



# Wiscasset Public Library Newsletter

October 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:

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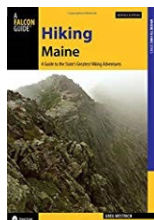
See the Library website for the latest information.

### Library Trustees:

Richard Litz, President  
Linda Bleile, Vice President  
Thomas Boudin, Treasurer  
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## Upcoming Programs

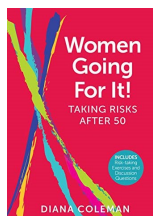
All Wiscasset Public Library programs are free and open to the public. You can find the latest program details on our website or Facebook page, or call for more information.



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

Greg Westrich is the author of five Maine hiking guides including *Hiking Maine* and *Hiking Maine's Baxter State Park*. He will present his ten favorite hikes in Maine. His list includes hikes all around the state — some easy, some challenging, all worth hiking more than once. After the presentation and discussion, Greg's guides will be available for purchase.

**Diana Coleman**  
**RESCHEDULED**  
**Spring 2020**



A library card is a passport to wonders and miracles, glimpses into other lives, religions, experiences, the hopes and dreams and strivings of ALL human beings, and it is this passport that opens our eyes and hearts to the world beyond our front doors.



That is one of our best hopes against tyranny, xenophobia, hopelessness, despair, anarchy, and ignorance.

~ Libba Bray



## ME Reciprocal Borrowing Program: Your Library Card Just Got Better!

WPL is pleased to announce its participation in the Maine Reciprocal Borrowing Program. Any patron with a valid library card from one of 68 participating libraries can visit any of the other participating libraries and check out materials in person. It's referred to as "walk-in" borrowing because it essentially turns your local library card into a "statewide" library card. While reciprocal borrowing won't replace the statewide interlibrary loan service, it offers a new convenience for Mainers who may live in one community but spend a significant portion of their time in other places for work, vacation or family obligations.

You will find more information and the complete list of participating libraries on the Maine State Library website: [www.maine.gov/msl/libs/reciprocal\\_borrowing/index.shtml](http://www.maine.gov/msl/libs/reciprocal_borrowing/index.shtml)

### FAQs

Can I go to any of the participating libraries and borrow any item I'd like?

In most cases, yes. If an item is available to borrow through inter-library loan, then it is most likely available to borrow through this program. This program includes "physical" items only — not digital content available via a library's website. (continued on next page)



### Familiar Faces: Thomas Boudin

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 Library Trustee and Treasurer, **Thomas Boudin**:

Thomas C. Boudin is the son of Helen and Carl Boudin. He was born in Bath and grew up in the family home on Gardiner Road in Wiscasset. Tom graduated from Wiscasset High School in 1971, went on to SMVTI in S. Portland for one semester, then transferred to Plus-Grays School of Business in Portland. In 1973, Tom married his high school sweetheart, Gail Caswell of Edgecomb. Tom and Gail raised two wonderful daughters in their old farmhouse in Edgecomb.

During his years of working for Sam Messina at Messina Lumber Co. and Augusta Machinery Co., Tom attended the University of Maine at Augusta in the evenings. He later attended graduate business school at USM, receiving his MBA in 1988. Sam Messina always gave him time off to attend classes and the use of a company car for commuting to school. In the 1990s, while working in the office at Downeast Flying Service at the Wiscasset airport, Tom studied for his CPA exam. He received his CPA certificate in 1999.

Tom and Gail continue to live in Edgecomb in his wife’s family home on the Cross River. They now have three grandchildren who they enjoy very much. Tom’s passion is the river. He has five lobster traps in the Sheepscot River. He also has a skiff built by his late father-in-law, Rufus H. Caswell Jr. He now works full time at the Bowdoin College Library and volunteers at the Wiscasset Public Library and the Edgecomb Community Church, where he has served as the Treasurer for both organizations for many years.

### Staff Picks: Maine Authors (Fiction) by Janet Morgan

*In a state known for originality and inspiration, it’s no surprise that writers have long been inspired to create original works of world-class quality in Maine. Some writers were born and raised in Maine such as Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and Stephen King. Others found inspiration for their greatest works while visiting or living here, including Harriet Beecher Stowe and Henry David Thoreau. Whatever style of writing you enjoy, there’s inspiration waiting for you in Maine where you can tour famous author sites and relax with a great book whenever the spirit moves you. (“Maine’s Literary Scene.” Maine, Maine Office of Tourism, 2019, [visitmaine.com/things-to-do/arts-culture/maine-writers](http://visitmaine.com/things-to-do/arts-culture/maine-writers).)*

Maine has an vast number of talented authors and you can find many of their works in WPL’s general fiction collection. You will find their books in the Large Print area or the Fiction Room.

Campbell, Kay Hardy (Maine)	Kennedy, Douglas (Wiscasset)	Reid, Van (Damariscotta)
Doiron, Paul (Camden)	King, Stephen (Bangor)	Roorbach, Bill (Farmington)
Drago, Irene M. (Bath)	King, Tabitha (Bangor)	Rosenfelt, David (Damariscotta Lake)
Ford, Elaine (Maine, d. 2017)	Kline, Christina B. (Southwest Harbor)	Russo, Richard (Camden)
Ford, John (Brooks)	Morin, Christopher W. (Portland)	Scott, Peter (Isla Au Haut)
Gerritsen, Tess (Camden)	Ogilvie, Elisabeth (Cushing, d. 2006)	Strout, Elizabeth (Brunswick)
Gilbert, Elizabeth	Parker, T. Blen (Richmond)	Thayer, Cynthia (Gouldsboro)
Gould, Deborah (Bath)	Pelletier, Cathie (Allagash)	Wood, Monica (Portland)
Holm, Chris (Portland)	Preston, Douglas (Round Pond)	Woods, Stuart (Mount Desert Island)

### ME Reciprocal Borrowing Program (continued from pg. 1)

Does my "home" library card need to be in good standing?

Yes! Please make sure your local card is up-to-date, hasn't expired, and has no fees or fines. It must be in good standing to use it at a participating library.

If I borrow an item from another library, where should I return it?

Preferably, return the item to the library where you borrowed it or your "home" local library. However, you can return the item to any of the participating libraries, should the need arise. The goal of this program is convenience and customer service!

It appears as if there are different types of libraries that are participating?

Yes, that's correct. There are public libraries, college and university libraries, some school libraries, and health and specialty libraries. You have access to all of them through this program.



# The Children's Room News

October 2019



## PROGRAMS

- **Friday Oct. 4, 11, 18 + 25 at 10:30am, Storytime.** Stories, songs, and a snack\*. All ages welcome.
- **Wednesday Oct. 9 at 3:00-4:00, drop-in LEGO Club.** Build a project of your choice. Items will be displayed for 1 month.

## October Take & Make Crafts

1. The Mayflower
2. Scarecrows
3. Rocking Crows
4. Upcycled Jack-o-lantern

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



The WPL Children's Room celebrates Wiscasset's **Scarecrow Fest**. Join us for the following FUN!

1. **Friday, Oct. 11 at 10:30** join our **Scarecrow team** during **Storytime**; we'll read a story & then work on our entry for the Fest.
2. **Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 5:30** **Spooks & Screams** on the lawn — stories and snacks\* for families.
3. **Saturday, Oct. 19 at 12 noon** - a **Pumpkin Roll Contest**, prizes for longest rolls, etc.



## Take & Make



## October Reading Round-up — Fall into a Good Book!

We have a great selection of all things Fall. From silly to spooky, they are all treats.

Kevin Henkes starts us out with *In the Middle of the Fall*, a quietly joyful paean to autumn and to the changeability of the seasons. *Mouse's First Fall and First Halloween* by Lauren Thompson sweetly follow suit. To liven the mood try a funny twist with Bob Raczka's *Fall Mixed Up*. His rhyming, uneven verse enumerates some of the characteristics and pleasures of fall, except that things are a bit topsy-turvy—bears gather nuts and pumpkins turn red. For the strong-minded girls in your group, try *Sophia's Squash* by Pat Miller, *Ladybug Girl and the Dress-up Dilemma* by David Soman and *Bella's Fall Coat* by Maine's own Lynn Plourde.

For the older readers some spooky books are in order. Emerging readers can choose from the classic Berenstain Bears books by Stan and Jan Berenstain: *The Prize Pumpkin*, *Ghost of the Forest* and the *Spooky Old Tree*. Jane O'Connor sends *Lulu to Witch School* and Mercy Watson, the plumpest of pigs is a *Princess in Disguise* by Kate DiCamillo.

We continue the spooky theme for the next level up. Try the *Eerie Elementary* series by Jack Chabert, with explosive action that keeps the pages turning. Ron Roy's classic *A to Z Mysteries* ends with the *Zombie Zone* where the local graveyard has a zombie grave robber that needs to be nabbed. Dan Gutman adds his *It's Halloween, I'm Turning Green!* Laughs and activities are included in this story. And just when your house feels safe, remember to turn to *Bunnicula: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery*. We have them all!

Our room's oldest readers have several choices of screams with nightmare-inducing books. Some that stand out are on the Maine Student Award list for 2019/20. *Wicked Nix* by Lena Coakely, *The House in Poplar Wood* by K. E. Ormsbee and *Nightbooks* by J. A. White feature spine-tingling tales that keep you in suspense until the end.

For some fun family time, take home a DVD like *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown* and a read-along book of great Halloween stories such as *Georgie the Ghost*. Our other offerings range from traditional stories such as the *Headless Horseman* to *Autumnblings*, a poetry collection. You can also learn how apples grow, cider is made and why leaves turn color. Check us out!





## Friends to Friends

News from the Friends of Wiscasset Public Library

### Behind the Scenes: Part 1 How Your Library Works

Libraries in the state of Maine are unique in that more than 65% of them are not owned or run by the town(s) they serve. Wiscasset Public Library (WPL) is one of those libraries. WPL is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that fills a quasi-municipal function by providing a public service for its town without the town being responsible for fully funding the building, programs or services.

It began in 1799 when members of the Sortwell family, supported by many of their friends, started the Wiscasset Social Library to make the locally owned reading materials available to the public. Eventually, the name was changed to Wiscasset Public Library and it was incorporated as such in 1920 by a group of ten Incorporators. The Library was moved to the Methodist Church on Fort Hill in the winter of 1921, with Mrs. Henry W. Webb as Librarian. It remained there until 1929 when it was moved to its present location.

The current building was completed in 1805, built for the Lincoln and Kennebec Bank under a Massachusetts Charter of 1802. In the Northwest corner of the basement was a "Jug Vault," a brick structure supposedly resembling a large bean pot, the top of which was entered through a trap door in the floor of the

room above. In it was kept the required reserves of \$100,000 in specie.

For many years, the second floor was leased to the County for offices of the Clerk of Courts, the Registry of Probate, and the Registry of Deeds. Records were kept there until 1862 when Mr. Isaac T. Hobson converted the building to a private residence. He added a Mansard roof in 1870. A succession of several families lived here until 1929 when the building was purchased by a committee of generous donors for use by the Library. The present roof, designed by W. Stanley Parker, was put on in 1936. The wooden ell, once the Children's Room, was added during the Hobson family residency. The new wing, which houses the Children's Room and the non-fiction collection, was added in 1981.

This Library has never gone out of service in its 220 year existence, making Wiscasset Public Library the oldest continuous circulation library in the United States.

*This recurring column will appear in the next few newsletters to answer questions about WPL, its roots and its place in the community. Please send your questions about WPL and how it works to Director Pam Dunning at*

***wpl@wiscasset.lib.me.us***



### Used Book Room News

Remember to stop in to your "local bookstore" when you're downtown! The UBR is open for browsing and shopping any time WPL is open. The Librarians will handle your purchases at the front desk. All profits support the Library.

The next **UBR 1/2 Price Sale** will be held on **Fri., Oct. 18 and Sat., Oct. 19**, during the town ScarecrowFest celebration. *Please note the new dates.*

Volunteers are asked to stop by the UBR when they are in the area. Please shelve some new books, straighten a shelf or dust as needed. Thank you!



### 2020 Programs

WPL Director Pam Dunning is working to expand the very popular Programs next year. She'd like to get your input. Do you know any presenters? What are your interests?

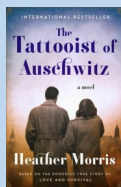
Email Pam with your ideas:

***wpl@wiscasset.lib.me.us***

### Friends Book Discussion Friday, October 18 at 10:15am

***The Tattooist of Auschwitz***  
**By Heather Morris**

WPL's Book Group meets in the Library Reading Room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 10:15am. All are welcome.



This month, we will discuss ***The Tattooist of Auschwitz*** by Heather Morris. In November and December, we will have Book Share discussions. You choose the books you want to read, then tell us about them. We

will have our next common read in January. Be thinking of nonfiction titles for the January discussion.

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

***The Hare with the Amber Eyes***  
by Edmund de Waal

***All the Light We Cannot See***  
by Anthony Doerr

***Hotel Pastis*** by Peter Mayle  
***Irena's Children*** by Tilar J. Mazzeo  
***Of Mice and Men*** by John Steinbeck

If you have questions about the Book Discussion group, contact Janet at [janetcmorgan@gmail.com](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	<b>November 11</b>