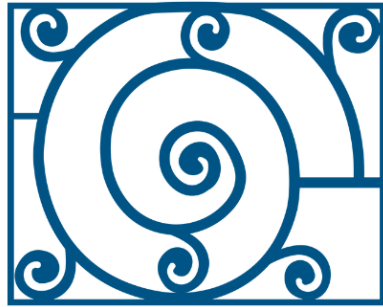


January 2025



IPSWICH
Public Library

Library Closures:

- Wednesday January 1st
- Monday January 20th

Library Closing Early:

- Tuesday December 31st @4pm

Weather:

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

The library's digital collection is open 24/7

Check out our new 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 January
2nd at 2:30 pm! Join**



**Monday January
13th at 3:30pm! Are**



Friday January 31st

us in the upstairs Conference Room on the first Thursday of each month to handmake something new and hang out with other crafty teens! For 6th-12th grade.

This month we are making Granny Squares!

[Registration is preferred](#)

you a teen (6th-12th grade) who loves writing stories, fanfic, poems, or journal entries? Or maybe 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](#)

at 3pm! Join Mandy Roberge of Wicked Good Henna to decorate fun and festive wintery cookies! You will learn "flooding" with royal icing and other specialized techniques. 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

visit massbook.org/readingchallenge to learn more



2025 Reading Challenge

JANUARY

A book published in or
about the year you
were born

Virtual Author Series

Bestselling author Brian Freeman in conversation with author Scott Shepherd

- Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Vendetta: A Jason Bourne Novel
- Monday, January 6, 7pm
- [Zoom Link](#)

2024 Mass Book Award Finalist Larry Rohter

- Into the Amazon: The Life of Cândido Rondon, Trailblazing Explorer, Scientist, Statesman, and Conservationist
- Tuesday, January 7, 7pm
- [Zoom Link](#)

Bestselling author Allison Brennan

- See How They Hide
- Wednesday, January 8, 7pm
- [Zoom Link](#)

Bestselling author & Judge David Ellis

- The Best Lies & Lies I Told
- Thursday, January 9, 7pm
- [Zoom Link](#)

Author and retired librarian Victoria Gilbert

- Schooled in Murder: A Campus Sleuth Mystery
- Friday, January 10, 7pm
- [Zoom Link](#)

Bestselling author Tracey Lange

- What Happened to the McCrays?
- Monday, January 13, 7pm
- [Zoom Link](#)

Author Clay McLeod Chapman

- Wake Up and Open Your Eyes
- Tuesday, January 14, 7pm
- [Zoom Link](#)

Two-time Pulitzer Prize finalist and National Book Award finalist

Adam Haslett

- Mothers and Sons
- Wednesday, January 15, 7pm
- [Zoom Link](#)

Author Jessie Garcia

- The Business Trip
- Friday, January 17, 7pm
- [Zoom Link](#)

Bestselling author James Grippando

- Grave Danger
- Tuesday, January 21, 7pm
- [Zoom Link](#)

Author Leah Konen

- The Last Room on the Left
- Wednesday, January 22, 7pm
- [Zoom Link](#)

Bestselling authors Scott Turow & Alafair Burke

- Presumed Guilty & The Note
- Thursday, January 23, 7pm
- [Zoom Link](#)

Bestselling author Vicki Delany

- The Incident of the Book in the Nighttime: A Sherlock Holmes Bookshop Mystery
- Friday, January 24, 7pm
- [Zoom Link](#)

Author Fiona Davis

- The Stolen Queen
- Monday, January 27, 7pm
- [Zoom Link](#)

International author Samantha Sotto Yambao

- Water Moon
- Tuesday, January 28, 7pm
- [Zoom Link](#)

Bestselling author Thomas Perry

- Pro Bono
- Wednesday, January 29, 7pm
- [Zoom Link](#)

Bestselling author Erika Swyler

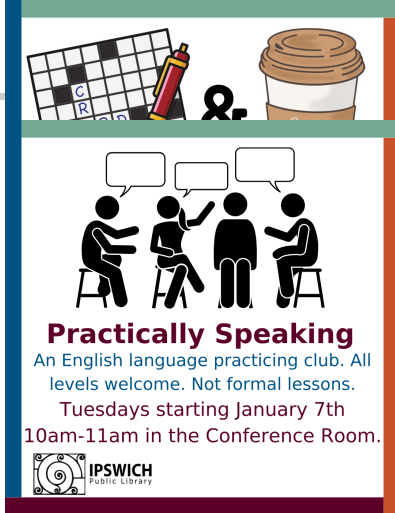
- We Lived on the Horizon
- Thursday, January 30, 7pm
- [Zoom Link](#)

Bestselling author Grady Hendrix

- Witchcraft for Wayward Girls
- Friday, January 31, 7pm
- [Zoom Link](#)

Mondays Starting January 6th @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

Tuesdays Starting January 7th @10am

This is for ESOL students of all ages who want to practice English at any level. Tuesdays starting January 7th at 10 am. Come by for some good conversation and practice and learn in a relaxed group. This is not formal lessons.

No registration



Wednesdays Starting January 8th @1pm

Do you need help with your computer, cell phone or any other technical device? 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](#)



Thursdays Starting January 9th @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

Jan 2nd @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, talk about what worked and what didn't, and select future cookbooks.

Registration is required and always opens up exactly TWO WEEKS prior to the meeting date. Learn more about our Cookbook Club at our



blog by clicking this [LINK](#).

[Register here](#)



Jan 10th 11am-4pm: Hearing Tests with NEHC

Are you interested in having your hearing checked? Any age is a good age to check your ears! New England Hearing Care will be conducting free hearing exams to patrons who sign up. **Registration with appointments are required.** Appointments will take 15 minutes. It is highly recommended to fill out the form on the registration page in advance and email it to Stephanie Cockman at scockman@beltonene.com.

[Register here!](#)

Monthly Meditation



Second Saturday of the month at 12:00pm

Jan 11th @12pm: Monthly Meditation

Join Jan Van Almkerk on the second Saturday of each month to mediate. 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!](#)



Jan 12th @2:30pm VIRTUAL: African Art Series, the Yoruba of Nigeria and the Dogon of Mali.

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 in to a different aspect of African Art each month! This series of talks is meant as an introduction to African Art, its variety of forms, the depth of its history, and how it became an important player first in Western culture and continues to be important in a global world.

[Register on Zoom here](#)

Jan 16th @7pm: VIRTUAL: Color Analysis With Ginger Burr

Wardrobe Wisdom with Ginger Burr

Do you open your closet and feel like you have nothing to wear and nothing matches? It's time



to get inspired. Join Ginger Burr, personal image consultant and author of 'That's So You,' to learn the 5 tried and true ways to transform your wardrobe. Ginger will teach you about color analysis, shape, style and so much more.

[Register here](#)

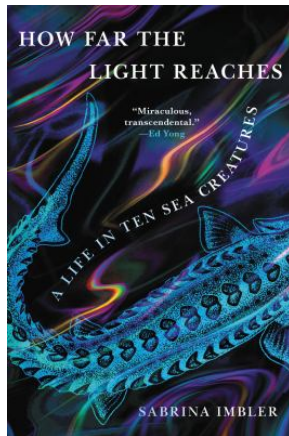


Jan 22nd @6pm Crafty Creators

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 is IN LIBRARY ONLY.** There will be no craft kits.

This Month: Vision Boards (we will provide materials, but feel free to bring your own)

[Register here](#)

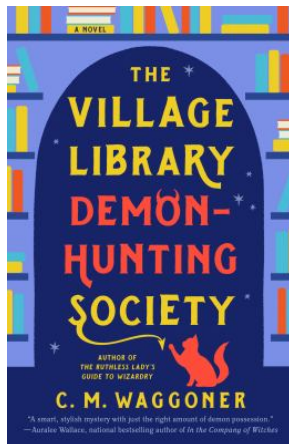


Jan 22nd @6:30pm: Nonfiction Book Club

Join us on the 3ed Wednesday (normally the 4th Wednesday) this month to discuss a work of nonfiction.

November's book: *How far the light reaches: a life in ten sea creatures* by Sabrina Imbler

[Register here](#)



Jan 23rd @10am: Ipswich Public Library Book Club AM edition

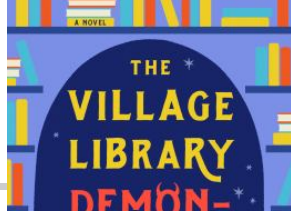
Every month we will pick a new genre to read. It's a great chance to find new and interesting books and read things you might not have found before! All copies can be picked up at the library. There will be two meetings for the club, a morning meeting and a night meeting. This is for the morning meeting.

This month's book: *The Village Library Demon Hunting Society* by C.M. Waggoner.

[Register here](#)

Jan 27th @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 a night meeting.



This is for the night meeting.
This month's book: **The Village Library Demon Hunting Society** by C.M. Waggoner.

[Register here](#)



Jan 27th @7pm: Weatherizing Your Living Space and Heat Pumps

Join staff from the Center for Eco Technology and Ipswich ReSource as they discuss options for weatherizing your home or apartment. We'll also discuss heat pumps!

[Register here](#)



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