



# The Library Lookout

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## NEW BOOKS

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### NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY DESK

By Bree Bussell, Adult Circulation Librarian

Spring is upon us again! It's nice to feel the air warming and see the snow start to melt. I think of spring as the season of change, as I'm sure many people do. I tend to have more ambition to try new things and improve my day to day routine. If you feel the same and want to start, say, a flower or vegetable garden we have many great books to choose from that can help you get started! If you want to learn how to paint or knit, or if you want to improve your skills in the kitchen we have tons of books to give you tips and tricks to do so! If you're ready to start your spring cleaning and don't know where to start, come grab a book on tidying up! If you're interested in something that we don't have a book for, we'd be more than happy to find and order a book through Inter Library Loan for you!

Spring is also when I start to plan out some of the things I want to do in the summer. There are great places to explore in Maine, while being safe and socially distanced. We have great books about beautiful beaches, places to hike and even Acadia National Park, that will give you some great ideas on how to have a wonderful spring and summer. We hope this gives you a few ideas of fun things to try and we're ready to find you the perfect book!

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Remember to buy your **Longaberger Easter Basket Raffle ticket**. Winner's name will be drawn on April 2nd at the Library Shop.

### FICTION

- Allende, Isabel/ *The Soul of a Woman*
- Barry, Quan/ *We Ride Upon Sticks*
- Berry, Steve/ *The Kaiser's Web*
- Box, C.J./ *Dark Sky*
- Brown, Gregory/ *The Lowering Days*
- Castillo, Linda/ *A Simple Murder*
- Cussler, Clive/ *Fast Ice*
- Dailey, Janet/ *Calder Brand*
- Finlay, Alex/ *Every Last Fear*
- Fluke, Joanne/ *Triple Chocolate Cheesecake Murder*
- Graves, Sarah/ *Death by Chocolate Snickerdoodle*
- Greaney, Mark/ *Relentless*
- Hart, John/ *The Unwilling*
- Kline, Christina Baker/ *The Exiles*
- Maas, Sarah J./ *A Court of Silver Flames*
- Pearse, Sarah/ *The Sanatorium*
- Penner, Sarah/ *The Lost Apothecary*
- St. James, Dorothy/ *The Broken Spine*
- Steel, Danielle/ *The Affair*
- Todd, Charles/ *A Fatal Lie*
- Winslow, W.S./ *The Northern Reach*

### NONFICTION

- Carroll, Rebecca/ *Surviving the White Gaze*
- Nelson, Willie/ *Me and Sister Bobbie*

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*"What have you read lately?"*

We all like to hear what other people are reading. Getting lost in a good story is a great way to escape from the worries of the COVID virus, and our wonderful librarians have been so helpful in suggesting titles for us. Many thanks to you: **Bree, Angie, Francois and Josie!**

On the next page you'll find some recent reads enjoyed by a few library users. We'd love to hear from YOU too! Please send a quick email to [jascor@myfairpoint.net](mailto:jascor@myfairpoint.net) and your choices will be in the April Lookout.

**News from Angie Herrick**  
Head Librarian & Youth Services

We are pleased to announce a new item now available for circulation: Maine Audubon Nature Explorer Backpacks. Check out a backpack and a world of wildlife will open up for you and your family. Each pack has a custom-made user's guide that walks you through each item in the backpack and provides activities, games, book lists, and more. You'll find tips for families on how to enjoy nature, nature journal templates, simple craft ideas, and even ways to use your smartphone to connect with wildlife. Now, your outdoor time can become a science-based experience that fosters environmental literacy.

The backpacks have seasonal themes and right now, two are available to borrow from the Skowhegan Public Library.

**The Maine Audubon Nature Explorer Birds**

**Backpack** contains:

- Field guides and books
- Binoculars
- Birds of Maine checklist
- Bird photo cards
- Colored pencils
- Lapboard and paper
- User's guide

**The Maine Audubon Nature Explorer Winter**

**Wildlife backpack** contains:

- Field guides and books
- Track ID cards
- Tracks rubber stamp
- Colored pencils
- Magnifying glass and specimen box
- Lapboard and paper
- User's guide

Each backpack also comes with a survey, so be sure to fill it out when you return the backpack, so we can provide feedback and make sure future themed packs are even better. Maine Audubon Nature Explorer Backpacks are made possible by the Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation.

We are excited to have this new opportunity for our patrons and we look forward to families getting outside to explore our beautiful community. Let us know if you want to check one out, today!



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**What Have you read lately? (cont. from page 1)**

Lynda Quinn.

*Redemption* by Leon Uris

Set in the troubled time of pre-World War I, this book tells the tale of three Irish families who love freedom more than life.

Pat Dickey

Light reading by Jayne Ann Krentz (*Eye of the Beholder*) and Sandra Brown (*Lethal*) have been enjoyed by Pat recently. She reminds us that there's lots to choose from at the "Library Store" if you can't get to the library.

Jim Hastings

*The Bumpy Road* by Quentin F. Veit

Born the same year as Jim, this author has written a fascinating nonfiction description of farm life in rural Missouri during the Great Depression. Tools, farming methods and family life are all described.

Corrilla Hastings

*My Name is Anton* by Catherine Ryan Hyde

Both Jim and I enjoyed reading this very well written novel about an unusual relationship between eighteen year old Anton and a woman fifteen years his senior. Characters are likable, and both dialogue and plot are engaging.

Melissa Gaspar

Right now I am reading a wonderful mystery called *The Bridge to Belle Island* by Julie Klaussen. It is set in England in the early 1800's and has very interesting and likable characters. The main character is a kind younger women suspected of her uncle's death which happened in London. Although she never leaves her island home, she is plagued by nightmares that make her wonder if she did leave the island and cause the death by mistake. The lawyer who comes to the island to sort through her uncle's papers is a quiet but strong man fighting his own self-doubts. This book has lots of twists and turns. I also want to read another by her called *Cornwall Castaway*.