Dear Scott,

It has been wonderful to see many of you at the library, but also sad to have so many of our regular summer friends missing this year. We will be twice as happy to see everyone next year!

There have been many adjustments for everyone this year. One of the adjustments here at the library is the speed (or lack thereof) with which we receive our book orders. You may have noticed that books we say are coming soon, often take a very long time. This is not just your imagination. Our regular book distributor is also struggling with keeping up in the age of COVID-19. Some books are coming later from publishers than originally planned, plus the distributor has had to put new procedures in place (like social distancing of employees) which has slowed down their process. We are all learning patience this year, and we really appreciate the patience of our patrons (who are, of course, the best patrons anywhere!).

If you have not yet tried out the wonderful world of Zoom, but are wondering about it, you might want to try out one of our online book discussion groups. This is a low pressure way to try out online meetings. If you have an internet connection at your home along with a device for accessing the internet, we would be happy to talk you through connecting to a Zoom meeting. If anyone is interested but nervous about not knowing what you are doing, feel free to give me a call. I could set up a trial meeting just between you and me so that you could try out getting onto Zoom, turning on your audio and video, etc. while there is nobody else there to make you feel nervous. Then you will be a pro when you join a group meeting. Just let me know!

Sincerely,

Janet Wilson, Director
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OUR NEW HOURS
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10:00-4:00
Wednesday 10:00-7:00 Sat. 10:00-1:30

KENNEBAGO KIDS WRITING CLUB
DONATES TO RANGELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Actors in the play “Can You Hear My Voice, Fernando?” were (from l-r) Ana L., Saskia B., Archer S., Victoria B., Maine S., and Cameron O.

Good things sometimes come out of difficult circumstances, and the current pandemic is no exception. Knowing that many kids are hungry for literary experiences after months away from their usual educational settings, Jan Obery, literacy specialist and member of the Kennebago Lake Camp Owners Association, decided to start the Kennebago Kids Writing Club this summer at the Kennebago Lake Camps. The kids, ranging in age from 7 to 13, have been writing on a variety of topics, and seem very enthusiastic about this adventure. Six of the kids recently put on a play written by Maine S. (second from right) entitled Can You Hear My Voice, Fernando? The kids described it as a comedy based loosely on the movie Mama Mia. The production was entirely student-led with one of the kids directing and six of the kids acting out the parts. Maine said it was fun to do. The members of the audience donated generously to the Kennebago Kids Writing Club in appreciation of a job well done. The club members decided to take part of the proceeds from their play to get a treat at the Pine Tree Frosty and then donated the remainder of the money to the Rangeley Public Library. The Library wishes to thank the young actors, directors, and playwrights for their gift.

PROGRAMS

BOOK GROUPS

Rangeley Readers
3rd Wednesday @10:00 AM

Adventure Book Group
Last Wednesday @4:00 PM

Book groups will meet via Zoom for at least a few months. Please give us a call at 864-5529 or send us an email at director@rangeleylibrary.org to be added to our email list so that we can send you an invitation to join our Zoom discussions.
August Book Discussions

Wednesday, August 19th, 10:00 AM
Rangeley Readers will discuss *The Testaments* by Margaret Atwood.

Wednesday, August 26th, 4:00 PM
Adventure Book Group will discuss *The Sun Is a Compass: My 4000 Mile Journey into the Alaskan Wilds* by Caroline Van Hemert.

A WALK IN THE PARK

Next time you visit the Rangeley Town Park, take a few minutes to check out the new Storywalk. Walk along and enjoy a children's picture book together. Then at the end of the story, pick up a fun activity to do once you go home. Stories will be changed throughout the summer, so make sure to come back often.

At this time, we will not be holding any special programs at the library. We will reevaluate our programming schedule as statewide restrictions change.

NEW MEDIA IN AUGUST

**Adult Fiction**

*A Private Cathedral* (Dave Robicheaux #23) by James Lee Burke
*The Pull of the Stars* by Emma Donoghue
*Near Dark* (Scot Harvath) by Brad Thor
*Dragonfire* (Alex Hawke #11) by Ted Bell
*Robert Ludlum's Bourne Evolution* (Jason Bourne #15) by Brian Freeman
*The Geometry of Holding Hands* (Isabel Dalhousie #13) by Alexander McCall Smith
*Choppy Water* (Stone Barrington #54) by Stuart Woods
*Then She Vanished* (Roland Ford #4) by T. Jefferson Parker
*The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett
*Acceptable Risk* (Danger Never Sleeps #2) by Lynette Eason
*Bear Necessity* by James Gould-Bourn
*Universe of Two* by Stephen Kiernan
*Behind the Red Door* by Megan Collins
*Paris Never Leaves You* by Ellen Feldman
*The Bright Side Sanctuary for Animals* by Becky Mandelbaum
*South of the Buttonwood Tree* by Heather Webber
*What's Left of Me Is Yours* by Stephanie Scott
*Luster* by Raven Leilani
*The Death of Vivek Oji* by Akwaeke Emezi
*The New Wilderness* by Diane Cook
*The Love Scam* by Mary Janice Davidson
*Migrations* by Charlotte McConaghy
*The Night Swim* by Megan Goldin
*Her Final Words* by Brianna Labuskes
*Every Bone a Prayer* by Ashley Blooms
All the Right Mistakes by Laura Jamison
Talking Animals by Joni Murphy
The Falling Woman by Richard Farrell
The Midwife Murders by Patterson/Dilallo
The Lions of Fifth Avenue by Fiona Davis
The Space Between Worlds by Micaiah Johnson
A Star Is Bored by Byron Lane
The Nemesis Manifesto (Evan Ryder #1) by Eric Van Lustbader
Flyaway by Kathleen Jennings

Adult Nonfiction
One Plank Woodworking Projects by Andy Standing
The Answer Is...Reflections on My Life by Alex Trebek
COVID-19: The Pandemic That Never Should Have Happened by Deborah MacKenzie
The World's Most Amazing Castles by Erika Hueneke
Stop the World: Snapshots from a Pandemic by Lise McClanedon, et al
Blitz: Trump Will Smash the Left & Win by David Horowitz
Too Much & Never Enough by Mary Trump
Operation Vengeance: Astonishing Aerial Ambush Changed WWII by Dan Hampton
Growing Up Shared: Parents Can Share Smarter on Social Media by Stacey Steinberg
This Day in Maine by Joseph Owen

Young Adult
Midnight Sun by Stephanie Myer
Sia Martinez & the Moonlit Beginning of Everything by Raquel Gilliland Vasquez

Older Kids
Super Puzzletastic Mysteries by Chris Grabenstein, et al
Late Lunch with Llamas by Mary Pope Osborne
Curtain Call (Babymouse Tales from the Locker #4) by Jennifer Holm
Danny Constantino’s First (& Maybe Last?) Date by Paul Acampora
On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness (Wingfeather #1) by Andrew Peterson
North! Or Be Eaten (Wingfeather #2) by Andrew Peterson

Younger Kids
Cookie & Broccoli: Ready for School by Bob McMahon
Richard Scarry’s Busytown Seek & Find by Richard Scarry
Animals Mate by Emily Ferranto
Bedtime Favorites by Disney
Odin, Dog Hero of the Fires by Emma Bland Smith
We Will Rock Our Classmates by Ryan Higgins

Audio Books
The Silent Wife (Will Trent #10)

DVDs
The Lost Husband
Resistance
Tom Clancy’s Jack Ryan S2
The Magicians: Complete Series
Hidden Orchard Mysteries: Air B&B Robbery

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