**THE READING ROOM AT GILMAN LIBRARY**

**ALTON## NH SEA GRANT**- New Hampshire Sea Grant marine docents John Belcher, Barb Dion, and Kip Freeman, were received by an enthusiastic and interactive audience at the Gilman Library on July 23rd. The docents presented a donation from NH Sea Grant to the children’s collection. A new book, written by fellow marine docent, Nancy Donovan, of Rye, NH, “***Wild Dolphin Rider***” is an adventure story available to check out from the Juvenile Fiction collection.

**OLD HOME WEEK FRIENDS SALE-** The Friends of the Gilman Library will hold a BOGO Sale (Buy One -Get-One free) in the Friends Corner of the Gilman Library, during Old Home Week, from August 12th-21st. There will also be a Friends Raffle, a bundle of four jigsaw puzzles, perfect for the puzzle enthusiast. All proceeds will benefit future reading programs and supplement other library needs.

**COOL STUFF FOR KIDS-** Two Family Movie Matinees are offered on Saturday, August 20th, at 10:30 AM, and Tuesday, August 30th, at 3:30 PM. Check the website for details at https://gilmanlibrary.org/cool-stuff.

**LIBRARY SERVICES** - Alton and Alton Bay property owners and residents have a free, renewable five-year membership and Summer residents have a free, renewable two-year membership. Non-residents are charged $20 per year for a yearly membership. Non-residents who work in Alton may have their annual fees waived. The Gilman Library is a place to read, play checkers or chess, color or work on a craft, listen to music, view a DVD, relax, and socialize. Ask at the desk about state-wide inter-library loan service, free downloadable books, and the library's museum pass reimbursement program. The library offers free Wi-fi and computer access. For a small fee, printing, copy, and fax services, a coffee station, and an ongoing book sale are available for your convenience. Books and audios check out for three weeks. Magazines and DVDs check out for one week. If there is no reserve pending on your item, the systems will automatically renew it one time. Open hours are Tuesday & Thursday: 11 AM-7 PM, Wednesday & Friday: 9 AM-5 PM, and Saturday: 9 AM to 1 PM. Our virtual library never closes. The Gilman Library maintains a social presence on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, and posts regular news in "The Baysider" under the heading "The Reading Room at Gilman Library." There are regular programs for all ages posted on the online calendar. You may also review, reserve, and renew though the online catalog. There are several research databases and access to downloadable materials available through the website. Check out the website for announcements and other services at http://www.gilmanlibrary.org. See you at the library. **#425**