

# February Newsletter

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## Program Highlight of the Month

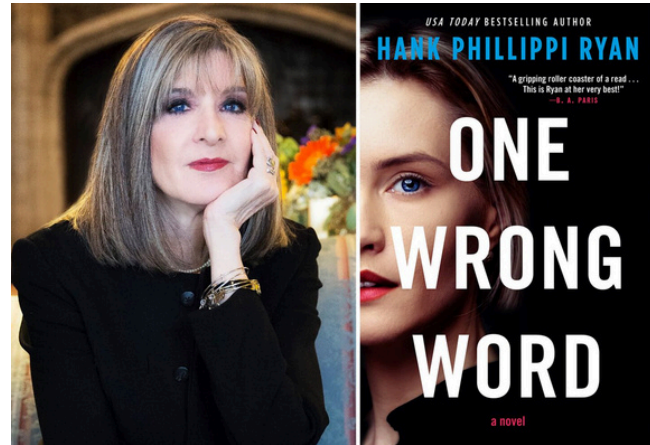
### Stewing Over Mysteries with Hank Phillippi Ryan

Sturbridge, MA – Get ready for an unforgettable evening of thrilling mysteries and hearty comfort food as USA Today bestselling author Hank Phillippi Ryan comes to Sturbridge for an exclusive author event. Sponsored by the Friends of the Joshua Hyde Public Library, this event will take place on **Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 6:30 PM** at the iconic Publick House in Sturbridge, MA. Stewing Over Mysteries is a night of captivating conversation, delicious food, and the chance to meet one of the country's top mystery writers.

#### Ticket Information:

General Admission: \$20 – Includes admission to the event and dinner of beef stew, rolls, dessert, coffee/tea. A vegetarian and gluten-free option is available at time of ticket purchase.

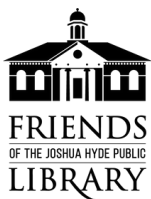
Book & Ticket Package: \$34 – Includes event admission, dinner, and a signed copy of Hank Phillippi Ryan's novel, *One Wrong Word*.



Book Club on the Go is the official bookseller for the event.

<https://www.bookclubct.com/>

**Tickets are limited**, so don't miss out on this chance to dine, chat, and discover more about the art of mystery writing with one of the best in the genre. Tickets may be purchased at the Library.



#### Library Quote of the Month

**"The only thing you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library."**

**Albert Einstein (1879-1955. Theoretical physicist)**

# February Programs

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## 6:30pm - FOR TEENS & ADULTS

THE HISTORY OF CHOCOLATE IN MASSACHUSETTS WITH TASTINGS

Did you know that when the colonists stopped drinking tea, they turned to drinking chocolate? Massachusetts has many historical connections to chocolate, including being the home of the very first chocolate factory in North America, the first roadside retail confectionary operations, and the first forays into commercial white chocolate production. Join Victoria from Therapy Gardens and learn more about our sweet history with this fascinating program - and indulge in a sweet sample as well. Registration is required.

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## 11:00am - 2:00pm - FOR EVERYONE

FRIENDS OF THE JHPL BOOK & FOOD DRIVE

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## 1:00pm - FOR ADULTS

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

This month's book is "The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club" by Helen Simonson

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## 7:30pm - VIRTUAL

THRILLER/HORROR BOOK RECS WITH BOOKSTAGRAMMER JODY BLANCHETTE AKA @REDREADREVIEWS. Registration is required.

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## 6:00pm - FOR KIDS

LEGO CLUB. For children ages 5 to 12 with an adult caregiver. Registration is required.

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## 6:30pm - FOR TEENS & ADULTS

STEWING OVER MYSTERIES - See other side for more information.

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## ALL DAY

The Library will be closed for President's day.

**CLOSED**

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## 11:00AM - FOR KIDS

BENANNA BAND. The BenAnna Band is a nationally touring children's duo that focuses on music and inclusion for kiddos of all ages, abilities and identities. For children of all ages with an adult caregiver. Registration is required.

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## 11:00am - FOR KIDS

THROUGH ME TO YOU PUPPETRY. Come join Newton and the gang for Puppet Story Time! For children of all ages with an adult caregiver. Registration is required.

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## 6:30pm - FOR TEENS & ADULTS

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS BOOK GROUP

This month's book is "The Violin Conspiracy" by Brendan Slocumb

Program Series



## Drop-in Winter Story Times

Tuesdays and Fridays

10:45am to 11:30am

(No story times Feb 18 & 21)



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## 11:00am - FOR KIDS

DEB'S SING & SWING. Join Deb Hudgins for a musical story time where there will be a lot of movement and audience participation! For children ages infant to 6 years with an adult caregiver. Registration is required.

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## 2:00pm - FOR TEENS

CUPCAKE DECORATING FOR TEENS

Sue from Let's Cake Decorate will be here to teach skills and techniques for decorating 2 different cupcake designs step-by-step! All materials will be provided. Open to ages 13 to 18. Registration is required.

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## 6:00PM - FOR KIDS

STUFFIE SLEEPOVER. Come enjoy a PJ story time for little ones and their favorite plush friend. After the story time, families will kiss their plushie goodnight and leave them in the library's capable hands. Stuffed animals may be picked up Friday or Saturday. For children ages 2 to 6 years with an adult caregiver. Registration is not required.

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## 6:30pm - FOR TEENS & ADULTS

WORLD BUILDING BOOK GROUP.

This month's book is "Iron Widow" by Xiran Jay Zhao

