

THETFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Come meet the Owls of Vermont, Sunday, April 7th, at 3pm at Thetford Elementary School.

WHO-o-o-o-o-O-0??? Live Owl guests and their human companion, Michael Clough, of the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum, and You!

Join us on a Sunday afternoon to learn about these adept hunters of the night! Meet live owls, enjoy engaging discussion, learn how owls can do so many amazing things, and explore touchable artifacts.

Children, adults, families welcome. Free. Refreshments. Proudly sponsored by the West Fairlee & Thetford Conservation Commissions.

Questions? Please contact Peggy Willey: 333-4155 or Jim McCracken, 785-2925.

Jim McCracken

THETFORD LIBRARIES

LATHAM LIBRARY

New museum and cultural site passes: Did you know that Latham Library has passes for free or discounted entry to many area museums and cultural sites? And we have just added more! All passes are available first come first serve, and are checked out with your library card for three days at a time. See the list of passes at thetfordlibrary.org.

Unplugged game night Thursday, April 4, 5:00-7:00 pm. Every first Thursday of the month, come play one of our games or bring your own. All unplugged games and all ages welcome! Pizza will be provided, but if you would like pizza please RSVP to librarians@thetfordlibrary.org.

School vacation week children's program: Pajama Storytime! Monday, April 15, 6:30pm. Come in your PJs for stories, milk, and cookies. Children of all ages and their caregivers welcome.

Origami workshop with Gail Martin Friday, April 26, 3:00-4:30 pm. As a school teacher and librarian, Gail Martin has been teaching origami for about 20 years. Her current goal is to teach origami in every library in Vermont! For ages 10 and up.

ONGOING PROGRAMS AT LATHAM LIBRARY

Storytime Every Friday at 11:00 am, unless noted. Stories and songs for preschoolers and their siblings. All are welcome!

Knitting group Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm. Both 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 the library from school for stories, games, arts & crafts, and other 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 caregivers. Wednesday mornings at 10am.

PEABODY LIBRARY

Spring concert with Out on a Limb Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00pm. Mark your calendar for the return of local musical group Out on a Limb to the Peabody Library!

ONGOING PROGRAMS AT PEABODY LIBRARY

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 HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Please join us in North Thetford on Thursday, April 4th @ 7:00 pm, at the United Church of Thetford (5470 Route 5) for the first program in our Spring Series: **Migration Nation**.

All talks begin at 7:00 pm, admission is free, and all are welcome.

April 4: Abenaki: The First Travelers

Lynn Murphy, Abenaki elder, educator, and basket-maker, examines the ancient history and enduring presence of First Nations people. She traces their journey from a pre-contact subsistence lifestyle, emigration to Canada, assimilation with the White population in New England, into present day.

April 11: Seeking Freedom on the Underground Railroad

The Underground Railroad and its network of volunteers assisted enslaved persons in their quest northward, to freedom. Author Michelle Arnosky Sherburne explores Vermont's participation and Upper Valley (and Thetford!) connections.

April 25: Vermonters, Coming and Going

Dr. Jill Mudgett joins us to explore Vermont's long history of migration—from 18th-century settlers moving north to newly chartered towns, to Vermonters heading west for better farmland or south for better jobs. Where are Vermonters today—both young and old—coming from, or going to?

Learn more at tiny.cc/apr19ths, info@thetfordhistoricalsociety.org or 802.785.2068. We hope to see you in the next few weeks!

Martha Howard

THETFORD ELDER NETWORK TEN APRIL LUNCHEON

Thursday, April 25, at 11:30am, in the North Thetford Church. Celebrate the coming of green things with us over a meal of Chef Pam's sensational pork

roast dinner with baked beans, coleslaw, applesauce cake, and beverage. We can trade news, meet new friends, and enjoy being out'n'about.

Senior Solutions sponsors our monthly TEN Luncheons, usually held on fourth Thursdays. Your suggested donation (\$5 if you can) will be accepted with thanks. If you'd like to volunteer for one specific task, please 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

APRIL SENIOR COFFEE KLATCH

We're hoping any seniors can join us for the Senior Coffee Klatch on Wednesday April 10th, at the Thetford Center community center from 10-11:30. We've had a good turnout the last few months, let's keep it up! And Spring will be in the air... Call for a ride, Pril Hall 802-222-7885.

Pril Hall

PARISH PLAYERS AUDITIONS

April 20 and 22: Parish Players Theater presents FLASH MOB CAESAR (performances July 19, 20, 21)

Seeking cast to anchor a participatory interpretation of Shakespeare. Join us in enacting one of the greatest political dramas in the English language at one of the most politically dramatic moments in the history of our republic!

Wide range of roles available, including minimal speaking. Familiarity with Shakespeare not required. Directors Samantha Davidson Green & Richard Waterhouse.

Audition info & signup at tiny.cc/apr19pp. Questions? Contact: sdavidsongreen@gmail.com

Samantha Davidson Green

THEATER NEWS

Greetings from your little theater on "The Hill!" March 31st marked Parish Players 53rd Annual Meeting with its infamous potluck, entertainment, review of the past year's season and business, and planning for next year's season. Those of you who would like

to share your ideas of what you'd like to see for staged entertainment, please send us your thoughts at CEC@parishplayers.org. We aim to please our audience!

It looks very possible that the theater will be able to install air conditioning as early as this summer thanks to the many who donated to the endeavor. A special thanks to Deecie Dennison for launching a matching fund initiative that really got the ball rolling!

The next production, "5 Lesbians Eating A Quiche" directed by Jonathan Verge, is in full rehearsal, and will run for the first two week-ends in May.

Katherine Morton

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 April 30th at 7 pm.

We will be discussing *Life Animated, A Story of Sidekicks, Heroes and Autism* by Ron Suskind.

Imagine being trapped inside a Disney movie and having to learn about life mostly from animated characters dancing across a screen of color.

This is the real-life story of Owen Suskind, the son of the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Ron Suskind and his wife, Cornelia. An autistic boy who couldn't speak for years, Owen memorized dozens of Disney movies, turned them into a language to express love and loss, kinship, brotherhood. The family was forced to become animated characters, communicating with him in Disney dialogue and song; until they all emerge, together, revealing how, in darkness, we all literally need stories to survive.

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

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.

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GOT NEWS?

Is your news of general interest to Thetford residents? Call me at 356-4542 or send *brief* submissions to thetford@pendane.com 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

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Benefit Greetings is taking orders! Water-colored greeting cards, with 10% of proceeds going to local charities (Vermont Food Bank, Prevent Child Abuse—VT, Waypoint, and CHaD).

Cards can be ordered by e-mailing Benefit.Greetings@gmail.com or find them for sale at the Thetford Village Store in the Vermont Corner. Support local charities and send a smile to a Loved One. \$4 each or 2/\$7, plus applicable postage, or we can arrange to meet if local.