Dear Scott,

Never have so many people been so glad to see a year end, at least, not in quite a while! We are so happy to turn the page to 2021. Things are bound to be better this year!

While we wait for improvements, let's take a moment to reflect on all that we have to be grateful for from the past year. First, if you are reading this letter, you are still here. That, in itself, is a victory.

Here at the library, we have been able to be open to the public for most of 2020, and have been happy to see so many of you. While we were unable to host our usual fundraisers and we reduced our requests to local communities by 25%, the library's budget is still on track. We received some funding from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and had endowment funds available to cover shortfalls. Additionally, our generous supporters are giving faithfully, above and beyond their usual levels of generosity. 2020 may not go on record as a banner year for fundraising, but it will certainly go down as a year where people stepped up to fill in the gaps. For that we are extremely grateful!

While times have been trying, we have seen the resilience of the Rangeley community. We have not let the pandemic or fractious politics separate us from one another, and when this pandemic is over, we will have gatherings big and small to celebrate the people we love, and the town that truly embodies the definition of community. 2021, you couldn't have come at a more perfect time!

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

FUNDRAISING
Patty Cerminara's Authentic Italian Sauce For Sale at RPL

For many years, Patty and Frank Cerminara, along with their extended family, have put on an amazing spaghetti supper each February to benefit the Rangeley Public Library.

The community comes together each year to enjoy good food and one another's company. This year, with the ongoing pandemic, the Library has made the difficult decision not to have a public supper. But you can still enjoy a wonderful spaghetti supper in your own home while also contributing to the Rangeley Public Library.

During the second week of February, Patty will be making her delicious sauce using an extra special ingredient this year: ground bison meat generously donated by Forks in the Air.

The sauce will be sold in one-quart mason jars, ready to use immediately, or sold frozen for future use. Please call the Library (864-5529) during the month of January to reserve your sauce to be picked up beginning the weekend of February 13th.

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.

The following kits are available for check-out:

1 Understanding Our Universe (Grade PK-3)
2 Electronics, Coding & Bots (Grade 4+)
  3 Robotics & Coding (Grade PK-3)
4 Decimals & Rounding (Grade PK-3)
5 All About Magnets (Grade PK-3)
6 Examine Science & Nature (Grade 4+)
  7 Building & Design (Grade 4+)
8 Machines & Contraptions (Grade 4+)
9 Ready, Set, Kindergarten (Grade PK-3)
  10 Green Energy (Grade 4+)
11 Estimation & Patterns (Grade 4+)
12 Everyday Science (Grade 4+)
13 Emotions & Empathy (Grade PK-3)
14 Math Patterns & Tactile (Grade PK-3)
15 Money, Math, & Economics (Grade PK-3)
  16 My Amazing Body (Grade 4+)
17 Yoga for Mindfulness (Grade PK-3)
18 Engineering Gears & Mazes (Grade PK-3)
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.

January Book Discussions

Wednesday, January 6th, 4:00 PM
Adventure Book Group will discuss Factfulness by Hans Rosling.

Wednesday, January 20th, 4:00 PM
Rangeley Readers will discuss Dear Edward by Ann Napolitano.

Wednesday, January 27th, 4:00 PM
Adventure Book Group will discuss The Splendid and the Vile by Erik Larson.

NEW MEDIA IN JANUARY

Adult Fiction
All the Colors of Night by Jayne Ann Krentz
American Traitor by Brad Taylor
Bone Canyon by Lee Goldberg
Breaker by Nick Petrie
Gates of Athens by Conn Iggulden
Scorpion’s Tail by Lincoln Child
Spin by Patricia Cornwell
Adult Fiction

Twenty by James Grippando
The Wicked Die Twice by William Johnstone
The Mystery of Mrs. Christie by Marie Benedict
Watch Her (Hester Thursby #3) by Edwin Hill
Robert B. Parker's Someone to Watch Over Me by Ace Atkins
The Prophets by Robert Jones Jr.
Neighbors by Danielle Steel
Sweet Water by Cara Reinard
The Charmed Wife by Olga Grushin
Night Bird Calling by Cathy Gohlke
Active Defense (Danger Never Sleeps #3) by Lynette Eason
The Wife Upstairs by Rachel Hawkins
Concrete Rose by Angie Thomas
Hush-Hush (Stone Barrington #56) by Stuart Woods
The Children's Blizzard by Melanie Benjamin
Yellow Wife by Sadeqa Johnson
Our Darkest Night by Jennifer Robson

Adult Nonfiction

Made in China by Amelia Chang
New Heirloom Garden by Ellen Ecker Ogden
Bored Games by Adams Media
Lonely Century by Noreena Hertz

Boomers: The Men & Women Who Promised Freedom & Delivered Disaster by Helen Andrews
The Crooked Path to Abolition by James Oakes
Modern Warriors by Pete Hegseth
This One Wild & Precious Life by Sarah Wilson
Beginners: The Joy & Transformative Power of Lifelong Learning by Tom Vanderbilt

Adult Large Print

Before She Disappeared by Lisa Gardner

Young Adult

Just Our Luck by Julia Walton

Older Kids

125 Animals That Changed the World by Brenna Maloney
Cat Kid Comic Club by Dav Pilkey
Millionaires for the Month by Stacy McAnulty

Younger Kids

Berenstain Bears Visit Big Bear City by Stan and Jan Berenstain
The Grinny Granny Donkey by Craig Smith
The Mermaid Park Mystery by Random House
Uni Bakes a Cake by Candice Ransom
Welcome to Camp by Steve Behling
What If You Had an Animal Tongue by Sandra Markle

DVDs

Honest Thief
Let Him Go
Love & Monsters
Born a Champion
Parallel

Curious George: Fun with Animals/Great Outdoors

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