

Andover Libraries Page

Library Trustees Decide Not to Open Andover Libraries Just Yet

Curbside pick-up still available; call ahead

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It's still going to be a while before patrons can return to the Andover libraries to browse for books and gather with friends.

In the meantime, you can contact the

librarians via phone, e-mail, or note in the return box as to your requests. During regular hours, the librarians will receive your bagged materials and place requests in a bag for you to pick up outside. Just call when you arrive.

Remember, the doors remain locked at this time – unfortunate but true for everyone's safety. If you so desire, the

librarians will gladly prepare a bag of new reads for you and/or your children – again, just call or e-mail ahead of time. Check the Beacon and the bi-weekly (e-mailed) Library Newsletter for more information on new books and DVDs.

Call the librarians if you would like to be added to the e-mail list. Check the catalogs on our website, too.

Finally, please do not leave any book donations! We just don't have the space at this time, thank you.

You can reach the Andover Library at AndoverPL@comcast.net or 735-5333. You can reach the Bachelder Library at WABlibrary@comcast.net or 735-5076. We look forward to hearing from you, and just keep on reading!



Andover Public Library New Acquisitions

Adult Fiction

Bombshell,
Stuart Woods & Parnell Hall
Masked Prey, John Sandford
A Long Petal of the Sea,
Isabel Allende
Bring on the Blessings,
Beverly Jenkins
The Book of Longings,
Sue Monk Kidd
The Summer House, James
Patterson & Brendan Du Boris
The 20th Victim,
James Patterson & Maxine Paetro
Hush,
James Patterson & Candice Fox
Walk the Wire, David Baldacci
Unveiling the Past, Kim Vogel Sawyer
Camino Winds, John Grisham

Hart's Hollow Farm, Janet Dailey
The Wedding Dress, Danielle Steele
Devoted, Dean Koontz
Once in a Blue Moon, Sharon Sala

Adult Nonfiction

Korean Dream, Hyun Jin Preston Moon
Fierce, Free, and Full of Fire,

Jen Hatmaker
Black Klansman, Ron Stallworth
Children's Books
Dragon Masters 1, 2, & 3, Tracey West
George Brown, Class Clown 1 & 2,
Nancy Krulik & Aaron Blecher
Jedi Academy 1, 2, & 3,

Jeffrey Brown
The Castle in the Attic,
Elizabeth Winthrop
Restart, Gordon Kerman
Chirp, Kate Messner
All Are Welcome, Alexandra Penfold
& Suzanne Kaufman
McDuff Moves In,
Rosemary Wells & Susan Jeffers

Librarians Have Been Busy Purchasing New Books

Books can challenge us
to think differently

Lee Wells, Librarian

Settling into a comfortable chair and reading a book by a favorite author or enjoying a book of a favorite genre is one of the great pleasures of life. However, books have even more to offer us - they can broaden our horizons. They can challenge us to think differently about a wide variety of topics. They help us to see the world through different eyes. Bringing all of these kinds of books into our libraries and getting them into your hands is an important part of our mission.

While the libraries have been closed, the librarians have been busy, especially purchasing books, so there will be more to offer you when the libraries fully reopen. We have been trying to purchase the books that will be new favorites, those books we like to settle into a comfortable place to read, but we have also been trying to purchase books that will challenge us, broaden our knowledge of our world, and help all of us to grow and learn.

In addition to purchasing best-seller titles, the Bachelder library continues to work on expanding our collection in three areas.

We would like to see teens read more over the summer! Every year high school students and high school librarians nominate books for two prizes: the Flume Prize and the Isinglass Prize. Teens make the final decision as to which title wins the award. Andover teens: Come to the library, check out these books, and let your voice be heard. You will have until spring 2021 to cast your vote for the best books of 2021.

Working with the Andover Energy Group, the Bachelder Library has expanded its collection of books on environmental issues to include titles on climate change recommended by the New York Times and by members of the Andover Energy Group. It is a rich and varied collection of prize-winning

books ranging from a children's picture book about Greta Thunberg to nonfiction titles by renowned authors such as Bill McKibben, plus fiction titles. This growing collection includes titles ranging from Rachel Carson's classic, *Silent Spring*, to a science fiction novel about New York City in the year 2140. Challenge yourself, learn more about how our climate is changing, and how that is impacting us.

Given the protests following the death of George Floyd, it makes sense that the third collection category that we want to expand is our collection of titles that deal with the topic of racism. These books have been recommended by fellow New Hampshire librarians, local bookstores, national newspapers, and organizations dedicated to combating racism. They will be arriving at the libraries over the next few weeks and months. Some of the fictional stories' main characters are people who do not look like us, other non-fiction titles examine the systemic racism that has existed in our society for centuries. One of the most popular titles today challenges us to be more than non-racist but to learn *How to be an Antiracist* (by Ibram X. Kendi).

Our collection of children's books is being expanded to be more diverse and inclusive. Healthychildren.org tells us that, "As early as 6 months, a baby's brain can notice race-based differences. By ages two to four, children can internalize racial bias. By age 12, many children become set in their beliefs—giving parents a decade to mold the learning process, so that it decreases racial bias and improves cultural understanding." It can often feel like the world is full of anger and hate, but it's also full of hope — hope for a better future. It's so important for children to see themselves and their experiences represented in the books they read. It's also important for children to read about the experiences of people who are different from themselves.

Please check our catalog and check out these new titles.



Bachelder Library New Acquisitions

Adult Fiction

The Drowned World, J.G. Ballard
The Fifth Season, N.K. Jemisin
The Last Trial, Scott Turow
New York 2140, Kim Stanley Robinson
Parable of the Sower,
Octavia E. Butler
Salvage the Bones, Jesmyn Ward
The Stationery Shop, Marjan Kamali
Weather, Jenny Offill

Adult Nonfiction

Confirmation Bias, Carl Hulse
The Death and Life
of the Great Lakes, Dan Egan
The End of Nature, Bill McKibben
The Great Derangement: Climate Change and the Unthinkable,
Amitav Ghosh
Losing Earth: A Recent History,
Nathaniel Rich
The Lucifer Effect, Philip Zimbardo
Merchants of Doubt, Naomi Oreskes
& Erik M. Conway

The Story of More, Hope Jahren
What We Know About Climate Change,
Kerry Emanuel & Bob Inglis

Middle Grade/Young Adult

Children of Blood and Bone; Children of Virtue and Vengeance,
Tomi Adeyemi
House of Salt and Sorrow,
Erin A. Craig
Once and Future,
Cori McCarthy & Amy Capetta
Shout, Laurie Halse Anderson
Unpregnant,

Jenni Hendriks & Ted Caplan
Tyrannosaurus Wrecks, Stuart Gibbs
Ways To Make Sunshine,
Renee Watson
We Unleash the Merciless Storm,
Tehlor Kay Mejia
Wilder Girls, Rory Power

Children's Books

Our House Is on Fire: Greta Thunberg's Call to Save the Planet,
Jeanette Winter

DVDs

Argo
The Last Emperor



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