**THE READING ROOM AT GILMAN LIBRARY**

**ALTON##**   **NATIONAL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WEEK -** October 16th-22nd is the week we celebrate our Friends!  The Friends of the Gilman Library are offering a cream with burgundy logo Friends of the Library tote bag with every new membership AND every renewed membership during that week. The Friends will also be holding a Friends of the Library Raffle, beginning on October 16th and concluding with the drawing on November 23rd at 5:00 PM.  Details of the Raffle will be available next week.  The next Friends meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 3rd, at 3:15 PM, following the Theater Thursday Monthly Movie Matinee.

**COOL STUFF FOR KIDS** - New activities are beginning in October!  Come into the Gilman Library to READ WITH RYLEE.  Stop by at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, October 19th, and Wednesday, October 26th, to sit and read with Rylee, the adorable Golden Retriever-Cocker Spaniel mix who loves getting all kinds of attention from children to elders.   Join us for a new kids’ club, the Sm-Ar-Ti-Es Science Club.  There will be a short picture book reading on the featured topic, followed by a group project or craft.  Sign-up is required.   The first meeting is scheduled to begin at 10:30 AM on Saturday, October 15th.    There are two different FAMILY MOVIES in October.  TUESDAY FAMILY MOVIE is scheduled for 3:30 PM on October 18th and the other is the SATURDAY FAMILY MOVIE is scheduled for 11:00 AM on October 29th.  After the Saturday Movie, there will be a PUMPKIN DECORATING activity.  Sign-up is required.  Check our website at gilmanlibrary.org/cool-stuff for details.

**MOST POPULAR BOOKS -** The most popular items currently circulating, include ***22 Seconds*** by James Patterson and Maxine Paestro, ***Run, Rose, Run*** by Dolly Parton and James Patterson, ***Shadows Reel*** by C. J. Box, and ***The Butterfly Girl*** by Rene Denfeld.  If these sound intriguing, please add your name to the reserve list before it gets too long.

**NEW BOOKS -** We have several nonfiction books newly added to the library collection.  You may choose from ***The Good Assassin: how a Mossad agent and a band of survivors hunted down the Butcher of Latvia*** by Stephan Talty, ***The Odyssey of John Monroe “Hawk” Smith, Navy Fighter Pilot,*** by Donald E. Auten, ***12 Birds to Save Your Life*** by Charlie Corbett, and ***Chicken Soup for the Soul: My Curious, Caring Cat : 101 tales of feline friendship*** from the Chicken Soup for the Soul publishers.  In fiction, we have***Troubled Blood,***by Robert Galbraith, a Cormoran Strike novel #5, ***Wrong Place, Wrong Time*** by Gillian McAllister, a Reese's (Reece Witherspoon's) Book Club selection, Sandra Brown’s ***Overkill,*** a Vince Flynn Mitch Rapp novel by Kyle Mills, ***Oath of Loyalty*,** and two 2022 Iris Johansen books, # 28 and 29 in her Eve Duncan series.  From the Easy Picture Book section in the children’s wing, come check out ***Grumpy Monkey*** bySuzanne and Max Lang. That is just one more reason to stop at Whimsy Corner and don’t forget your Whimsy Corner card! To reserve these or other new titles before they are snapped up by another reader, call the library at 603-875-2550, or reserve online at gilmanlibrary.org.  See you at the library!  **#530**