

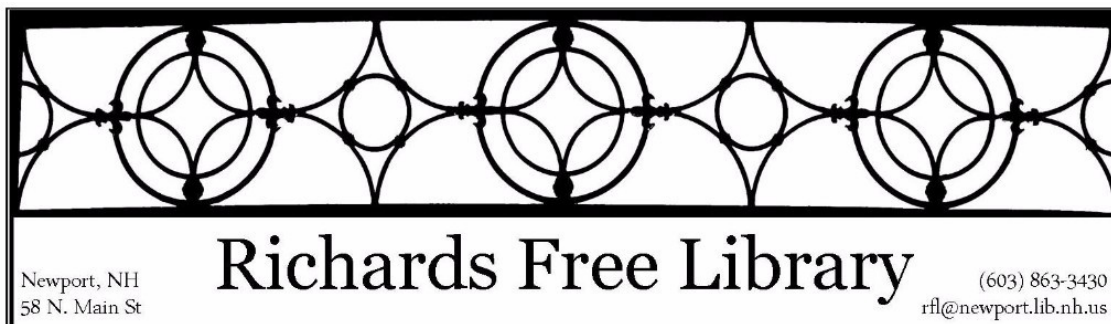
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April 1, 2020 Newsletter

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The Richards Free Library is closed indefinitely. All events and activities during this time are cancelled. Please keep your library books until we open.

If you need help with your card number or you need to renew your card, please email rfl@newport.lib.nh.us.

NEW HAMPSHIRE LEGAL ASSISTANCE

You can find some invaluable information on the [New Hampshire Legal Assistance web page](#) regarding the COVID-19 crisis.



WHAT'S THE HOOPLA?

[hoopla](#) is a ground-breaking digital media service that allows you to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics and TV shows to



MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the library building is closed for the foreseeable future. During the first week of the closure, we offered curbside service, but with the uncertainty of how the virus is spread and in an effort to flatten the curve, the library trustees decided to cease all contact with the public at their meeting on March 23rd.

But while the building is closed, our services have not. They have switched to online delivery. Staff members are hard at work to learn more programs, platforms and online services and attending meetings and training via the internet.

- They are adding content to the website (Health Resources) to keep you up to date with the pandemic from reputable sources like the NH Department of Health and Human Resources, the Center for Disease Control and the World Health Organization.
- Under our Remote Services Link, you will find many free resources made available by publishers during this pandemic.
- Miss Mo is doing her story times online. Coming soon are craft and activity ideas to engage your children.
- We have added another source (hoopla) of movies,

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tablet, or phone – and even your TV! All you need is a valid email address and your library card number.

RFL Staff picks from hoopla:

The Hobbit (Dramatized) 2009 by Tolkein from Mo
The Alice Network by Kate Quinn from Janice
To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee from Deb
142 Ostriches by April Davila from Karen M.

Some fun links for you and your family to check out

[Lunch Doodles](#) with Mo Willems (children's author)
 4,000 [free films](#) from the National Film Board of Canada
 Listen to well-known actors read children's books at [StoryLine Online](#).
[Tumble Book Library](#), a K-6 children's ebook database.

NEW YORK TIMES

Don't forget about your free access to the New York Times through our

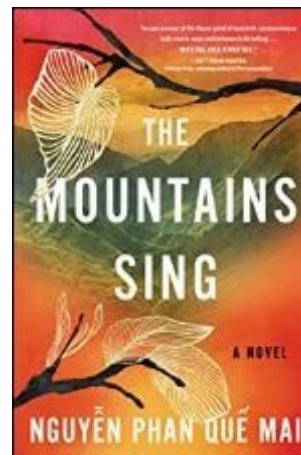
NH Downloadable Books. We offer the latest news from the New York Times.

- We will hold our first online book group on April 15th..
- We are still answering your questions via email rfl@newport.lib.nh.us. It may take longer to get an answer but you can also leave a message on the library answering machine and someone will get back to you.

So watch us on Facebook and Instagram and explore the wealth of information and links to resources to get us through these unsettling times.

Be well and take care of yourself and your loved ones.

Andrea Thorpe



BOOK GROUP

We are going to have a Virtual Book Group Meeting on April 15th at 1:00 via ZOOM. The book is *The Mountains Sing* by Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai. The book is available as an ebook or audiobook on Hoopla. Just go to the [hoopla Book Club Hub](#) to read more about the book and download it. If you're interested in attending, please email us at rfl@newport.lib.nh.us and we will send out a ZOOM invitation on April 13th.

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[website!](#) Andrea loves doing the mini crossword puzzle every day!



TEMPORARY LIBRARY CARDS

During the COVID-19 crisis, you may obtain a temporary library card so that you may access our online resources. The card will expire once we reopen. Fill out this [form](#) to receive your library card number.

Would you like to get the library newsletter every month?

Sign up on the library's website at: www.newport.lib.nh.us



Quick Links

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STORY TIME FROM THE RICHARDS LIBRARY!

You can't visit the Richards Library for story time right now, but did you know Miss Mo is still reading books for you?

You can find her story times on our [Facebook page](#).

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