**THE READING ROOM AT GILMAN LIBRARY**

**ALTON## LIBRARY CONTESTS, AND RIDDLES -** The Gilman Library offers Candy Jar Guessing Games and Riddle Contests, year-round, to challenge you at the check-out desk. The winning guess on the candy count wins the jar filled with sweets, as the prize. Solving the Riddle contest nets your choice from the prize kettle. There is no age restriction to participate.

**GILMAN LIBRARY WINTER RAFFLE -** We also offer seasonal raffles of donated items paired with book for the lucky winner. The current Winter Raffle is a cozy purple hand-knitted shawl by C. Marie of Alton Bay. It is made from Berroco Sesame yarn, which is a blend of wool, wool, acrylic, cotton, and nylon. Care instructions are included with the garment. The shawl is raffled with a double volume, the classic bestseller and its sequel, by Grace Metalious, “Peyton Place” and “Return to Peyton Place.” Tickets are $1. Each or six tickets for $5. We hope that you will view our raffles as an easy way to make a small donation to benefit the Gilman Library ~ and if you win a lovely prize ~ that is a bonus!

**BOOK PAGE -** Don’t forget to pick up your free copy of BookPage. The December issue features the “Best Books of 2021” and lists the top 100 titles of the year. The January issue urges us to “Get Cozy” and features a “flurry of snowy picture books” to snuggle with. There are also suggestions for finding fun in 2022, and tips for upping your emotional intelligence.

**NEW BOOKS -** For those not interested in flurries or snow, we have the book for you : a fiction, “Hello, Summer,” by Mary Kay Andrews. For those making and keeping New Year’s resolutions, we have “The self-care solution: a year of becoming happier, healthier, and fitter – one month at a time,” by Jennifer Ashton, MD, MS. We have also added another Handbook and Resource Guide from Grey House Publishing. This latest is “Nutrition, Obesity & Eating Disorders.” If these do not suit you, we are sure to have something that will.

**REMINDERS -** As always, we remind you that no matter the weather, our virtual library is open 24/7, but when it is stormy outside, check our website at gilmanlibrary.org and WMUR for weather closings at our 100 Main Street location. Stay safe and see you soon at the library. **#395**