vermont Critters." How well do YOU know your wildlife? There are two divisions—

Youth (Grades 5-8) and Adult (Grade 9 and up). Each division alternates answering questions, correct answers are tallied, and the winning teams receive great prizes. It's loads of fun, and as in past years, proceeds are earmarked for the Historical Society's Hughes Barn Museum. (This year is especially important, as the Museum's buildings and much of the collection were damaged in the flooding event of July 1. We are still working on reconstruction and cleanup.) Information and registration forms are available at [tiny.cc/nov17bee](http://tiny.cc/nov17bee). Adult teams are \$30; Youth teams play for free!

The fourth annual Thetford Academy **3v3 Basketball Tournament** is on Sun., Nov. 19, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. There will be separate divisions for boys and girls, with brackets for 5th/6th graders, 7th/8th graders and High School. The registration deadline is Fri., Nov. 10. Visit [thetfordacademy.org](http://thetfordacademy.org) or contact Andrew Davis at 603-443-8823 or [andrew.davis@snocountry.com](mailto:andrew.davis@snocountry.com).

The TA **Board of Trustees** monthly meeting is on Thurs., Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. in the TA Library in the White Building. The public is invited.

**TAAA Alumni Craft Bizarre** will be Sat., Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Vaughan Alumni Gymnasium at Thetford Academy.

*Bridget Dugan-Sullivan*

## **GOT NEWS?**

Is your news of general interest to Thetford residents? Send *brief* submissions to [thetford@pendane.com](mailto:thetford@pendane.com) or by calling me at 356-4542 by the 29th of the month. I generally enter news in the order in which it is received, and may need to edit for space. There may not be room for late submissions (but I do my best). Feedback is always welcome.

*Susanna French*