**THE READING ROOM AT GILMAN LIBRARY**

**ALTON## THE FRIENDS OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY VALENTINE RAFFLE –** Stop in at the Gilman Library at 100 Main Street, and take a chance on this bountiful box. This lovely sturdy, reusable box is filled with Valentine goodies, wrapped in netting, and tied with a satin burgundy ribbon. The contents include a Be My Valentine Heart Balloon, a large box of Valonia assorted chocolates, French champagne and 2 wine glasses, Bath and Beauty supplies, including, hand lotion, body lotion, face mask, bath salts and soaps. There are also TWO $50 gift certificates inside the box! One gift certificate to Bella Winni Salon, located at 166 Wolfeboro Hwy (Rte 28N) Alton, and the other is a Happy Gift Card, redeemable in select stores or online. You can get a peek at the contents from the photos on our website at gilmanlibrary.org before you head in to the library to buy your ticket. The raffle tickets are priced at 1 for $1, 4 for $3, 7 for $5, and 15 for $10. Proceeds go to support the endeavors of the Friends of the Gilman Library. The drawing will take place at 9:30 AM on Saturday, February 12th.

**FRIENDS MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGE** – Going forward, the Friends of the Gilman Library will be meeting on alternate months. The next meeting will be at 3:15 PM on Thursday, April 7th, and the first Thursday of every even-numbered month thereafter, unless otherwise posted. Please consider joining the Friends and bring a friend with you.

**ALTON BOOK CHAT** **AND THEATER THURSDAY –** Extra copies are still available to read in advance of the next book discussion at 7:00 PM on March 8th. The selected title is “The Storyteller's Secret: A Novel”by Sejal Badani. The best-selling author’s latest novel is described as “**an epic story of the unrelenting force of love, the power of healing, and the invincible desire to dream.” Pick up your book while supplies are available. While** you are at the check-out desk, sign up for the next Monthly Movie Matinee, to be shown at 1:00 pm on March 3rd. Our Movie License prevent us from announcing the title in the newspaper, but you can check our website for more details.

**NEW MOVIES AND BOOKS –** Thanks to a generous donation, we have several DVDs added to our collection. Titles include “American Graffiti,” “Battle of the Bulge,” “The Brave One,” “Date Night,” “Funny Farm,” “Inside Man” and several more! We also have multiple seasons of “Chicago PD” and “NYPD Blue” on DVD for check out. We have just added two new books, “Snow” by John Banville and “Never” by Ken Follett. See you soon at the library!  The first title is an historical fiction, murder investigation set in 1957 Ireland. It is a national bestseller and a New York Times Editors’ Choice Pick. The second title, also a bestseller, is a suspense fiction involving the first woman president, terrorists, and world politics. There are more titles besides. Check out our catalog online to review our holdings and place a reserve. See you at the library! **#505**