November 2020 Newsletter

The Library Back Porch pickup will be closed for Veterans Day on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 and for Thanksgiving closing at 4:00 on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 and all day on Thursday, November 26, 2020.

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November Update

It’s starting to get a little cooler outside, and we have all noticed the sun setting a little earlier the past few weeks. The library’s back porch pickup service with a browsing cart has been popular during this difficult time. In the future, we hope to restore browsing, the ability to spend time in the library, in-building programming, and all the other things we all love about our library. We need to be smart about it though, and always put safety among the highest of our concerns.

The library is working with the town as they examine and address airflow concerns in our charming, older, building. The lack of airflow in the building is something that must be addressed before it is safe for the public to enter. We are also carefully monitoring the rates of infection in the state and area as an important factor for reopening. While the building is closed to the public we are working to update shelving, seating, and flooring to make the library a safer and more welcoming place to visit while we are open. The shelving will eliminate high touch and narrow spaces for browsing CDs and DVDs. The seating will replace cloth seating with wood chairs that can be easily cleaned and the flooring will replace the cracked rubber flooring in the entryway. We will share updates on all of these projects (and more) on our website.

We’ll look to do some more of our traditional services as we can in the coming months, but for now, we are pleased to continue to offer back porch services, online resources, phone support, and virtual programming to all Rockport residents. We all miss you and look forward to seeing you again soon.

Stay safe and healthy,
Cindy Grove, Library Director

Author - Kim Michele Richardson
Please join us on Thursday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m. for a Zoom meeting with bestselling author, Kim Michele Richardson as she discusses her multi-award winning historical novel, "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek". This book was inspired by the real life "blue people" of Kentucky, and the brave Packhorse Librarians who used the power of literacy to overcome bigotry and fear during the Great Depression. This book is available to purchase from The Bookstore of Gloucester.

This event has been sponsored by the Friends of the Rockport Library.

Registration is required and all registrants will receive Zoom login information prior to the event.

Please register for this event

Felted Poinsettia Art Class for Adults

You are invited to join an adult Pop-up Art School Zoom class on Wednesday, November 18th at 7:00 p.m. to learn how to make a festive poinsettia ornament using wool roving and a felting needle. You will need to pick up your kit at the library with all the necessary supplies, then follow along during the live Zoom class. Needle felting is relaxing and easy to do.

This event is sponsored by the Rockport Cultural Council.

Registration is required and all registrants will receive Zoom login information prior to the event.

Please register for this event

Paper Yeti Art Class for Ages 8-12

You are invited to join a Pop-Up Art School Zoom class on Saturday November 21st at 11AM to make an abominable and adorable Yeti with scissors, paper and glue. At the end of the class you will have an almost 2 foot long Yeti to hang on your wall!

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Rockport Public Library.

Registration is required and all registrants will receive Zoom login information prior to the event.

Please register for this event

Reducing Stress Through Meditation this
Holiday Season

Join us on Zoom Tuesday, December 1st at 7PM for a meditation session instructed by Eileen Carlotto. The scientific community has recently been exploring the use of meditation as a healing modality. Join Eileen Carlotto as she discusses the extraordinary effect meditation has in reducing stress-related responses, improving concentration, enhancing clarity of thought and mental equilibrium. She will also present a simple, yet powerful meditation technique that can enrich one’s life personally, professionally, and spiritually.

Registration is required and all registrants will receive Zoom login information prior to the event. Please register for this event.

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Book Discussion Groups

Notable Fiction Book Club

"Beyond the Point"
Author: Claire Gibson

Please join us for our Notable Fiction Zoom meeting on Sunday, November 1st from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. to discuss "The Green Road" by Anne Enright. This book tells the story of the Madigan family who come home for a final Christmas before their mother sells the family homestead. The visit opens memories of their relationships, ones they’ve lost and ones they never had, exposing compassion, selfishness and "gaps in the human heart".

Contact ljspublic@earthlink.net to add your name to the Notable Fiction list and you will be sent a Zoom invite to this meeting and upcoming meetings. Questions about the novel are emailed out a few days before the meeting.

Contact the Rockport Library at 978-546-6934 and follow the library’s Covid-19 procedures to pick up a copy.

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Noon Time Book Club

"The Last Painting of Sara De Vos"
Author: Dominic Smith

Please join us on Wednesday, November 25th at noon for a discussion of "The Last Painting of Sara De Vos" by Dominic Smith. This novel is a rich and detailed story that connects a 17th-century Dutch painting to its 20th-century American owner and the lonely but fervent art student who makes a life-changing decision to forge it.

Copies of the book (including large print and audio) are available on November 1st for back
Please register for this event.

Questions?
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