Dear Patron,

I don't know how recently you have visited the library's website, RangeleyLibrary.org, but one of the things I update regularly on the website is a list of the current most popular books in our library (located near the bottom of the home page). I do this by looking at what books have gone out the most times in the past two months. There are a couple of drawbacks to this approach. First is the fact that I have no way of measuring how much people enjoyed these books. I just know that many people borrowed them. Additionally, a lot of adult fiction books which
are quick reads make the list because they can be read, returned, and checked out by another patron in a very short time-frame. However, it is very unlikely that a good book that takes longer to read will make the list because fewer people get to borrow it in the same amount of time.

Thinking about this made me curious. I wondered what books would appear on the list if I used a much longer time frame. So, instead of using two months, I put in the parameters of the top fifty books in the last twenty years. It was very interesting to see what books had staying power here. Not surprisingly, there were four Harry Potter titles on the list, with *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* taking the number one spot. Less predictably, there were four local history books (which would never have made the regular list), the top at the number two spot being *A Chronological History of the Rangeley Lakes Region* by Edward Ellis. Children's books also scored well with fifteen titles on the list. Laura Numeroff was the most popular children's author with four books including *If You Give a Moose a Muffin* at the number three spot. The fourth most popular book was *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. Of course, some of the adult fiction series that can be read in a day also appeared on this list. Lee Child took the top honors in the adult fiction category with three books in the top fifty.

I hope you enjoyed this insight into Rangeley's reading habits. If you would like to see the list sometime to find out how many of our most popular books you have read, just ask. I, personally, am pretty caught up on the popular children's books, but I have actually read only a few of Rangeley's favorite adult books. I guess I'd better get reading!

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**ONGOING PROGRAMS**

**Book Groups** - 3rd Weds. at 10:00 AM and last Weds. at 4:00 PM
OWL Club meets every Thursday at 2:45 when school is in session. Preschool Story Hour meets at 10:00 AM on Fridays.

Book Groups

New members always welcome! Stop by the library for a copy of the current book(s).

Rangeley Readers will discuss Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys on November 20th at 10:00 AM

Adventure Book Group will not be meeting in November and December due to conflict with holiday schedules. Book discussions will resume on Wednesday, January 29th.

NOVEMBER LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday-Friday: 10AM-4:30PM ~ Saturday: 10Am-2PM
Closed Thursday, November 28th for Thanksgiving

MEDIA COMING IN NOVEMBER

Adult Fiction

Olive Again by Elizabeth Strout
Blue Moon (Jack Reacher #24) by Lee Child
The Night Fire (Harry Bosch #22) by Michael Connelly
The Deserter by Nelson DeMille
The Family Upstairs by Lisa Jewell
To the Land of Long Lost Friends (No. 1 Ladies Det. Ag. #20) by Alexander McCall Smith
A Book of Bones (Charlie Parker #17) by John Connolly
The Old Success (Richard Jury #25) by Martha Grimes
A Dog's Promise by W. Bruce Cameron
An Irish Country Family (Irish Country #14) by Patrick Taylor
The Guardians by John Grisham
The Starless Sea by Erin Morgenstern
Final Option (Oregon Files #14) by Clive Cussler
Noel Street (Noel Collection) by Richard Paul Evans
Nothing More Dangerous by Allen Eskens
The Accomplice by Joseph Kanon
Twisted Twenty-Six (Stephanie Plum #26) by Janet Evanovich
Of Blood & Bone (Chronicle of One #2) by Nora Roberts
The Ten Thousand Doors of January by Alix E. Harrow
The Dearly Beloved by Cara Wall
The Off-Islander by Peter Colt
Sarah Jane by James Sallis
All This Could Be Yours by Jami Attenberg
The Poppy Wife by Caroline Scott
The Revisioners by Margaret Wilkerson
The Dog I Loved by Susan Wilson
Secrets of the Chocolate House (Found Things #2) by Paula Brackston
When Silence Sings by Sarah Loudin Thomas

Adult Large Print
The Flight Girls by Noelle Salazar
A Distance Too Grand (American Wonders #1) by Regina Scott
When You Are Near (Brookstone Brides #1) by Tracie Peterson
Castle on the Rise (Lost Castle #2) by Kristy Cambron
The Painted Castle (Lost Castle #3) by Kristy Cambron

Adult Nonfiction
Evergreens: A Collection of Maine Outdoor Stories by John Holyoke
Molly: True Story of Amazing Dog Who Rescues Cats by Colin Butcher
Winterlust: Finding Beauty in the Fiercest Season by Bernd Brunner
Notre Dame: A Short History of the Meaning of Cathedrals by Ken Follett
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grateful for all of the help. The old saying still hold true: "Many hands make light work."

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast 2019

LIBRARY FUNDRAISING

Don't forget to get your copy of the 2019 edition of the Rangeley Region Resource Directory, the best source for local contacts both year-round and seasonal. ONLY $5.00! For sale at the library, at the Rangeley IGA, and at Oquossoc Grocery.
If your directory is not this color, then it is out-of-date! Get the most up-to-date information today!

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