

# RANGELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

## December 2020 Newsletter



Dear Scott,

This has been a challenging year in so many ways. Many people have been stretched beyond what is comfortable and have found themselves doing things that they never would have imagined at this time last year. Parents and their children are being asked to take more responsibility for education at home, sometimes with seriously limited time and resources. While the Library can't help with the time constraints, we would like to help with the resources.

We applied this fall for a Maine Public Library Fund (MPLF) grant to increase our new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Math) kit offerings. We were very pleased to be notified in late October that we had been selected as a grant recipient. Made possible by the generous donations of Maine income tax payers who choose to give via the Maine Public Library tax check-off at the end of their tax forms, the MPLF grant is given to Maine libraries to offer innovative programs to benefit their communities.

The kits that our library has available for checkout are:

All About Magnets ~ Building & Design\* ~ Decimals & Rounding ~ Electronics, Coding & Bots\* ~ Emotions & Empathy ~ Engineering Gears & Mazes ~ Estimation & Patterns\* ~ Everyday Science\* ~ Examine Science & Nature\* ~ Food & Nutrition ~ Green Energy\* ~ Machines & Contraptions\* ~ Math Patterns & Tactile ~ Money, Math, & Economics ~ My Amazing Body\* ~ Ready, Set, Kindergarten ~ Robotics & Coding ~ Understanding Our Universe ~ Yoga for Mindfulness

(\* indicates grade 4+, all others are aimed at Preschool-grade 3)

In addition to the STEAM kits for kids, we also have some offerings for adults who may be finding themselves with more time on their hands now. We have had several of "The Great Courses" donated to our collection. These courses include such topics as "The Skeptic's Guide to American History", "The Secrets of Mental Math", and "Masters of War: History's Greatest Strategic Thinkers". Each course includes a DVD with multiple 30-minute lectures and an accompanying textbook. Check back with us often to see what new topics have been added to the collection. This is a great time to learn new things and to commit to being lifelong learners!

Sincerely,

Janet Wilson, Director  
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## LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10:00-4:30  
Sat. 10:00-2:00

Open until 7:00 on the last Wednesday of each month starting in December.

NEW RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES:  
STEAM Kits (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math)

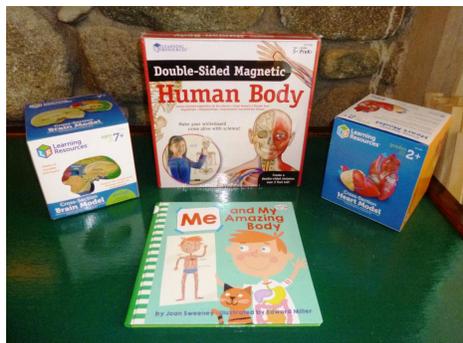
**Our new "STEAM" kits are both fun and educational. They may be borrowed by a parent or teacher for up to two weeks.**



**Money, Math, & Economics for preschool - grade 3**



**Math Patterns & Tactile Kit for preschool - grade 3**



**The Human Body for grades 4+**

PROGRAMS

BOOK GROUPS

Rangeley Readers  
3rd Wednesday @4:00 PM\*

Adventure Book Group

Last Wednesday @4:00 PM

\*Note New Time



Book groups are still meeting via Zoom. Please give us a call at 864-5529 or send us an email at [director@rangeleylibrary.org](mailto:director@rangeleylibrary.org) to be added to our email list so that we can send you an invitation to join our Zoom discussions.

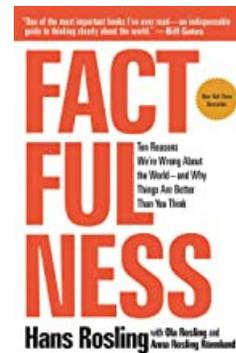
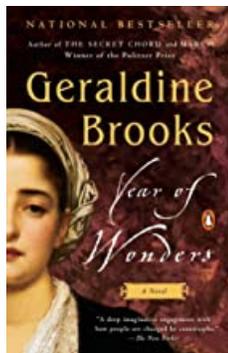
## December Book Discussions

Wednesday, December 16th, 4:00 PM

Rangeley Readers will discuss *Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks.

Wednesday, December 30th, 4:00 PM

Adventure Book Group will discuss *Factfulness* by Hans Rosling.



## NEW MEDIA IN DECEMBER

### Adult Fiction

- Daylight* (Atlee Pine #3) by David Baldacci
- Shadow of the Dragon* (Jack Ryan #20) by Marc Cameron
- The Awakening* (Dragon Heart Legacy #1) by Nora Roberts
- War Lord* (Saxon Tales #13) by Bernard Cornwell
- Dark Tides* (Fairmile #2) by Philippa Gregory
- Deadly Cross* (Alex Cross #28) by James Patterson
- How to Raise an Elephant* (Ladies Det. #21) by Alexander McCall Smith
- NYPD Red 6* by James Patterson
- All That Glitters* by Danielle Steel
- V2: A Novel of WWII* by Robert Harris
- The Berlin Girl* by Mandy Robotham
- Layla* by Colleen Hoover
- The Cousins* by Karen M McManus
- A Castaway in Cornwell* by Julie Klassen
- Open House* by Katie Sise
- The Last Platoon: A Novel of the Afghanistan War* by Bing West
- The Daydream Cabin* by Carolyn Brown
- Fox Crossing* by Melinda Metz
- West Texas Nights* by Sheryl Woods
- Under a Gilded Moon* by Joy Jordan-Lake
- My Name is Anton* by Catherine Ryan Hyde
- The Garden of Promises and Lies* (Found Things #3) by Paula Brackston
- Seven Kinds of People You Find in Bookshops* by Shaun Bythell
- Every Last Secret* by A. R. Torre

*Perestroika in Paris* by Jane Smiley  
*The Arctic Fury* by Greer Macallister  
*Tomorrow Will Be Better* by Betty Smith  
*Sessions* by Brian Townsend  
*The Chicken Sisters* by KJ Dell'Antonia  
*Germania: A Novel of Nazi Berlin* by Harald Gilbers

#### **Adult Nonfiction**

*Slanted: Media Taught Us to Love Censorship* by Sharyl Atkisson  
*Inferno: The True Story of a B-17 Gunner's Heroism* by Joe Pappalardo  
*The Moth & the Mountain* by Ed Caesar  
*A Promised Land* by Barack Obama  
*Pappyland: Family, Fine Bourbon, & Things That Last* by Wright Thompson  
*Love, Kurt: The Vonnegut Love Letters* by Edith Vonnegut

#### **Young Adult**

*This Is Not a Ghost Story* by Andrea Portes

#### **Older Kids**

*Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Adventure* by Jeff Kinney

#### **Younger Kids**

*The Bear & the Duck* by May Angeli  
*Louis* by Tom Lichtenheld  
*Seven Golden Rings: A Tale of Music & Math* by Rajani Larocca

#### **Audio Books**

*The Last Resort* by Susi Holliday

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