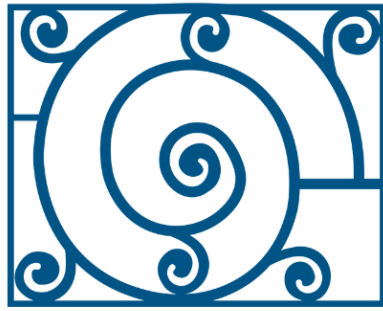


# October 2025



**IPSWICH**  
Public Library



**Closed:**

**October 13 for the holiday**

**Delayed Opening, 9:30am:  
October 16 for staff meeting**

**Closing Early, 4:00pm:  
October 28 for Town Meeting**

**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](mailto:vpaget@ipswichlibrary.org)



**Thursday October 2  
at 3pm!**

Each month there is a featured craft, but you



**Tuesday September  
16 at 4pm: Teen  
Crochet & Knit Club**

For absolute  
beginners and fiber



**Thursday October 9  
at 3:30 pm Teen  
Taste Test Tier**

are welcome to create whatever you would like during Craft & Chat.

October's featured craft is: **Mini haunted houses. Paint a spooky haunted house!**

[Registration Required](#)

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!

## List - Gummy Candy

Put your taste buds to work! Try different gummy candies, discuss/debate their quality with other taste testers, and rank each candy from A to F on a big tier list.

Registration is appreciated so that I know how much candy to bring. Please note that candy may be processed in a facility that also processes allergens such as peanuts or tree nuts.

[Registration is appreciated.](#)



### Tuesday October 21 at 4pm: Teen Crochet & Knit Club

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!

[This meeting coincides with the Teen Graphic Novel Club - tune into their discussion about graphic novels while](#)



### Tuesday October 21 at 4pm

This book club led by a local teen will explore original graphic novels and adaptations alike! Meet people, discuss books, and eat snacks. Open to grades 6-12.

The October book is [Every Day: The Graphic Novel](#) by David Levithan and Dion MBD.

[This meeting coincides with the Teen Crochet & Knit Club - bring a](#)



### Friday October 24th Teen Inheritance Games Escape Room

Avery Grambs' life is turned upside down when she learns she is set to receive a multi-billion dollar inheritance, but first she has to solve the puzzles left by the eccentric billionaire Tobias Hawthorne. To make matters worse, there are other people competing for the inheritance! Can you

you work on your project!

project to work on while you chat about the book, if you'd like!

Registration is appreciated.

help her outsmart the others before time runs out? This escape room is based on the super-popular young adult book series **The Inheritance Games** by Jennifer Lynn Barnes.

**There will be three 30-minute sessions at 3:00, 3:45, and 4:30. Registration is highly recommended.**



## 2025 Reading Challenge

# OCTOBER

A book published  
by a Massachusetts  
press

## 2025 Louise & Hugh Johnson Lecture Series: Allegra Goodman

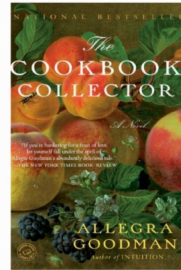
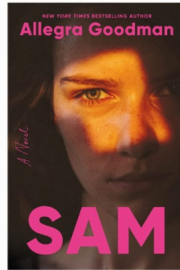
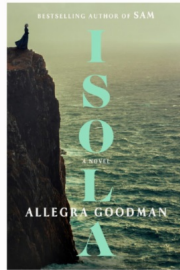


Thursday  
October 9th 2025

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)

# FORAGE FOR ART

with Jana Harris

OCTOBER 4, 10:30 AM

**Last One!**

GO FORAGING FOR  
MUSHROOMS AND  
CREATE ART

This event is funded by:



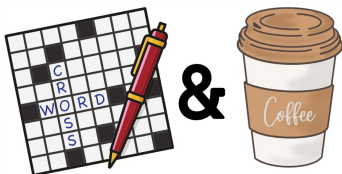
# LIBRARY AFTER DARK:

## DELVENA THEATRE COMPANY'S PRODUCTION OF LIZZIE BORDEN AND THE 40 WHACKS

THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 23RD  
7:00 PM



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### **Crossword & Coffee**

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



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### **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.



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### **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**

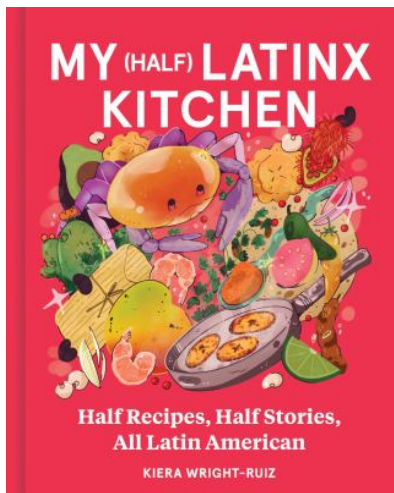


## appointment

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](#)



## Oct 2 @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 by clicking this [LINK](#).

[Register here](#)



## Oct 4 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.

**This is the last of the series and open to all, space is limited.**

[Register here](#)

## Oct 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](#)

## Monthly Meditation



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

### Oct 11 @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](#)



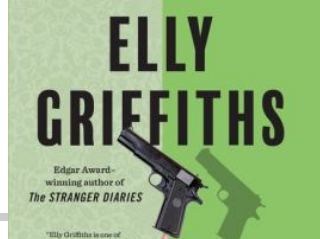
### Oct 14 @7pm VIRTUAL: Mysterious Massachusetts with Sarah Hodge-Wetherbe

Every state has its ghost stories, but no other state has the Dover Demon or the Salem Witch Trials. From sea-side ghosts, to UFOs over the Berkshires, Massachusetts has a rich history of paranormal legend, odd events, and strange denizens. In this workshop, we have a look at some of the most famous of Massachusetts paranormal, cryptozoological, and plain weird incidents throughout the state's history. Presented by Sarah Hodge-Wetherbe, aka Panels by Geekgal.

[Click here to register on Zoom](#)

### Oct 20 @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.  
This month's book: ***The Postscript Murders*** by Elly Griffiths  
[Register here](#)



### Oct 20 @7pm ZOOM: Taylor Swift: Fashion Through the Eras

Author Sarah Chapelle will deliver a fascinating presentation based on her recent bestselling book, *Taylor Swift Style: Fashion Through the Eras*. For Taylor Swift, fashion and music go hand-in-hand -- each playing a powerful role in shaping the narrative of this generation's most prolific storyteller.

[Please click here to sign up on Zoom](#)



### Oct 21 @6:30pm: Nonfiction Book Club

Join us the 4th Tuesday of every month to discuss a work of nonfiction. This month we are reading: ***TBD***

[Register here](#)



### Oct 22 @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: Yarn Ghosts**

[Register here](#)

### Oct 23 @7pm Lizzie Borden and the 40 Whacks

Lizzie Borden was accused, tried, and

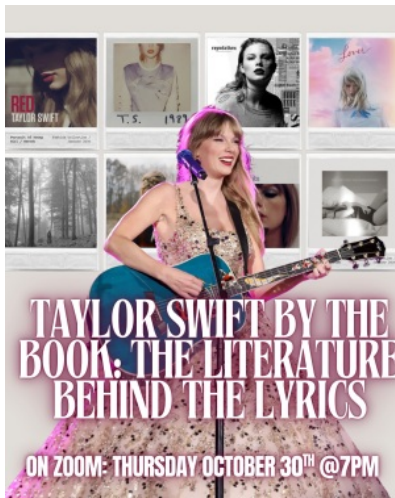




acquitted for the vicious axe murders of her father and stepmother. This true unsolved mystery has fascinated people for over 100 years. Two people died on that day in 1892, but Lizzie continues to live on in American folklore.

The performance includes a mock trial that invites the audience to participate by questioning Lizzie, and voting on her guilt or innocence. This “edutainment” production features Lynne Moulton and Joseph Zamparelli, Jr. in multiple roles depicting Lizzie’s story and educating the audience members so that they may be informed “jurists”. Did she or didn’t she? You’ll be the judge.

[Register here](#)



## Oct 30 @7pm: ZOOM: Taylor Swift By The Book: The Literature Behind The Lyrics

Authors Rachel Feder and Tiffany Tatreau will deliver a fascinating presentation based on their recent book, Taylor Swift by the Book: The Literature Behind the Lyrics, from Fairy Tales to Tortured Poets. Learn about the novels, poems, and plays that influence her songwriting. Let a literature professor and a musical theater artist guide you through the Taylor Swift canon—from Shakespeare to the Brontë sisters to Daphne du Maurier!

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