**THE READING ROOM AT GILMAN LIBRARY**

**ALTON## FRIENDS OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY –** The Friends Group will meet next Thursday, September 8th, at 3:15 PM, in the Friends Corner of the Gilman Library.  Group business includes discussion and planning for the annual National Friends of Libraries Week celebration, October 16-22.  We hope you will consider joining or renewing your membership.  Stop at the library circulation desk for details.  Members are eligible for special discount days during the year. Our “Friends Corner” has an extensive collection of books and DVDs as well as handcrafted seasonal decorative items for sale.  Come into the Gilman Library and visit the Friends Corner where gently used and new books, DVDs, jigsaw puzzles, and new seasonal items are for sale.

**GILMANLIBRARY.ORG WEBSITE–** The library website offers virtual services 24/7.  Please visit gilmanlibrary.org and click on the drop-down menu bar.  This will take you to over 60 pages with links to other resources on nearly every page.   You can also link to our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts through the website.   We have a message system that allows you to text, initiate a chat, or complete online forms in several formats, at any time of day or night.  You can contact us through our website forms or send an SMS text to 603-267-4302.  While our virtual library never closes, our support staff is part-time.   You should expect a response during our regular hours of service at our 100 Main Street location.  You can utilize our Catalog chat box or call us at 603-875-2550.  Open hours are as follows: Tuesday & Thursday:  11 AM-7 PM, Wednesday & Friday: 9 AM-5 PM, and Saturday: 9 AM-1 PM.  We are closed every Sunday and Monday and on Federal Holidays.

**LIBRARY PROGRAMS –** We have concluded another yearly summer reading program and the summer special events for children and families for the season.  We are now gearing up for the school year with a return of some of last Spring’s favorite youth programs that are held to coincide with the school calendar.  We offer many other year-round programs for all ages.  We show a Theater Thursday Classic Monthly Movie Matinee, on the 1st Thursday at 1 PM, host a monthly book discussion group known as Alton Book Chat, on the 2nd Tuesday at 7 PM, and offer Two Family Movie showings each month, once on a Saturday morning and once on a Tuesday afternoon.  Please follow The Reading Room at Gilman Library column in The Baysider and check our website and social media accounts for updates.

**NEW BOOKS -** Brand new 2022 publications at the library include, ***The mak­ing of a ­pan­demic: ­so­cial, po­lit­i­cal, and psy­cho­log­i­cal per­spec­tives on Covid-19*** by John Ehrenreich, ***The 6:20 Man*** by David Baldacci, ***Her Hidden Genius*** by Marie Benedict, ***Reckoning*** by Catherine Coulter, ***Hatchet Island*** by Paul Doiron, and ***The Unkindness of Ravens***, by M.E. Hillard. Come in and check them out.  See you at the Library!   **#482**