



The Library Lookout

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News from the Library Desk

By Bree Bussell, Adult Circulation Librarian

Summer is fast approaching and that means it's time again for the Adult Summer Reading Program ReadME! All you have to do is read both books by the end of August to be entered in a drawing for a gift card to one of the many local businesses here in town! This year's recommending author is Gerry Boyle and he has chosen two books that I think patrons will find really interesting! The first is *Mainely Power* by Matt Cost. In this mystery about Private Investigator Goff Langdon, who also happens to own a bookstore, small town life is about to change. When investigating his latest case, he uncovers corrupt cops, crooked politicians, greedy millionaires, radical environmentalists, and a deadly assassin named Shakespeare. Follow Langdon and his band of friends as they attempt to untangle the web of intrigue and return Brunswick to 'the way life should be'. * The second book is *Mill Town* by Kerri Arsenault. In this biography we learn about the paper mill in Mexico, ME. that, while providing livelihoods for nearly everyone, also contributed to the destruction of the environment and the decline of the town's economic, physical, and emotional health in a slow-moving catastrophe, earning the area the nickname "Cancer Valley." *Mill Town* is a moral wake-up call that asks, whose lives are we willing to sacrifice for our own survival? *

Since the Maine CDC has updated its requirements and has gotten rid of social distancing we are moving forward with reopening the library. All computers will be available and chairs will be at each table in the reading room. We have lifted time limits for the computers, browsing and working at the tables! We will still be requiring all patrons to wear a mask inside the building until children can be vaccinated.

Have you been on **CloudLibrary** recently and noticed that there are more to choose from? That would be because we have added over 100,000 audiobook and ebook titles to our collection! If you'd like access to this service just call or stop by and one of our librarians would be happy to help you set it up. Happy reading!



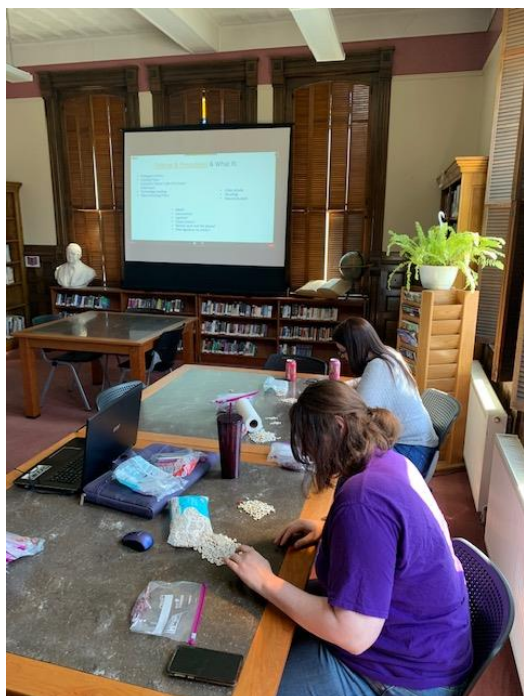
Be sure to shop the new Book Room at the Library Store!

**Summary from the publisher*

News from Angie Herrick

Head Librarian & Youth Services

The librarians were able to attend the Maine Library Association conference this past month. The theme was "Orienting Ourselves in the New Normal" and we were able to attend different sessions and listen to speakers. Some of the topics were mental health, library advocacy, coping with COVID, are libraries really neutral, personal and professional biases, lending beyond books, and the Maine Contemporary Archive Collaborative project. The librarians were able to get some professional development and engage in some great discussions with colleagues from around the state.



Bree and Josie at this year's online Maine Library Association conference

Summer Reading Program

The summer reading program has finally been all prepped and is ready to go. I waited a little longer than normal to do the planning process because of the uncertainties surrounding the virus. This year's theme is "Tails and Tales", and we can't wait to share a "paws-itively" fun summer with you all! The upcoming challenge will run from June 21st –

July 30th, and kids will track their reading and have take-home activity kits each of these six weeks. Participants can register in person at the library and take home a physical reading log, or they can continue to use the online platform, Beanstack, that we used last summer to log their reading and finished activities. Prizes will be available each week for those who have met their reading goals and another prize will be available at the end of the program for those who have finished all six of their activity packets! Unfortunately, we will still not be having any in-house events this summer, and storytimes will once again be virtual and posted to our Facebook every Wednesday morning at 10:15am. But we are very excited that we will be able to host Judy Pancoast at Coburn Park on Friday, July 30th at 4:00 pm to celebrate the end of another fantastic Summer Reading Program! Watch our Facebook page and website for more details regarding that program.

Pre-registration for the Summer Reading Program will begin on June 1st and reading and activity packet distribution will begin on June 21st. Check out our website here:

<https://www.skowhegan.lib.me.us/summer-reading-program> for more information, and don't hesitate to give us a call at 474-9072 if you have any questions!

Now that the library is once again fully open and school is almost out for the summer, we invite families to come out and encourage their children to keep up with their reading over the summer. We have books, audio books, movies, nature backpacks, and games for all ages and best of all it's completely FREE to get a library card for any student who resides in the MSAD 54 district. Come check us out.



Josie discovers the wonders of the Library's new 3D printer!

News from Josie Pease

Technology Librarian

It's always exciting when the library gets a fun new gadget to play around with, especially when it's something as impressive as a 3D printer! We've recently acquired a FlashForge Finder, and I've been enthusiastically taking classes at KVCC to learn the ropes of 3D design and printing. For those of you that don't know what a 3D printer is, it's a printer that reproduces digital files as solid, physical objects. It's pretty amazing! There is so much potential to create wonderful, fun, and useful things with these kinds of devices, and we're excited to figure out how best to utilize ours for the library. While it will be a while before we've got this printer set up to be available for use by the public, we've been using it almost daily here at the library to help us make individual cookie cutters to fill some of our summer reading program activity kits. We can't wait to show you all what else use it for in the future!

NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Andrews, Mary Kay/ *The Newcomer*
 Atkins, Ace/ *The Heathens*
 Brown, Dale/ *Arctic Storm Rising*
 Bunn, T. Davis/ *The Cottage on Lighthouse Lane*
 Callahan, Patti/ *Surviving Savannah*
 Clancy, Tom/ *Target Acquired*
 Graham, Heather/ *The Unforgiven*
 Gray, Shelley Shepard/ *An Amish Surprise*
 Higgins, Kristan/ *Pack Up the Moon*
 Hilderbrand, Elin/ *Golden Girl*
 Hlad, Alan/ *Churchill's Secret Messenger*
 Jance, J.A./ *Unfinished Business*
 Johnsen, Iris/ *The Bullet*
 Patterson, James/ *The President's Daughter*
 Roberts, Nora/ *Legacy*
 Snelling, Lauraine/ *The Seeds of Change*
 Thayer, Nancy/ *Family Reunion*
 Weiner, Jennifer/ *That Summer*
 Weir, Andy/ *Project Hail Mary*
 Woods, Stuart/ *Jackpot*

NON-FICTION

Hillard, Michael/ *Shredding Paper: The Rise and Fall of the Maine's Mighty Paper Industry*



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Wed, Thurs, & Fri: 10am-5pm
 Saturday: 10am- 3pm