

Harrison Village Library



Newsletter

Fall 2018

Harrison Village Library

Hours:

Monday & Wednesday 1 – 7 PM

Thursday 11 AM – 5 PM

Saturday 10 AM – 2 PM

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For more information on all
Library events, please
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Board of Trustees

Trustees and Officers of Harrison Village Library are elected for one-year terms, each July, at the Annual Meeting.

Current Officers are:

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Meg Kirschner

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A New Addition to the Library



In the late summer of 2017, Friend of the Library Marilyn Crowley approached Library Director Kathleen Kramer about the possibility of a mural in the library. The project would be completed by the (adult) participants of Camps Newfound & Owatonna's Creative Arts Week, under the direction of professional artist Alex Cook, as part of their summer 2018 program. Intrigued, the Board of Trustees gave their approval.

Creative Arts Week offers an opportunity for adults to spend time at the beautiful campus of Newfound & Owatonna, participating in classes, activities and workshops ranging from poetry writing to photography to improvisation. Instructor Alex Cook has painted over 150 murals in 15 states and 4 countries, and guided the Public Mural-Making class through all the phases of making a mural: from consultation with the client (us!), to creating the design and painting the mural – all in less than a week. The result is this charming, primitive-style rendition of the town and its surrounding landscape, a gift that will be enjoyed by everyone who visits the library for years to come.

Our sincerest thanks to Alex; painters Virginia Burwood-Hay, Marilyn Crowley, Joan Lazarus, Sandy Olson, Victor Semenov, and Xenia Walker; Creative Arts Week Director Danis Collett; and Camps Newfound & Owatonna.

Reading with ...

We are introducing a new feature with this newsletter—a quick Q & A about reading and your favorite books. Would you like to be part of this for the next newsletter? Just let us know!

Reading with...Kathleen Kramer,
Library Director

Book you're reading now: I'm reading *Transcription* by Kate Atkinson, and listening to *Lethal White* by Robert Galbraith, aka J.K. Rowling

Next up: *Waking Lions* by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen (for November's Book Club); *Searching for Stars on an Island in Maine* by Alan P. Lightman

Your favorite 3 books: *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr; *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel; *The House of Mirth* by Edith Wharton

Book that changed your life: *Eat for the Planet: Saving the World One Bite at a Time* by Nil Zacharias. This tiny book only took about an hour and a half to read, but packed such a powerful punch that I immediately began changing my habits.

Book that was better as a movie: *Atonement* by Ian McEwan. I enjoyed the movie, starring Keira Knightley, James McAvoy, and Saoirse Ronan, much more!

Best book you've read this year: I'm going to cheat a little here, and offer multiple answers. For fiction, I really loved *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders, but since that was originally begun as a play and then sort of mushroomed to novel-length, some people have had trouble with the structure. I also loved *Beartown* by Fredrik Backman, which is a more traditional read. For non-fiction, the memoir *Educated* blew me away, and also has fabulous cover art! I thought the children's book *You Go First* by Erin Entrada

Kelly was terrific, and I loved, loved, loved the audio book *The Death of Mrs. Westaway* by Ruth Ware—the narrator, Imogen Church, wonderfully enhances the atmosphere of suspense.

Favorite line from a book: It's not my favorite, but it's the only line I know by heart because I read the book so often as a teenager: "Scarlett O'Hara was not beautiful, but men seldom realized it when caught by her charm as the Tarleton twins were." (The opening line of *Gone with the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell.)

Reading with...Anita Micale,
Library Assistant

Book you're reading now: I'm reading *The Little French Bistro* by Nina George, and listening to *The Sleepwalker* by Chris Bohjalian.

Next up: Next up for me is *Transcription* by Kate Atkinson, *Unsheltered* by Barbara Kingsolver, and on audio, *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett.

Your favorite 3 books: I have so many favorites, but the books that I've read twice are *Cold Comfort Farm* by Stella Gibbons, *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen, and the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling.

Book that changed your life: Before I read *Those Who Save Us* by Jenna Blum, I very rarely read historical fiction books. Reading this book started me on a journey of historical fiction, which is now one of my favorite types of books. My heart actually races if I know that it's going to be a "good read"!

Book that was better as a movie: This was most definitely *Julie and Julia*. I loved the movie, so decided to read the book by Julie Powell. Honestly, if I had read the book first, I wouldn't have watched the movie!

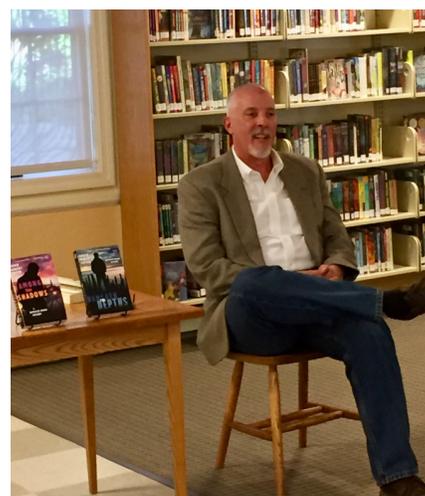
Best book you've read this year: I read so many good books this year, but my top read is a tie between

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman and *The One in a Million Boy* by Monica Wood (a Maine author). I simply can't choose one over the other!

Favorite line from a book: "I saw something nasty in the woodshed", a line from my favorite book, *Cold Comfort Farm*. By the way, the movie was wonderful as well, and I won't tell you how many times I've watched it!



Mime Chris Yerlig, aka Hoopoe, returned as part of this summer's Summer Reading Program.



Bruce Coffin, author of the popular Portland-based Detective Byron mysteries, spoke at the library in June



HannaFord Helps

We have some very exciting news--we have been chosen AGAIN as a beneficiary of the HannaFord Helps Reusable Bag program! For this round, we are the recipients at the Bridgton HannaFord for the entire month of November.

As a reminder, every time anyone purchases one of the Community Bags (pictured above) at this location, we receive \$1. This is truly a great opportunity for us, and an easy way for you to show your support for Harrison Village Library. Please go to the store, find the reusable bag rack and buy a few bags! And remember to spread the word – the more bags purchased, the bigger donation to HVL

For more information about the HannaFord Helps Reusable Bag Program, visit hannaford.bags4mycause.com

Mural Artists of Creative Arts Week



Joan Lazarus, Sandy Olson, Marilyn Crowley,
Virginia Burward-Hay, Alex Cook, Victor Semenov
and Xenia Walker

Friends of the Library

Harrison Village Library has an active Friends group, and we are always delighted to welcome new members. We support the library by volunteering at the Board's fundraising events, and raising money on our own for "extras" such as the library's annual movie licensing fee and pass to the Children's Museum of Maine. We are also pleased to sponsor the Adult Summer Reading Program.

The Annual Meeting and election of officers of the Friends of the Library is held each year in April or May. Additional meetings are held on an as-needed basis; much of our communication is carried out by email or telephone.

Would you like to learn more about joining the Friends? Email Dianne Jackson at dijack815@myfairpoint.net, or speak to library director Kathleen Kramer the next time you're in the library.

Cabin Fever Film Series

We had so much fun with our Classic Suspense Film Series this summer; we're trying it again this winter with the Cabin Fever Film Series. Get out of the house and join your friends for classic films with snowy settings. Films for adults will be shown on Wednesdays at 1:00 from January 9-February 13, and family movies shown on selected Saturdays in January and February.



Meet the founding members of our
Youth Advisory Group!

They have come up with lots of ideas for kids' programming...stay tuned for exciting new things to do at the library!

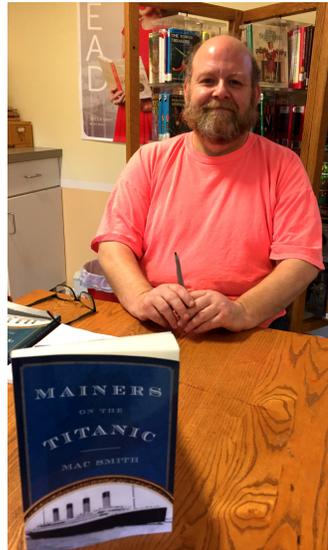
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Noted musician and storyteller Jennifer Armstrong got her audience moving when she visited this summer



Mac Smith, author of *Mainers on the Titanic*, spoke at the library in October.



Lindsay & her Puppets Pals returned this summer to delight and entertain

Did You Know?

Ongoing Programs and Services, and Other News

--You can **borrow ebooks and audiobooks** for your tablet, smartphone or electronic reading device through the Maine InfoNet Download Library, aka the "Cloud Library." All library patrons may use this service, which may be accessed by the link on our website. Please call or stop by for your card number. If you need help, we'll be happy to walk you through the process of borrowing electronically

--In addition to the weekly **Storytime** (Thursdays at 10:00), we also offer a monthly Traveling Storytime for preschools and daycares. Please contact the library if you would like to arrange a visit to your daycare. We also have monthly visits from Bear the Reading Dog, a great way for young children to practice their read-aloud skills. Check the library calendar for the

date of Bear's next visit.

--**Large Print Titles** are available both from our own collection and from a rotating collection from the Maine State Library.

--You can **donate** to the library online! Just follow the link on our website.

--**Free and discounted passes** to the Portland Museum of Art and The Children's Museum and Theater of Maine are available for library members. Call or stop by to check availability.

--Free access to the **Ancestry.com** database (for genealogy) is available on all library computers.

--You can **renew and reserve books online!** Stop by or call to get your user name and password. Lists of recent acquisitions are also available online. Click the bookshelf icon on

the library's website that says "search the catalog"; when you are brought to the catalog, click "lists" to see what's new. (You don't need to be logged in to view the lists or search the catalog, but you do in order to renew or reserve.)

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