

# AINSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## BANNED BOOKS MONTH



(Picture by Faustine)

What do *The Hate U Give*, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* and *Me and Earl and the Dying Girl* have in common? They are all on the list of the top ten most challenged books of 2021. They are also available here at the APL. Stop by and pick up a copy of a book that has been challenged. They are available year round, but will be featured on display this month as we celebrate Banned Books Month. Why read banned books? According to Common Sense Media, "Banned books often deal with subjects that are realistic, timely, and topical. Young people may find a character going through exactly what they are, which helps the reader sort out thorny issues like grief, divorce, sexual assault, bullying, prejudice, and sexual identity."

## BY APPOINTMENT

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What does "By Appointment" mean? The library is still open at the time it lists "by appointment." If patrons want to reserve slots so they can come into the building when there are no other patrons visiting, we reserve the slots. For everyone else, you can stop by during the hours scheduled and ring the doorbell. The worst thing that might happen is a possible ten minute wait if there are patrons in the building that have an appointment at the library. We continue to offer this option because the our building is so old that there is not proper ventilation for Covid safety. Our windows are double sealed and cannot be opened. We do not have modern air filtration. Please know that you may visit on an appointment day, we will get you in. Thank you for your understanding. Appointment days M10-2, W 10-6, TH 11-3

## BEST OF LUCK AND WELCOME



Clerk Ilene Elliott will be leaving the library for a new adventure. She was a wonderful asset to the library and will be missed. Linda Senecal will be our new clerk, look for her on

Saturdays! Linda brings a vast array of experience including her work in the Barre school system. Stop in and say hello!

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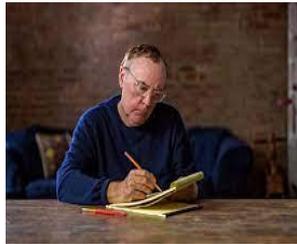
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## AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT

Do you know this author?

He is known for writing non-fiction, science fiction, historical fiction, juvenile, young adult, and romance books as well as numerous mystery/thrillers, both series and stand-alone. He often writes with co-authors, including Former President Bill Clinton and country star Dolly Parton. He was the first person to sell one million e-books. He has been on the Forbes list of highest paid authors with an annual income of \$95 million and holds the Guinness World Record for having the most books on *The New York Times*' best-seller list. Do these fictional characters and series; Alex Cross, the Women's Murder Club, Maximum Ride, Middle School, Ali Cross, and Michael Bennett sound familiar? They all come from the imagination of James Patterson. Also known as a generous supporter of universities, teachers colleges, independent bookstores, school libraries, and college students, Patterson has donated millions of dollars in grants and scholarships with the purpose of encouraging Americans of all ages to read more books, donating more than one million books to students, focusing on some of the most under-resourced schools and youth programs in the country. To date, he has donated \$7.25 million to school and classroom libraries throughout the United States, and \$2.1 million to independent bookstores and employees. His most recent book to arrive at our library is his biography/memoir; *The Stories of My Life*; James Patterson by James Patterson.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Thursday, September 1st at 6pm**

Friends of the Library

**Monday, September 5th**

Closed for Labor Day

**Friday, September 9th at 10am**

Board of Trustees Meeting

**Monday, September 12th-17th**

Youth Craft Give Away

**Thursday, September 15th at 4pm**

Book Group

## NEW BOOKS

Did you know that the Green Mountain Book Award (GMBA) was initiated in 2005? It is a reader's choice award focused toward Vermont High School students. The program was created to encourage high schoolers to become both discriminating and enthusiastic about reading. But, you don't have to be a highschool student to enjoy these books. Many adults enjoy reading them as well. Join us in reading this year's contenders of this prestigious Vermont Book Award. Included among the nominees are *The Mary Shelley Club*, a thriller with nods to the writer of *Frankenstein* and Andy Weir's latest, *Project Hail Mary*. If you enjoyed *The Martian*, you should check this one out! (Picture by Faustine)



*We Are Closed for Labor Day*