

Andover Libraries Page

Through the Reading Glasses August 2022

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Good grief! It's still summer, and that's the way I like to see August – full of sunny possibilities for reading. However, two of the tomes that await me might actually block out the sun.

One is Annie Proulx's "Barkskins," a 713-page exploration of the woodcutters and loggers in the New World from 1693 onward. The second is Eleanor Catton's Booker Prize novel, "The Luminaries," weighing in at 832 pages, in which New Zealand's goldfields attract miners and murderers alike.

The final book, Eddie S. Glaude Jr.'s "Begin Again," will challenge me to confront racism in America from a James Baldwin scholar's point of view.

Book, books, and more books – the Library's Fourth of July book sale at the Stone Chapel drew in lots of readers and buyers, relieved to once again participate in this annual ritual of scanning titles from all directions at once. Talk about happy!

Of course, sharing the space with the strawberry shortcake concession didn't

do us any harm.

This year the event was a giant undertaking, given three years of accumulated donations and weedings. It began with collecting and sorting in each Library and ended with the pick-up of leftovers two days afterward. Below is a list of everyone who helped make this year's event such a success:

Many, many thanks to Priscilla Poulin, Gene, Michaela and Santigie, Lee, Ken and Katrina Wells, Caroline Moulton and Mario Ratzki, Ann Parke, Susan Chase, Tina Wagler, Connie Ressler, Jon Mishcon, Kim and Charlie Baer, Adam Brand and son, others whose names I did not catch, Proctor Academy and their security team – the list goes on, as this event requires a monumental effort!

Priscilla Poulin and Lee Wells have developed into an extraordinary team, and I have no doubt that Priscilla could run this with her hands tied behind her back. As she said: "When you have five children, you learn to be organized!"



The Fourth of July Book Sale, put on by the Andover Libraries, attracted many happy book buyers. Photo: Janet Moore

Bachelder Library New Acquisitions

Adult Fiction

- The German Wife*, Kelly Rimmer
- Hatchet Island*, Paul Doiron
- The Heart of the Deal*, Lindsay MacMillan
- Hidden Pictures*, Jason Rekulak
- Hotel Nantucket*, Elin Hilderbrand
- The House Across the Lake*, Riley Sager
- The Lies I Tell*, Julie Clark
- The Lost Summers of Newport*, Beatriz Williams, Lauren Willig, and Karen White
- Nightwork*, Nora Roberts
- Someone Knows*, Lisa Scottoline
- Things We Do in the Dark*, Jennifer Hillier
- Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow*, Gabrielle Zevin

Adult Nonfiction

- Ageless: The New Science of Getting Older Without Getting Old*,

Andrew Steele

- How to Give Up Plastic: A Guide to Changing the World, One Plastic Bottle at a Time*, Will McCallum
- On Animals*, Susan Orlean
- Our Plastic Problem and How to Solve it*, Sarah J. Morath
- Successful Aging: A Neuroscientist Explores the Power and Potential of Our Lives*, Daniel Levitin
- Thicker Than Water*, Erica Cirino

Middle Grade/Young Adult

- All American Boys*, Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely
- The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza*, Mac Barnett and Shawn Harris
- The Plastic Problem*, Rachel Salt
- The Plastic Problem: 60 Small Ways to Reduce Waste and Help Save the Planet*, Lonely Planet Kids

Children's Books

- Hot Dog*, Doug Salati
- Lizzy and the Cloud*, Terry Fan
- No More Plastic*, Alma Fullerton

Andover Public Library New Acquisitions

Adult Fiction

- The Book Woman's Daughter*, Kim Michele Richardson
- Cat Shining Bright*, Shirley Rousseau Murphy
- Heart Bones*, Colleen Hoover
- The Secret Place*, Tana French
- This Time Tomorrow*, Emma Straub
- Vigil Harbor*, Julia Glass
- Dark Tides*, Philippa Gregory
- The Last Tudor*, Philippa Gregory
- Bloomsbury Girls*, Natalie Jenner
- Another Kind of Eden*, James Lee Burke
- Every Cloak Rolled in Blood*, James Lee Burke
- Aurora*, David Koepp
- The Heart of the Deal*, Lindsay MacMillan

The Only Woman in the Room,

- Marie Benedict
- Adult Nonfiction**
- Happy-Go-Lucky*, David Sedaris
- Breaking the Age Code*, Becca Levy
- Waste Lands: The True Story of Farm Country on Trial*, Corban Addison and John Grisham
- Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law*, Mary Roach
- The Three Regrets*, Tenzin Kiyosaki
- Children's Books**
- Little Houses*, Kevin Henkes
- Room to Dream*, Kelly Yang
- Clementine: Friend of the Week*, Sara Pennypacker
- Curious George's First Day of School*, Margret and HA Rey
- Clifford Takes a Trip*, Norman Bridwell
- The Jellybeans and the Big Dance*, Laura Numeroff

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