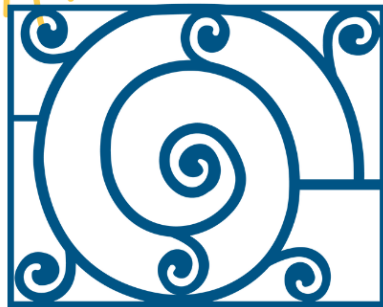




August 2025



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Public Library

Closed:
September 1 for Labor Day

The library's digital collection is open 24/7

Check out our 6th-12th grade programs coming from the Teen Nook!

[Sign up here to be part of our Teen Advisory Board \(Tabbies\)](#)
If you have any questions related to teen programs and services, email Viktoria at vpaget@ipswichlibrary.org



Teen Kayak Paddle with IRWA
August 1st at 5:30
Join our friends at Ipswich River Watershed Association for a fun evening paddle on the Ipswich River. We will meet for pizza before



Wednesday August 6 at 2:30pm! Ice Cream Toppings Taste Test Tier
Put your taste buds to work! Try different toppings with vanilla ice cream, discuss/debate their quality with the other taste testers, and rank



Thursday August 14 at 2pm Teen Thrift Flip Craft Party

We'll have a variety of thrifted materials and projects, such as items to be painted, accessories or shirts to stitch/draw onto, or sculptures to be

heading out onto the water.
For incoming 6th-outgoing 12th graders only. All participants must sign and return a waiver prior to the program, which Viktoria will send to the email address provided by each registrant.
The pick-up/drop-off location will also be sent out.

Registration Required



Friday August 15 at 3pm

We will have a variety of popular board games for you to play and compete with your friends for prizes! No registration is required, drop on in. For rising 6th graders through graduating 12th graders.

No registration

each topping from A to F tier. There will be plenty of classics and also some funky ones! For teens and tweens. Registration is appreciated so that I know how much ice cream to bring. Please note that toppings may be processed in a facility that also processes allergens such as peanuts or tree nuts.

Registration Recommended



Monday August 18 at 12pm!

Join us at the library for a spectacular end-of-summer event with One Up Games! They will bring a variety of next-gen consoles, including a Nintendo Switch, Xbox, PlayStation, and Oculus Quest! There will be a mix of all the popular, classic, and retro games so you can play to your heart's content. For ALL ages 8+. Registration is highly recommended to guarantee your spot!!

Registration Required

reshaped with air dry clay. You are encouraged to bring your own projects from home as well! The project with the most dramatic transformation will receive a prize! For teens and tweens. Registration is appreciated, so I know how many materials to bring.

Registration Recommended



Thursday September 4 at 3pm!

Each month there is a featured craft, but you are welcome to create whatever you would like during Craft & Chat.

September's featured craft is: **Mini photo frame magnets.**

Viktoria will bring in her mini 2x3 photo printer. If you have a photo in mind that you want printed for this craft, please email it to Viktoria at the email address below.

Registration Required



2025 Reading Challenge

AUGUST

A book with a
protagonist who is
a teenager or a
senior citizen

Inspired by
Mary Oliver's
Poem

***At the
River
Clarion***

ON VIEW AND FOR SALE NOW
IN THE BOOKSHOP!

The Voices of the River Talking

A group of small art works
curated by the
Ipswich Art Association
to benefit the
Friends of the Ipswich Public
Library and the IAA.



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BOOKSHOP
gallery

SUMMER READING

FOR ADULTS!

SUMMER READING IS NOT
JUST FOR KIDS!

GRAB YOUR SUMMER READING
BINGO CARD AND RETURN IT BY
AUGUST 18TH FOR A CHANCE TO
WIN PRIZES FROM OUR RAFFLE!



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2025 Louise & Hugh Johnson Lecture Series: Allegra Goodman

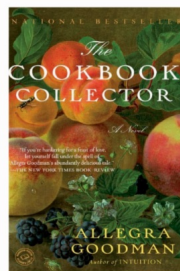
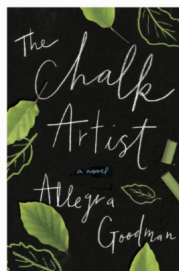
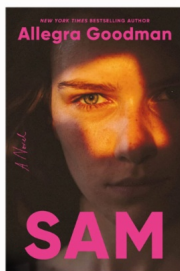
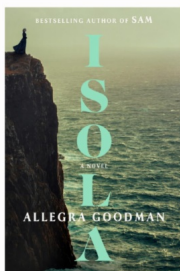


Thursday
October 9th 2025

Cash Bar & Book Sales | 6:30pm

Author's Presentation | 7:30pm

Location: Ipswich Country Club
148 Country Club Way, Ipswich, MA 01938



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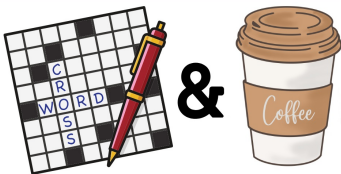
Register at [ipswichlibrary.org](https://www.ipswichlibrary.org)

Paintings on loan to Boston
Athenaeum

The library has loaned two paintings to



the Boston Athenaeum for their installation, *Exhibiting China*, which will partially recreate the Athenaeum's first-ever art exhibit in 1850. Owned by the wealthy trader and founder of our library, Augustine Heard, these portraits by the Chinese artist Lamqua (1801-1860) depict Houqua and Cumwa, businesspeople who helped facilitate American trade with China in the early 19th century. They will join three other Lamqua portraits, also formerly owned by Heard, and other works, in a show highlighting the artistic and cultural dialogues of the period. Stay tuned for a special opportunity to tour the Athenaeum with the exhibit curator, Astrid Tvetenstrand, or visit on your own: the show will be on view in the Gordon Room at the Athenaeum (10 1/2 Beacon Street, Boston), from August 11 to November 1.



Crossword & Coffee

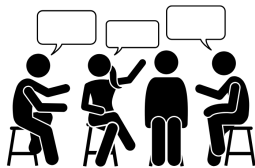
Mondays starting January 6th
10am -12pm in the Rogers Room



Mondays @10am

Mondays from 10am to 12pm come to the library to do crossword while sipping coffee (or tea). Sit with friends and make new ones as we put our minds to the test. Crossword puzzles will be provided, but feel free to bring your own!

No registration



Practically Speaking

An English language practicing club. All levels welcome. Not formal lessons.

Tuesdays starting January 7th
10am-11am in the Conference Room.

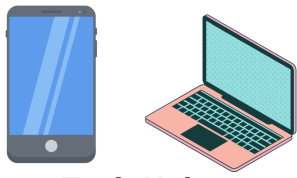


Tuesdays @10am

This is for ESOL students of all ages who want to practice English at any level. Tuesdays at 10 am. Join our group and feel at ease practicing English with friends. These are not formal lessons.

No registration

Wednesdays @1pm, by



Tech Help

Having a problem with your technology?
Schedule a time at the library to get help
Wednesdays starting January 8th
1pm-2pm in the Reference Room.



appointment

Do you need help with your computer, cell phone, or other devices? Make an appointment at the library! The reference librarians are here to help. The librarians can't fix every technology problem, but we will do our best to point you in the right direction.

[Reserve a time slot here](#)

Monthly Meditation



**Second Saturday of
the month at 12:00pm**

August 9th @12pm: Monthly Meditation

Join Jan Van Almkerk on the second Saturday of each month to meditate. Learn how to calm your body and mind and alleviate stress during these difficult times. Registration is recommended, but not required.

Take a deep breath and get ready to RELAX.

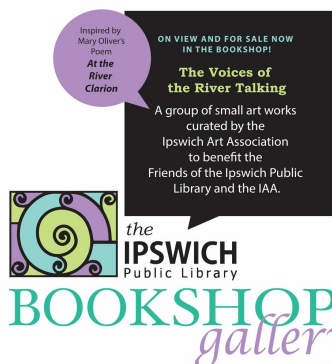
[Register here](#)



August 16 10:30am: Mushroom Foraging with Jana Harris

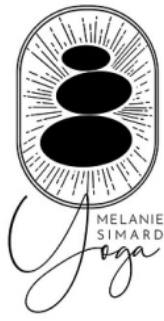
Interested in learning how to forage for mushrooms? Join professional Jana Harris of Essex Forage as she leads us down a trail and points out mushrooms and other plant life. Normally this program happens once during the Summer, but thanks to a grant from the Ipswich Cultural Council, we will be hosting 4 of these programs! Sign ups begin 2 weeks prior to the program.

[Register here](#)



August 20th @6pm: Friends Bookshop Art Gallery Closing Reception

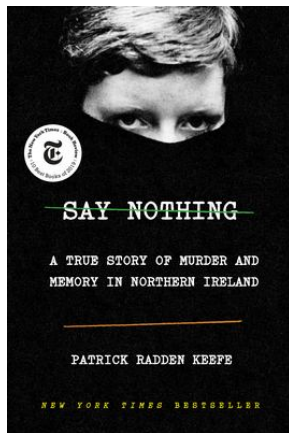
Join us to celebrate the closing of the small art works exhibition and sale. The art is located in the Friends of the Ipswich Public Library Bookshop and the Reception will be held in the Rogers Room. Refreshments will be served. No registration.



August 25th @12pm: Gentle Yoga

Join the library for Monday afternoon yoga! For newbies and veteran yogis. Join Melanie Simard for a gentle flow yoga. **Registration begins 2 weeks before the class.** Each person must register individually. This is bring your own yoga mat.

[Register here](#)



August 26th @6:30pm: Nonfiction Book Club

Join us the 4th Wednesday of every month to discuss a work of nonfiction. This month we are reading: Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland by Patrick Radden Keefe

[Register here](#)



October 9th @6:30pm: Johnson Author Series Presents: Allegra Goodman

Join us for an evening with Allegra Goodman, author of the novels Isola, Sam, The Chalk Artist, Intuition, The Cookbook Collector, Paradise Park, and Kaaterskill Falls. Sam was named a Read with Jenna Book Club selection. The Chalk Artist was winner of a Massachusetts Book award and Kaaterskill Falls was a National Book Award finalist.

Isola was released in the spring of 2025.

[Register here](#)





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