

THETFORD LIBRARIES

LATHAM LIBRARY

Sunday hours at Latham Library have resumed. The library will be open from 10:00-1:00 through April.

Holiday book sale Saturday, Nov. 17, 9:00-3:00 (bag sale 1-3pm). Shop books for children and adults, DVDs, audiobooks and music on CD, rare and vintage books, gift items, and more! This sale will have an especially nice selection of puzzles, comic books and graphic novels, and science fiction. We are accepting donations of books in good condition (please no reference books or textbooks), audiobooks on CD, and movies on DVD during open hours. Thank you.

ONGOING PROGRAMS AT LATHAM LIBRARY

Storytime Fridays at 10:30am, unless noted. Stories and songs for preschoolers and their siblings. All ages are welcome!

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

Afterschool activities for students in grades 4-6 run every Friday that TES is in session, unless noted. Children may walk to Latham Library from school for stories, games, arts and crafts, and other fun activities. Students younger than grade 4 must be accompanied by an adult or high school student while in the library.

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

PEABODY LIBRARY

Come join Thetford's own published poet **Elisabeth Horan** who will be reading from and signing copies for her new book *Pensacola Girls*, Nov. 28th at 7pm at the Peabody Library.

This book bravely addresses #metoo, sexual, physical and emotional abuse, domestic violence, and ultimately

sisterhood and survivorship. This gathering will provide a safe space to connect, support and share love with other women.

Proceeds from sales of the book from this event will benefit W.I.S.E. in their important work to support women in recovery from abuse. Please connect with elisabeth.horan@gmail.com, or visit ehoranpoet.com to preorder a copy.

Afterschool Wednesdays run every week that TES is in session. Students in grades K-3 may take the school bus from TES to the Peabody Library for stories, activities, and a snack. Pick-up time is 4:30 pm.

For more information, including lists of new books and movies, please visit thetfordlibrary.org or follow us on Facebook [@thetfordlibraries](https://www.facebook.com/thetfordlibraries).

Emily Zollo

VOTE

Polls are open at Town Hall from 8am-7pm on Nov. 6.

The clerk's office is open Mon., Nov. 5 from 10am-12pm for absentee voting.

In Vermont, you can register to vote as late as Election Day itself! Learn more at tiny.cc/votevt.

THETFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

ANIMALS WITH BAD REPUTATIONS

This Squam Lakes Natural Science Center live animal event takes place Sunday, Nov. 11th, 3-4 pm at the Westshire School, Rte. 113 West Fairlee Village. Free for all ages and there will be refreshments.

What are your least favorite animals? Why? Do they eat your garbage, or

worse, your garden? Do they surprise you and give you a scare? Do they have a defense mechanism that can hurt?

Many animals have traits that make them unpopular, feared, or simply an unwanted pest. But there is another side to every critter. Learn how likable and interesting they can be from a naturalist who knows them like family.

Sponsored by the West Fairlee and Thetford Conservation Commissions.

Jim McCracken

THETFORD GEOGRAPHY BEE FRIDAY, NOV. 2, 7PM AT TA

TA is gearing up for its 200th anniversary in February, and we're getting a jump on the festivities by keeping this year's questions local. This year's theme is "Thetford and Thetford Academy."

There are two divisions: Youth (Grades 5-8) and Adult (Grade 9 and up). The winning teams receive great prizes. It's loads of fun, and as in past years, proceeds are earmarked for conservation and preservation projects at the Historical Society.

Three-person adult teams are \$30. Youth teams and TA students who qualify as adults play for free! If you know a student in 5th through 8th grade, please encourage them to play!

Registration forms are available at thetfordhistoricalsociety.org.

THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

REDUCE AIR LEAKS WITH EASY-TO-INSTALL FOAM GASKETS

Light switches and electrical outlets on exterior walls can let in cold air in the winter. Use inexpensive foam gaskets to insulate switch boxes and outlets for energy efficiency and to reduce uncomfortable drafts. These gaskets cost less than 25 cents apiece and can keep cold air out and warm air inside your home. Just follow these steps:

- Take an inventory of light switches and electrical outlets on your exterior walls. How many of each type of design (e.g., single or double switch) do you need to insulate?
- Purchase gaskets at your local hardware store.
- The gaskets are composed of fire-retardant foam pre-cut to fit outlets and switch plates. Before installing, you may need to punch out the pieces where the switch or outlet will fit.
- Important: Use the circuit breaker to turn off power to outlets/switch boxes before installing gaskets!
- Use a screwdriver to remove screws and switchplate or outlet cover.
- Put the foam gasket in place, lining up the holes so that the outlets are exposed (or so the gasket fits over the light switch(es)).
- Replace the outlet cover/switch plate and secure with screws.
- You can also install child safety plugs in unused outlets to further reduce drafts.

- Turn the power back on using the circuit breaker.

If you still feel a draft, you may need to seal cracks or gaps around the wall plate with caulk or putty.

If you want more how-to information, just search "install outlet gasket" on YouTube.

Alice Stewart

THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

Gather your evergreen spirit, invite a friend/neighbor/family member, and come to the North Thetford Church on Thursday, Nov. 15, for a luncheon of thanksgiving for what we have. Arrive at 11:30am for a seat and a menu of roast turkey, mashed potato, squash, gravy, salad, homemade rolls, cranberry sauce, and apple pie.

We expect a speaker who has news about health coverage and folks working at the state level to help us in our later years.

Senior Solutions supports our monthly luncheons, along with donations at the door (\$5 if you can), with our thanks.

We're also grateful for food donors and the work of our volunteers. And thanks to our participants! See you there.

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 Tuesday Nov. 27th at 7 pm.

We will be discussing *Their Finest Hours: The True Story of the US Coast Guard's Most Daring Sea Rescue*, by Michael J Tougias and Casey Sherman.

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

EDM Landman MD

GOT NEWS?

Is your news of general interest to Thetford residents? Send *brief* submissions to 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). I welcome your feedback.

Susanna French



Thetford Academy burned 76 years ago this month, on November 14, 1942. The fire destroyed the 1818 academy, the Burton Hall dormitory, and Latham Library as Thetford residents and students scurried to save books and furniture. There were no fatalities. Coal in the academy's cellar smoldered for months, even as students returned to school in borrowed quarters just one week later. The new school opened across the street in 1949.