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
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 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 Cornwall 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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