

THETFORD LIBRARIES

LATHAM LIBRARY

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

Thetford author Dean Whitlock reads from his latest book *Fireboy* on Thursday, Dec. 6 at 7:00 pm. It's the third book in the Carver's World series for young (and not so young) adults. Dean will also talk about how the three books came to be, including his three-week, 370-mile canoe trip down the Connecticut River from Canada to Long Island Sound, which inspired the fantasy world where the adventures take place. Signed copies will be available for purchase.

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

Holiday readings Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 7:00 pm. An annual holiday tradition at Peabody Library! Come hear Peter Blodgett read holiday stories from many cultures and traditions. A special evening by candlelight in one of the loveliest rooms in town.

Refreshments will be served.

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

THETFORD ELDER NETWORK DECEMBER LUNCHEON

Cheers, Thetford--the holidays are in full swing! Venture out Thursday, Dec. 13, at 11:30am to the church in North Thetford for a festive luncheon of ham, scalloped potatoes, squash, peas, beverage, and frosted brownies with whipped cream. Listen to a few local announcements and the seasonal melodies of Serenata.

Senior Solutions sponsors our monthly TEN Luncheons, usually held on fourth Thursdays. Your suggested donation (\$5 if you can) will be accepted with thanks. To volunteer for one specific task, call Cathy at 785-3136.

We're grateful to all who make these delicious events possible--volunteers, our chef, and you, our diners!

Susan Rump

SENIOR COFFEE KLATCH

Our second Wednesday senior Coffee Klatch will be held on Dec. 12th, 10-11:30 at the Thetford Center Community Center. Come join friends and neighbors for conversation, community, coffee, tea and treats. No charge, and if you need a ride, call me at 1-802-222-7885 (you won't need the 1-802 if you are in the 333 exchange.) We hope to see you there!

Pril Hall

THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

UPGRADE YOUR HOLIDAY LIGHTS AND SAVE MONEY!

Are you still using incandescent holiday lights? LEDs consume far less electricity than incandescent bulbs, and decorative LED light strings such as Christmas tree lights are no different. Not only do LED holiday lights consume less electricity, they also have the following advantages:

- Safer: LEDs are much cooler than incandescent lights, reducing the risk of combustion or burnt fingers.
- Sturdier: LEDs are made with epoxy lenses, not glass, and are much more resistant to breakage.
- Longer lasting: The same LED string could still be in use 40 holiday seasons from now.
- Easier to install: Up to 25 strings of LEDs can be connected end-to-end without overloading a wall socket.

Compare the estimated cost of electricity to light a six-foot tree for 12 hours a day for 40 days:

- Incandescent C-9 lights: \$10.00
- LED C-9 lights: \$0.27
- Incandescent Mini-lights: \$2.74
- LED Mini-lights: \$0.82

Learn more about advantages of switching to LEDs for all of your lighting at tiny.cc/dec18lights.

LOOKING TO REPLACE YOUR WOOD STOVE?

Efficiency Vermont is offering rebates up to \$800 on high efficiency wood stoves. Purchases must be made through participating retailers and only some models qualify. Home Comfort Warehouse in White River Junction is the closest participating retailer - visit tiny.cc/dec18stove to learn more and find other retailers.

Alice Stewart

THETFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FROM THE THS ARCHIVES: MAPLE NUT CRISPS

from Thetford author/cook Beatrice Vaughan's Real, Old-time Yankee Maple Cooking, 1969.

½ cup maple syrup
1/4 cup melted butter
½ cup flour, measured before sifting
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. baking soda
1/4 tsp. baking powder
½ cup chopped nuts

Combine syrup and melted butter. Sift flour, salt, baking soda and baking powder together, mix into syrup/butter mixture, then add nuts. Drop by level teaspoonful onto greased cookie sheet, about 3 inches apart. Bake at 350 for about 10 minutes, or until lightly browned. Remove from oven, cool for 30 seconds, then loosen cookies with a spatula. Cool on wire rack and store in a covered container. Makes about 24.

These sweet, crunchy cookies must be kept tightly covered to retain their crispness.

(Note from Sally Duston: These can be made gluten-free by using King Arthur's Measure for Measure Gluten-Free flour mix. Also I cut the syrup by half. I used pecans for the nuts.)

GEOGRAPHY BEE

The Historical Society is grateful for the support and enthusiasm shown to our recent (seventh!) Thetford Geography Bee, held on Friday, November 2nd at Thetford Academy. 13 Adult and Youth teams answered hand-crafted questions on "Thetford and TA and all attendees broadened their knowledge of local history, unique locations and a few rural legends of our own.

The following individuals and businesses from Thetford and beyond are our 2018 Event Sponsors. Again, we appreciate their support.

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We have had several requests for our questions from this and past Geo Bees. We'll be working this winter to assemble them into a fun online format. Stay tuned also in the new year for the 2019 Bee theme and other programming.

*Martha Howard,
Director*

A flier for a
Christmas program
in Post Mills, 1881.

From the Marian
Fitzgerald collection
at the Thetford
Historical Society

COMMUNITY NURSE OF THETFORD

Office hours at the Upper Valley Pediatrics Office in East Thetford across from Isabell's Café are Wednesdays, 1-3 PM.

Blood pressure checks, medication review, caregiver resources, advocacy and education related to health care challenges. Call or email for an appointment. Services are free and confidential. Available for phone and home visits.

*Cindy Grigel RN
802-738-9066*

Communitynursethetford@gmail.com

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

Christmas Entertainment
— AND —
TREE!
POST MILLS, VERMONT,
MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 26TH, 1881.

PROGRAMME

POST MILLS CORNET BAND,	"Iona Quick Step."
SINGING,	"Merrily Coming," by Sabbath School Children.
REMARKS,	By Rev. Mr. McColem.
RECITATION,	Miss Myrtle Lyon.
POST MILLS CORNET BAND,	Waltz, Birthday.
DIALOGUE,	By Eight little Girls, "Blessed are the Peace Makers."
SINGING,	"Angel Voices."
RECITATION,	By Master Edward Dodge.
DIALOGUE,	By Seven Boys, "True Manliness."
POST MILLS CORNET BAND,	Quick Step, "When you and I were young, Maggie."
RECITATION,	By Sunday School Children.
"SINGING 'ROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE,"	By Sunday School Children.
DIALOGUE,	"Ten Little Lazy Boys."
DIALOGUE,	By Eight Young Ladies, "Goddess of Liberty."
POST MILLS CORNET BAND,	"Forest Polka."
SINGING,	"Little Reapers," by Children.
BROOM DRILL,	

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