

## THETFORD GEOGRAPHY BEE

2019 Theme: 'Migrations'

Fri., Nov. 15th, 7:00 PM  
TA Cafe, Anderson Hall

The final event of our programming year, the Geo Bee is a family-friendly competitive evening that wraps-up our spring lecture series and fall events. Youth (grades 5-8) and Adult (grade 9 and up) teams answer multiple-choice, thematic questions on the subject of migration. There are prizes for the winners, and fun for all.

Details and team registration forms are at [thetfordhistoricalsociety.org](http://thetfordhistoricalsociety.org). Youth teams participate for free; adult teams register for \$30/team. Funds raised support collections care at the Hughes Barn Museum on Route 113. Questions? Write us at [info@thetfordhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@thetfordhistoricalsociety.org) or call us at 785-2068. We'd love to see you on Fri., Nov. 15th!

*Martha Howard*  
Director, Thetford Historical Society

## THETFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Thetford's Place in the Natural World:** A presentation of findings from the Natural Resources Inventory of Thetford. Thurs., Nov. 14, N. Thetford Church, 5470 US Route 5.

Doors open 6:30pm to preview maps and enjoy refreshments and conversation. 7:00pm slideshow and discussion of NRI findings with Jesse Mohr of Native Geographic.

Come see maps and photos, and hear stories that place Thetford in the regional context for connectivity and climate resilience. Learn about next steps and some citizen science projects that anyone can be involved with!

The presentation will showcase some of the natural resources that make Thetford special, including its wildlife and unique habitats, connected forests, farmlands, wetlands and

surface waters.

The NRI provides a strong foundation for informed land-use planning and decision-making, and can inform us about conservation priorities and set the stage for more detailed wildlife habitat assessments and citizen scientist volunteer opportunities.

*Jim McCracken*  
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## THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

### NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

Come to TEN's Holiday Luncheon at the North Thetford Church on Thurs., Nov. 21, at 11:30 am (Note the earlier date!) What's to savor? Turkey dinner with all the fixin's - stuffing with cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes w gravy, squash, beverage, and pie - locally made, guess where!! Come for fine food in good company.

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

This month of Thanksgiving, and every month, we're also grateful for food donors and the work of our volunteers. Want to help? Call Cathy at 785-3136. And thanks to our participants! See you there.

*Susan Rump*

### SENIOR COFFEE KLATCH

Join us for the second Wednesday of the month Senior Coffee Klatch on Wed., Nov. 13th, women and men both, whether you are barely or pushing 60, or into your 90s! We'll gather at the Thetford Center community center, 10-11:30 am, for coffee, tea, cider, treats and good conversation and community. No charge. If you need a ride one or both ways, just give me a call at 802-222-7885. Hope to see you there!

*Pril Hall*

## THETFORD LIBRARIES

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL ELECTION

All town residents, regardless of age are welcome to run for eight library board seats, serving a two-year term. Please consider becoming a candidate!

Candidates must be able to attend at least 75% of the monthly Board meetings. Interested individuals must declare their candidacy by Nov. 14, by sending a short statement of interest (250 words or less) to [election@thetfordlibrary.org](mailto:election@thetfordlibrary.org). Statements will be included with election materials. Deadline Nov. 14.

Election schedule, candidate statements, and voting instructions will be available Nov. 21 - Dec. 11 at Latham Library checkout desk or Town Hall lobby.

If you are not registered and you would like to participate in this election, please register at Thetford Town Hall or at [olvr.sec.state.vt.us](http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us).

For a mail-in ballot, contact us at [election@thetfordlibrary.org](mailto:election@thetfordlibrary.org) or write us at Latham Election, P.O. Box 182, Thetford Center, VT, 05075.

### KEY DATES

- Nov. 14: Deadline for candidates to submit materials
- Nov. 23: Candidates meet & greet at Latham, 10 - 12
- Nov. 30: Candidates meet & greet at Recycling Center, 10 am - 12 pm
- Dec. 4-11: All Thetford registered voters are eligible to vote at Latham Library (785-4361), during normal operating hours. Mail-in ballots must be received by Dec. 11
- Dec. 12: Counting of Ballots. Results posted on the listserv and library website.

More at [thetfordlibrary.org/election](http://thetfordlibrary.org/election).

*Matthias Senger, Treasurer*  
Latham Memorial Library

## LATHAM LIBRARY

**Sunday hours** will last through April. The library will be open from 10:00am-1:00pm.

**Seeking local artists:** Did you know that Latham Library has gallery space on the lower level? Do you have original paintings or photographs you'd like to display? We would love to give you a venue for your art to be seen, while enhancing our walls. For more information, contact us at [librarians@thetfordlibrary.org](mailto:librarians@thetfordlibrary.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT LATHAM LIBRARY

**Gudrid the Wanderer in Story and Song:** Sun., Nov. 3 at 7:00pm. A First-person living history program in song and saga about Gudrid the Wanderer, the first Viking woman to reach the New World. Where was Leif Ericsson's fabled Vinland? What did the New World look like to the explorers of a thousand years ago? Relive the saga of Gudrid Thorbjørnsdóttir, sister-in law of Leif Eiriksson, wife of Icelandic merchant Thorfinn Karlsefni, and colonist of Vinland the Good. This enthralling retelling of traditional Icelandic saga in song skillfully interweaves Icelandic sagas with medieval poetry and Scandinavian music in the oral tradition.

**Earth Tales from Around the World with Storyteller Michael Caduto:** Fri., Nov. 8 at 1:00pm (Parent/Teacher Conference Day at TES). Michael Caduto will share stories from traditional cultures found throughout the world. Participants will be introduced to the great circles of life—the basis for a balanced, sustainable existence with Earth. Using a wide range of entertaining voices and expressions, Caduto creates a host of humorous and dramatic animals and human characters. Best for ages 5 and up.

**Latham Library Fall Book Sale!** Sat., Nov. 23, 9:00am-3:00pm. New and vintage books for children and adults, music, movies, puzzles and games, and more! Great prices, plus a bag sale from 1-3pm (\$5/bag of regularly priced books). We are accepting donations of new or lightly used books, music or audiobooks on CD, movies on DVD, and puzzles and board games during the library's open hours.

We do not accept reference books including encyclopedias, textbooks, Reader's Digest condensed books, or books in poor shape (mildewed, torn, etc.). Thank you!

## ONGOING PROGRAMS AT LATHAM LIBRARY

**Tales and Tunes with Tots:** a playgroup for babies, toddlers and their caregivers. Wednesdays at 10 am during the school year, unless noted. All are welcome!

**Knitting group** Thursday evenings, 6-8 pm. Beginners and experienced knitters welcome.

**Storytime** Fridays at 11 am unless noted. Stories and songs for preschoolers and their siblings. All are welcome!

**After school 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.

## PEABODY LIBRARY UPCOMING EVENTS AT PEABODY LIBRARY

**Peabody Library Book Discussion Series** Wed., Nov. 13 at 7:00 pm. *The Power* by Naomi Alderman. Books are now available to borrow at both libraries. All are welcome.

## ONGOING PROGRAMS AT PEABODY LIBRARY

**After school Wednesdays** run every Wednesday TES is in session, unless noted. 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](http://thetfordlibrary.org) or follow us on Facebook [@thetfordlibraries](https://www.facebook.com/thetfordlibraries).

Emily Zollo

## 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., Dec. 3rd at 7 pm.

We will be discussing *Madame Fourcade's Secret War* by Lynne Olson.

In 1941 a 31-year-old Frenchwoman, a young mother born to privilege and known for her beauty and glamour, became the leader of a vast intelligence organization—the only woman to serve as a chef de résistance during the war. Strong-willed, independent, and a lifelong rebel against her country's conservative, patriarchal society, Marie-Madeleine Fourcade was temperamentally made for the job.

No other French spy network lasted as long or supplied as much crucial intelligence—including providing American and British military commanders with a 55-foot-long map of the beaches and roads on which the Allies would land on D-Day—as Alliance. The Gestapo pursued them relentlessly, capturing, torturing, and executing hundreds of its three thousand agents, including Fourcade's own lover and many of her key spies.

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