

## THETFORD LIBRARIES

### LATHAM LIBRARY

**“Universe of Stories” summer reading program:** Starting June 19 at both Latham and Peabody Libraries: sign up for a “Universe of Stories” reading log to keep track of what you read over the summer. Get a prize for signing up, and a certificate and gift upon completion of the program.

Open to all ages. Please check our website to see the full list of Universe of Stories programming!

### UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AT LATHAM LIBRARY

Thursday, July 11, 2:00 and 3:00pm at THETFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (sponsored by Latham Library): a **mobile planetarium show** presented by the FAIRBANKS MUSEUM! Best for ages 4 and up. Space is limited. Please register for the 2pm or 3pm shows at [librarians@thetfordlibrary.org](mailto:librarians@thetfordlibrary.org).

Thursday, July 18, 6:30pm: “The Universe of Digital Art” **digital painting workshop** with artist Eben Schumacher. Please bring an iPad or tablet with a digital drawing app installed, if you have one. Ages 10 and up.

Friday, July 26, 3:00pm: Kurt Valenta of EXORDIUM will present a **hands-on science workshop**, “The Story of Air as It Occupies Space.” Best for ages 5 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.

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

### PEABODY LIBRARY

#### ONGOING PROGRAMS

Summer Saturdays: Peabody Library will be **open on Saturdays** from 10:00-1:00 from July 13-August 17.

**Summer Book Discussion Series** Wednesday, July 17, 7:00pm. *The Age of Miracles* by Karen Thompson Walker. Books are available to borrow at Latham and Peabody Libraries.

**Middle Grade Book Club** for students entering grades 5-8. Wednesdays July 10, July 24, and August 7 at 6:30 pm. Registration required, please sign up at [librarians@thetfordlibrary.org](mailto:librarians@thetfordlibrary.org).

**Summer Storytime at Treasure Island Beach** Wednesdays at 11:00am, July 10-August 14. Join us at the Treasure Island gazebo for stories, weather permitting. All ages welcome!

**Universe of Stories Kick-Off Event with Modern Times Theater!** Wednesday, July 3, 3:00pm. Modern Times Theater Presents... “The Perils of Mr. Punch, Episode #211: “The Astro-Nut.” Follow the troubles and travails of puppetry’s favorite loudmouths, Punch and Judy. The show is rounded out with live music played on a variety of instruments, from the ukulele to the bicycle pump. It’s a low-tech old-time spectacle, entertaining to people of all ages.

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

*Emily Zollo*

### TREASURE ISLAND

Treasure Island has swimming lessons for levels 1-6 for children and adults.

- Session 1: July 1-12
- Session 2: July 15-26

Details available at [thetfordrec.com](http://thetfordrec.com) or by contacting Recreation Director Nathan Maxwell at Town Hall: 802-785-2922 Ex 6.

*Nathan Maxwell*

## THETFORD HILL FAIR

Saturday, July 27th, 11:30 am to 3:30 pm on the Thetford Hill green. Come one, come all to the best event of the summer. Celebrate the 107th Thetford Hill Fair:

- Town-wide rummage sale
- Antiques & Collectibles
- Food, Pie, & Bake Sale
- Plants, Games, and Books
- Tea Garden
- Special musical performances

Extra hands are always welcome to help. Benefits keep the Green beautiful for all.

Contact Sam VanDam at 785-2552 or [vandam@vandamdesign.com](mailto:vandam@vandamdesign.com).

### FAIR ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES

Cupboards too crowded? Attic jam-packed? The Thetford Hill Fair Antiques and Collectibles Table is accepting donations. Organize your storage areas and reclaim some much-needed space. Items can include furniture, china, pottery, glassware, jewelry, silver, brass, linen and quilts.

If you have questions or would like to make a donation, please contact Jane Francisco at 785-2552 or [janeafsanfrancisco@gmail.com](mailto:janeafsanfrancisco@gmail.com).

*French McConaughy and Jane Francisco*

## THETFORD ENERGY COMMISSION

### ENERGY TIP FOR JULY

Join your neighbors who are already members of the first two community solar projects and get your electricity from the sun. Thetford Energy Committee is launching a third Community Solar array. It works like a co-op. Households or businesses buy and own their share of the panels and get electricity at a discounted rate. The 2019 Federal Tax Credit of 30% will give a savings of almost \$850 per share! (This will be reduced from 2020 on.)

How many shares should I buy? A family of 4 uses about 600 kWh/month = 5 shares or about 5 kW to

cover your total energy use. Households vary. Each share will give you about \$209 per year of power. Financing available.

#### Program Contacts:

Erica Ko, Thetford Energy Committee, 917-407-5116, [thetfordenergy@gmail.com](mailto:thetfordenergy@gmail.com)  
Dori Wolfe, Wolfe Energy, 272-2328, [dori.wolfe@gmail.com](mailto:dori.wolfe@gmail.com)

Mary Bryant

### THETFORD ELDER NETWORK SENIOR COFFEE KLATCH

We will be holding our regular senior Coffee Klatch through the summer this year, as people missed it when we took a break last summer. July 10th, 10-11:30 at the Thetford Center community center is coming right up, and we hope you will join us.

In August, due to scheduling, we will gather on the FIRST Wednesday (just for August), August 7th. Same time and place. See you at the Coffee Klatch!

Pril Dorman Hall

### PARISH PLAYERS

FLASH MOB CAESAR is coming to Parish Players July 19, 20, 21. Tickets and information at [parishplayers.org](http://parishplayers.org).

Shakespeare's Julius Caesar interpreted for our times. Participate now via Twitter: @ParishPlayersVT. #BewareTheIdesOfJuly #NoSpectatorsWhenTheRepublicFalls

#### FREE EVENTS IN JULY

Sat. 7/6 at 6:30pm: **Twitter for the Politically Perplexed:** Bring your picnic dinner, questions, and confusion for a conversation with U.S. Senate Comm. Director Richard Davidson & Presidential Campaign Field Organizer Quinton Law about how Twitter and other social media are changing our political communication and may impact the future of OUR republic.

Sun. 7/14, 10:30a-12p **TOGA YOGA** with Portia Brutus and cast from upcoming Flash Mob Caesar ~ Bring a mat (toga

optional) for yoga with Katie Cawley. By donation to support Parish Players.

Contact Theresa Epp at 785-4344 or [pancho@parishplayers.org](mailto:pancho@parishplayers.org).

Samantha Davidson Green

### 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 July 23rd at 7 pm. We will be discussing *Galileo's Middle Finger* by Alice Dreger.

An impassioned defense of intellectual freedom and a clarion call to intellectual responsibility, this is one American's eye-opening story of life in the trenches of scientific controversy.

For two decades, historian Alice Dreger has led a life of extraordinary engagement, combining activist service to victims of unethical medical research with defense of scientists whose work has outraged identity politics activists.

With spirit and wit, she offers an unforgettable vision of the importance of rigorous truth seeking in today's America, where both the free press and free scholarly inquiry struggle under economic and political threats.

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.

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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](mailto: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



**Top:** Camp Lochearn girls pose, stockings fashionably rolled down, by Lake Fairlee around World War I.



**Bottom:** Cars line up at Ely Station, waiting to take campers to their destinations on Lake Fairlee on July 1, 1914. Demand was such that special trains were enlisted to bring campers from New England's population centers. If a local had a car, he could make good money ferrying campers to and from the train station or to church on Sundays.