**THE READING ROOM AT GILMAN LIBRARY**

**ALTON## OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES IS WINDING DOWN -** The 2022 Summer Reading Contest ends at 1:00 PM onSaturday, August 6th. Be sure to get your reading logs in early and fill out your free raffle tickets before the deadline. Late entries cannot be accepted. Remember that the more you read, the more raffle tickets you earn, and the more raffle tickets you earn, the greater your chance of winning the raffle bag. Remember also, it only takes one ticket to win a bag!

**MAKING SPACE FOR POLLINATORS - Jerry** Schneider also known as "The Butterfly Guy,” will be visiting the Gilman Library, Saturday, August 6th from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.    He will present his program, Making Space for Pollinators, about bees, butterflies, and bats, the important roles they play in society, and why we should pay more attention to them.  After the presentation, there will be a T-shirt tie-dye activity for attendees.  Participation in this portion of the program is optional. You may bring your own tee-shirt or purchase one at the event. The new cotton shirts are available for $4.  There is no other cost for this program and the public is invited.

**LET’S GET GROWING -** Whether you are a beginner or a Master Gardener, check out our Seed Swap at the library. Please feel free to share unopened seed packages with instruction and expiration dates, and swap the packets for another. We have some new packets of Burpee Seeds already in a basket at the Gardening book display. The cart includes several dozens of our favorite gardening books for you to check out or read in-house, including “***The New York Times 1000 Gardening Questions and Answers***.” The Alton Gardening Club often meets in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room of the Gilman Library and they are the ones to credit for our beautiful library gardens in the courtyard entrance and on the side lawn of the library. They will be holding their next program off-site, at Michelle Hanley’s Gardens at Barnstead Parade. The program, entitles “Seed Saving,” presented by Master Gardener Ron Trexler, is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23rd (*rain date: August 25th)* at 1:30 PM, at 802 Province Road, Eastern Parade.

**RESERVE AND RENEW ONLINE –** Remember that our virtual library at GilmanLibrary.org never closes.  You can peruse our online catalog and reserve your selections ahead of time. You may also call during our open hours and reserve over the phone at 875-2550, before your arrival at 100 Main Street. See you soon, at the library!**#420**