**THE READING ROOM AT GILMAN LIBRARY**

**ALTON## IF YOU GET THE BAYSIDER EARLY –** You might still have time to make the Friends Meeting.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.

**GILMAN LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES -** The Gilman Library Board of Trustees has postponed its September 6th meeting to September 13th, Tuesday at 5:00 PM, due to the holiday weekend.  Unless otherwise posted, the Gilman Library Board of Trustees meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm, in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room on the lower level. Meetings are open to the public.

**ALTON BOOK CHAT –** The September 13th, 7:00 PM meeting of Alton Book Chat will discuss “***The Dutch House***,” by Ann Patchett.  There will be no book handed out for the October meeting. Instead, the Alton Book Chat group will host an Author Visit with Linda Shelton Matchett, a Wolfeboro resident, originally from Baltimore, MD. She has written numerous magazine articles and authored thirty novels, and is a self-proclaimed “history geek” who writes about “ordinary people who do extraordinary things in days gone by.” Her genres include history, romance, and inspirational literature. This program and all Alton Book Chat meetings are open to the public.

**THE EVERYWHERE MAN -** “The Everywhere Man” will perform at the Gilman Library on September 7th and 21st, Wednesday mornings at 10:30 AM.  The singer and guitarist will read a story and provide entertainment for the preschool age group, their parents and caregivers, as well as older children and adults. You do not have to be a preschooler to enjoy his performance.

**WE ARE SO SAD! GRANNY APPLE HAS RETIRED –** Long-time volunteer, Granny Apple, AKA Sandy Jackson, has announced her retirement from the weekly school year Story Time.  She plans to relocate to be closer to her children and grandchildren.  She will be sorely missed and always deeply appreciated.

**NEW OVERDRIVE BOOKS -** The New Hampshire Downloadable Books Consortium was established to help New Hampshire public libraries provide eBooks and audiobooks to their patrons.  The current collection, offered through NH OverDrive and Libby apps, includes more than 7,000 audiobooks and over 9,000 eBook titles.  You can access them using your library card to download them through our library catalog at gilmanlibrary.org. To see a list of the latest offerings added on August 26th, go to nhdbooks.blogspot.com. Or ask for more info when you visit 100 Main Street, Alton. See you at the library! **#426**