



The Library Lookout

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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY DESK

By Bree Bussell, Adult Circulation Librarian

I am so happy to say that patrons are now finally able to come into the library and browse for books again! The front door and the elevator entrances will be unlocked so patrons can enter the library without having to ring the door bell and wait. We ask those who do enter the library to please keep visits short. We aren't open for studying or working for an extended time quite yet.

For those of our patrons who are still not comfortable with coming into the building, curbside will remain an option. Call us or fill out a curbside request form and we will get your books for you. Many patrons who have let us choose books for them quite enjoy discovering new authors and genres to enjoy.

As always, Steve Dionne has outdone himself! He has built four custom tables for the Maine room on the first floor. Made of cherry wood with High Max composite centers, they beautifully match the circulation desk that he previously made for us. They update the space wonderfully and we love them, and we know our patrons will as well! We are so lucky to have such a talented local craftsman who adores the library as much as we do.

The tables will be outfitted with electrical outlets for patrons to charge and use their laptops. Eighteen new chairs have been purchased to use with the new tables.



News from Angie Herrick Head Librarian & Youth Services

As the weather warms up and the snow starts to disappear, I start to get busy planning the summer reading program. This summer the slogan is "Tails and Tales" and we will get to celebrate animals! Sadly, we are still going to have to be mindful of the risks from gathering in person. This means, it will be another mostly remote summer reading program. We do plan on having a kick-off program and an ending program outside at the park and kids will be able to log their reading via paper logs or online using the Beanstack app. Even though COVID has changed the way we are doing things the essence of the summer reading program remains the same: KEEP KIDS READING! As always, we will be rewarding the young readers for meeting their weekly goals with small incentives and prizes. In the past our community has always pulled together to help supply us with hundreds of small prizes to give away, and we know this year won't be any different. Popular items are: slime, silly putty, matchbox cars, hair accessories, nail polish, balls, beach toys, Lego mini figures, bubbles, small art kits, Pokémon cards, kites and/or Frisbees. This is by no means an extensive list, but we do ask that items purchased are new and not food. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask.

We are super excited to be re-opening and letting people back into the building. It has been too quiet for too long here. We do want to remind our patrons that although the library is open again we are still trying to keep visits, especially visits with young children, short and to the point. To this end, there will not be access to any toys and all programming will remain on hold. Our main goal is the health and safety of our community.

"What have you been reading?"

Margo Reid: *A Promised Land* by Barack Obama, and *No Ordinary Time* by Doris Kearns Goodwin.

Barbara Whitkop: *Breath: The New Science of a Lost Art* by James Nestor. A major takeaway from this book: if you are a frequent mouth breather, stop it.....

Bonnie Chamberlain: From the current Maine Humanities Program with the Margaret Chase Smith Library director David Richards facilitating, our group has recently read *The Pearl from Orr's Island* by Harriet Beecher Stowe. This is a delightful local color novel set on Orr's Island, Maine in the mid-eighteen hundreds.

Marilyn Renfrew: *Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland* by Patrick Keefe is about the I.R.A. and the violence in Ireland. I have also caught up on the Louise Penny crime mysteries and am now reading some by Donna Leon which all take place in Venice where Roger and I visited just before the Covid travel restrictions began.

Other books I have enjoyed include *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson, *KGA to Z* about the NBA career of Kevin Garnett, *A Promised Land* by Barack Obama, *Walking with Ghosts* about the life of an Irish American actor by Gabriel Byrne, and *Year of Yes* by Shonda Rhimes, a very inspiring book about the year she said "yes" to challenges and transformed herself and her life.



NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Brooks, Malcolm/ *Cloudmaker*
Coben, Harlan/ *Win*
Deveraux, Jude/ *Meant to Be*
Evanovich, Janet/ *The Bounty*
Graham, Heather/ *Danger in Numbers*
Greenidge, Kaitlyn/ *Libertie*
Koontz, Dean/ *The Other Emily*
McMahon, Jennifer/ *The Drowning Kind*
Munier, Paula/ *The Hiding Place*
Palmer, Diana/ *A Love Like This*
Patterson, James/ *The Red Book*
Patterson, James/ *The Palm Beach Murders*
Peterson, Tracie/ *Destined for You*
Rosenberg, Joel C./ *The Beirut Protocol*
Scottoline, Lisa/ *Eternal*
Thayne, RaeAnne/ *The Path to Sunshine Cove*
Walter, Laura Maylene/ *Body of Stars*
West, Kathleen/ *Are We There Yet?*
Woods, Stuart/ *Double Jeopardy*

NONFICTION

Owen, Joseph/ *This Day in Maine*