

Wiscasset Public Library Newsletter

September 2019



Wiscasset Public Library
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Wed. 10:00am-7:00pm
Thu. 10:00am-5:00pm
Fri. 10:00am-5:00pm
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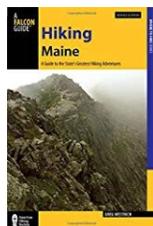
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Upcoming Programs

Wiscasset writer
Lisa Foure
Wednesday, Sep.11
5:00-6:30pm
Storytelling for your Cause



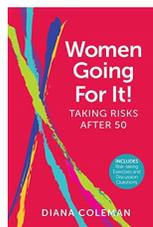
Pulling on heartstrings is Lisa's forte. She has been putting emotions into writing for over 25 years. Nonprofits need to have their stories read and acted on. Learn how to make sure readers get invested in the story you're telling and ultimately want to help with their time, talent and especially treasure.



Glenburn Author
Greg Westrich
Wednesday, Oct. 9
5:00-6:30pm
Hiking in Maine

If you love the natural beauty of Maine, don't miss this outdoors expert. Greg has mapped more than 700 hikes in Maine. He has also written five Maine hiking guides and dozens of articles about everything from wedding traditions in Aroostook county to backyard mushrooms.

Diana Coleman
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Spring 2020



All Wiscasset Public Library programs are free and open to the public. You can find the latest program details on our website or Facebook page, or call for more information.

Thank you for supporting Bands for Books!

The 2019 Bands for Books was a huge success. We extend our sincere gratitude to every sponsor, donor, volunteer and attendee.

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Wicked Good Yoga

Special Recognition

Friends of Wiscasset Public Library



Familiar Faces: Mason Giguere

Many people working behind the scenes contribute to the success of WPL. We like to introduce the community members who share their time with us. This month, meet UBR volunteer, **Mason Giguere**:

Have you noticed the improved organization in the Used Book Room? Thank Mason Giguere (“jig ear”)! Mason helped with our May cleaning project; he reorganized non-fiction and children's sections; and, he wrote an article promoting the June UBR sale.

Though Mason spent a number of years in Florida during his childhood, Maine has primarily been home. He has three siblings: an older sister, a younger sister, and a younger brother. Mason’s large, close-knit family is among the most important aspects of his life. Mason’s mom, Jen, is the glue that holds the family together and she is always supportive of her entire family. Mason met his fiancé, Josh Fitterling (Pastor of the First Congregational Church UCC of Wiscasset), while on a camping trip at Moosehead Lake. Mason and Josh recently bought a home in Litchfield, ME where they live with their two cats, Shelbey and Pumpkin, and their beloved dog, Hero.

Mason is an avid reader and lover of books, enjoying many authors, especially Dan Brown, Stephen King, and Anne Rice. His all-time favorite book is *Angels and Demons* by Dan Brown and his favorite quote is from Stephen King: “Books are a uniquely portable magic” (*On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft*). He has a particular affinity for used books. He can spend hours browsing any used book store and he is always happy to discover another one! Mason also loves to write and hopes to one day write professionally.

Mason is a certified yoga instructor and a level two reiki practitioner, two meaningful spiritual and healing practices for him. Mason is a dedicated gardener, with vegetables and edible landscaping being his primary focus. This year, he is canning and preserving as much as possible. The garden is also a special place of reflection and meditation for Mason.

Mason happily awaits his wedding later this month and looks forward to the continued pursuit of all his passions!

Thank you, Large Print survey participants!

Thank you to all the patrons who participated in our Large Print Reader Survey during the summer. While responses covered the entire gamut of genres, five categories received the most requests: Mystery/Suspense with 11 requests; Non-fiction with 9 requests; General Fiction with 8 requests; Historical Fiction with 8 requests; and, Thrillers with 8 requests. This information will be very useful going forward as we strive to broaden the scope of the Large Print collection. We appreciate your input.

Lea Wait (May 26, 1946-August 9, 2019) by Janet Morgan

Lea Wait, author of 28 books, passed away last month. When she moved to Edgcomb and became a full-time resident in 1998, Lea began visiting the Wiscasset Public Library. Lea had been visiting Maine and her grandmother at the Marie Antoinette House on Davis Island ever since childhood.

Lea was first recognized for her children’s Wiscasset series, starting with *Stopping to Home*. Though it was her first published book, it wasn’t the first book she wrote. Before Lea retired from her job in New Jersey, she thought she’d try writing mystery novels. This was a brave endeavor, since she admitted to never having read a mystery. She soon rectified this omission. Lea went to her local bookstore and bought hundreds of mysteries. Lea’s *Shadows at the Fair* was the end result.

After raising 4 daughters, Lea moved to Maine and began writing the children’s Wiscasset books. Lea married artist Bob Thomas while living in Maine. After Bob died in 2018, Lea was diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer. This did not slow her down. During the next year, she published five books and has another coming out soon. *Thread and Gone*, Lea’s ninth Mainely Needlepoint book, will be published in December.

Lea Wait was a frequent speaker at the Wiscasset Public Library. She spoke here for the last time in the fall of 2018. She filled the Library’s Fiction Room with fans and entertained us with marvelous stories. I had the honor of knowing Lea ever since she began researching her Wiscasset books. I got to know her better in the last year and am honored to have called her a friend. To learn more about Lea, read her non-fiction book *Living & Writing on the Coast of Maine*.

We miss you, Lea.



The Children's Room News

September 2019

Reading Club Wrap-up

The WPL Children's Room 2019 Summer Reading Club "A Universe of Stories" was a huge success! This year we had over 100 participants. That's double the number of children from 2018. How did we do it? First, the Reading Club was promoted by the Children's Librarian, Laurie Ridgway, in person at the Wiscasset Elementary School and the Edgecomb Eddy School last spring, generating a lot of excitement. Then Laurie also worked with the Recreation Center's Mainely Camp where she read to the campers and collected book reports from them each week. We hope teachers notice the difference this fall -- WPL kids are great readers!



We gave out *many* incentives for book reports, the most popular one being the Chinese Yo-Yo. Reading Club children also got to try astronaut ice cream, play with galaxy slime and blow up a planet Earth punching ball. Children earned a raffle ticket after completing the 6 book requirement. There were four raffles this year. **Stella Chapman**, a third grader from Edgecomb Eddy won Luciana Vega, an American Girl Doll studying to be an Astronaut. **Moriah Smith**, a home-schooled reader won the alien soccer ball and Lunar Module Building set. **Kaitlin Lincoln**, a Wiscasset Middle High School student won the gift certificate to Monkey C Monkey Do. The family trip to The Portland's Children's Museum and Theatre was won by **Kairi Lincoln**, a Wiscasset Elementary School student entering first grade. We gave away over forty books during Book Bingo and handed out seventy-five goody bags. Congratulations to all. You did great work.

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month



If you don't have library card and are a resident of Alna, Westport Island, Edgecomb or Wiscasset, stop in and get one. It only takes a few minutes and opens a world of free resources: books, eBooks, audio books, computer access, printing & faxing**, children's story times, crafts, movies, DVDs, magazines, and more. (** there is a small fee for printing and faxing)

Maine Authors and Illustrators

The Children's Room collection of Maine Authors and Illustrators is highlighted this month. Our state is home to some exceedingly famous writers. We all know and love E. B. White, Robert McClosky, Dahlov Ipcar, and Barbara Cooney. But have you read Lynn Plourde's picture books or Lincoln Peirce's *Big Nate* series? We have many, many more pulled for your convenience. Check one out for a great read.

Ongoing Activities

- **Family Story Time** (all ages welcome) on Fridays **Sep. 6, 13, 20 & 27** at 10:30am - Refreshments served.*
- **Take and Make Crafts** are available for pick-up. We will start the month with a Decoupage Tray to hold your summer collections. To celebrate the first day of fall (Sep. 23) and apple picking, we will finish the month with apple crafts.
- **National Checkers Day** occurs on Sep. 23. Do you know the origin of this holiday? You're invited to drop in during the last week of September to play a game of checkers with friends (or Miss Laurie) to see who will win.

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

Staff Picks: Maine Mystery Authors by Janet Morgan

This month, we invite you to explore WPL's extensive offerings from Maine mystery writers. Their works are imbued with settings and characters that make Maine the unique locale that we love. Here are a few of the authors in WPL's Mystery collection who either live in Maine full time or write about Maine.

Boyle, Gerry (China)	Graves, Sarah (Eastport)	Ross, Barbara (Boothbay Harbor)
Coffin, Bruce Robert (N. Windham)	Meier, Leslie (coastal Maine)	Scott, Darcy (lives at sea)
Doudera, Vicki (Camden area)	Milliken, Maureen (Augusta area)	Shields, Kieran (Portland)
Flora, Kate (Bailey Island)	Morgan, Janet (Wiscasset)	Spencer-Fleming, Julia (Portland)
Kidd, Cornelia (aka Lea Wait)	Neily, Sandra (Greenville)	Tappley, William G. (d. 2009)
Gerritsen, Tess (Camden)	Page, Katherine Hall (Deer Isle)	Wait, Lea (Edgecomb, d. 2019)

Friends to Friends

News from the Friends of Wiscasset Public Library

Friends' Meeting: September 9

We have a lot to discuss at our next Friends meeting on **Monday, Sep. 9, at 9:30am**. The big topic is the Bands for Books wrap-up. Come hear how we did and bring your suggestions for next year.

Tania Hayes is serving as our interim President but we need to identify a new leader. Put on your thinking caps and come with nominations for our next President.

The Friends' next big event will be the annual Children's Sale in December. Planning begins soon and we can use your help. Please plan to join us at the meeting.

2020 Programs

Director Pam Dunning is working to enhance the very popular "Programs" next year. In addition to the monthly speakers, she has planned a relevant book discussion on the Wednesday one week after each program. She'd like to get your input about Programs. Do you know any presenters? What are your interests? So far, suggestions submitted include local authors and a discussion of tick-borne illnesses.

Email Pam with your ideas:

wpl@wiscasset.lib.me.us

Bands for Books 2019

Friends, food and FUNdraising!



Used Book Room News

UBR volunteers had a busy summer of cleaning, stocking books, holding sales and organizing shelves. The hard work paid off. Since June, the UBR has raised more than \$1,000 to fund WPL programs. We are very grateful for our volunteers, donors and shoppers.

Autumn will be upon us in just a few weeks. That means it's time to stock up on firewood and good books. The Used Book Room is open for browsing and shopping any time WPL is open. The next **1/2 Price Sale** will be held during Oktoberfest on Fri., Oct. 4 and Sat., Oct. 5.

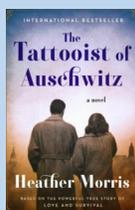
If you're ready to clear some space, the UBR welcomes your donation of recent edition, gently used books. We are especially **in need of cookbooks**, as we sold our entire collection over the summer. You can bring donations to the WPL front desk. Please donate no more than one bagful per day as we have limited staff to process new books. Thank you!

Friends Book Discussion

Friday, September 20 at 10:15am
Book Share (reader's choice)

The Book Discussion group meets in the Library Reading Room on the 3rd Friday of each month at 10:15am. All are welcome.

In September, we will have a Book Share discussion. Come tell us about the best book you read this month. In October, our group will discuss **The Tattooist of Auschwitz** by Heather Morris.



These are the recommended titles from last month's Book Share:

The Poacher's Son by Paul Doiron: Literary suspense, set in the wilds of Maine.

With Love, Wherever You Are by Dandi Daley Mackall: WWII historical fiction based on a true love story and a trunk full of letters.

Becoming by Michelle Obama: This memoir is a multi-time favorite.

If you have questions about the Book Discussion group, contact Janet at janetcmorgan@gmail.com.

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