**THE READING ROOM AT GILMAN LIBRARY**

**ALTON## COOL STUFF FOR KIDS -** The Everywhere Man will perform at the Gilman Library at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, September 21st.  Check out the news about Whimsy Corner on our website at gilmanlibrary.org/whimsy-corner.  TheFamily Movie will be shown on Saturday, September 17th at 10:30 AM and on Tuesday, September 27th at 3:30 PM.  The title and details are posted on gilmanlibrary.org/cool-stuff.

**FALL RAFFLE -** Step into Fall with a colorful shawl. The Gilman Library is offering a beautiful shawl in multiple shades of blue, for a raffle.  The drawing will be held after closing on Saturday, October 8th at 1:00 PM.  The shawl was donated and hand-crafted by a local Alton Bay knitter.  It is made of 100% acrylic yarn and is machine washable.  Just wash and dry on the regular cycle.  One ticket sells for $1.00 or you can buy six tickets for $5.00.  Proceeds benefit the Gilman Library.  This is an easy way to make a small donation to benefit the Gilman Library and if you win a lovely prize, that is a bonus!  You can view a photo of the shawl on our website at gilmanlibrary.org/raffles.  Better yet, come to the circulation desk at 100 Main Street and see it in person.

**WE WANT YOUR SUGGESTIONS –** How may we serve you better?  Please give us your ideas for collection development, community programs, or convenient service that you would like to see added at the Gilman Library.

**AGNES THOMPSON MEETING ROOM -** We have several community groups that assemble regularly in the meeting room on the lower level of the Gilman Library.  Kelly from Parks & Rec holds a hybrid Zoom & live exercise class a few times a week, there is a weekly Knitters Circle that welcomes new members, and there is also a non-denomination Bible study group that is open to the public.  These are just a few of the informal community meetings in addition to the Alton Book Chat book group and the Alton Historical Society programs.  If you are interested in joining a group, starting up a group, or just want more information about what is currently available to meet your interests, ask at the circulation desk or call 603-875-2550 during open hours.

**NEW BOOKS -** Some of the titles newly added to the collection last week include***The Enchanted: a novel***by Rene Denfeldand both***The Ex­is­ten­tial ­wor­ries of Mags Mun­roe*** and ***Growing Wild in the Shade*** from the Mags Munroe series by Jean Grainger.  In non-fiction we have ***My Nest Isn’t Empty It Just Has More Closet Space*** by popular fiction author Lisa Scottoline, and ***Last Child in the Woods : saving our children from nature-deficit disorder*** by Richard Louv.  In the children’s Easy collection, we have added ***The Day the Crayons Quit*** and ***The Day the Crayons Came Home***, both by Drew Daywalt and illustrator Oliver Jeffs.  For these and more, reserve online through our catalog at gilmanlibrary.org or pop on in and browse to see other new selections at 100 Main Street.  See you at the library! **#510**