



# Wiscasset Public Library Newsletter

January-February 2019

**Wiscasset Public Library**  
**21 High Street**  
**Wiscasset, ME 04578**

### Library information

#### Hours:

|      |                |
|------|----------------|
| Tue. | 10:00am-5:00pm |
| Wed. | 10:00am-7:00pm |
| Thu. | 10:00am-5:00pm |
| Fri. | 10:00am-5:00pm |
| Sat. | 10:00am-2:00pm |
| Sun. | Closed         |
| Mon. | Closed         |

#### Staff:

|                |                      |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Pamela Dunning | Director             |
| David Cherry   | Asst. Librarian      |
| Karen Delano   | Asst. Librarian      |
| Janet Morgan   | Asst. Librarian      |
| Laurie Ridgway | Children's Librarian |

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Website: [www.wiscasset.lib.me.us](http://www.wiscasset.lib.me.us)  
See the Library website for the latest information.

#### Library Trustees:

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Sally Gemmill   | President      |
| Linda Bleile    | Vice President |
| Sandra Crehore  | Secretary      |
| Thomas Boudin   | Treasurer      |
| Cindy Fischer   |                |
| Richard Litz    |                |
| Kris Niederlitz |                |
| Cheryl Rust     |                |
| Greg Uthoff     |                |

### NEW Saturday hours



Starting January 1, the Library will be open from **10am until 2pm** on Saturdays — year round! We look forward to seeing our regular weekend patrons all summer long.

### Grant Received

#### The Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation funds new roof

We are very pleased to announce the receipt of a \$25,000 grant from the STK Foundation. Our beloved historic library building has been in need of a new roof. This spring, we will be installing black standing seam metal roofing over the entire building. This new roof is a significant upgrade to our building and is expected to reduce energy costs and minimize maintenance work.

**Thank You!**



### 3rd Annual Christmas Sale

Another successful Children's Sale was held on Saturday, December 8 during the Wiscasset Holiday Marketfest. Dozens of children were able to complete their holiday shopping and support their local library. The sale offered a broad range of wonderful items donated by Library supporters. The Friends of WPL "Elves" assisted the children with selections and wrapping. This event raised \$319.

The concurrent Adult Sale has raised \$152 to date. The Adult Sale will continue through January. All proceeds from these events will be used to support Library programming.

### Upcoming Programs

Is your New Year's resolution health-related? Join us on **Wednesday, January 16 from 5:00 –6:45pm**, when **Julie Mitchell, Certified Integrational Nutritionist**, presents the nutrition information you need to start your year off right. People are confused by vast number of diet plans, contradictory information about the nutritional values of foods and the differences in individual body types and needs. Julie will teach you to listen to your own body, recognize what your cravings are telling you and learn what would really work for you.

In February and March, we will have programs from the **Maine Art Gallery** group. Check the Library website for further information.



## Familiar Faces

A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to make Wiscasset Public Library a great community resource. We like to introduce members of the Staff or Friends who contribute to our success. This month, meet Friends member **Terri Wells**:

I grew up in Pennsylvania and Delaware and later went to high school in Westchester, New York. I remember my time at each school with great fondness, as these were places to see your friends (much to my educator parents disappointment... school in my mind was just a place to tolerate studies!) Many of my relatives lived in Pennsylvania, and we loved to celebrate holidays with Mennonite traditional foods as this was part of my grandfather's family background. After moving to NY in 1966 my parents built a vacation house on Westport Island, where I came for visits during HS and college summers.

After HS, a friend and I backpacked through Europe over several months. Upon returning home, we decided to hop in a car and drive cross-country in search of the perfect college. The very first school that we visited was Arizona State University and I immediately fell in love with it! It was an extremely large school, with a great sports program, and I instantly felt at home. (By this time, my family was used to my social inclinations!) Between the many sporting activities I attended, trips to Sedona and the Grand Canyon, etc., I received my BA in Elementary Education. Upon graduation, I decided to move back east to pursue a teaching job. In 1976 teaching jobs in the north were extremely hard to find, so I moved to Georgia and got a job teaching First Grade, while also earning my Master's degree at the University of Georgia.

After getting married, Peter and I decided to move north to be closer to our families and we moved to Wilmington, Delaware. He worked in a small Landscape Architecture Office, obtained his professional license and met his future business partner. For several years we had a large map of the U.S. taped to our living room wall. Peter and his future partner used push pins to select ideal places to open their own LA firm and for us all to live. In 1984, with two young children, we settled in Amherst, MA. Once our kids were in school, I went back to teaching as a combined grade teacher (First/Second or Second/Third combined) and I was in charge of the school discipline. I was extremely passionate about teaching, as we created our own curriculum to match State Standards, but it was the discipline part of my job that I particularly liked. However, my time as a teacher changed when persistent testing of very young children was required. This was not what I thought was in the best interest for children, so I left my teaching job after 25 years and took a job evaluating student teachers for UMass and the State of Massachusetts.

While continuing to visit Westport Island during summers, I worked at L. L. Bean's as a seasonal employee for six years. I worked as a 'Shoedog' at the Flagship store (fetching shoes for customers in the Women's Footwear Dept.) and LOVED it! Retail was so different for me. I met so many wonderful employees, also retired from other professions. Still today a bunch of the 'Shoedogs' get together and socialize or travel.

It was during the many long trips driving up and down Rt. 144 to our house at the end of Westport Island that Peter and I decided to move to Wiscasset. Living here in the Village and being part of all of the social groups around town has been a good fit for us. We sold our Amherst, MA house and we're pleased with our plan to retire to Wiscasset and only own one house! Peter is enjoying a 'transitional' retirement from the business that he created and still owns. He is helping the new partners take over his MA business and he still works there several days each month.

Our children are now 38 and 35 and they visit us each summer, as the connection to Maine still continues. Our son who lives in AZ recently bought a house in Winter Harbor, Maine to vacation and rent out seasonally. Our daughter has a 3 1/2 year old son and lives in PA. We enjoy visiting as much as we can. We are pleased that after moving to several parts of the country, we have landed in Maine to live and retire here. It is a special place!



## Consider this...

"Knowledge is fundamental to all human achievements and progress. It is both the key and the quest that advances mankind. The search for knowledge is what brought men to the moon; but it took knowledge already acquired to make it possible to get there. How we use the knowledge we gain determines our progress on earth, in space or on the moon. Your library is a storehouse for mind and spirit. Use it well." - Neil Armstrong

## Staff Picks: Recommended Books by Pamela Dunning

These authors share deeply personal accounts of living with a family member who suffered with cognitive issues. Both titles offer a true look at life during a challenging time. They show how serving those who are ill can strengthen one's own character while the relationship with family deepens and continues.

**Looking Back from the Gate: A Story of Love, Art, and Dementia** by Phyllis Chinlund tells of the incredible highs and lows of life with her husband and his dementia. Phyllis frankly leads the reader through the progression of the illness and the changes she made in her life to allow her to support her husband.

**Without a Map: A Caregiver's Journey through the Wilderness of Heart and Mind** by Lisa Steele-Maley openly talks about her father's dementia and her determination to find the skills and patience to take one step at a time and walk with him through his journey.

# The Children's Room

## January 2019

| Sun | Mon   | Tue | Wed                            | Thu | Fri                    | Sat                    |
|-----|---|-----|--------------------------------|-----|------------------------|------------------------|
|     |  | 1   | 2<br>Art Club 5:45             | 3   | 4<br>Story Time 10:30  | 5                      |
| 6   | 7   | 8   | 9                              | 10  | 11<br>Story Time 10:30 | 12<br>Book Bingo 11:00 |
| 13  | 14  | 15  | 16<br>Animal Lovers Guild 5:45 | 17  | 18<br>Story Time 10:30 | 19                     |
| 20  | 21  | 22  | 23                             | 24  | 25<br>Story Time 10:30 | 26<br>Lego Club 11:00  |
| 27  | 28  | 29  | 30<br>Art Club 5:45            | 31  |                        |                        |

## February 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu  | Fri                    | Sat |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|------------------------|-----|
|     |     |     |     |  | 1<br>Story Time 10:30  | 2   |
| 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7  | 8<br>Story Time 10:30  | 9   |
| 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15<br>Story Time 10:30 | 16  |
| 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21   | 22<br>Story Time 10:30 | 23  |
| 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28   |                        |     |

**Art Club** on Jan. 2 & 30, Wednesdays at 5:45pm - a supportive group using provided materials to allow for creative fun.

**Story Time** on Jan. 4, 11, 18 & 25, Fridays at 10:30am - Refreshments served.\*

**Book Bingo** on Jan. 12, Saturday at 11:00am - winners choose a book to take home for their own.

**Animal Lover's Guild** on Jan. 16, Wednesday at 5:45pm - Talk about cats, cat care, and make a toy that your kitty will love. Pizza will be served\*

**Lego Club** on Jan. 26, Saturday at 11:00am.

**\*You must let us know of allergies prior to the program if they are a concern**

Don't forget our **Take & Make Crafts!** Great fun and easy to make at the Library or at home.

Week 1: Birds, Week 2: No-sew pillow, Week 3: Button snowflakes, Week 4: Skiing picture

# Friends to Friends

News from the Friends of Wiscasset Public Library

## Nominations Report

The Friends would like to thank our Nominating Committee members Sandra Crehore, Cindy Fischer and Linda Bleile, who have been working diligently to find candidates for the Friends 2019 Executive Committee. They have put together a list of nominees but are **still looking for a President**. Be creative and bring your suggestions for a potential President to the January Friends meeting.

The Executive Committee election will be held during the next Friends meeting on January 14.

We are extremely grateful to the following people who served on the 2018 Friends Executive Committee and in key supporting roles:

President: Linda Winterberg

VP: Katharine Martin-Savage

Secretary: Virginia Forrest

Treasurer: Janet Morgan

Library Director: Pamela Dunning

Program Chair: Wendy Eichler-Ross

Used Book Room Chair: Judith Sutter

Book Discussion Chair: Cindy Fischer

Publications: Janet Morgan



## A Wish Fulfilled: New Projector for Library

The Library hosts many programs each year. These days, speakers often bring their own electronic presentations on phones, laptops and USB drives. A new projector that could work with the latest technology was high on the Library "wish list." After identifying the requirements and researching the products, WPL submitted a funding request for a new projector to the Friends. Funding was approved at the November meeting and the new Epson VS350 3LCD projector has arrived. Be sure to check it out at the next Library presentation.



## Town Talk

Town Talk, the Library's popular Wednesday afternoon discussion series, is on hiatus and will return early in 2019. Look for the updated schedule in the March newsletter or see the Library website.

## We want to hear from you!

Hello Readers,

I am the new Library Newsletter editor and a member of the Friends of WPL. You'll notice a different layout this month. We are going back to a format that focuses on Library news and includes the Friends news. I'd love to hear your thoughts about the new design and how we can make this newsletter more useful for you. What content do you enjoy? What should we add? Is this layout user-friendly?

I want to thank Janet Morgan, the former editor (among many other roles!) for her support as I take on this new job. This Newsletter is just one of many ways that the Friends support the Library. If you'd like to get involved, see the membership information below.



*Tracy*

Name: Tracy Joyce  
From: Wiscasset

(born in Columbus, OH)  
Favorite books: *The Book Thief*,  
*A Prayer for Owen Meany*

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## Friends Book Discussion

### *Angle of Repose*

By Wallace Stegner

January 18, 10:15am

Book discussions take place in the Library Reading Room on the third Friday of each month at 10:15am. All are welcome. Our upcoming schedule is:

February 15 - Book share

March 15 - *Travels with Charley*  
by John Steinbeck

At the December book share, many titles were those we traditionally share with friends and family during the holidays:

### Shared books

*The Wise Robin* by Noel Barr

*The Nutcracker* by Alexandre Dumas

*Cider with Rosie (Edge of Day—US title)*  
by Laurie Lee

*Mouskin's Christmas Eve* by Edna Miller

*The Master* by Colm Toibin

*The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg

*A Child's Christmas in Wales* by Dylan  
Thomas

### Poems

*Christmas* by John Betjeman

*In the Bleak Mid-Winter* by Christina  
Rosetti

## Be a FRIEND!

Would you like to support your community and have some fun? Come to a Friends meeting to learn about the many ways we support WPL. We meet at 9:30am on the 2nd Monday every other month. We start with a coffee social followed by the business meeting at 10:00am. Our 2019 meeting dates:

January 14

July 8

March 11

September 9

May 13

November 11