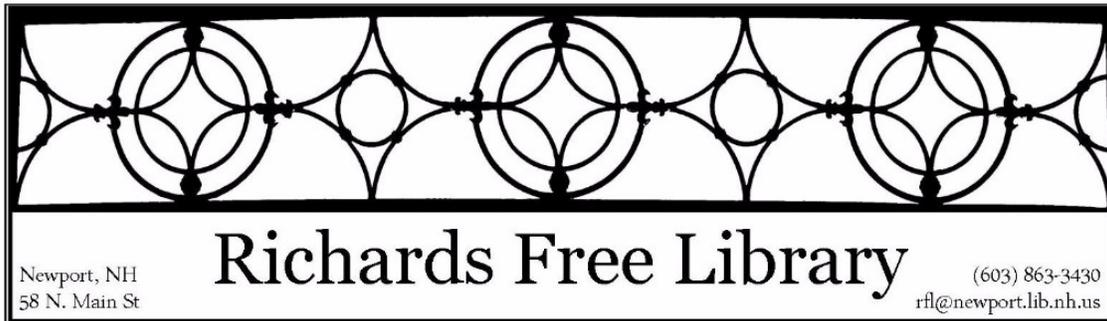


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## November 2020 Newsletter

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Zoom Book Group meets on November 18 at 2:00 PM to discuss **Exit West** by Mohsin Hamid. Print copies of the book are available at the library. To receive an invitation to the meeting, email the library at [rfl@newport.lib.nh.us](mailto:rfl@newport.lib.nh.us).



### FROM THE DIRECTOR

It has been over eight months and COVID is still with us. On Wednesday of last week we found out that one of our staff members had been directly exposed to someone who tested positive for the virus. Following our pandemic policy and CDC guidelines, we closed the library building, alerted social media, arranged for a deep clean of the building and moved staff to remote working mode.

We know this was disruptive to all our patrons and we are sorry that the pandemic has forced us to close. We operated with an abundance of caution and a concern for the safety of our staff and patrons.

I know most of us prefer our paper books and to browse the stacks. When we have to close the



### New Books!

*Big Summer* by Jennifer Weiner  
*The Brightest Star* by Fern Michaels

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Fluke  
*Elsewhere* by Dean Koontz  
*An Irish Country Welcome* by Patrick Taylor  
*Jingle All the Way* by Debbie Macomber  
*The Last Druid* by Terry Brooks  
*Magic Lessons* by Alice Hoffman  
*The Orphan's Guilt* by Archer Mayor  
*Paradise Peak* by Janet Dailey  
*The Sentinel* by Lee Child  
*Shakeup* by Stuart Woods  
*A Time for Mercy* by John Grisham

urge you to always check out an extra book or two in case we have to close the building. We also encourage you to explore our virtual services. It is not ideal, but you can download a book and read it on your phone. In some ways it's like reading by flashlight under the covers.

To search for books that would interest you, you can use Novelist, the annotated book lists on our website, and our online catalog. You can also use the library's [personal book recommendation service](#). With all these tools, if the library building is closed you can still use the library.

Staff will answer your email questions using the chat button on our website or by emailing us at [rfl@newport.lib.nh.us](mailto:rfl@newport.lib.nh.us).

Please take care, remember to wear a mask, wash your hands and social distance.

Andrea Thorpe



## **New Children's Chapter Books!**

*Before the Ever After* by Jaqueline Woodson  
*Big Nate: The Gerbil Ate My Homework* by Lincoln Peirce  
*Blended* by Sharon Draper  
*Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever* by Jeff Kinney

## **FROM OUR ASSISTANT LIBRARY DIRECTOR Justine Fafara**

**As we brace ourselves for winter, the end of 2020 and navigating the holidays during a pandemic, I want to talk about traditions. It can be so difficult to imagine the holidays this year and how some traditions like traveling or seeing extended family might not be possible. The silver lining is that it's a great time to find and start new traditions! Here are a few ideas that I've talked my family into trying, and your family might enjoy too.**

**Check Out a Cookbook from the Library! -- I love to bake for the holidays, but my husband and I don't need 10 dozen cookies all to ourselves. So this year, I'll be checking out some cookbooks that focus on delicious meals that we can make big batches of and stick in the freezer! I've been eyeing a couple titles at the library and on Hoopla: Perfect One-Dish Dinners**

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2018 by Lauren  
Tarshish



Did you know the staff here at Richards Free Library love providing book recommendations? If you're not sure what to read next, let us help. Fill out a [Personalized Book Recommendation Form](#).

The Library will be closed November 11 for Veteran's Day and November 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving.

### Next Trustees

#### Meeting

**December 7, 2020,  
7:00 PM**

Email

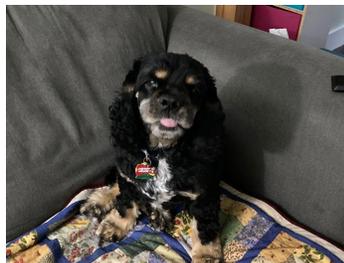
[rfl@newport.lib.nh.us](mailto:rfl@newport.lib.nh.us)  
for an invitation to  
the Zoom meeting.

### Meals by Hope Comerford.

**Family Book Club --** I try to avoid talking politics during the holidays every year, but this year it seems especially hard to do. To give us a good topic for discussion instead, I've created a little family book club for our extended family. We'll read a book (though we've yet to pick a title) and discuss it over Zoom. I think this will definitely be a tradition we stick to since we're a family full of readers! Even if your kids are younger, it could be fun to read a classic chapter book like *Charlotte's Web* or *Stuart Little* together and discuss it.

**Virtual Family Game Night --** My husband's family is big into strategy board games like *Settlers of Catan*, *Last Night on Earth*, and *Terraforming Mars*. We've been playing games virtually with friends for a few months now, and we're excited to plan a virtual game night with his parents and sisters! We use the website [boardgamearena.com](http://boardgamearena.com) which is free and easy to use! Everyone needs an account to login and then you can select a game to play together and set up a private game room for your family. They have a pretty great selection of games whether you're a novice gamer or have been gaming for years.

**Cozy Nights In --** In years past I've really enjoyed going out to see friends during the holidays. We would travel to New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and other places to meet up with friends on the weekends. But this year I'm looking forward to quiet weekends at home, snuggled up with our electric fireplace on and all the dog snuggles I could want. Our Cocker Spaniel, Burger, is pretty excited for this new tradition too!



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FRI	10-12	11:30-5:30	24/7
SAT	10-12	10-12	24/7

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We have a new printer at the library to give our patrons more options. It makes it very easy to use Air Print to print from Apple devices and Google Cloud Print to print from your Google account. The new Hewlett-Packard printer can print in black and white (\$.10 per page, single sided; \$.20 per double-sided page) and color (\$.25 per page, single sided; \$.50 per double-sided page).

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