

RANGELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

March 2025 Newsletter



The above photo is of the Rangeley Public Library in 1987. It is from the [John K. Jones Collection of Maine Library Images](#) which was recently digitized by the Maine State Library.

Dear Library Patron,

I was recently reading an email sent out by Random House Children's Books entitled "Which Book Made You a Reader?" My mind immediately went to *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson. It is the first chapter book I remember reading entirely by myself. I was in the third grade, and our teacher would allow us to read for pleasure if we finished our other work before time was up. I would get so engrossed in what I was reading that the teacher probably had to call to me several times before I realized she was talking to me.

But, as enjoyable as *Treasure Island* was, it is not what made me a reader. What made me a reader was the hours I spent snuggling with my mother while she read to my brother and me, from the time we were babies. My favorite stories were the nursery rhymes and fairy tales found in our set of Childcraft books. Which stories we read, however, didn't matter nearly as much as that special time with my Mom.

If you are reading this email, you are probably a book lover as I am. And you may get discouraged by the lack of interest in books displayed by your children and grandchildren. Technology is so all-consuming, even for adults. But don't give up. It doesn't have to be one or the other. While online games may be the flashier option, nothing beats the comfort of snuggling with a parent or grandparent while listening to a favorite story. My three-year-old granddaughter has an impressive collection of Maine authors. By age two, she was a serious fan of Ryan T. Higgins' Mother Bruce books. Her father was my child who spent WAY too much time on computer games. Yet, he also had developed a love of literature, developed because story time was our habit every day before naptime and bedtime (and any other time of the day when the mood struck!). My husband and I rarely, if ever, denied the request of "Read to me."

If you enjoy reading, pass it on.

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LIBRARY HOURS

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

A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE



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PROGRAMS

OWL Club

Meets on Thursdays at 2:45

Our Weekly Library Club is for children in kindergarten through second grade. It meets every Thursday when school is in session right after school for fun adventures, stories, games, crafts, snacks, and more.



Preschool Story Hour

Meets Fridays at 10:00 AM

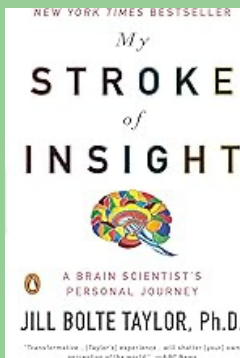
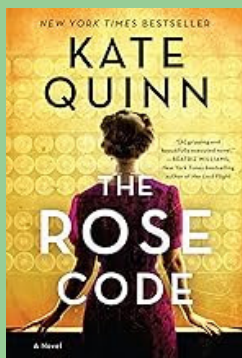
Story hour includes stories, crafts, and other fun activities. It meets every week when school is in session.

March Book Discussions

The Consciousness Book Group will meet Tuesdays March 11th & 25th at 3:00 PM to discuss *My Stroke of Insight* by Jill Bolte Taylor.

Rangeley Readers will discuss *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn on Wednesday, March 19th, at 3:00 PM.

Adventure Book Group will meet on Wednesday March 26th at 4:00 PM to discuss *A Fever in the Heartland* by Timothy Egan.



A small group of children and adults were amazed by the magic of Conjurung Carroll during February vacation week.

LIBRARY RESOURCES

NEW MEDIA IN MARCH

Adult Fiction

Famous Last Words by Sydney Dunlap
Maya & Natasha by Elyse Durham
The Quiet Librarian by Allen Eskens
Close Your Eyes & Count to 10 by Lisa Unger
Dream State by Eric Puchner
The Blanket Cats by Kiyoshi Shigematsu
Death of a Smuggler (Hamish Macbeth # 37) by M. C. Beaton
Battle Mountain (Joe Pickett #25) by C. J. Box
Dream Count by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
The Girl from Greenwich Street by Lauren Willig
The Boxcar Librarian by Brianna Labuskes
Kills Well with Others (Killers of a Certain Age #2) by Deanna Raybourn
The River Has Roots by Amal El-Mohtar
Wild Dark Shore by Charlotte McConaghy
Blood Moon by Sandra Brown

The Persians by Sanam Mahloudji
Broken Country by Clare Leslie Hall
One Good Thing by Georgia Hunter
The Filling Station by Vanessa Miller
The Californians by Brian Castleberry
Galaphile (First Druids of Shannara #1) by Terry Brooks
Jane & Dan at the End of the World by Colleen Oakley
Kate & Frida by Kim Fay
Homegrown Magic by Jamie Pacton
The Beijing Betrayal (Marcus Ryker #6) by Joel Rosenberg
All the Other Mothers Hete Me by Sarah Harman
The Jackal's Mistress by Chris Bohjalian
The Four Queens of Crime by Rosanne Limoncelli
Spring Fling by Annie England Noblin
The Summer Guests (Martini Club #2) by Tess Gerritsen

Adult Nonfiction

After the North Pole by Erling Kagge
The Let Them Theory by Mel Robbins
How to Submit: Getting Your Writing Published with Literary Magazines & Small Presses by Dennis James Sweeney
50 Projects for Building Your Backyard Homestead by David Toht
Twice the Family by Julie Ryan McGue
Homeland: Small Town Baseball & the Fight for the Soul of America by Will Bardenwerper
Ultimate Guide to Planting & Growing Vegetables at Home by Creative Homeowner
The Ride: Paul Revere & the Night That Saved America by Kostya Kennedy

Young Adult

Gradchanted by Morgan Matson
We Were Warned by Chelsea Ichaso
Sunrise on the Reaping (Hunger Games) by Suzanne Collins

Older Kids

Racing the Clouds by Sydney Dunlap
The Undead Fox of Deadwood Forest by Aubrey Hartman
Crumble by Meredith McClaren
Mallory & the Trouble with Twins (Babysitters Graphix #17) by Ann M. Martin
I Survived the Great Molasses Flood (I Survied Graphix #11) by Lauren Tarshis

Younger Kids

Arfy Has a Ball by Troy Cummings
Don't Think of Tigers by Alex Latimer
Mostly What God Does by Savannah Guthrie
Taylor Swift: Superstar by Shana Corey
Will the Pigeon Graduate? by Mo Willems
Baa Haa by Audrey Perrott
Home by Matt de la Pena
This Little Pup Went to Market (Good Dog #14) by Cam Higgins

DVDs

Foyles War Seasons 5-8
All Creatures Great & Small Season 5
Unbroken documentary
Dog Man
Guns of Redemption
Gunner

FUNDRAISING



The 2025 Spaghetti Dinner was a delicious success!

Many thanks to all who took part, especially the extended Cerminara family who all helped out in the kitchen. Special thanks to Patty for the hours she spent cooking and preparing for the supper, all in support of the Rangeley Public Library.



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

**Maine Mineral & Gem Museum
Free to Rangeley Public Library Patrons!**



The Rangeley Public Library has purchased a pass to the Maine Mineral & Gem Museum in Bethel. The pass allows 4 people over the age of 12 free access to the museum for a day. (Children 12 and under are always free.) Sign up at the library for the day of your

choice. The museum is open every day except Tuesdays. Visit the [Maine Mineral & Gem Museum](#) website to learn more about this interesting Maine attraction and start planning your visit today!

**Greater Franklin County Digital Literacy
Technology Help - WINTER Schedule
at the Rangeley Public Library**

Thursday 1/23/25

Thursday 2/27/25

Thursday 3/27/25

Thursday 5/1/2025

Need a specific time? 30-minute appointments are available. Please contact Tyler Provencher for scheduling.

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