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Friends to Friends

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**Schedule for 2018 Friends
Meetings: Mondays at the
Wiscasset Public Library:**

May 14

July 9

September 10

November 12

All meetings include refresh-
ments at 9:30 am and the busi-
ness meeting at 10:00 am.

Wiscasset Public Library Presents:

Saudi Women: Change & Challenge

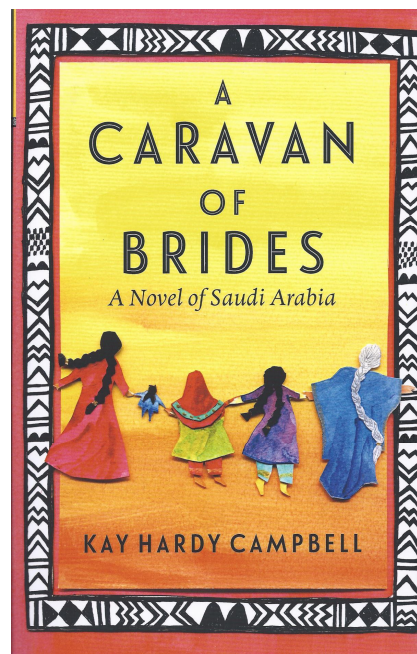


Wednesday, March 28 at 5:00 p.m.

**Author and Middle East specialist
Kay Hardy Campbell will discuss
issues currently facing Saudi
women, as well as her new novel,
A Caravan of Brides, set in Saudi
Arabia.**

**FMI contact Tanya Hayes at
882-7069 or Wiscasset Public
Library at 882-7161.**

**Light refreshments will be
served.**



Meet Children's Librarian Laurie Ridgway



Once upon a time, or May 23, 1958, a little girl was born. She joined her parents and four older siblings who resided in rural upstate New York. (Think snowy Syracuse.) The family gradually increased to include four girls and four boys. When Laurie was growing up she enjoyed all things outdoors, playing dolls and reading. Reading was a magical way to experience a larger universe but her favorite books always featured girls just like her. There were the Trixie Belden Mysteries, Fairy Tales with gruesome ogres, Anne of Green Gables and Little Women.

One of the most gratifying rewards of my position here at the Wiscasset Public Library's Children's Room was finding my favorite childhood books that I hadn't seen since the age of nine, Maj Lindman's classic's *Flicka, Ricka, and Dicka* in all of their many adventures. I read to my husband the sentence that guaranteed my loyalty: "Flicka, Ricka, and Dicka were three little girls who had blue eyes and yellow curls. I was the only blond child in my large family and I have blue eyes.

After graduating from high school I continued my education at Hobart and William Smith Colleges located in the Finger Lakes. I majored in English. After four years of school I still had not a clue as to what I would do when I grew up. So, when a friend moved to Boston and asked to share an apartment with me I jumped at the chance to live in a big city. I found a job waitressing which paid the rent but was no career. I started to look at night school classes but it was only May so I wasn't in a hurry. At that time my younger brother was graduating from Southampton College of Long Island University. I took one of the longest bus rides ever to get there but made it to Southampton for that week-end. I went to a bar and grill to wait for some friends. We were going to hear a jazz trio which involved more friends. There were no seats to

David and I raised three sons in Southampton; Matt, Jamie and Andrew. Matthew is the reason we are here in Maine. We visited him and our future daughter-in-law, Carrie, in Rockland the summer of 2007. I felt like I had come home. Matt and Carrie met while sailing and teaching on the tall ships of Ocean Classroom. Soon they would be married and now live on Chebeague Island with my two grandchildren, Hannah, age 3, and Morgan, age 6. We love being close by.

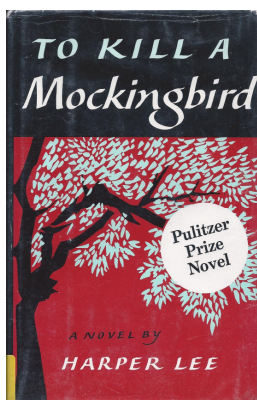
I left Southampton in May of 2017. Our youngest son had just completed his second year of community college. He stayed with his Grandmother Ridgway before heading off to school in the Fall where he attends SUNY New Paltz. Our other son Jamie lives near Denver, Colorado soon to be married to his fiancé in May this year. With our family raised, David and I decided to find a place to settle where the cost of living wasn't such an issue as it is in Southampton.

We picked Woolwich and haven't regretted it for a moment. We live in a small ranch style home overlooking farm fields that are mowed to keep the brush from growing up to woods. We enjoy the peace and quiet and I enjoy having a job right next door in Wiscasset.

When I was in Southampton I returned to work when my two oldest boys were in the first and third grades. I started in personal insurance earning my license to sell it. But boy, I did not like it! Southampton College Library had an opening in the cataloging office and soon I was learning subject headings, Marc records and more. I loved it and when Long Island University announced they were closing the Southampton Campus in June 2003, I enrolled in graduate classes for a Master of Library Science degree. I wanted to be marketable.

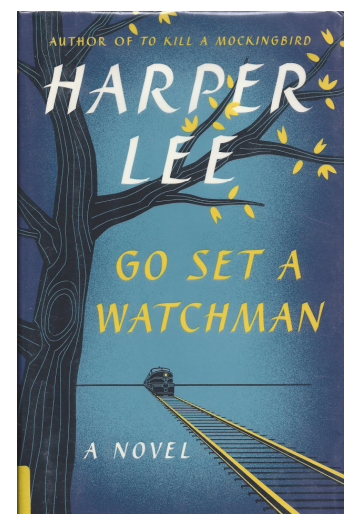
My career continued starting May 2004 at Rogers Memorial Library in Southampton, NY. I enjoyed three years as a Children's Librarian in the Family Department. I moved on to head the Teen Department in June 2008. The teens and I got along grand. I will always miss them and the absolute way they love you but tease you at the same time. There were many tears, even from some of the boys, when I said good-bye.

March Book Discussion



Do not forget that on Friday, March 16, we will be discussing Harper Lee's second book, *Go Set a Watchman* at 10:15 at the library.

If you have not read *To Kill a Mockingbird*, perhaps this is the time to read it.



April Book Discussion

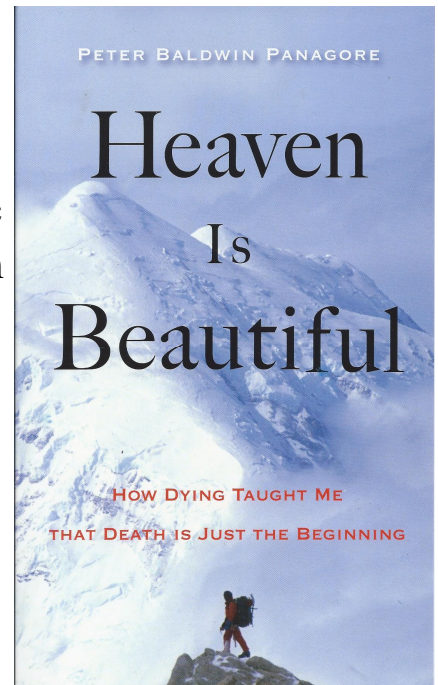
Easter Book Discussion:

Heaven Is Beautiful by Peter Baldwin Panagore

Jointly offered by The Friends of the Wiscasset Public Library Book Group The First Congregational Church UCC of Wiscasset.

Friday, April 20th at 10:15 a.m.

at Wiscasset Public Library



“When Peter Baldwin Panagore died on the side of a mountain, his life was forever changed.” Join Rev. Josh Fitterling for a discussion of this book which details the events leading up the mountain, down the mountain, and the moments on the other side when Peter “experienced hell,



Valentine's Day Tea Party Fundraiser

The most recent Friends fundraiser project is the brainchild of Michelle Peele. She designed a note card (see below) and used ribbon to attach a teabag for people to have a Valentine's Day Tea Party on the Friends.

Cards were printed and Friends met at the library on January 29 to address these cards to friends and relatives. As of the beginning of March 52 people have responded with donations.

Thank you, Michelle,
for the fantastic idea.

