**THE READING ROOM AT GILMAN LIBRARY**

**ALTON## Happy Ground Hog Day!**  – Do you know if Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow or not? Did you know that Phil only has a 50 % accuracy but Staten Chuck is 80% accurate? Did you know that groundhogs, also known as woodchucks, are rodents that belong to a group of large ground squirrels known as marmots? Did you know that the movie Groundhog Day was not filmed in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, but in Woodstock, Illinois? Did you know that we have several books on trivia at the Gilman Library? If you like trivia come on in and check them out! Perhaps someone you know would enjoy watching **“Groundhog’s Day”** again (and again and again and again). We have the movie and you can borrow it for a week. Is the weather, or Phil’s poor prediction rate making you a little grumpy or your little one grumpy? We have an easy reader entitled **“Grumpy Groundhog,”** by Maureen Wright, that is sure to bring a smile. Come on in and check it out.

**Happy Valentine’s Day!**  – Come in and celebrate your love for the Gilman Library and your love for books and reading. We have several things to demonstrate our love for our library patrons. For the whole month of February, we are putting away our “Conscience Jar” and you are welcome to return all overdues without guilt. Just put them on the Circulation desk and you will not even owe an explanation.

You cannot miss the display case at the Circulation desk. It is filled with Valentine themed items pulled from collection that you might enjoy. While you are at the Circulation desk, take a chance on our yummy guessing game. Delicious, wrapped Valentine candy is stuffed into a large covered Valentine container that is the cutest jar we have seen in the guessing games to date. You might win it! Don’t forget to pick up your free February Take-and-Make craft kit. We are celebrating our love for our community by offering you an adorable foam bear “You’re Beary Special” magnet.

**Happy President’s Day –** Are you a history buff, or do you just like any excuse to eat cherry pie? We have presidential biographies and cookbooks that will satisfy either interest waiting for you here. Perhaps you would prefer a fiction, **“The President’s Shadow”** or **“By Order of the President”**? We even have some DVDs for the occasion. And speaking of DVDs, a very generous person donated lots of DVDs. We have several seasons of **NYPD Blues** and **Chicago PD**, and a variety of other genre as well. Come in and check it out.

**Happy February -**  Before you leave, don’t forget to take a chance on our current raffle, a lovely purple hand-knitted shawl and a double volume Peyton Place book. The winner will be drawn on February 26th. And before you go out the door, pick up the free February **“BookPage.”** This month’s magazine reviews “Books with Heart.” As always, check our website at gilmanlibrary.org or follow our social media for latest updates. See you at the library. **#509**