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Newsletter

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HAPPY
NEW
YEAR

To our wonderful community,

We hope that everyone had a lovely and peaceful Christmas, Hanukkah, and holiday season in 2021. Staff at the Ipswich Public Library have worked hard this past year to increase our in-person services while also offering virtual alternatives to keep our community safe. We are SO grateful that you've been on this journey with us.

We're starting this new year with exciting announcements, such as the addition of our new Rapid Pick-Up service for item holds, our Kanopy video streaming subscription, and two new book clubs.

We can't wait to see more of you in 2022!

Sincerely,

Ipswich Public Library Staff

✨ Spotlight ✨



Rapid Pick-Up!

Begins Saturday, January 8th

Our new Rapid Pick-Up service is a quick and convenient way to pick up your available item holds in between your errands when you don't have the time to wait in line.

- 1 Call the library at 978-356-6648 (ext. 0) OR email us at CircDesk@IpswichLibrary.org after getting notified that your holds are available and ready to check out.
- 2 Let us know when you would like to pick up your holds and we'll check them out to you and put them in a bag with your name on it. **Please make sure to call or email at least one hour ahead.**
- 3 When you arrive to pick up, grab your bag on the Rapid Pick-Up shelf in the front Library entryway. You're all set!

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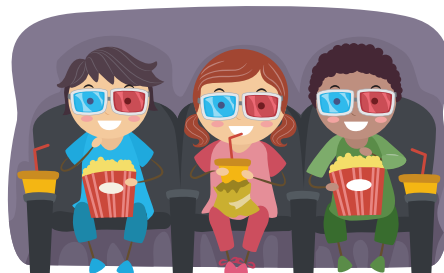
THOUGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT

Ipswich Public Library cardholders now have access to **Kanopy**, a free video streaming service known for providing "thoughtful entertainment" such as award-winning movies, documentaries, foreign films, classic cinema, independent films, and educational content. Library users get 4 credits to view premium titles each month as well as unlimited access to Great Courses, Kanopy Kids, and a rotating catalog of free titles.

Getting Started

- 1 Head to IpswichLibrary.Kanopy.com on your preferred internet browser OR download the Kanopy app from an Apple, Google Play, Roku, or Smart TV app store for free.
- 2 Select "Log In to Ipswich Public Library" or use the search tool to locate and select the Ipswich Public Library if it isn't shown by default.
- 3 Input your library card number and account PIN when prompted.
- 4 Sign up for a new Kanopy account or log into an existing one if you've used Kanopy at another institution before.
- 5 Begin browsing through the available titles immediately or adjust your account settings to your preferences and enjoy!

Need help accessing Kanopy? Call or visit the Library in person for assistance.





Say *Welcome* to Stephen



The Ipswich Public Library welcomed Stephen Lajoie, our new Assistant Library Director and Technology Librarian, at the end of November 2021. Stephen was most recently the Technology Librarian at the Sawyer Free Library in Gloucester, MA and was previously a graduate assistant for instruction and programming at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's Undergraduate Library as well as a Library Associate at the Auburn Public Library in Auburn, MA. Stephen is excited to learn more about and serve Ipswich's community and work on reviving our adult program offerings.

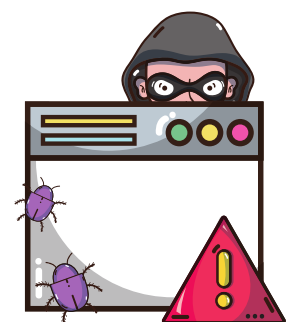
Children's Holiday Festivities and Crafternoon Are a Wild Success

Buddy the Elf was in town on December 11th, posing for some festive photos and collecting letters for Santa just in time for Christmas. Our Children's librarians also had three fun crafts for families to enjoy!



IPL Awarded Grant for Cybersecurity Awareness Training

The 2022 Municipal Cybersecurity Awareness Training Program, funded by the Massachusetts Office of Municipal and School Technology, will train IPL staff how to identify and prevent cybersecurity attacks. Libraries have recently become frequent targets for cyber attacks and staff are also excited to use this training to teach our community about how to protect themselves as well.





Upcoming Events



Teen Paint Night: Winter Watercolors

Wednesday, January 19 | 4:00pm-4:45pm
Collins Meeting Room

It's been a busy holiday season, and now it's time to catch our breaths and slow down. After watching a brief watercolor video together, you will use the provided materials to conjure up your own winter scenes on paper and check out what others are doing at the same time. Registration required.



Teen Candy BINGO: "Superhero Theme"

Wednesday, January 26 | 4:00pm-5:00pm
Collins Meeting Room

Grab a board and your candy markers and get ready to BINGO! If you've never played BINGO, now is the time to learn, with treats and prizes in the mix. The winner each session will have their name entered into a very stylish hat. Registration required.



It's a New Year - Clean the Slate - Get Organized!

Monday, January 31 | 6:00pm-7:30pm
Zoom (Register for the Link)

The start of the New Year is a great time to begin your decluttering projects and establish your organizing systems. Join us to learn decluttering and organizing techniques from professional organizer Marilyn Cruickshank of Creative Simplicity Organizing & Productivity (csimplicity.com) You will discover tried and true strategies that can work for you and the way you live, and you will feel energized and motivated to make small changes that will have a big impact.



Children's Programming

All Month Long!

Check out the Events calendar at IpswichLibrary.org or subscribe to the IPL Children's newsletter to see when Music for the Little Ones with Eric Clemenzi, Mother Goose on the Loose, Radical Readers, and much more are happening throughout January.

Visit IpswichLibrary.org/Events to register for an event and see the full calendar of upcoming programs!



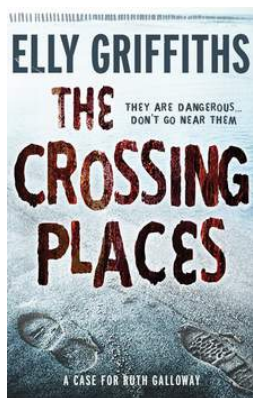
IPL Book Clubs



Cookbook Club

Thursday, February 3 | 12:00pm-1:30pm
Collins Meeting Room

What do you get when you cross a cookbook with a book group? A Cookbook Club, of course! Check out a copy of the selected book from the library, pick a recipe, and prepare it for the program. We'll sample lots of good food, talk about what worked and what didn't, and select future cookbooks. February's book will be chosen at January's meeting. Space is limited and fills quickly. Registration is required.



Mystery Book Club

Monday, February 7 | 6:30pm-7:15pm
Collins Meeting Room

Love a good mystery? Join fellow mystery lovers for a lively discussion every month about a new suspenseful title. February's title is **The Crossing Places** by Elly Griffiths and available now to pick up in the Library. Registration encouraged.

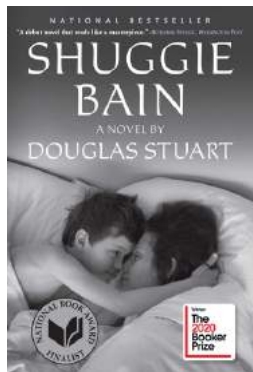


Adult Graphic Novel Book Club

Monday, February 14 | 6:30pm-7:15pm
Collins Meeting Room



Join fellow graphic novel lovers and discuss a graphic novel every second Monday of the month. February's title is DC Comics' **Watchmen**. This book club is intended for patrons 18 years old and older. Registration is encouraged.



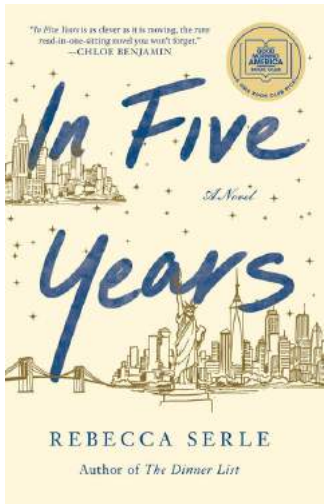
Booker Bookies

Wednesday, February 16 | 6:30pm-7:15pm
Collins Meeting Room



The Booker Bookies book club welcomes those with a love for English literature, especially recognizable works of "literary fiction" published in the United Kingdom and Ireland. February's title is **Shuggie Bain** by Douglas Stuart, the 2020 Booker Prize winner. Registration required.

Visit [IpswichLibrary.org/Events](https://www.IpswichLibrary.org/Events) to register for and learn more about IPL's book clubs.

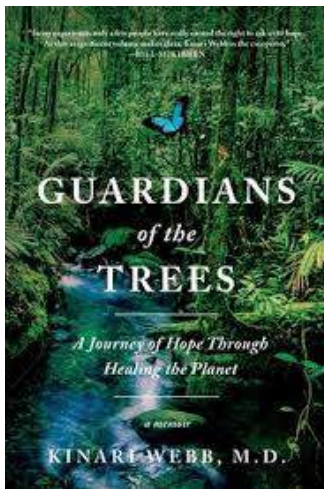


In Five Years by Rebecca Serle (Fiction)

Recommended by Nora

When Type-A Manhattan lawyer Dannie Kohan is asked this question at the most important interview of her career, she has a meticulously crafted answer at the ready. Later, after nailing her interview and accepting her boyfriend's marriage proposal, Dannie goes to sleep knowing she is right on track to achieve her five-year plan. But when she wakes up, she's suddenly in a different apartment, with a different ring on her finger, and beside a very different man. The television news is on in the background, and she can just make out the scrolling date. It's the same night—December 15—but 2025, five years in the future.

Brimming with joy and heartbreak, **In Five Years** is an unforgettable love story that reminds us of the power of loyalty, friendship, and the unpredictable nature of destiny.



Guardians of the Trees: A Journey of Hope Through Healing the Planet by Erin French (Memoir)

Recommended by Michelle

When Kinari Webb first traveled to Indonesian Borneo at 21 to study orangutans, she was both awestruck by the beauty of her surroundings and heartbroken by the rainforest destruction she witnessed. As she got to know the local communities, she realized that their need to pay for expensive healthcare led directly to the rampant logging, which in turn imperiled their health and safety even further. Webb realized her true calling was at the intersection of medicine and conservation.



I Will Not Die Alone by Dera White with Illustrations by Joe Bennett (Graphic Novel)

Recommended by Katy

Dera White's **I Will Not Die Alone** is a hilarious, feel-good story about the end of the world. Featuring illustrations by Joe Bennett, it is a story full of realistic self-love affirmations for all of us who are just trying to get by, until we die.

Want a book recommendation? Visit the Main Desk at the library for a personalized recommendation, go to IpswichLibrary.org to see more staff picks and new titles, or use our NoveList Plus online reader's advisory service.