

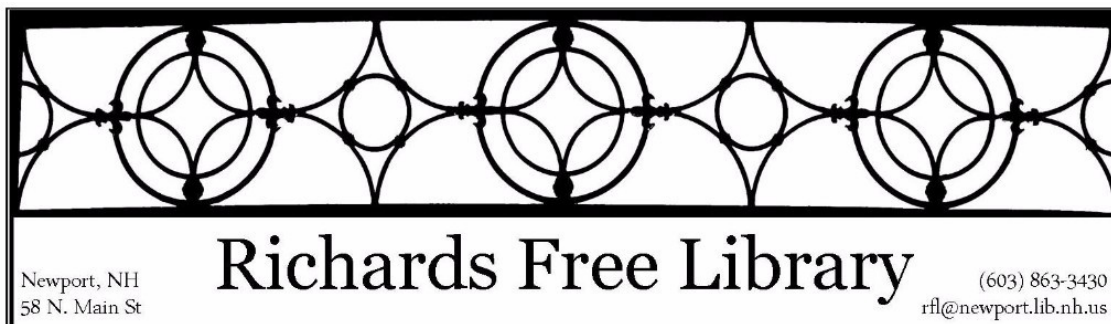
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## May 14, 2020 Newsletter

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## MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

In this newsletter, you will see an article about Karen Coutu using our 3D printer to make facemask extenders. It reminded me how much we rely on the Friends of the Library to provide for so many things: carpeting, comfortable chairs, die cut machine, disk cleaner, public computers, supplies for children's programs, speaker fees, all audiobooks, video games, a WiiU video game console, bubble machine and a 3D printer.

But right now what I am most grateful for all the virtual content that the Friends underwrite. We can offer streaming movies with Kanopy and hoopla, ebooks and audiobooks with New Hampshire Downloadable Books, educational classes on Universal Class, access to the New York Times as well Newport's historic newspapers and genealogical research through Ancestry. We are totally dependent on these virtual resources during these uncertain times. They have even purchased a Zoom account to hold staff and trustees meetings as well as book groups, writing workshops and knitting sessions. All these virtual resources are funded by the Friends of the Library. Thank you, Friends!

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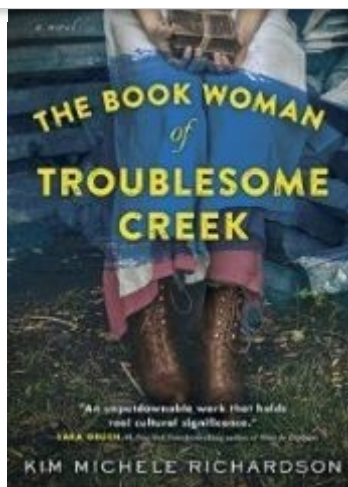
## RICHARDS LIBRARY CATALOG LISTS

Do you know that we keep lists of new books as they come in? You can find them [here](#). When you see a book you would like, you can put a hold on it. When the library re-opens, we will call you and hold that book for you until you come in.



Some of our movie picks for this month from [Kanopy](#) include some great documentaries:

1. **Brooklyn Farmer** - The Worlds Largest Rooftop Farm
2. **The Bullish Farmer** - One Man's Journey from the Stock Market to the Farmer's Market



## VIRTUAL BOOK GROUP

We are going to have a Virtual Book Group Meeting on May 20th at 2:00 via ZOOM. The book is *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. 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 register on our [calendar page](#) to receive a Zoom notification.



## Did you know our 3D Printer is producing Surgical Mask Straps?

You normally see our **Ultimaker 2 Go** 3D printer sitting at the circulation desk humming along making anything from cookie cutters to those cute little animal figurines that sit on Miss Mo's desk. Currently, it is producing an item that makes wearing a surgical mask or cloth one with ear loops a little more comfortable. The 3D printer strap has

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8. **Polyfaces** - Video 1 of playlist "Polyfaces - Food Without Chemicals: From Family Farm to Table"
9. **The Real Dirt on Farmer John** - A Maverick Midwestern Farmer
10. **Symphony of the Soil** - An Artistic Examination of Our Relationship With Soil

mask so it is adjustable. Wearing one reduces ear fatigue for folks like healthcare professionals who need to be masked for many hours at a time. So far our printer has produced over 100 straps. We became involved in this project through the Dover Public Library and The Makeitlab of Nashua. Members of Makeitlab are coordinating an effort to produce and distribute these items as well face shields to hospitals, nursing homes and other institutions (like libraries!) in need of PPE.



Janice's recipe contribution comes from a Lempster book group pick called ***Stir My Broken Brain and the Meals That Brought Me Home*** by **Jessica Fechter**.

#### *Cream of Asparagus Soup*

- 1 large yellow onion
- 2 pounds asparagus stalks, their tough bottoms snapped off
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- salt and pepper
- 4-5 cups vegetable broth
- 1/2 cup creme fraiche or heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon fresh-squeezed lemon juice

Coarsely chop the onion. Cut asparagus into 1- to 2-inch pieces. Melt butter in a 4-quart pot over medium-low heat. Add onion and cook, stirring,

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#### **Trustees Meeting**

Monday, May 18,  
7:00 PM  
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pinches of salt and pepper and cook, stirring occasionally, for five minutes. Add 4 cups of vegetable broth and simmer, partially covered, until the asparagus is very tender, 15-20 minutes. Puree the soup in batches in a stand blender, or use an immersion blender. Return the pureed soup to the pot. Stir in the creme fraiche or heavy cream, then add up to another cup of broth, if necessary, to thin the soup to the consistency you prefer. If you refrigerate the soup overnight, you'll likely want to add the additional broth before reheating. Stir in the lemon juice just before serving.

*Serves 4.*

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