**THE READING ROOM AT GILMAN LIBRARY**

**ALTON##** As you are settling back into your routines after the flurry of holiday activities, don’t forget to visit the Gilman Library on 100 Main Street. We have new books, magazines, and games. There are new contests and raffles, and even new staff members. We are adding to our “Library of Things” collection to include housewares. Come in and see what we have for you!

**NEW BOOKS -** Our three new books featured this week can be found in the children’s wing. Though the holiday is over, Peter Collington’s “On Christmas Eve” is still sure to delight the two to six-year-old age group, in the story of a little girl who worries that Santa cannot visit her in her house without a chimney. Four to seven-year-olds will enjoy “Verdi.” by Janell Cannon. Verdi likes his yellow skin and sporty stripes and does not want to grow up to be big and green like all the other snakes. This colorful picture book “teaches young readers the importance of loving the skin you are in.” The third title “Can you find it, too?” by Judith Cressy, features twenty paintings by renowned artists from all over the world. This search-and-discover book is geared to five to nine-year-olds, It teaches the readers to be art detectives as they look for over 150 details in the beautiful reproductions.

**VIRTUAL LIBRARY -** Though there may be weather closings, our virtual library is open 24/7 and your library card allows you to access databases and downloadables from our website. You can also find information about the latest Alton Book Chat discussion title and the next classic movie to be shown on Theater Thursday. Stay safe and see you soon at the library! **#290**