



Meet the Library Director:

Pamela Dunning

Janet has asked me several times to write a brief biography for the newsletter. It has taken me a long time to decide what to write as I feel so ordinary that I really have a hard time bringing anything into words. My life is very simple and I love it this way

I was married to Lee Weymouth Dunning for 28 years. We shared a warm, loving relationship and made each other very happy. We had one child, now 41-year-old Lee William Dunning, who lives in Bath with his wife two dogs and two cats.

Two years after becoming a widow, I met Doug Merrill. We started dating and have now been together for over eleven years. Living with a contractor had definitely broadened my scope. I have worked on construction sites for Doug and learned a great deal on the job. Although construction is great and it is so nice to see a project once you have completed it, I have to admit that I really, really, really like demolition. What fun!

I have worked at Wiscasset Public Library 24 years and been Director since 2007. I have spent my time here working at a profession, in a place and with people that I thoroughly enjoy. I have met many wonderful people who have such diverse areas of interest and are willing to share their knowledge and experience. The people who have served on the Board of Trustees have all been very supportive of the Library's work and dedicated to furthering the freedom of information for all. Likewise, the Friends of the Library has been a dynamic group of very generous and caring people who love the Library and volunteer in many ways to make it a better place.

I spent some time working for the Town of Wiscasset. I first ran for the Budget Committee and was elected to serve. After five years of working on the town budget, I decided to run for a seat on the Board of Selectmen. I won that seat three times and so served for six years in that position. Again, I broadened my experiences and learned a great deal. After eleven years of public service, I found I was losing my patience for the process and decided to take a break from the political works.

Since I am something of a "learning junkie", I had to find something to engage my mind and entered a new area of interest. A year ago I took classes in teaching Yin Yoga and am currently working to become certified to teach Baptiste Power Yoga. I have become quite addicted to the practices and feel that something is not quite right if I don't get to the mat a few times every week.

My basic philosophies? I believe that it is important to treat others kindly, to respect the individual even if you cannot support their cause, and to stop and be thankful for all of the blessing in our lives. With that in mind I thank my family, friends, neighbors and acquaintances who have privileged me with their presence.