

March



Newsletter

**Delayed opening:
Thurs. March 19 at 9:30am**

The library's digital collection is open 24/7

Check out our events for teens in middle and high school!

If you have any questions related to teen events and services, email YA Librarian Viktoria at vpaget@ipswichlibrary.org



**Teen Craft & Chat
Thursday March 5 at 4pm**

Handmake something new and hang out with other crafty teens! The featured craft in March is: Peeps Dioramas.

For 6th-12th grade. [Registration is appreciated but not required.](#)



**Teen Crochet & Knit Club
Tuesday March 17 from 4-5pm**

Great for beginners! Learn to crochet or knit with our yarn & supplies, or bring a project of your own. The YA Librarian can teach basic crochet & knitting. Open to ages 10-18.

[Registration is appreciated but not required.](#)



**Teen Needle Felting with Pop-Up Art School
Thursday March 26 at 4:30pm**

Needle felting is a fun and therapeutic art form that uses a special needle to form wool fibers into 3D sculptures. We will be making adorable carnivorous plants.

For 7th-12th grade. [Please register in advance.](#)



**Create your own “masterpeeps” for our annual
Peeps Diorama contest!**

Entries accepted Monday March 9 – Friday April 10

Guidelines:

- There are four entry categories: Child (5th grade or younger), Family, Teen (6th-12th grade), and Adult.
- At least one marshmallow Peep must be used.
- Use only one box.
- The diorama can have any theme, as long as it is appropriate to display in a public library to all patrons.

[For more information, visit our website!](#)



THE OSCARS FILM SERIES

AND BALLOT RAFFLE

Free weekly film showings of Oscar nominees!

Plus, pick up a nominee ballot at the library & vote on your Oscar winner predictions. Voters with the most correct predictions will be entered to win a prize!

Celebrate the 2026 awards season at the library! We are hosting free Friday film showings of Oscar nominees leading up to the Academy Awards in March.

Movie snacks will be provided. Registration is appreciated.

Plus, pick up a nominee ballot at the library's main circulation desk and vote on your award-winner predictions. Voters with the most correct predictions will be entered to win a movie lovers basket!



March 6 at 2pm: One Battle After Another

Bob is a washed-up revolutionary who lives in a state of stoned paranoia, surviving off-grid with his spirited and self-reliant daughter, Willa. When his evil nemesis resurfaces and Willa goes missing, the former radical scrambles to find her as both father and daughter battle the consequences of their pasts.

Rated R for pervasive language, violence, sexual content and drug use
Run time: 2 hours 42 minutes.

[Please register in advance.](#)



March 13 at 2pm: Hamnet
After losing their son Hamnet to plague, Agnes and William Shakespeare grapple with grief in 16th-century England. A healer, Agnes must find strength to care for her surviving children while processing her devastating loss.

Rated PG-13 for thematic content, strong sexuality, and partial nudity
Run time: 2 hours 5 minutes.

[Please register in advance.](#)

**2026 Reading Challenge**

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A book featuring
an unlikely
friendship



**Johnson Author Series Presents:
Catherine Newman
Tuesday, May 19
Ipswich Country Club**

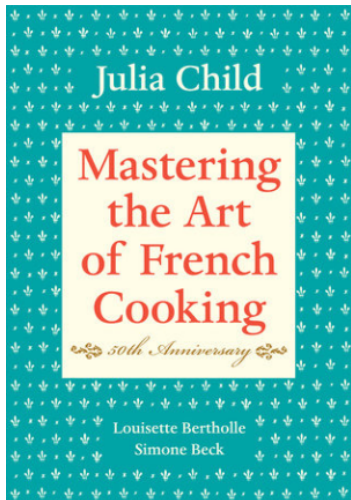
Join us for an evening with Catherine Newman, author of the novels *Wreck*, *Sandwich*, and *We All Want Impossible Things*, along with several nonfiction works for adults and kids.

Wreck was named the Good Morning America (GMA) Book Club pick for November 2025.

**Cash bar and book sales start at 6:30pm
Author presentation starts at 7:30pm**

Catherine Newman will primarily discuss her recent fiction works and answer questions from the audience. She will also make herself available to sign books at the end of her presentation.

[Please register here](#)



March 5 at 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.

In March, the club will be cooking from *Mastering the Art of French Cooking* by Julia Child.

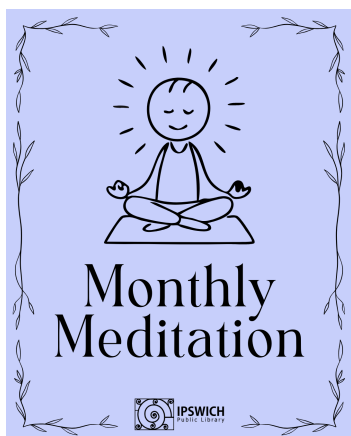
[Learn more about Cookbook Club on our website.](#)
[Please register in advance.](#)



March 10 at 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!

[Please register in advance.](#)

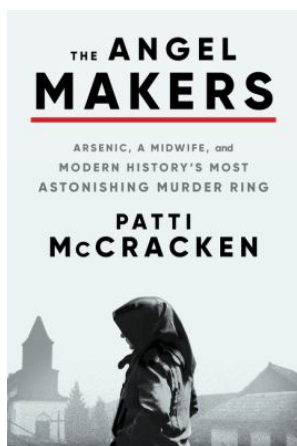


March 14 at 12pm: Monthly Meditation

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.

[Please register in advance.](#)



March 16 at 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: *The Angel Makers: Arsenic, a Midwife, and Modern History's Most Astonishing Murder Ring* by Patti McCracken

[Please register in advance.](#)



March 16 at 6pm: Crafty Creators

Join us each month to try new crafts!

Please note that Crafty Creators is taking place on Mondays from January-March 2026.

March craft: Peeps Diorama workshop

[Please register in advance.](#)

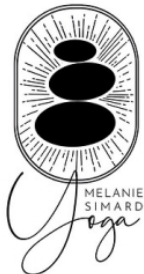


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VIRTUAL March 17 at 2pm: Little Gems of Ireland

Ireland is so much more than shamrocks, pipers and the Blarney Stone. Follow our trail as we visit the sites of Dublin, paying special attention to the National Gallery of Ireland to check out their Caravaggio and Vermeer. Then off to Trinity College to take in the Book of Kells. The Ring of Kerry, the Cliffs of Moher and all those castles with enchanting names like Kylemore, Clifden and Dromoland are calling to us. St. Patrick's Day is the perfect time for this magical travelogue. Led by avid traveler and library lover Mary Maguire.

[Please Register in advance](#)



March 23 at 12pm: Gentle Yoga

Join us at the library for monthly 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.

[Please register in advance.](#)

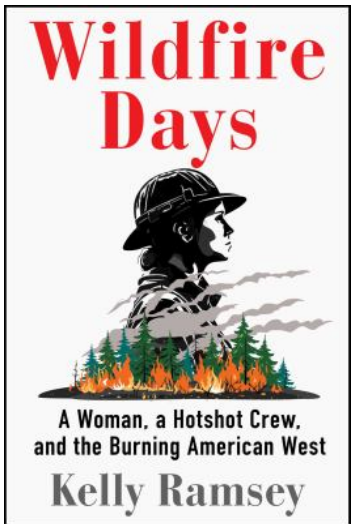


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VIRTUAL March 24 at 2pm: Armchair Travel to Norway with the Traveling Librarian

Join Jeff Klapes, the Traveling Librarian, for another of his popular armchair travel presentations. This series highlights travel photography and stories and travel tips about destinations around the world. This month, journey to Norway, the Land of the Midnight Sun. From the eminently livable capital of Oslo, over the mountains to the historic port of Bergen, Norway's scenery is staggering in its beauty. The coastal towns and rural farms nestled in the northern fjord country are not to be missed. Jeff is the recently retired Head of Reference Services at the Lucius Beebe Memorial Library in Wakefield and an avid traveler and photographer.

[Please Register in advance](#)



March 24 at 6:30pm: Nonfiction Book Club

Join us the 4th Tuesday of every month to discuss a work of nonfiction. This month we are reading: ***Wildfire Days: A Woman, A Hotshot Crew, and the Burning of the American West*** by Kelley Ramsey

[Please Register in advance](#)



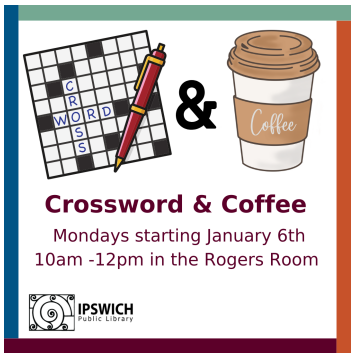
March 25 at 6pm: Declutter by Design: Organize Your Home, Your Way

If your idea of "organizing" is shoving everything into a closet and hoping for the best—this presentation is for you. Howe2Organize (H2O) is bringing humor, heart, and helpful strategies to the Ipswich Library this March.

We'll tackle clutter, chaos, and the myth that there's only one "right" way to organize. Learn how your brain's natural tendencies shape your organizing style—and how to use that knowledge to make home organizing (and spring cleaning) less stressful and more satisfying.

No judgment, no pressure—just real talk and real solutions.

[Please register in advance.](#)



Crossword and Coffee - Mondays at 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 - Temporarily meeting on Wednesdays from January-March at 10am

This is for ESOL students of all ages who want to practice English at any level. Join our group and feel at ease practicing English with friends. These are not formal lessons.

No registration.



Tech Help Wednesdays - Appointments available for 1pm-2pm or 2pm-3pm

Do you need help with your computer, cell phone, or other device? Make an appointment at the library! Not every technology problem can be fixed, but we will do our best to point you in the right direction.

[Please make an appointment in advance.](#)



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the library and designated locations
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February 14th - March 14th!

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