**THE READING ROOM AT GILMAN LIBRARY**

**ALTON## MARCH IS OUR MONTH –** Hannaford is helping us! Did you get your Hannaford Bag yet? Hannaford will donate a portion of every sale to the Gilman Library during the month of March. For more information on the program, go to gilmanlibrary.org/hannaford-bags.

**MARCH/APRIL RAFFLE –** We have a wonderful collection of donated treasures for our current raffle. There is a photo on our website at gilmanlibrary.org/raffles. The whole prize includes a cute, blue & white nightshirt (one-size-fits-all) that reads: "a book a day keeps reality away,” the book "First Comes Love" by Emily Griffith, and a vintage 5-piece tea set for one with some Bigelow Tea Bag samples. Tickets are $1 each or six tickets for $5.  Proceeds benefit the Gilman Library.  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!

**NEW BOOKS -** We added over a dozen new adult fiction books last week that might interest you. Two are hot-off-the-press. We have the newest Beaumont suspense novel from New York Times bestselling author J. A. Jance and “City of the dead” Jonathan Kellerman’s latest Alex Delaware suspense novel. We also have “The Singing trees: a novel” by Boo Walker, “Chance” by Tess Gerritsen, and “Steal” by James Patterston. There are more, including two new Luanne Rice titles and two by Lisa Scottoline. These and more besides, are waiting for you to come in and check out.

**NEW THINGS –** We have several games added to our Library of Things. Two sets of Chess/Checkers to circulate, Snap Circuits Classic SC-300 Electronics Exploration Kit, and Snap Circuits Junior. We also have Learning to Sequence, a game that teaches young children that stories have a beginning, a middle and an end, and prepares them for reading. Players must assemble the pieces of these picture stories to find out what happens next. Come in and see what else we have in the Library of Things. See you at the library! **#342**