



Wiscasset Public Library Newsletter

January 2020



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

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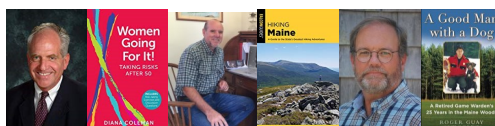
Upcoming Programs

The new Evening Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, Jan. 8 from 5:00-6:30pm**. The January book selection is *Open Season: True Stories of the Maine Warden Service* by Daren Worcester. Please join us and help select the book list for 2020. For more information or to suggest titles, email tracydawsonjoyce@gmail.com.



The Library has a fascinating list of speakers lined up to present the 2020 Programs. You won't want to miss any of these events, so add them on your calendar now. All **Programs are held on Wednesday evenings from 5:00-6:30pm**.

- Apr 8 Diane Coleman
Women Going For It! Taking Risks After 50
- May 6 Phil Di Vece
Pompeii & Paestum
- Jun 3 James Hornor
Redefining Masculinity in America
- Jul 15 Paula Jackson Jones
Lyme Disease
- Aug 12 Greg Westrich
Hiking the Waterfalls of Maine
- Sep 9 Roger Guay
A Good Man with a Dog
- Oct 7 Greg Smith
Halloween Horror - What Really Scares You?



Friends Holiday Sale Raises \$200 For WPL

The annual Friends Holiday Sale at the Library was resounding success. The Friends collected and donated items, created a lovely display at the circulation desk and managed the sale of a large variety of reasonably priced gifts. Next year, remember to check the library for all your gift-giving needs. Thank you, Friends of WPL for your tireless support of the Library.

December Rebus Winner

Kudos to all who tried to solve last month's rebus puzzles. We hope you enjoyed them. All correct entries were entered into a drawing for a small prize. The winner is Mat O'Donnell. Congratulations, Mat!

Review of the Month
The Librarian of Auschwitz
by Antonio Iturbe
Translated by Lilit Thwaites
Review by Janet Morgan



This novel is based on the true story of Auschwitz survivor Dita Kraus. Dita's "childhood ended forever" in 1939 when Prague was invaded. She and her family were sent to the Polish ghetto of Terezin, and later to the Auschwitz-Birkenau camp.

Fourteen-year-old Dita soon became a member of children's Block 31 in the family section at Auschwitz. There she met Fredy Hirsch, one of the adults who had been allowed to run a "school" to entertain the children. Fredy recognized something special in Dita: her love for books and reading earned her a

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Familiar Faces: Lynn Maloney

This month, we introduce Library Friend and Used Book Room Coordinator, **Lynn Maloney**.

I am the older daughter of the late Harry and Veronica (O'Donnell) Maedler. I was born, raised and educated in Clinton, MA. I went on to earn my B.S. degree from Worcester State University. In 1977, my husband, Bill, was transferred to the Chicago suburbs where we lived for 36 years. We thoroughly enjoyed our time in the Midwest. The people we met were open and welcoming and shared our joys and sorrows throughout the years. The Midwest allowed us both to grow in our careers and develop our interests. We sailed Lake Michigan on the *Brian Boru* and learned to navigate its harbors. Our proximity to Chicago allowed us to explore the city, its museums, its neighborhoods and music. We were both involved in civic and church organizations during those years.

Before retirement, I worked for a healthcare technology company as a director reporting to the CEO. It was an amazing opportunity. Following retirement, I continued working as a consultant for a similar company. I decided not to renew my contract in 2020 and this has allowed me to assist with the Used Book Room. I am an active member of St. Patrick Church in Newcastle and am a member of the women's group, the Shamrocks. In 2013, we realized it was time to return home to New England. We always visited the Wiscasset area when we were in Massachusetts and Wiscasset seemed the ideal place to retire. It is perfect!

Behind the Scenes: Part 3

How Your Library Works—The Board of Trustees

Part of WPL's mission is "to build literacy and provide up-to-date materials and quality services utilizing a wide range of media, sources, and technology to meet the needs of the citizens of Wiscasset and its neighboring communities." The Board of Trustees carries a lot of responsibility for a library's ability to complete its mission. Per the Maine Library Trustees Association basic duties include:

1. To hire the Library Director and delegate the full responsibility for managing the library, its policies, personnel, finances, and materials selection to that individual.
2. To work with the Director to identify and adopt written policies governing the operation and programs of the library.
3. To assist in efforts to secure adequate funds for library operations and assist in the preparation and presentation of the annual budget.
4. To know the programs and library needs and be aware of library standards and trends.
5. To support, plan and participate in public relations.
6. To pay attention to library legislations and support the needs of the library in the state and the nation.
7. To works with the Director to set long range plans for both services and operations.
8. To advocate for the library in the community.

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Staff Picks: Eating for Health by Pam Dunning

It's that time of year when we start the process of failing at our New Year's resolutions. According to Inc. Magazine, only 8% of resolution-makers meet their goals. If you want 2020 to be your year of making better food choices (the #1 resolution in America), WPL has the resources to make you successful!

Improve your health by refining your diet:

The Whole Foods Allergy Cookbook
by Cybele Pascal

The Antioxidant Save-Your-Life Cookbook
by Jane Kinderlehrer

Anti-Inflammatory Foods for Health
by Barbara Rowe

Low-Fat, Low-Cholesterol Cookbook and Low-Salt Cookbook
by American Heart Association

Eat to Beat Diabetes with Picture Perfect Weight Loss
by Howard Shapiro

Eating for IBS: 175 Delicious, Nutritious...Recipes
by Heather Van Vorous

Find nutritious meal ideas:

Cooking Light's *The Fresh Food Fast Cookbook*
Eating Clean by Amie Valpone

The Everyday Ayurveda Cookbook by Kate O'Donnell
The Complete Cooking for Two
from America's Test Kitchen

Try a cookbook for your specific appliance:

The Complete Air-Fryer Cookbook Linda Larsen
The Best Pressure Cooker Recipes on the Planet
by Debra Murray

Slow-Cooker Revolution by America's Test Kitchen
The Essential Instant Pot Cookbook by Coco Morante



The Children's Room News

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PROGRAMS

Storytime, Friday Jan. 10, 17, and 24 at 10:30am
Stories, songs, and a snack*. All ages welcome.

Saturday Story Hour, Saturday, Jan. 11 & 25 at 11:00am
Stories, songs, and a craft. All ages welcome.

- Jan. 11 Celebrate Winnie the Pooh and make a **hunny** pot!
- Jan. 25 Keep the cold away with cozy stories and your own hot cocoa cup to keep.

Books and Boards, Wednesday Jan. 15 @ 11:00am
Join us for board games and book prizes.

*Alert us to allergies prior to the program please.

Drop-in Fun, Friday Jan. 31 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm
Games, crafts, snacks, & Legos for ages 4 to 10.

Take & Make Crafts: available while supplies last

Pooh Bear
hunny pot



Snowman ruler
to measure
snowfall

Plastic mug
with DIY
insert



MLK Day
poster

January Reading Round-up Featuring Winter!

This month, we are featuring books about the weather, winter animals, snow, snowmen, skiing, sledding and all things white and cold!

On the picture book shelves we have many local stories such as Chris Van Dusen's **Learning to Ski with Mr. Magee** and Katie Clark's **Grandma Drove the Snowplow**. We have **Thanks to the Animals** by Allan Sockabasin, a Passamaquoddy tale of Baby Zoo Sap's fall off the family bobsled during the winter migration. You can't mention Maine without including Lynn Plourde's winter titles. Read how the **Blizzard Wizard** conjures up snowy fun, what to do on a **Snow Day** and how **Father Time's Son Winter** gets his dad's attention.

For older readers, a great family read-aloud is **Call of the Wild** by Jack London. You could also try **Julie of the Wolves** by Jean Craighead George, **The Long Winter** by Laura Ingalls Wilder, or **Peak** by Roland Smith. The icy cold settings and hair-raising adventures in these winter tales will make you appreciate your warm, cozy home. Keep the cocoa coming.

SUGGESTION JANUARY - a new idea for 2020!



During January, the Children's Room wants to hear your ideas: What can the Children's Room can do for you? Think BIG — but your practical suggestions will be appreciated too! We need feedback about our book titles, programs, summer reading clubs, STEM kits, etc.

Each suggestion will earn a raffle entry to win a gift certificate to a local bakery. One winner will be announced each week. This raffle includes all children, parents, grands, and/or caretakers. Let's get some good ideas and have some fun too!

Week 1: Jan. 8 - 14

Week 2: Jan. 15 - 21

Week 3: Jan. 22 - 28

Week 4: Jan. 29 - Feb. 4

Submit ideas on any piece of paper, by phone, or by email, **attention: Laurie Ridgway**. See the front page for the Library phone number and email address. Thank you!

How Your Library Works

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Further Trustee responsibilities include:

1. To define personnel policies and job descriptions.
2. To conduct fundraising beyond public support.
3. To manage library funds and evaluate investments.
4. To work with the Director to establish long-range plans for services and operations, partnerships, cooperatives and networks on the local, state and national level.

Trustees play a crucial role in the success of the library. It is only through the efforts and support of the Trustees that a library Director can fulfill their role. By working together, these people assure that the library's mission to offer services and information to all will continue into the future.

New Trustees will be elected to the Board at the Library Annual Meeting on January 26. To learn more about the governance of Maine libraries, visit the State Library website at www.maine.gov/msl. Or, ask your Librarian!

This recurring column will appear periodically to answer questions about WPL, its roots and its place in the community. Please send your questions about WPL and how it works to Library Director Pam Dunning at wpl@wiscasset.lib.me.us

Friends to Friends

News from the Friends of Wiscasset Public Library

Friends Meeting

Monday, January 13 at 10am

Please join us at our first meeting of 2020 and help us plan the Friends' activities for the coming year. We have many fun events to benefit the Library on our agenda. We'd love to have your input and assistance. New members are always welcome.

We are happy to report that Lynn Maloney has filled the role of UBR Coordinator (see *Familiar Faces* on pg. 2). Several long-time members are sharing the President's job until we find a new President. We all wish President Emerita Tania Hayes a speedy recovery. Our Treasurer will be taking on a new role at the end of January, so we have started looking for a new Treasurer. If you know someone who would be a great addition to our team, please let us know. If you can't attend the meeting, email suggestions to: wiscasset.library.friends@gmail.com

*A library
is not a luxury
but one of the
necessities of life.*
~Henry Ward Beecher

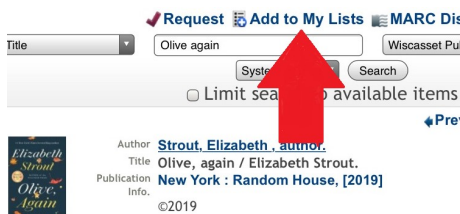
Did you know...?

Notary Service at WPL

Do you need to have a document notarized? Library Director Pam Dunning is a Notary. Contact WPL to schedule your quick, convenient Notary Service. You **must have an appointment** to ensure that Pam will be available to assist you.

Library Card "Extras"

Do you have more books on your reading wish list than you can finish in a month? If yes, then you'll find a very useful Book Lists tool on our website. Create lists and save books that you want to read later. Simply search for the desired book using the "Card Catalog" link on the WPL website. Once you locate the item you want, click on "Add to My Lists" at the top of the screen:



When you're ready to read, go to your list, click "Request," and your book will be delivered to the WPL front desk. Happy reading!



Used Book Room News

Stop in! We have a great selection of like-new book and movies. You're sure to find something you will enjoy and the prices can't be beat. 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.



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Review: *The Librarian of Auschwitz*

special place in the block. She became the librarian of "the smallest library in the world." Eight contraband books were used to teach the children. Dita hid books in pockets sewn inside her dress so that she could transport them to the teachers. Her position of librarian was a dangerous job: the Nazis banned all books from the camp. Had Dita been caught with a book, she would have been executed, or worse – handed to Dr. Josef Mengele as a guinea pig for his experiments. How Dita survived is nothing short of miraculous.

Friends Book Discussion

Thursday, January 16 at 10:15am

One Goal by Amy Bass

We meet in the Fiction Room on the 3rd **Thursday** of each month. All are welcome. *Please note: starting this month, meeting are on Thursdays.*



In January, we'll discuss *One Goal* by Amy Bass. Set in Lewiston, this is a non-fiction account of a town rife with racial tension and the high school soccer team that united Somali refugees and multi-

generation Mainers in their quest for state--and ultimately national--glory.

Members recommended these books at the December Book Share:

Dasher by Matt Tavares

Leaving Time by Jodi Picoult

The Library Book by Susan Orlean

The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared
by Jonas Jonasson

Victory: An Island Tale
by Joseph Conrad

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 2020 meeting dates:

January 13	July 13
March 9	September 14
May 11	November 9