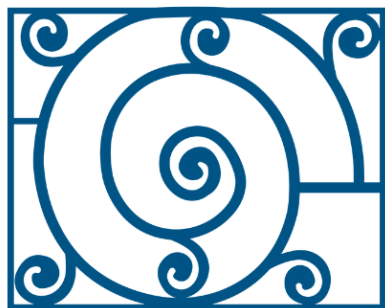


February 2025



IPSWICH
Public Library

Library Closures:

- **Monday, February 17th**

Weather:

Please check our website for the most up-to-date weather-related closings.

The library's digital collection is open 24/7

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

If you have any questions related to teen programs and services email Viktoria at vpaget@ipswichlibrary.org



Thursday, February 6th at 2:30 pm! Join us in the upstairs Conference Room on the first Thursday of each month to handmake something

**TEEN CREATIVE
WRITING CLUB**

Monday, February 10th at 3:30pm! Are you a teen (6th-12th grade) who loves writing stories, fanfic, poems, or journal entries? Or maybe



Thursday, February 20th at 2pm! Drop by the Teen Room to design friendship bracelets from our

new and hang out with other crafty teens! For 6th-12th grade.

This month we are making felt candy hearts.

[Registration is preferred](#)

you're just looking for a new creative outlet? Join us in the upstairs Conference Room on the **second Monday of each month**. New writers are always welcome and there is no need to register.

[Click here for more information](#)

assortment of beads. Since it's February, I encourage you to make some for the people you love most, and yes, that should include yourself!

No registration is required.

Open to teens in 6th-12th grade.

[Register here](#)

MASSACHUSETTS CENTER for the BOOK

2025 Reading Challenge

JANUARY A book published or about the year you were born	FEBRUARY A book with the name of a city in the title	MARCH A book about someone with a marginalized identity	APRIL A book about books, bookstores, or libraries
MAY A book with a first sentence of eight words or less	JUNE A book that spans multiple generations	JULY A book you were drawn to by its cover	AUGUST A book with a protagonist who is a teenager or senior citizen
SEPTEMBER A book told in non-chronological order	OCTOBER A book published by a Massachusetts press	NOVEMBER A cookbook or book about food	DECEMBER Another book by an author you've already read

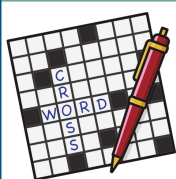
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2025 Reading Challenge

FEBRUARY

A book with the
name of a city in
the title



&



Crossword & Coffee

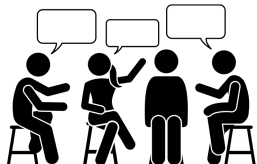
Mondays starting January 6th
10am -12pm in the Rogers Room



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 starting January 7th at 10 am. Join our group and feel at ease practicing English with friends. These are not formal lessons.

No registration

**Wednesdays @1pm, by
appointment**



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.



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](#)



Fiber Arts Club

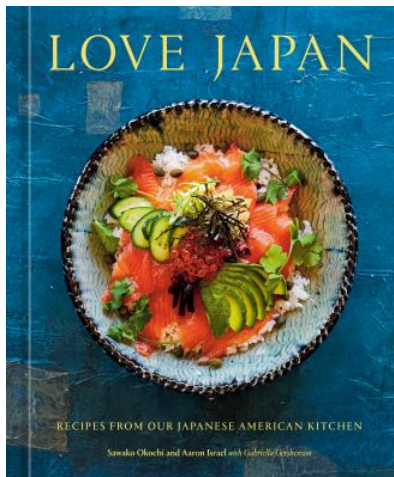
Bring your own fiber arts project.
Thursdays starting January 9th
2pm-4pm in the Rogers Room.



Thursdays @2pm

Do you love to knit, crochet, cross stitch, or do any other fiber arts? Come to the Fiber Arts Club at the library. This club is for all ages and all skill levels. Bring the project you want to work on and make some new friends.

No registration



Feb 6th @12pm Cook Book Club

What do you get when you cross a cookbook with a book group? A Cookbook Club, of course! We'll sample lots of good food and discuss our cooking experiences. Registration is required and always opens up exactly TWO WEEKS before the meeting date.

Learn more about our Cookbook Club at our blog by clicking this [LINK](#).

[Register here](#)



Feb 7th @1pm Oscars Movie Series & Contest: Conclave

Spend your Friday afternoons catching up on the Academy Awards Nominees. Kick back with some snacks and enjoy a movie at the library! This week we are watching **Conclave**.

Additionally, you will find a list of all the nominees in the lobby. You can pick which nominees you think will win. The people with the closest number of right answers will be entered into a raffle and can win an AMC gift card. You do not have to attend the movies to enter.



[Register here](#)

Feb 9th @2:30pm VIRTUAL: African Art Series, Masquerade – Not Just a Mask On a Wall

Spend one Sunday afternoon learning the wonders of African Art! Jean Borgatti, Consulting Curator of Global Africa, First Peoples - North America and Oceania at the Fitchburg Art Museum, will delve into a different aspect of African Art each month! This series of talks is an introduction to African Art, its variety of forms, the depth of its history, and how it became an important player in Western culture and continues to be important globally.

[Register on Zoom here](#)



Feb 14th @1pm Oscars Movie Series & Contest: Wicked

Spend your Friday afternoons catching up on Academy Awards Nominees. Kick back with some snacks and enjoy a movie at the library! This week we are watching **Wicked**.

Additionally, you will find a list of all the nominees in the lobby. You can pick which nominees you think will win. The people with the closest number of right answers will be entered into a raffle and can win an AMC gift card. You do not have to attend the movies to enter.

[Register here](#)

Monthly Meditation



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

Feb 15th @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!](#)

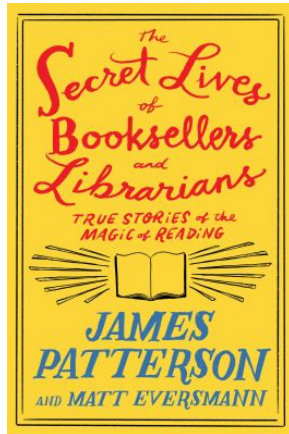
February 19th @7pm VIRTUAL: Never forget a name with Neil



Kutzen

People like it when you remember their names. Use their name and you will make a better connection. No longer struggle with your memory. Neil will walk you through his four steps to memorization.

[Register here](#)

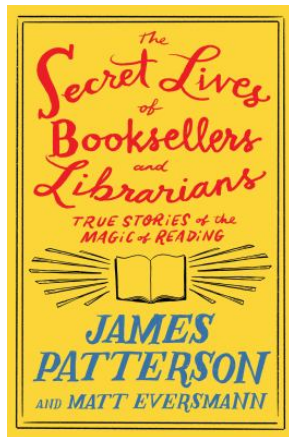


Feb 20th @10am: Ipswich Public Library Book Club AM edition

Every month we will pick a new genre to read. It's a great chance to find new and interesting books and read things you might not have found before! All copies can be picked up at the library. There will be two meetings for the club, a morning meeting and an evening meeting. This is for the morning meeting.

This month's book: ***The Secret Lives of Booksellers and Librarians*** by James Patterson et. al.

[Register here](#)



Feb 24th @6pm: Ipswich Public Library Book Club PM edition

Every month we will pick a new genre to read. It's a great chance to find new and interesting books and read things you might not have found before! All copies can be picked up at the library. There will be two meetings for the club, a morning meeting and an evening meeting. This is for the evening meeting.

This month's book: ***The Secret Lives of Booksellers and Librarians*** by James Patterson et. al.

[Register here](#)

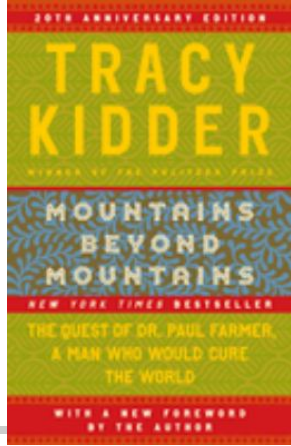


Feb 26th @6pm Crafty Creators

Join us each month to try new crafts. As adults, crafting and finding new hobbies can be time-consuming and expensive, this group will help cut down on the costs and the time spent figuring out how to do something.

This Month: Bird Feeder Kit

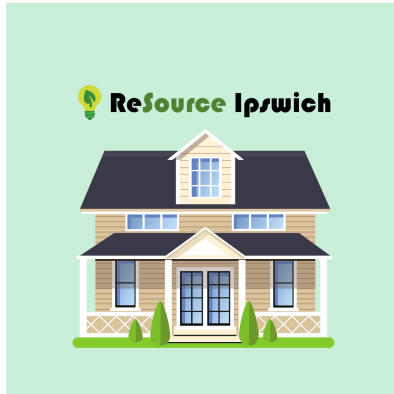
[Register here](#)



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

Join us on the 3rd Wednesday (normally the 4th Wednesday) to discuss a work of nonfiction. This month we are reading: *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder.

[Register here](#)



February 24th @7pm: Learn How to Get an Energy Audit and Rebates for Your Home

Join staff from Ipswich ReSource to learn about getting an energy audit of your home. They will also discuss the many rebates available to Ipswich Utilities customers.

[Register here](#)



Feb 28th @1pm Oscars Movie Series & Contest: TBD

Spend your Friday afternoons catching up on Academy Awards Nominees. Kick back with some snacks and enjoy a movie at the library! This week we are watching **TBD**.

Additionally, you will find a list of all the nominees in the lobby. You can pick which nominees you think will win. The people with the closest number of right answers will be entered into a raffle and can win an AMC gift card. You do not have to attend the movies to enter.

[Register here](#)



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