Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The holidays are fast approaching and we have plenty for which we are grateful and good news to share!

We recently expanded our lease in the Leavitt Institute to include the large room on the second floor which many of you may remember as a previous library location. A fabulous volunteer crew has transformed the room into a permanent, year-round, book sale room, with meeting space. As always, books are just the beginning with TPL, so there are plenty of DVDs, audiobooks, and music CDs for sale, along with books for all ages. Prices are posted and many items are individually priced. When we have special sets, we'll feature those in the library. There is an honor system box for payments and checks are accepted. If you enjoy our annual Fourth of July book sale, you can now relive the experience any time the library is open. If you’re looking for particular titles, please let us know. We’re happy to help you find them.

To celebrate the opening of our second floor book sale room, we’re hosting a quilt show and raffle! Come by during library hours and enjoy the beautiful work of local quilters. You can vote for your favorite quilt and purchase raffle tickets for many items, including a new Mahar Family Crafts quilt! If you remember our Mother’s Day quilt raffle, you won’t want to miss this beautiful quilt. Our Library Assistant, Amy Mahar, has created a sample of summertime quilt. This is a queen size quilt, 87x105 inches square.

Tickets for this quilt raffle are $5.00 a ticket. Call us at 225-2030, email us at info@turnerpubliclibrary.org, or send us a message on Facebook @TurnerPublicLibrary, to purchase by check or use this link for online purchasing paypal.me/TurnerPublicLibrary. We will send your ticket numbers via email or messenger and the drawing will be done on Facebook live on Wednesday, November 25th, right around 2:45pm. All raffle winners will be contacted by phone. Quilt can be mailed to anywhere in the USA or picked up locally at library, so please share and pass this along to all interested! Shipping will be provided by Mahar Family Crafts.
All proceeds from book sales and the raffle support TPL’s annual operating expenses. We appreciate your support and “shares” so very much!

By the way, our fall/winter/spring library hours are:
   Tuesday / Thursday 12-7pm
   Wednesday 10am – 3pm
   Friday 1-5pm
   Saturday 10am – 2pm.

Please welcome Bonny Bishop to TPL!

We’re pleased to announce that Bonny Bishop has joined TPL as our new Saturday Circulation Assistant! Bonny is from Hartford and is already well-known to many of our patrons through her participation in the regular cribbage games that were held here prior to the pandemic. You may also recognize Bonny if you’ve been a patient at Varney Chiropractic. Bonny and her husband, Al, are beekeepers who supply Tilton’s Market in Buckfield with honey. Bonny is an avid reader, of course, a long-time book club member, and an occasional hunter with an awesome new tree house/deer stand. Fun fact about Bonny: she was once a professional clown! Please help us make Bonny welcome!

December Indoor Story Walk!

We’ve got your little ones covered for a Holiday Story Walk! Saturday, December 12th – beginning at 10:15am. Make your reservation for a walk through the Leavitt Institute while reading a wonderful holiday story. We’ll have a take and make craft and pre-packed snack for kids to enjoy after they’ve hiked up the stairs and over our special indoor story trail. Socially distanced with reserved spacing to keep folks healthy, we invite you to bring your family and enjoy a holiday treat!

We ask for reservations so that we can be sure that we are maintaining a healthy distance between each group and so that we can sanitize when and where necessary. You may reserve your spot by calling 225-2030, emailing info@turnerpubliclibrary.org, or sending a direct message on Facebook. We ask that all adults and all children over the age of 2 wear face coverings or masks in accordance with CDC guidelines. Your cooperation with these procedures allows us to continue offering monthly story walks at a time when many other events are necessarily cancelled.

After you’ve enjoyed the Holiday Story Walk, why not pick up a bean supper to go?

TPL DRIVE-THRU BEAN SUPPER!

There is no better time for a bean supper than right between Thanksgiving and Christmas, and if you’re like us – you’re ready for a good bean supper! Well, it’s TPL to the rescue with a fantastic bean
supper for you and yours! We’ll be following guidelines for safe distribution of a delicious supper at a great price.

When: December 12, 2020
Time:  Pre-order pick up starts at 11 am.
         Delivery available after 11:30 am.
         Call ahead or stop by starts at 11:30 am.
Price: $8.00 per supper pack!
Additional cookies are available for just $2.00 for bag of 3.

SUPER BEAN SUPPER INCLUDES:
1 quart of homemade Baked Beans
1 pint of coleslaw
4 Red Dogs (heat ‘em at home)
4 Dinner Rolls
3 homemade Cookies

We’ll post a pre-order link soon! Sales benefit the Turner Public Library and all unsold/unclaimed dinners will go to help the Turner Food Bank.

GOOD GUILT

Have you been holding onto some library materials a little longer than you meant to? Now is the time to return those items and help out the Turner Food Pantry! From now through December 12th, we’ll remove the “guilt jar” from the counter and instead we’re asking that you bring a donation of food stuffs. Following our Drive-Thru Bean Supper on December 12th, we’ll be loading up your donations and taking them to the Turner Food Pantry at the North Turner Presbyterian Church. Even if you don’t have overdue items, we’d grateful accept your donation to the Turner Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry needs: Non-Perishable, dry or canned goods that are unexpired.
Suggestions: canned fruits and vegetables, pancake and baking mix, rice, pasta, soups, tuna and tinned meats, snack packs such as cheese and cracker packets, individual pretzel and nut bags, cookies, tea, coffee, and pantry staples (sugar, flour, soup mixes). Please, no liquids, perishables, or expired foods.

Keep track of what you read using BEANSTACK!

We see you readers! We see your sticky notes, your slips of paper, the backs of receipts, those electronic notes on your smartphone you can’t find…we see you! We have a solution for you. Our BEANSTACK app is for everyone – not just kids and it’s not just for what you’ve already read! Create an account and you can always remember what you have read and want you want to read. Sign up for a few challenges and get great suggestions, too. New winter reading 2021 challenges coming soon!  
https://turnerpubliclibrary.beanstack.org

What’s on your Beanstack?

Remote Learning Room

Are you helping students with remote learning and need a structured environment with less distraction than the kitchen table? We’ve teamed up with the Leavitt Institute to provide space in the Community Room. Our Wi-Fi service is available and we have tables, chairs, and emergency supplies, including a projector to which you can connect a laptop or MacBook. This space is available to any family or families that need space for one child or multiple children to learn while still maintaining social distance during this new school year. Please call (207)225-2030 or email us at info@turnerpubliclibrary.org to reserve the room or with any other questions regarding this space. We are here to help in any way we can.
New and Noteworthy Reads @ TPL

We have some excellent new arrivals you’ll want to check out!

A Time for Mercy – John Grisham
The Moth Catcher – Anne Cleeves
Fifty Words for Rain – Asha Lemmie
The Book of Two Ways – Jodi Picoult
The Pull of the Stars – Emma Donoghue
The Rainbow Comes and Goes – Anderson Cooper and Gloria Vanderbilt
Moonflower Murders – Anthony Horowitz
The Thursday Murder Club – Richard Osman
The Lions of Fifth Avenue – Fiona Davis
Squeeze Me – Carl Hiaasen
Mill Town – Kerri Arsenault
The House We Grew Up in – Lisa Jewell

For Kids and Teens:
The Deep End – Diary of Wimpy Kid
One Cool Friend
Not a Box
Weslandia
The Bugliest Bug
Baaabwaa and Wooliam
The Books of Elsewhere Volumes 1-5
Katy and the Big Snow
The Menagerie #2 & #3
The Lost Words
The Lost Spells
Chowder Rules
The Maine Birthday Book
Chain of Gold

More good news...in brief:

~ TPL received a generous gift from Emerson Toyota which will allow us to continue building our literacy support materials and begin investing in digital streaming equipment.

~ Thanks to a grant from the Maine Humanities Council, we have new desks for our staff! We’ve been working off folding tables since the Coronavirus required us to reconfigure our workspace. Contracting with the Maine Prison Industries woodworking shop allowed us to obtain beautiful custom desks at a very reasonable price.

~ Congratulations to our Library Assistant, Amy Mahar, for her second place win at the State of Maine Quilt Shop Hop Quilt Show. Another beautiful job!

Thank you so much for your continued support of your Turner Public Library. We wish you and yours a very healthy, happy Thanksgiving!

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