



THOMASTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

I am pleased to say it's been as busy a year as ever at Thomaston Public Library! Below are a few of our highlights:

- **40 Days of Summer**, in its 12th year in 2025! Our summer lunch-and-activities continues to be a community favorite, bringing free enrichment activities and summer meals to any school-age child in the area. The 40 Days kids had great fun decorating banners and marching in the **4th of July parade**. We're looking forward to year 13 in the coming summer!
- **Senior Exercise Class**, offered jointly with the Thomaston Rec Dept twice a week, regularly has upwards of 30 attendees.
- Free **Afterschool Program**, with snacks & homework help available daily and structured activities twice a week.
- Wednesdays are busy days at the library right now! Not only are we hosting the **Healthy Kids playgroup** for kids ages 0-5 and their caregivers, but also the **AARP Tax-Aide** program that offers free tax prep during tax season.
- **Weekly All-Ages Storytime** on Saturdays, and monthly programs such as **three book clubs, crafters' club, TPL Poets' Corner, Family Movie & Pizza Night, and Communi-Tea.**
- **Trivia Nights with Knox Clinic!** These are some of the most fun nights at the library - come join us for trivia and hilarity with "DJ Jazzy Jess" as well as free food and prizes!
- Community programming, often in partnership with other organizations such as Healthy Kids, OUT Maine, and Cushing Public Library, that have featured such renowned guests as **Tess Gerritsen, Donna Loring, Don Reimer, Shannon Bowring, and many more.**
- We were happy to host the Maine Authors Publishing **Maine Book Festival** for the second year in 2025 with 100+ authors and a record number of attendees. Join us in 2026 on August 22!
- In March 2025, we became a **satellite adoption site for Pope Memorial Humane Society** and began fostering cats at the library. This has been a huge hit, especially among our youngest patrons, and super successful.
- Another of our favorite programs was our **Stuffy Sleepover** with a special Family Movie & Pizza Night showing of *Toy Story*, and the children were encouraged to bring a stuffed animal or toy that would be able to stay for a sleepover. The children returned for storytime the next morning and discovered their stuffies had been up to all sorts of mischief overnight!
- With many thanks to volunteer Jane Weintraub, we are now also offering dedicated time to **free drop-in tech help** every Monday afternoon!

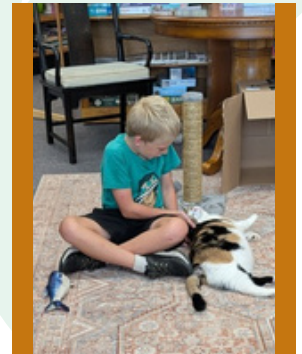
2025 -2026 Highlights



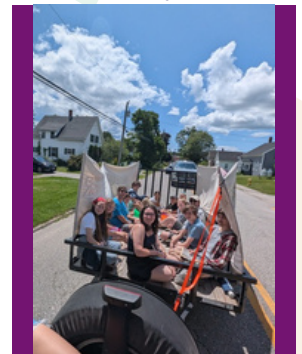
Stuffy Sleepover



Poetry Reading



Foster Library Cat Love



4th of July Parade Crew



40 Days of Summer

Other Services Offered

- Printing, copying, scanning, and faxing services
- Free high-speed wifi & public access computers
- A community meeting and co-working space
- Online database access through Digital Maine Library (also accessible at home!)
- Ancestry.com access at the library
- A comfy sitting area with newspapers and magazines
- Quiet Reading Room
- Plenty of tables and areas to work or study throughout the library
- Informal Puzzle Exchange with a wide variety of puzzles from 350 pieces to over 1000
- Children's Area with lots of toys, puzzles, and games
- Research assistance & reference services
- Reader's advisory -- not sure what to read next? Ask us - we love to play literary matchmaker!
- Passes to the Farnsworth Art Museum, Owls Head Transportation Museum, and Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens (May to October)

Our Collection

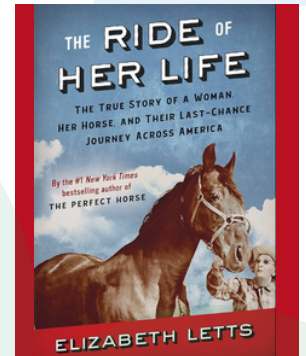
- Physical Media
 - 8,863 Adult Fiction
 - 5,108 Adult Nonfiction
 - 1,545 Large Print
 - 898 Young Adult Fiction & Graphic Novels
 - 92 Young Adult Nonfiction
 - 5,268 Juvenile Fiction & Graphic Novels
 - 1,401 Juvenile Nonfiction
 - 657 Audiobooks on CD
 - 4,083 Videos on DVD & Blu-Ray
 - **27,915 Total Physical Materials**
- Digital Media through cloudLibrary
 - 38,336 eBooks
 - 451,103 Audiobooks
 - **489,440 Total Digital Materials**

Plus, access to approximately 9 MILLION more items through interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing!

2025 Top Circulating Titles



Fiction



Nonfiction



Video



Young Adult



Juvenile

None of our success would be possible without the many, many people who devote their time and effort to the library:

STAFF

Caroline Ward-Nesbit, Head Librarian
Melissa Harjula, Assistant Head Librarian
Tobias Mergendahl, Youth Librarian
Caitlin Theroux, Assistant Librarian
Blake Donaldson, Cataloging Librarian
Ward Grafton, Library Assistant

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Are you interested in helping shape the library's future in a hands-on way? Contact us at library@thomastonmaine.gov to find out more information about becoming a Friend of TPL, a Trustee, or library volunteer!

40 DAYS OF SUMMER STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

Tobias Mergendahl
Connor Theroux
Leithen Joynt
Owen Joynt
Jazzy Shaw
Stella Jacobsen

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Owen Joynt
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Tess Sousa
Katherine Stinson
Greta Stinson
Connor Theroux
Jane Weintraub
Alice Wilkinson

2025 Book Club & Staff Favorites

