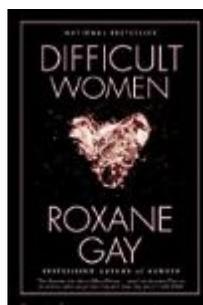
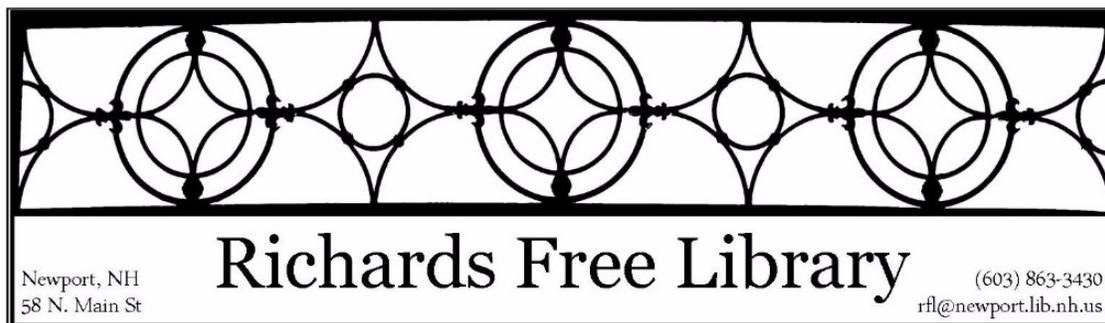


## July 1, 2020 Newsletter

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### VIRTUAL BOOK GROUP

Our next adult virtual book group meets Wednesday, July 15 at 2:00 PM.

We will be discussing *Difficult Women* by Roxane Gay. Copies of the book are available for download from [hoopla](#) and on New

Hampshire Downloadable Books (Libby). Please email the library at [rfl@newport.lib.nh.us](mailto:rfl@newport.lib.nh.us) to receive an invitation to the Zoom meeting.



### LETTER FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

The library trustees and staff continue to examine library service in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The latest research from the REALM project tested various library material surfaces and found that the virus lasted 24 hours on paperbacks, but 72 hours on books with plastic covers. We have been quarantining our returned materials for 72 hours for months now. We are relieved that we have been doing the right thing. The staff continues to be screened upon entering the building and all of us wear masks in the building and keep a social distance from each other.

We started curbside service in the beginning of June once the Governor introduced Stay at Home 2.0. This has given us the opportunity to provide print materials once again. In light of the Governor's relaxing of more rules and moving into a Safer at Home reopening stage, the library will open up to computer users three days a week by appointment only. Patrons must call to make an appointment on one of



### New Books!

*28 Summers* by Elin Hilderbrand  
*The Body in the Garden* by Katherine Schellman  
*A Full Cold Moon* by Lissa Marie Redmond  
*Dance Away with Me* by Susan Elizabeth Phillips  
*The Distant Dead* by Heather Young  
*Red Dress in Black and White* by Elliot Ackerman  
*The Sweeney Sisters* by Lian Dolan

For more book suggestions in addition to our [new book lists](#), see the new annotated book lists on our [web page](#).

**LIBRARY HOURS**  
**(by appointment only)**  
**Curbside Pickup:**  
 Tuesdays through Fridays

to be checked in. Patrons must wear a mask. If they do not have one, we will provide it. The appointments will be for one hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30, 1:00 and 2:30 and on Saturdays at 10:00. We will close the library building to clean between the appointments.

The rest of the library building will remain closed for the foreseeable future. We look forward to having you in the library once again when it is safe to do so. As with every service we provide during this pandemic, if there is a surge in cases in the area we may have to roll back some services.

Stay Safe,  
 Andrea



### WELCOME TO OUR NEW ASSISTANT LIBRARY DIRECTOR!

On August 3, 2020, we will have a new Assistant Library Director here at Richards Library. Justine Fafara comes to us from her five-year library director position at the Walpole Town Library. She is the New Hampshire Teen Book Award Committee Chair. Justine has experience in an expansion and renovation project. Currently, she curates the state-wide Overdrive service. Justine is the Nubanusit Library Co-op Treasurer.

Justine received her Bachelor of Arts from Rowan University and her Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Pittsburgh. Justine lives in

10:00 to 12:00

### Computer Usage:

Tuesdays and  
Thursdays 11:30,  
1:00 and 2:30  
Saturdays 10:00

### Questions?

The library staff is now in the building to answer phone calls Tuesday through Friday 10:00 to 5:00. Call us at 603-863-3430.

### Next Trustees

#### Meeting

**July 27, 2020**

Via Zoom  
(contact the library to get a Zoom invitation)

### Would you like to get the library newsletter every month?

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

### Quick Links

[Calendar](#)  
[Catalog](#)



### SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2020

Summer Reading has started! Children are reading their little hearts out and logging their reading online in our virtual reading program. There is still plenty of time to join in the fun--the best part about all our events being digital is that you haven't missed anything! You can catch up on our summer reading videos, and learn how to participate, on our [summer reading page](#). This week we'll feature craft videos about how to make a chenille stem fairy and a unicorn bookmark! Watch for them on facebook and our website!



### POETRY SWAP

Here at the library we have a monthly Poetry Swap, sharing poetry via email. If you're interested in participating, please email the library at [rfl@newport.lib.nh.us](mailto:rfl@newport.lib.nh.us) and we'll add you to the list.



### WRITERS GROUP

Though the library remains closed for meetings, we still meet virtually for writing group. Our adult writing group meets the first Thursday of every month from 6:00 to

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Zoom meeting on July 2.

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