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We want to update everyone on the progress at the Smyth Public Library.

As reported last month, over the Christmas week-end a sprinkler in the fire suppression system failed and water started pouring into the building. It began in the reference room and then the water spread to the rest of the building. The entire building flooded before the problem was discovered and the water turned off. Now, everything has been removed so all the flooring can be replaced and any other damages repaired. We have hired Servpro to do the clean-up. We are insured and the insurance adjuster has been there and stated that the repairs will be covered. The library will be closed until all the repairs are completed, everything is dried out and then the books and furniture can be replaced. We do not know at this point how long that will all take.

Since then we have retained the services of Dean Young as our General Contractor and in his capable and skilled hands repairs are progressing well in the library. Dean, along with other Candia craftsmen, such as Kevin MacDonald and Felix Shepard, are saving and restoring our fine wood cabinets, shelving and walls.

We are working diligently to restore the library, but as in all construction projects everywhere, there are supply issues and delays beyond our control. We are making every effort to reopen as possible and will keep you informed as we progress.

In the meantime, we have increased the electronic and downloadable materials for your convenience as well as offer curbside delivery of any materials you might desire through the Interlibrary loan system. Please feel free to request these and any other needs or questions you might have to librarian@smythpl.org. We also have secured the temporary services of a few libraries close by which you can find details about below. We also remind you that we closed the book drop because we do not have a good place to put returned books. We ask that you keep any books that are due and naturally, there will be no late fees when you are able to return them. Our employees are not yet in the building on a regular basis, so even if the phones are working, there is no one to answer them. There are also books available at the Swap Shop at the recycling center and the Little Free Library at the entrance to the CYAA building.

Please know that we are doing everything we can to get the library re-opened as soon as possible and we appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

Events...

Candia Meet the Candidates Night

Tuesday, March 1, 6:30 pm

Smyth Public Library is hosting another Meet the Candidates Night at the Masonic Lodge on South Road.

The public and all candidates running for town offices/positions are invited.

While we are closed...

Great News!!

Griffin Free Public Library (GFPL) in Auburn, Hooksett Public Library and Dudley Tucker Library in Raymond have all generously offered to partner with the Smyth Public Library to provide temporary borrowing cards to Candia, NH residents while Smyth Public Library is closed for renovations.

These out of town temporary cards will be provided to adults with proof of Candia residency (such as a valid driver's license) right away in Auburn and Hooksett and as of February 1 in Raymond. The cards will allow up to three physical items (such as books or DVDs) to be circulated at a time. Access to digital collections will be limited to in library usage only and no online account access will be available. Access to digital resources will continue to be provided by Smyth Public Library.

These cards will expire on the day that the Smyth Public Library reopens. Please respect these neighboring town library conditions and be sure to return all items in a timely manner so that all patrons can enjoy this service in Auburn, Hooksett, Raymond and Candia.

If you have any questions regarding this service, please contact Heidi Deacon, Library Director, librarian@smythpl.org.

And don't forget...

You can still check e-books out from the state library through our catalogue, as usual.

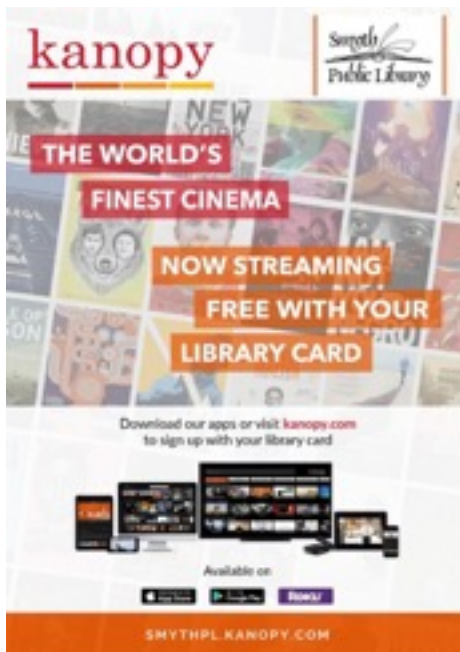
Overdrive/ Libby



Overdrive is the original app, which is compatible with most devices. Use this if you have a Kindle Fire, a Mac, a Windows device, or a PC.

Libby is a new app by Overdrive. It has the same collection as Overdrive. If you have an Android or iOS device, use the Libby app.

Kanopy



What is Kanopy?

Kanopy is a popular on demand film streaming service that will be available for free with your library card! You can get 4 titles per month.

Films can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device or platform by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast or Roku.

With the motto of “thoughtful entertainment,” Kanopy provides patrons with access to films of unique social and cultural value; films that are often difficult or impossible to access elsewhere, and programming that features diversity, with a wide array of foreign language films and films on race, and current affairs.

Kanopy also offers **Kanopy Kids**, with categories include TV Series, Learning Languages, Animated Storybooks, Anime Favorites, Classic Films and Movies for the Whole Family.

Kanopy Toolkits:

At the start of 2020 Kanopy launched new toolkits to help patrons and viewers access theme-specific videos and movies. Each month a new toolkit shall be published; the toolkits offer program guides and suggestions on what films to view.

Click [here](#) to view the toolkits.

Accessing Kanopy:

Library card holders can access Kanopy and sign up to start streaming films on instantly by visiting smythpl.kanopy.com.

NOTE: When logging-in to Kanopy it requires your *Library Card Number* and a *Library Card Pin/Password*. The *Pin/Password* is the seven digits of your phone number, or ten digits of your phone number if the number i

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STEAM Look Book

The 2021 hoopla [STEAM Look Book](#) is now available! hoopla offers the best selection of science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics titles for patrons of all ages. STEAM education is known to increase problem-solving and critical thinking skills, so the content is great anytime, but especially for back to school!

Browse our STEAM Library Resources, [Look Book](#), and collections for every age

The Great Courses

We're thrilled to announce [The Great Courses](#) now on video on hoopla. Patrons can enjoy over 200 individual courses in a variety of topics taught by award-winning experts and professors including *Health, Fitness & Nutrition, Literature & Language, Science & Technology*, and more.

hoopla Book Club:

hoopla's digital collection is available instantly with no holds and no waiting, including the [Book Club Spotlight Selection](#), giving readers access to eBooks and audiobooks even if the library's physical building is closed.

New Book Club Spotlight Selection: *Before the Coffee Gets Cold*

The Winter 2021 hoopla Book Club Spotlight is [Before the Coffee Gets Cold](#) by Toshikazu Kawaguchi. This is his debut as an author, and has become an international bestseller.

hoopla's online resources, including an [exclusive Q&A with the author](#), are also available on the [hoopla Book Club Hub](#) site to access and share digitally. Readers can keep the discussion going virtually or in person, no matter where they are, with the hoopla Book Club.

Accessing hoopla:

To register for and enjoy hoopla digital for free with your library card, please download the hoopla digital app from your Apple or Google Play store on your mobile device. If you are using a computer, you may visit <https://www.hoopladigital.com/home>.

For more information or should you have questions, please visit or call Smyth Public Library.

Please note, that when logging-in to Hoopla, type in your *email*, and then the *Password/PIN* required is simply your phone number.

FAQ of hoopla:

With Hoopla, you can check out 3 items per month with your library card! NO WAITING!

You will have immediate access to:

MOVIES, FULL MUSIC ALBUMS, eBooks, eAUDIOBOOKS, TV EPISODES, and COMICS and GRAPHIC NOVELS!

ALL of this content will be available in one all-inclusive mobile app or website.

The platform is simple, intuitive and free. BEST OF ALL? There is NO WAITING for titles, the collection contains half a million titles and is growing every day!!

hoopla has added over 6,500 new titles! Click [here](#) for more information.

Family Movie Nights made easy with hoopla!

With many families staying in more than ever, hoopla can help make decisions for family movie night easy with our wide selection of family titles. We have curated a [**special collection of some of our favorites**](#) available now with no holds or waiting – including *Ella Enchanted*, *Daddy Day Care*, *The 3 Tails*, and more!

Discovering titles your patrons will love has never been easier with the new and expanded [**Movies of the Month**](#) on hoopla!

Reading guides

The hoopla Resource Center now has [reading guides](#) for IDW Publishing graphic novels available on hoopla, including *March Book One* and *March Book Two*. John Lewis's game-changing graphic memoir *March* has brought attention to a powerful issue and its three books have won numerous awards and have been a #1 *New York Times* Bestseller.

[**Check out the Reading Guides**](#)

Curate your own film festival with the power of your library card and hoopla!

The programs new Art House collection full of documentaries and films is the perfect place to start; click [here](#) for more information

Brainfuse HelpNow

**Smyth Library Now offers On-Demand, Anywhere
Online Tutoring for All Learners**

*Includes online tutoring for all levels of learners from
children through adults*

To access HelpNow™, please visit the library's website and sign in to your account: [<https://smyth.biblionix.com/catalog/?search=>].



It is clear that the books owned the shop rather than the other way about. Everywhere they had run wild and taken possession of their habitat, breeding and multiplying, and clearly lacking any strong hand to keep them down.

- Agatha Christie

Book club still meeting!

*Readers meet **every 2nd Tuesday** of the month*

*Next month join us **February 15th** ~ 7 pm*

Smyth Memorial Building

This Month's Selection:



The Women of Chateau Lafayette

By Stephanie Dray

An epic saga from *New York Times* bestselling author Stephanie Dray based on the true story of an extraordinary castle in the heart of France and the remarkable women bound by its legacy.

Most castles are protected by men. This one by women.

A founding mother...

1774. Gently-bred noblewoman Adrienne Lafayette becomes her husband, the Marquis de Lafayette's political partner in the fight for American independence. But when their idealism sparks revolution in France and the guillotine threatens everything she holds dear, Adrienne must renounce the complicated man she loves, or risk her life for a legacy that will inspire generations to come.

A daring visionary...

1914. Glittering New York socialite Beatrice Chanler is a force of nature, daunted by nothing—not her humble beginnings, her crumbling marriage, or the outbreak of war. But after witnessing the devastation in France firsthand, Beatrice takes on the challenge of a lifetime: convincing America to fight for what's right.

A reluctant resistor...

1940. French school-teacher and aspiring artist Marthe Simone has an orphan's self-reliance and wants nothing to do with war. But as the realities of Nazi occupation transform her life in the isolated castle where she came of age, she makes a discovery that calls into question who she is, and more importantly, who she is willing to become.

Intricately woven and powerfully told, *The Women of Chateau Lafayette* is a sweeping novel about duty and hope, love and courage, and the strength we take from those who came before us.



*I was dating an apostrophe, but we had to break up.
It was too possessive.*



Tip from the front desk

5 Great Blizzard Thrillers That Will Speak to Your Snowbound Soul

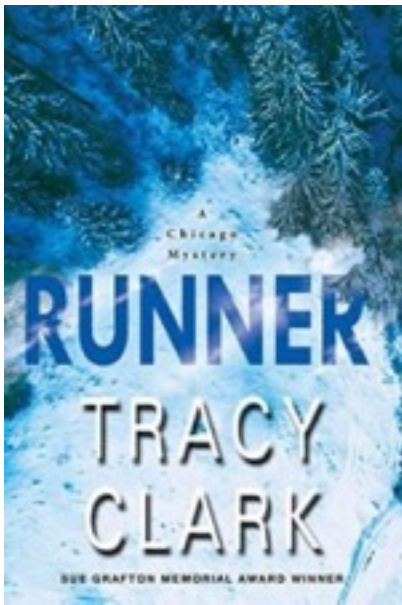
Here is a list of thrillers and mysteries where an untimely winter storm takes center stage.



***Ice Cold*, by Tess Gerritsen**

Since the beginning, I've been an avid fan of Tess Gerritsen's Rizzoli and Isles thriller series, and her eighth installment, *Ice Cold*, is one of my favorites. Chief Medical Examiner Maura Isles travels to Wyoming for a medical conference when she bumps into a former classmate. In a rare moment of whimsy, Maura decides to go skiing with her long-lost friend, his daughter, and another couple. As they travel up the mountain, a winter storm hits, leaving them stranded in the elements. The ill-prepared group finds shelter in the abandoned village of Kingdom Come, but someone is lurking in the snow, and they are far from safe.

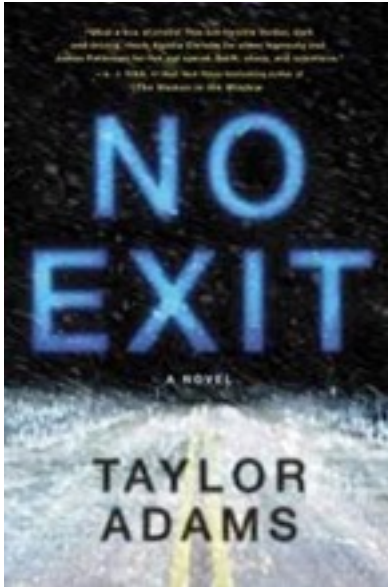
Back in Boston, homicide detective Jane Rizzoli becomes worried when she gets word that a burned body matching Maura's description has turned up in the mountains. With more questions than answers, Jane travels to Wyoming in hopes of finding the truth and discovers that something much more dangerous than a blizzard may have claimed her best friend.



***Runner*, by Tracy Clark**

When I started reading *Runner* by Tracy Clark, it was a mild December day in the Midwest. Still, I had to pull on my warmest sweater, coziest socks and pause to brew a hot cup of tea before reading on. In her fourth Chicago-based novel featuring PI Cassandra Raines, Clark captures winter in the Windy City perfectly. And just as chilling is Raines's current case—the search for Ramona, a fifteen-year-old runaway. Raines can't stand the thought of a young girl out on the streets, fending for herself in subzero temperatures, and as she draws closer, she discovers something much more nefarious at play in Ramona's disappearance. While *Runner* is the first novel I've read by the talented Clark, I will quickly dig into the rest of the series.

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***No Exit*, by Taylor Adams**

The very first line of *No Exit* by Taylor Adams had me hooked. I mean, who hates the iconic holiday song, “White Christmas” so much they tell classic crooner Bing Crosby to do something anatomically impossible two days before Christmas? Thus begins, *No Exit*. Darby Thorne is driving solo through the mountains of Colorado, desperately trying to get home to Utah and to her mother, who is suffering from late-stage pancreatic cancer before Christmas.

Equipped with only a quarter tank of gas Darby finds herself without cell coverage and in the belly of a raging blizzard that was only getting worse. In search of cell access and a hot cup of coffee, Darby’s only option is to pull over at a rest stop. There Darby meets four strangers, all waiting out the storm. Desperate to get a cell signal to call her mother, Darby goes back into the storm and makes a chilling discovery—a van with a young girl in a cage locked inside. In a race against time and the elements, Darby has only her wits to use as a weapon against an unknown evil.



A Deadly Inside Scoop, by Abby Collette

A Deadly Inside Scoop by Abby Collette is a deliciously binge-able read, perfect for a cold winter night. College grad Bronwyn Crewse has returned to her Ohio hometown to take over the family ice cream shop—Crewse Creamery. Bronwyn learns early on that running a business comes with unexpected headaches, including a delayed grand opening, a looming winter storm, and a dead body.

Bronwyn is shocked to learn that her father had a decade-long feud with the victim and is now the main suspect in the murder. Determined to solve the mystery, Bronwyn slings ice cream cones while trying to clear her father's name. The result—a cozy, wintry escape with a cast of memorable characters. And if one Crewse Creamery ice cream cone isn't enough for you, no worries! Two more books in the series await you.

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***Moon of the Crusted Snow*, by Waubgeshig Rice**

A remote northern Canadian Anishinaabe community becomes even more isolated when, without warning or explanation, they lose electricity, cell service, and all communication with the outside world. As the days and weeks pass and the winter weather worsens, food, medicine, and fuel become scarce, causing tension among the tight-knit community. To make matters worse, a heavily armed stranger straggles in desperate for shelter and relief from the chaos unfolding in the south and bringing chaos and discord in return.

Faced with devastation and certain death, members of the Anishinaabe community, led by Evan Whitesky, come together and try to prevent the collapse of their society. United, they must return to long revered traditions to survive.

To say I became entirely immersed in *Moon of the Crusted Snow* as I read understates just how captivating, intriguing, and how beautifully written this book was. It's both a lyrical and brutal exploration of how, in the midst of collapse, humanity seeks order.



Even though closed, Smyth Public Library can order any of these books interlibrary loan and leave them for curbside pickup anytime. Just let us know.

Excerpt by [Heather Gudenkauf](#) (January 26, 2022)

Winter Thoughts:

"Winter, a lingering season, is a time to gather golden moments, embark upon a sentimental journey, and enjoy every idle hour."

-John Boswell

"Take long walks in stormy weather or through deep snow in the field or woods, if you would keep your spirits up. Bear with brute nature. Be cold and hungry and weary...

Ah, but is this not a glorious time of year for your deep inward fires?"

-Henry David Thoreau, Journals

Heidi Deacon



Did you know...

An Icelandic tradition called Jólabókaflóð exists, where books are exchanged as Christmas Eve presents and the rest of the night is spent reading them and eating chocolate.

Trivia Time!

Every month we ask a trivia question. If you know the answer, drop it off at the front desk or e-mail it here.

Last month's question and answer:

Q. Who is the heroine of Janet Evanovich's One for the Money and its sequels?

A. Stephanie Plum

This Month's Trivia Question:

In what novel did Sherlock Holmes make his first appearance in print?

Ever want to be one of those know-it-all reviewers?

Got a book to recommend?

Want to write a blurb?

Have a child with a favorite book who would like to contribute to the Smythie?

We welcome contributors (less for us to write!), especially children and teens to review and recommend favorite books. Just drop Heidi Deacon an e-mail at librarian@smythpl.org or “reply” to this and we’ll include it here. It need not be a new book – it can be a golden oldie, a classic, a trashy beach book or whatever you have enjoyed.

I hope you have enjoyed this edition. Comments, suggestions and, of course, reviews are always welcomed.

Rick Mitchell and the library staff

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