

December 2025



IPSWICH
Public Library

**Delayed Opening, 9:30am:
December 18 for staff meeting**

**Closing Early, 1:00pm:
December 24 for Christmas**

**Closed:
December 25 & 26 for Christmas**

**Closing Early, 4:00pm:
December 31 for New Years**

**Closed:
January 1, 2026 for New Years**

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 December 4 at 3pm

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

November's featured craft is: Homemade gifts! We all know teens don't have a lot of money so making DIY gifts is the way to go, and we'll have different stations in November and December for you to make some gifts for your loved ones this holiday season.

[Registration Recommended](#)

Wednesday December 10 at 4pm

Do you have great ideas and would like to get involved in teen services at the library? Join the Tabbies, the library's **Teen Advisory Board** (TAB - get it?). For December's meeting, we will focus on Spring Programs. This is the time to make your voice heard: suggest programs you want to attend, materials you want to see on the shelves, and any other teen services you think the library should offer.

All teens 6th-12th grade are invited! [Registration is appreciated](#) so I know how many people to expect. Ipswich High School students can receive 1 hour of community service for participating.

Tuesday December 16 at 4pm

For absolute beginners and fiber fanatics alike! Bring your own project to work on or try something new with our yarn and supplies. YA Librarian Viktoria can help newbies with basic crocheting or knitting. Open to ages 10-18.

No registration is required, drop in!



Thursday December 11 at

Tuesday December 23 at 3pm

3:30pm **Swiftie Birthday Party (ages 8+)**

Celebrate Taylor Swift's birthday (December 13) at our Swiftie Birthday Party!

Make friendship bracelets and other Taylor-themed crafts, sing along to your favorite songs, and hang out with other Swifties!

Dressing up is highly encouraged.

This event is for children and teens age 8-18. [Registration is appreciated.](#)

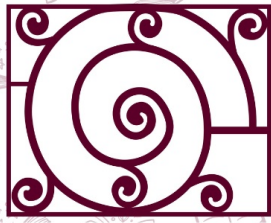
Set the tone for a cozy winter break with a relaxing coloring session. The library will provide all coloring supplies as well as tea, hot cocoa, and snacks. For teens and tweens. No registration required.



2025 Reading Challenge

DECEMBER

Another book by
an author you've
already read



Friends of the
IPSWICH
Public Library

Semi-Annual Book Sale

December 13
9am-2pm

Friends of the IPSWICH Public Library GIFT SHOP



**Get really cool merch and
support library
programming at the
same time!**

www.ipswichlibrary.org/shop

**You can now follow the Friends of the Ipswich Public Library on
social media!**





Food Drive

Feeding people. Changing lives.

THE Open Door & Council on Aging Food Pantry

Non-perishables welcome!



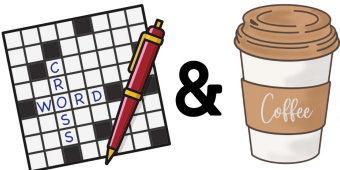
- Peanut Butter (or alternatives)
- Canned Fruits & Vegetables
- Canned Tuna & Chicken
- 100% Juice/Juice Boxes
- Breakfast Cereal
- Canned Soup
- Snack Bars
- Dry Pasta
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Rice, Noodles, & Pasta
- Cake, Muffin & Pancake Mix






Ipswich Council on Aging

The library is collecting food for the Ipswich Council on Aging Food Pantry and The Open Door in Ipswich. The food drive will begin on November 1st and will continue indefinitely. Bring non-expired, non-perishable items to the library to help people in the community.



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



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 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.

No tech help appointments on October 8th

[Reserve a time slot here](#)



[VIRTUAL] December 2 @2pm: Travel To Christmas Markets In Prague and Germany

Visit amazing Christmas markets in Prague and four cities in Germany. With very few international tourists and mostly locals enjoying good food, good friends, and a festive atmosphere, December trips are quite different from summer visits. Led by Gene Flynn, an Illinois native, who has taught at the College of Lake County and Harper College, and serves on the board of the Institute for Continued Learning at Roosevelt University.

[Register here on Zoom](#)



Dec 4 @12pm Cookbook 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 by clicking this [LINK](#).

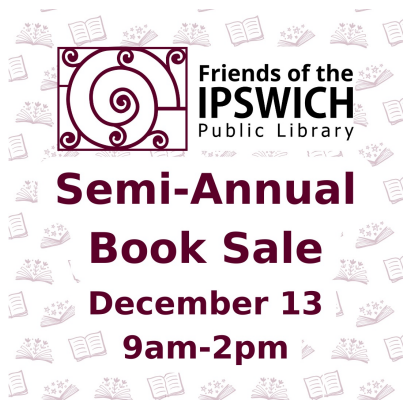
[Register here](#)



Dec 9 @5pm: Silent Book Club

At Silent Book Club, there's no assigned reading. All readers are welcome—ebooks, audiobooks, textbooks, comic books... it's BYOBook. Friends and strangers gather on the Second Tuesday of the month, at the Ipswich Public Library Rogers Room (where the fireplace is), share what they're reading, and settle in for an hour or so of sustained silent reading. At the end of the hour, attendees can socialize—or not!

[Register here](#)



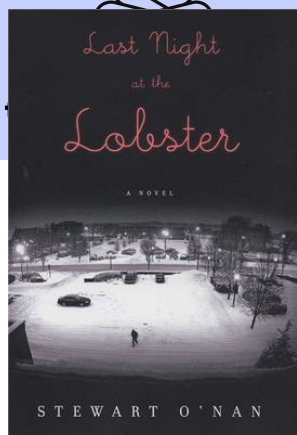
Dec 13 @9am: Friends Book Sale

Come browse our extensive collection of used books for adults, teens and children. Pick up a few holiday gifts and support the Friends of the Ipswich Public Library at the same time!

Dec 13 @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.

Monthly Meditation



Registration is recommended, but not required.

Take a deep breath and get ready to RELAX.

[Register here](#)

Dec 15 @6pm: Ipswich Public Library Book Club

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.

This month's book: ***Last Night at the Lobster* by Stewart O'Nan**

[Register here](#)

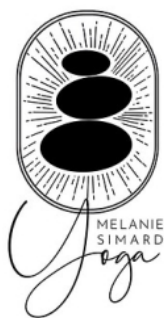


Dec 17 @6pm: Crafty Creators

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: Seaglass Holiday crafts

[Register here](#)



Dec 22 @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.

Registration opens **December 8th**

[Register here](#)





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