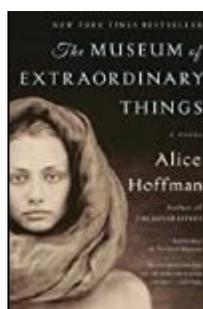
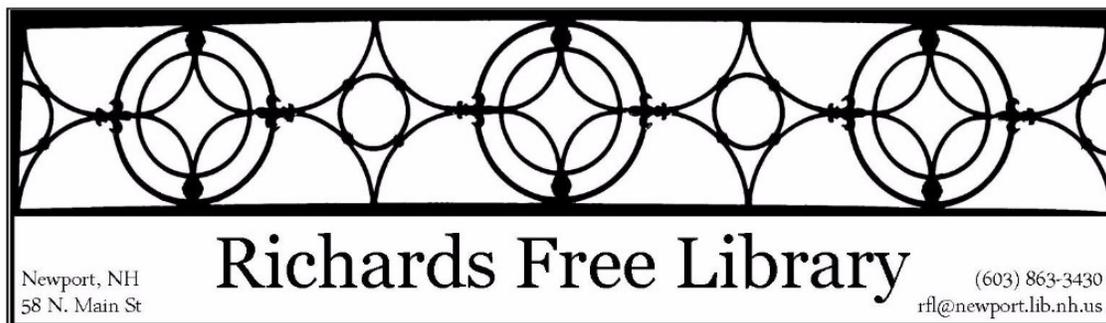


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Our next virtual book group meeting is at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, March 17th. We will discuss Alice Hoffman's **The Museum of Extraordinary Things**. Send an email to rfl@newport.lib.nh.us for an invitation to the Zoom meeting.



RICHARDS LIBRARY FIRST ANNUAL READ-A-THON!

What a great success our first Read-A-Thon was!

Our top three adults read 24.5 hours, 16.5 hours, and 16 hours.

Our top teen read 5 hours

Our top middle (ages 7-12) read 6.5 hours

Our top little (ages birth-6)

GOODBYE

When I came to the Richards Free Library in 1988, I told the trustees I would guarantee that I would stay for three years. That was how long my husband would be in law school. Well, since 1988 I have lived in four houses, enrolled my children in two different school systems, became a grandmother and lost my husband. The constant in my life for almost 33 years has been the Richards Free Library. It is time to retire and enjoy those grandchildren. I am not moving so we will see each other often once this pandemic is over. I want to thank the people who have made my tenure here an amazing one. The people of Newport, the staff, friends and trustees of the library and library colleagues throughout the state have been wonderful. A former librarian called the Richards Free Library one of the best small libraries in New Hampshire. It is true. It is a testament to the support and community spirit of Newport.

Thank you,

Andrea

FROM OUR NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR

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Our community goal was 250 hours of reading and we came JUST shy with 247 hours. I can't wait to see how we do next year!
(winners have been contacted)



We have tax forms!
Call the library at 603-863-3430 to make an appointment to come in and pick up what you need. If we don't have the form, you can use a computer to print it. Forms are free; pages printed from the computers are \$.10 per page.



New Books!

[Blink of an Eye](#) by

Iris Johansen

[Calder Brand](#) by

Janet Daily

[Faithless in Death](#)

by J. D. Robb

[The Four Winds](#) by

Kristin Hannah

[The Kaiser's Web](#)

by Steve Berry

than I ever imagined. She is an incredible librarian, who pours her whole heart into every decision she makes, and also an incredible human with great empathy and compassion. The last year has been a tough one, but Andrea has guided the library through a global pandemic beautifully. To say she will be missed is an understatement. But after 30+ years of building up the library as an important town resource, her retirement is certainly well deserved.

As of March 15th, I will be your next Library Director, and I look forward to keeping up with Andrea's vision for the library. Newport is such a unique community with so many amazing resources. The Opera House, the Library Art Center, the Rec Department, the Library...everyone works so hard to bring joy to this town, and it shows. I will absolutely continue that tradition.

While we patiently wait for it to be safe to gather again, we will continue providing as many services and resources as possible at the library. Our digital offerings will continue as will curbside pickup services. We will continue to carefully monitor the COVID-19 situation and expand our open hours as it is deemed safe to do so. We're looking forward to adding programs back in the Spring and Summer - - book clubs, game nights, outdoor story times, and hopefully the Library Festival!

Just a little about me, since I haven't been able to talk to many of you in person yet. Before coming to Newport, I was the Library Director in Walpole, where I still live with my husband, Alex, and our dog, Burger. Alex and I are originally from New Jersey, just outside of New York City, so moving to New Hampshire was a bit of a culture shock, but after six years we've adjusted pretty well (though we still miss New York City bagels and pizza). I'm a big Disney fan, so you may find me humming Disney tunes around the

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[Missing and Endangered](#) by J. A. Jance
[Serpentine](#) by Jonathan Kellerman
[The Shadow Box](#) by Luanne Rice
[Smoke](#) by Joe Ide
[The Vineyard at Painted Moon](#) by Susan Mallery

Library Services Section, and as the Chair of the New Hampshire Teen Book Award Committee. I also assist the New Hampshire State Library with curating the state-wide e-book collection (all those books you find on the Libby app!).

I'd love to hear from you, and I can't wait to meet you once you're comfortable coming back to the library. Feel free to send me an e-mail at jfafara@newport.lib.nh.us.

Justine Fafara

Next Trustees

Meeting:

7:00 PM

March 22, 2021

Email

rfl@newport.lib.nh.us
 for an invitation to the Zoom meeting.

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Remember, we still have our adult **Writer's Workshop** the first Thursday evening of each month. The next Zoom meeting will take place on Thursday, March 4 at 6:00 PM. This group is led by Mo Churchill-Calkins for adult writers who are looking for inspiration, criticism, collaboration, or

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