



RANGELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY January 2022 Newsletter



Dear Scott,

Happy New Year! Here's to another year of intellectual freedom in our nation and in our libraries. I don't know how much most people think about things like intellectual freedom, but it is something librarians have historically committed to. It is something which is totally necessary if we are to remain a free society.

First, let me define intellectual freedom. According to Wikipedia, "Intellectual freedom encompasses the freedom to hold, receive and disseminate ideas without restriction." We all love that idea when it is our own "freedom to hold, receive and disseminate ideas" which is in question. We have a much more difficult time granting this same freedom to ideas that we think are questionable or just plain wrong.

As a librarian, I must wrestle with the concept of intellectual freedom on a regular basis. As I purchase books for our collection, it is easy to choose titles which support my own view of life. I have to work much harder to add titles to our collection which support different perspectives. It is not even necessarily that I don't want those books in our collection, but it is hard to even figure out which books will appeal to readers who view the world differently than I do. I often rely on requests and recommendations from patrons who I know come from different political and philosophical backgrounds from my own to help me know which of the myriad number of options will appeal to them.

While the staff here at the library tries to support the idea of intellectual freedom, we can't do it on our own. We also need the support of patrons. As I mentioned, we value recommendations of what others want to read. But, we also hope that our patrons will support the right of others to read things from all different perspectives. In the past year, I have found books from a certain perspective repeatedly removed from displays and hidden in places on the shelves where they don't belong and have little chance of being found when searched for. At a time when we may feel rather powerless to affect the ways in which freedom of speech is being squelched in our nation as a whole, we can have a big impact right here in our small corner of the world. Let's keep

Rangeley Public Library a place where we can practice the free exchange of ideas. Intellectual freedom is an idea worth supporting, and once lost, could be very difficult to get back.

Happy Reading,

Janet Wilson, Director
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Take a Deep Breath

The next time you are in the library, you can breathe more freely. Thanks to a generous patron donation and a grant from the Association of Small and Rural Libraries (ARSL), we have five new air purifiers in the building. They work quietly and inconspicuously throughout the day to make sure that the air we breathe is clean and healthy. Ahhh.

LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday - Friday 10:00-4:30

Saturday 10:00-2:00

Last Wednesday of the month 10:00-7:00

Closed January 1st

PROGRAMS

ADULT BOOK GROUPS

Rangeley Readers
3rd Wednesday @10:00 AM

Adventure Book Group
Last Wednesday @4:00 PM

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

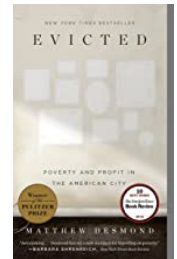
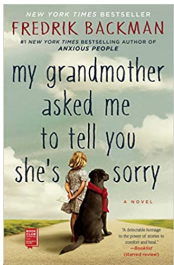
OWL Club
Thursdays @ 3:00 PM

Preschool Story Hour
Fridays @ 10:00 AM

January Book Discussions

Wednesday, January 19th, 3:00 PM Rangeley Readers will discuss *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Fredrik Backman.

Wednesday, January 26th, 4:00 PM Adventure Book Club will discuss *Evicted: Poverty & Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond.



Our K-2nd grade OWL Club has been reading books and participating in activities with a pirate theme. Here, the "pirate crew" heads out while holding onto the rope that they will use to do piratey things like hoisting the mainsail.

LIBRARY RESOURCES

NEW MEDIA IN JANUARY

Adult Fiction

Criminal Mischief (Stone Barrington #60) by Stuart Woods
Truly Like Lightning by David Duchovny
W.E.B. Griffin Rogue Asset by Brian Andrews
As the Pizza Burns by Nick Powers
The Ivory Key by Akshaya Raman
From Where I Stand by Caroline Goldberg Igra
African Town by Charles Waters
Reckless Girls by Rachel Hawkins
The Starless Crown by James Rollins
Invisible by Danielle Steel
The Horsewoman by James Patterson
You Did This by Jamie Millen
End of Days by Brad Taylor
Daughter of the Moon Goddess by Sue Lynn Tan
Box 88 by Charles Cumming
Wahala by Nikki May
Something to Hide by Elizabeth George
The Last House on the Street by Diane Chamberlain
A Flicker in the Dark by Stacy Willingham
To Paradise by Hanya Yanagihara
Lightning in a Mirror by Jayne Ann Krentz
Reminders of Him by Colleen Hoover
Targeted by Stephen Hunter
The Runaway by Nick Petrie
Robert B. Parker's Bye Bye Baby by Ace Atkins
Such a Pretty Smile by Kristi DeMeester

Adult Nonfiction

Rocks & Minerals by Chris Pellant
All About Me! by Mel Brooks
How to Forage for Mushrooms without Dying by Frank Hyman
A Naturalist's Book of Wildflowers by Laura C. Martin
Beyond Possible by Nirmal Purja
Campaign of the Century by Irwin F. Gellman
How Civil Wars Start by Barbara F. Walter
Battle Cry by Jason Wilson
Free by Lea Ypi
The Black Joke by A. E. Rooks

Young Adult

Anatomy: A Love Story by Dana Schwartz

Older Kids

Talons of Power (Wings of Fire #9) by Tui Sutherland
Darkness of Dragons (Wings of Fire #10) by Tui Sutherland
Karen's School Picture (Babysitter's Little Sister Graphic #5) by Ann Martin
Gone to the Woods by Gary Paulsen
The Blue Lady of Coffin Hall by Carolyn Keene
Seeking Freedom by Selene Castrovilla
Northwind by Gary Paulsen
The Daily Bark: The Puppy Problem by Laura James

Younger Kids

If You Were My Valentine by Lynn Plourde

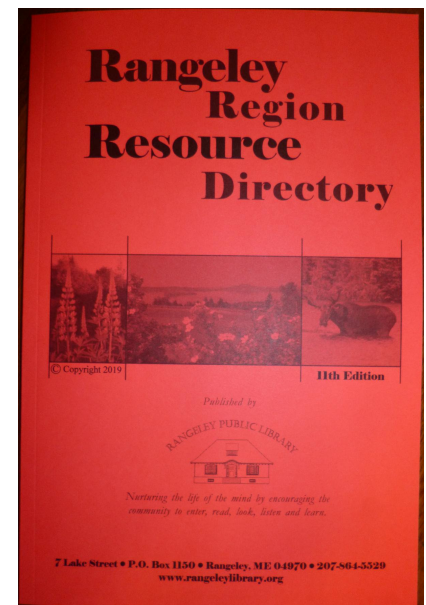
Large Print
The Maid by Nita Prose

DVDs
Paw Patrol: The Movie
The Match
Old Henry
Shang Chi & the Legend of the Ten Rings
Spirit Untamed
Every Breath You Take

FUNDRAISING

Are You In the Book? You Should Be!

The next edition of the Rangeley Region Resource Directory will be coming out in Spring 2022. This is the "go-to" guide for anyone in the Rangeley region who is looking for a restaurant, a plumber, or any other service. If you want to get more bang for your advertising buck, this is the place to advertise, especially since your ad will be out there for the next three years. And while you are promoting your business, you will also be supporting the Rangeley Public Library. Thank you!



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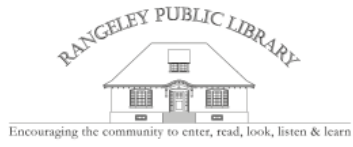
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