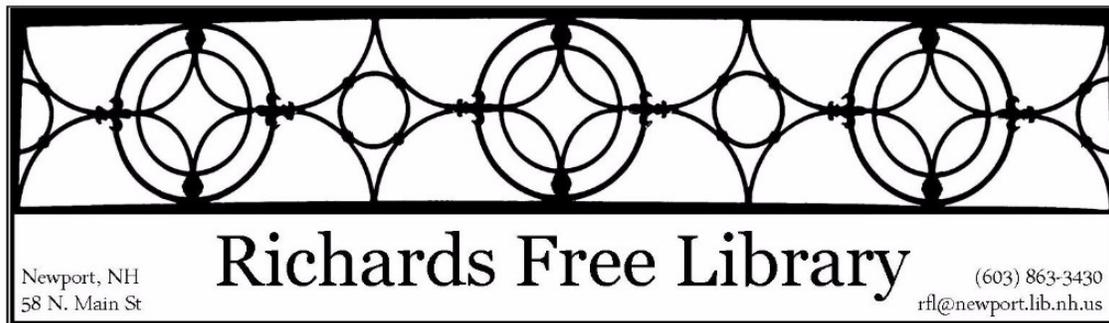


## March 2020 Newsletter

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### **WE ARE NOW FINE FREE!**

The Richards Free Library is now fine free! The Board of Trustees voted unanimously at their February meeting to eliminate fines. There will be no fines for overdue materials. However, if a book is not returned, it will be marked lost and the user will be billed for the price of the lost material and will be barred from taking out any other materials until the lost item is returned or paid for.

Research cited by the American Library Association and the Urban Libraries Council suggests eliminating overdue fees can increase book return rates and circulation rates. Eliminating a barrier to service is the main reason for the change. We want to put more books, dvds, audiobooks and research services in the hands of the community.

Youth Services Librarian Moriah Churchill-Calkins is excited about the change. "Library fines disproportionately affect the most vulnerable members of the public-- children, the elderly, and young parents struggling with poverty. When people have to choose between gas money, diapers, fresh food, or paying a fine so they can check out new books to read to baby, books aren't going to win. That's when punitive fines become a barrier to the very people who need free access to materials and information the most. Let's give books a win, so every child has free access to the

impacts students overwhelmingly more when they don't have easy access to reading materials they choose themselves. Over the years, this can lead to students in vulnerable family circumstances falling months and years behind their classmates in reading ability. Public libraries need to be able to provide the access to great books freely to give these kids a chance. If the children can't check out books due to old fines, they get left behind. Children need FREE access to library materials."



**DON'T FORGET TO MOVE YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR THIS WEEKEND!**



We have been chosen for the Shaws Give Back Where it Counts Reusable Bag Program. Visit Shaws in Newport during March, purchase this bag for \$2.50, and Richards Library receives \$1.00! For further information, visit [shaws.bags4mycause.com](http://shaws.bags4mycause.com).



**New Movies!**



**DOWNLOADABLE BOOKS HOLDS UPDATE**

When a hold becomes available for you on Overdrive or Libby, you now have the option to borrow it or have it delivered later. The "deliver later" option keeps you at the front of the wait list but passes that copy of the title to the next person in line. This feature gives you more control over your holds, so you can borrow and read titles when it's most convenient for you.



**UNICORN PARTY**

During February school break, we hosted a magical Unicorn Party at the library to invite in elementary school students who don't always get a chance to come to the library. So many people wanted to come that we had to have everyone register, and the

- Avengers: Endgame
- Ford v. Ferrari
- Harriet
- Joker
- Midway
- Motherless Brooklyn
- Once Upon a Time in...Hollywood

enchanted snacks, and the kids got to make three crafts, including a unicorn horn barrette and a sparkly unicorn bookmark. We played pin the tail on the unicorn, had a unicorn photo station, and generally had a supremely magical time! Keep your eyes peeled for a second unicorn party full of magical and enchanted wonder this summer during our fairy-tale themed summer reading program!



**New Books!**

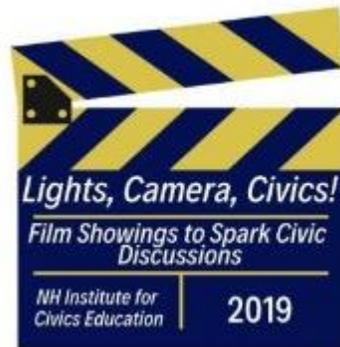
- Crooked River* by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child
- Golden in Death* by J. D. Robb
- Last Day* by Luanne Rice
- The Museum of Desire* by Jonathan Kellerman
- Salt River* by Randy Wayne White
- The Warsaw Protocol* by Steve Berry

**Hours:**

- Mon 1 - 6
- Tues & Thurs 10 -8
- Wed & Fri 10-6
- Sat 10-2

**Next Trustees**

**Meeting**



**LIGHTS, CAMERA, CIVICS!  
NH INSTITUTE FOR CIVICS  
EDUCATION  
SCREENING OF TO KILL A  
MOCKINGBIRD**

Don't forget - the screening of *To Kill a Mockingbird* takes place on Tuesday, March 10 at 6:00 PM. This project was made possible with support from New Hampshire Humanities, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities. Learn more at [www.nhhumanities.org](http://www.nhhumanities.org).



**2020 CENSUS**

The United States 2020 Census will begin this month. We will have a dedicated computer for use in completing your census and will have staff on hand that can assist you.

## Would you like to get the library newsletter?

Sign up on the library's website at: [www.newport.lib.nh.us](http://www.newport.lib.nh.us)

### Quick Links

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### LOOKING FOR TAX FORMS?

We have form 1040 and supporting schedules 1, 2 and 3 available at the library as well as the instruction booklet. You can also make copies of additional forms from the internet (for \$.10 per page) and a reproducible tax form binder available for your use.

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