



# The Library Lookout

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## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY DESK

By Bree Bussell, Adult Circulation Librarian

The first couple weeks of reopening have been wonderful here at the library! It's great to see our patrons again. **We are still offering curbside pickup** for any of those who don't want to come into the building quite yet. Fill out the online form or call us with any book requests and we'll be happy to collect those for you. Please keep returning books in the book-drop in the front walkway if you're able.

**The doors will remain locked so ring the doorbell** for admittance; this way is easier for us to keep track of everyone in the building. Please give us a moment to unlock the elevator entrance; the elevator goes a bit slow!

We are eagerly awaiting the **new circulation desk** to be completely finished. The stone countertop will be the finishing touch and we know it'll be a great fixture in the library for the next hundred years. If you haven't seen the new desk, make a quick trip to see it! With two full work stations and ample space, along with being ADA compliant, it makes circulation much easier than before!

We are participating in **Read ME 2020** again for the summer! This Adult Summer Reading Program is a great way to experience a new genre or Maine author while entering for the chance to win one of many great prizes from local businesses! This year, the two chosen books are ***Roughhouse Friday* by Jaed Coffin, a memoir, and *The Vigilance of Stars* by Patricia O'Donnell, a fictional story.** It's simple, all you have to do is read both books and you could win a prize. What's better than reading and being rewarded for doing so? I can't think of anything!

## August New Books!

### FICTION

Atkins, Ace/ The Revelators  
Coulter, Catherine/ Deadlock  
Graham, Heather/ Deadly Touch  
Kellerman, Jonathan/ Half Moon Bay  
Lansdale, Joe/ More Better Deals  
Ludlum, Robert/ The Bourne Evolution  
Macomber, Debbie/ A Walk Along the Beach  
Mallery, Susan/ The Friendship List  
Park, Tony/ Ghosts of the Past  
Patterson, James/ 1<sup>st</sup> Case  
Patterson, James/ Cajun Justice  
Silva, Daniel/ The Order  
Snelling, Lauraine/ A Blessing to Cherish  
Steel, Danielle/ The Wedding Dress  
Thor, Brad/ Near Dark  
Webber, Heather/ South of the Buttonwood Tree  
Wiggs, Susan/ The Lost and Found Bookshop  
Wiseman, Beth/ A Beautiful Arrangement  
Wolfe, Gene/ Interlibrary Loan  
Woods, Stuart/ Choppy Water  
Woods, Stuart/ Hit List

### NONFICTION

Trump, Mary/ Too Much and Never Enough



*Bree enjoys the spacious new Circulation Desk!*

## News from Angie Herrick Head Librarian & Youth Services

The *Imagine Your Story* summer reading challenge is going full steam ahead. We have a reading challenge with about 70 participants, and so far together they have managed to read and log over 14,000 minutes! Each week, I also have been handing out take-home activity kits on Mondays, and on Wednesdays I do a virtual storytime on Facebook that goes along with that week's take-home craft. About 40 kids are coming in each week to get the activity kits! We have done dragon blowers, decorated aprons, created unicorn crowns, planted magic beans, and made wolf puppets. Although kids are doing these activities at home, many have been sharing photos of the finished projects! It has been fun to see kids still enjoying the library activities, even if right now it is being done from their homes.



*Zoe and Ali show off their magic bean plants they planted from one of their weekly Storytime take-home kits!*

The week of August 10th will be PRIZE WEEK! All participants who completed the activity kits will be getting a Bookie Cookie Coupon that can be redeemed at the Bankery, and all the kids who earned all of their weekly reading badges will be able to pick a prize from our prize box. It's that easy! Prizes will be given out all week.

Our Tween the Pages Book Club finished up their year by reading *A Good Kind of Trouble* by Lisa Moore Rame, a book about race issues and the Black Lives Matter Movement. It allowed us a gentle way to discuss a current event. In total this group of 6th-8th graders read and discussed 8 books this year. They were a great group of kids always willing to participate and venture outside their personal reading preferences.

The Smart Cookies Book Club has their last zoom meeting this month as well. This group is a very lively, energetic group of 4th-5th grade girls. In total we have read 10 books together and have done activities ranging from trivia, to slime, to squirrel feeders, to cupcake decorating. This was the first year the library has run a book group for this age group, but with such a great group of readers, it certainly won't be the last.

The last few months of both of these book clubs have been done very differently than in the past. We have utilized Zoom meetings and have done it all virtually. Books were not borrowed, but instead the library purchased enough copies of the book, so each participant was able to keep a copy. We had two amazing sponsors who donated money for us to be able to keep the book clubs going and keep the kids reading. We hope that our programming can start back up soon, but in the meantime, our book groups will take a small break and start back up after school starts. If you think your student would be interested in either of these book clubs, please contact us and let us know.



*Maddilyn and Autumn were excited to be able to come inside the library to pick out some new books to read for the Imagine Your Story summer reading challenge.*

## BASKET RAFFLE

*Four chances to win a basket filled with a variety of attractive items, along with handy local gift certificates.*

*All proceeds will go towards ongoing Library Improvements!*



*Raffle tickets at \$5 each are now on sale at the circulation desk,  
or contact Pat Dickey at 431-2328.*

*Winning tickets will be drawn at noon on December 5<sup>th</sup>.*