

RANGELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

May 2024 Newsletter



Dear Library Patron,

In light of the fact that I recently came home from vacation to find 500 emails in my inbox (which took me a full week to get through!), I am painfully aware of the information overload in our inboxes. This is why I send out only one monthly newsletter unless something important comes up unexpectedly (like library closures because of a blizzard).

April was extra busy this year because of the eclipse on April 8th. It really was quite an experience! We had a picture-perfect day. It was sunny with blue skies and temperatures in the mid-fifties (until the moon got in the way). Anyone who has spent many April days in Rangeley knows this is highly unusual (the sun, the temperatures, and the moon!). Just four days earlier, we had had a snowstorm which closed the school, the library, and many other businesses. News reports had been preparing us for clouds since April 8th in Maine is cloudy approximately 80% of the time. Main Street was full of both people and cars when I took my morning walk at 8:30 AM (this doesn't even happen on July 3rd), and the Depot Street parking lot was already filling up. Crowds of people staked out their spots in the town park in the morning and stayed there all day, talking with friends, picnicking and sunbathing (though none went swimming since ice out wouldn't happen for another two weeks). By mid-afternoon, people started putting on their eclipse glasses and glancing occasionally at the sun as a larger and larger chunk began to be obscured by the moon. As we approached totality, things got eerily quiet, the temperature dropped substantially, it was not totally dark, but looked more like we were under a bad florescent light. Finally, the last rays of the sun were blocked by the moon, the crowd at the park began to cheer, and then sat mesmerized for the next couple of minutes, able to look directly at the corona of the sun for the first time ever for most of us. As the moon continued its path, the sun's rays peeked out, and everyone donned their eclipse glasses once again. Soon, people rushed for their cars, and Rangeley experienced its first ever April traffic jam. Main Street was a parking lot, with little movement in either direction. People reported it taking them an hour to get from Oquossoc to downtown Rangeley after the eclipse.

Within a few days, it was all a distant memory. The remaining visitors left, businesses closed for vacation, and Rangeley took on its typical Rangeley appearance, that of a wild west ghost town (minus the tumbleweed).

Now, on to May and preparations for summer tourist season!

Hope to see you soon!

Janet Wilson, Director
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LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10:00-4:30
Wednesday 10:00-7:00
Saturday 10:00-2:00

PROGRAMS

ADULT BOOK GROUPS

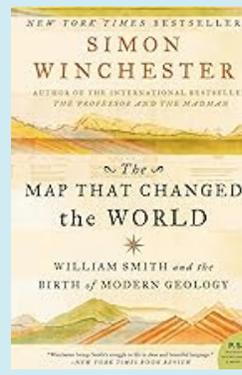
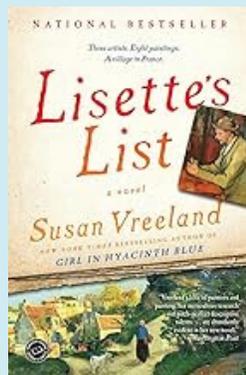
Rangeley Readers
3rd Wednesday @3:00 PM

Adventure Book Group
Last Wednesday @4:00 PM

May Book Discussions

Wednesday, May 19th, 3:00 PM Rangeley Readers will discuss *Lisette's List* by Susan Vreeland.

Wednesday, May 26th, 4:00 PM Adventure Book Group will discuss *The Map that Changed the World* by Simon Winchester.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Preschool Story Hour

Fridays 10:00

LIBRARY RESOURCES



Polaris News

Many of our patrons are taking advantage of the new opportunities to request books directly from other libraries. Our interlibrary loan volume has picked up tremendously! However, many people are not yet aware that Rangeley Public Library is now part of the MaineCat System also. This means that if you are looking for a book or other library item, and it is not available within our library system, you can now go to the MaineCat System which includes many of the larger libraries in the state and request items directly from them. You can get to MaineCat by starting with [our website](#), hovering over the resources tab and then clicking on catalog. This takes you to our shared catalog, [MILS](#) (Maine InfoNet Library System). If you are unable to find the resource you are searching for in MILS, scroll down to the bottom of the page where you will see "Search [MaineCat](#)". You will log into MaineCat using your 14-digit Rangeley Public Library account number and entering your pin. For most people, your pin is the last four digits of the first phone number listed in your library account. You can change this number whenever you want. Ask a library staff member if you need assistance.

NEW MEDIA IN MAY

Adult Fiction

A Game of Lies by Clare Mackintosh
Lost Birds (Leaphorn, Chee & Manuelito #9) by Anne Hillerman
Funny Story by Emily Henry
Darling Girls by Sally Hepworth
Home Is Where the Bodies Are by Jeneva Rose
The Bootlegger's Daughter by Nadine Nettmann
The Summer We Started Over by Nancy Thayer
Extinction by Douglas Preston
Torn Asunder (Maine Clambake #12) by Barbara Ross
One Long Weekend by Shari Low
The Last Boat Home by Rachel Sweasey
The 24th Hour (Women's Murder Club #24) by James Patterson
The Instruments of Darkness (Charlie Parker #21) by John Connolly
All the Glimmering Stars by Mark Sullivan
I Will Ruin You by Linwood Barclay
Black Shield Maiden by Willow Smith
Clive Cussler The Heist (Isaac Bell #14) by Jack Du Brul
This Summer Will Be Different by Carley Fortune
Summers at the Saint by Mary Kay Andrews
Mistakes We Never Made by Hannah Brown
Five Broken Blades by Mai Corland
Think Twice (Myron Bolitar #12) by Harlen Coben
Wives Like Us by Plum Sykes

The Shadow of War by Jeff Shaara
Very Bad Company by Emma Rosenblum
Trespass by Kim Watson
The Paradise Problem by Christina Lauren
Tom Clancy Act of Defiance (Jack Ryan #24) by Brian Andrews
Mind Games by Nora Roberts
Long Time Gone by Charlie Donlea
One Perfect Couple by Ruth Ware
You Like It Darker by Stephen King

Adult Nonfiction

For Love of Country by Tulsi Gabbard
My Vietnam, Your Vietnam by Christina Vo
The Demon of Unrest (Civil War) by Erik Larson
Unfinished Love Story: Personal History of 1960s by Doris Kearns Goodwin
The Rulebreaker: The Life & Times of Barbara Walters by Susan Page
You Never Know: A Memoir by Tom Selleck
The End of Everything: How Wars Descend Into Annihilation by Victor Davis Hanson
Fifty-Three Days on Starvation Island by John R. Bruning

Young Adult

Warrior Girl Unearthed by Angeline Boulley
Lore Olympus: Vol. 6 by Rachel Smythe
Sweet Nightmare by Tracy Wolff

Older Kids

The Unlikely Hero by Rick McIntyre
Tree. Table. Book. by Lois Lowry
The One & Only Family (One & Only #4) by Katherine Applegate
Windy Night with Wild Horses (Magic Treehouse #39) by Mary Pope Osborne
Karen's Sleepover (Babysitter's Little Sister Graphic #8) by Ann M. Martin
Skandar & the Chaos Trials (Skandar #3) by A. F. Steadman
Code Name Kingfisher by Liz Kessler
Flying Through Water by Mamle Wolo

Younger Kids

Attack of the Krill (Team Unihorn & Woolly #1) by Alexis Frederick-Frost
Moo Hoo by Audrey Perrott
Up Toward the Light by Granger Smith
K9 Mattis on the Job by Mark Tappan
The Goat & the Stoat & the Boat by Em Lynas
Beach Bummer (A Little Bruce Book) by Ryan Higgins
Two Wheels by David Gibb
One Turtle's Last Straw by Elisa Boxer

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