



Wiscasset Public Library Newsletter

March 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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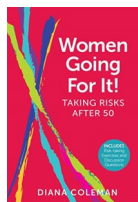
See the Library website for the latest information.

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Save the date! 2020 Library Programs

Diana Coleman
Wednesday, Apr. 8
5:00-6:30pm
Women Going For It!
Taking Risks After 50



Diana will inspire you with her tales of women who have overcome obstacles, embraced new challenges and changed their lives.



Phil Di Vece
Wednesday, May 6
5:00-6:30pm
Pompeii and Paestum

Join Phil Di Vece, local writer and history buff, and learn about these fascinating historical sites in Italy.

Chair Yoga Resumes Apr. 1

Pam Dunning, RYT-200, will lead you through a practice that will calm your mind and invigorate your body. This gentle class is done with the aid of a chair. Classes are held Wednesdays from 9:00-10:00am in the Library Fiction room. Wear comfortable clothing and be prepared to practice in bare feet. Space is limited. Contact Pam to be added to the class list: pdunning@wiscasset.lib.me.us

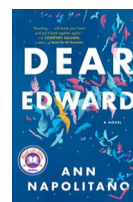


Evening Book Group

March 11 at 5:00pm

Dear Edward by Ann Napolitano

In March, the Evening Book Group will discuss its first fiction selection. *Dear Edward* is the story of a 12 year old boy who must learn to go on after a horrible tragedy. This new best seller is described as “a transcendent coming-of-age story, a multidimensional portrait of an unforgettable cast of characters, and a breathtaking illustration of all the



ways a broken heart learns to love again.” Please join us for what will surely be an interesting discussion.

For more information, email tracydawsonjoyce@gmail.com.

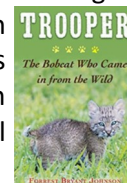


New to our shelves:

Trooper: The Bobcat who Came in from the Wild

By Forrest Bryant Johnson
Review by Janet Morgan

During the summer of 1987 Forrest Johnson made a startling discovery while hiking in the Nevada desert: he found a 6-week-old bobcat hiding in a cholla patch. Johnson mistakenly thought it was a large domestic cat when he found it, but the local vet soon set him straight.



Trooper was so named because he had a tough fighting spirit. When Forrest decided to take the cat home to his wife, he had no idea what kind of reception he would get. His wife was anything but thrilled with the idea of sharing her home with a wild creature. However, (Cont. on pg 2)

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she soon learned that the bobcat was a loving creature who had a protective streak and he would one day repay their generosity.

This book not only takes readers on an exciting adventure of Trooper's 19 years with the Johnson family, but we also get a lesson in the hidden depths of domestic cats. For example, cats have much better vision and hearing than humans, so much so that Trooper sometimes warned his family in advance of earthquakes. He protected neighbors from wild animal attacks. When lonely for his own kind, he even adopted an orphan: a tiny gold cat; Little Brother stayed with Trooper through many adventures. The most interesting one is how they tricked and took down a coyote what had been terrorizing the neighborhood.

For anyone interested in reading a feel-good book, *Trooper* is the book for you. *Trooper* can be found in the nonfiction Large Print Collection (Dewey # 599.7626).



Book suggestions?

We want to hear from you!

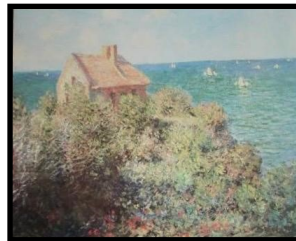
WPL's book collection development is, in part, patron-driven. What books, subjects and genres do you want to see on the shelves? Submit your ideas on paper, by phone, or by email, **attention: Pam Dunning**. See the front page for the Library contact information. Thanks!

Explore Your Library: Art for Everyone

Have you ever noticed the Library's Art Collection? You will find the work of many talented artists on display at WPL. Some pieces belong to the Library, some are on loan and some pieces are part of short-term exhibits. You never know what you will find!

To enhance our collection, we have just completed upgrades to the Ferne Memorial Art Room on the 2nd floor. We have installed display panels to bring the artwork to eye-level. We have new track lighting so displays can be highlighted and truly enjoyed. You'll also find a collection of more than 2,500 art books to expand your knowledge.

Later this spring, WPL will be starting a new exhibit series featuring artists from all over Maine. Watch the website for details. If you are an artist interested in displaying your art here, contact the Library for further information.



In addition to our art collection, the Library offers free passes to the Portland Art Museum and the Farnsworth Museums. Soon, WPL will have passes to the Maine State Museum.

"A picture is a poem without words."

~ Horace

Staff Picks: Spring Gardening by Janet Morgan

March is the perfect time to begin planning for a garden. In my family, we gather seed catalogs in January and look through them in February. It is not until we see a glimpse of spring, however, before our planning begins. Daylight Savings Time begins on March 8 this year. Perhaps this is the opening of a bountiful spring season for both vegetable and flower gardens. Certainly this year we are hopeful, for on Groundhog's Day, Punxsutawney Phil didn't see his shadow. I never understood how not seeing a shadow is the harbinger of spring, but there you go. Some things seem to have no explanation. He might be right this year, since the BUMP signs are already out to warn us of frost heaves. I heard a robin the other day and there are more birds at our feeder than ever. Bird migration north is upon us: I saw 6 bluebirds go overhead in mid-February. Soon the sap will be flowing and the peepers will be peeping. So let's get to some of those library gardening books. These are only a few of many that are in the **631 to 635** non-fiction section:

Adams, Barbara Berst – *Micro Eco-Farming: Prospering from Backyard to Small Acreage in Partnership with the Earth*

Bernstein, Sylvia – *Aquaponic Gardening: A Step-by-Step Guide to Raising Vegetables and Fish Together*

Jabbour, Niki – *Groundbreaking Food Gardens: 73 Plans That Will Change the Way You Grow Your Garden*

Kite, L. Patricia – *K-I-S-S Guide to Gardening: Create, Choose, Grow*

Lanza, Patricia – *Lasagna Gardening: A New Layering System for Bountiful Gardens*

Nolan, Tara – *Raised Bed Revolution: Build It, Fill It, Plant It... Garden Anywhere*

Ondra, Nancy – *Landscaping with Herbs: Beautify Your Yard and Garden with Easy-Care Herbs*

Solomon, Steve – *Gardening When It Counts: Growing Food in Hard Times*

Thompson, Peter – *The Propagator's Handbook: Fifty Foolproof Recipes – Hundreds of Plants For Your Garden*



The Children's Room News

March 2020



PROGRAMS

Storytime, Friday, Mar. 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 10:30am
Stories, songs, and a snack*. All ages welcome.

Saturday Story Hour, Saturday, Mar. 7 and 21 at 11:00am
Stories, songs, and a craft. All ages welcome.

Last Friday Drop-in Fun! Friday, Mar. 27 at 3:00—4:30pm
Legos and games. The popcorn popper is set to pop!

*Alert us to allergies prior to the program please. *Email Iridgway@wiscasset.lib.me.us*

Take & Make Crafts: available while supplies last

St. Patrick's
Day sand art



Spring Birds
paper craft

Rainbow beaded
bracelet/necklace
with shamrock charm



We LOVE Story Time!

Join us for Story Time with Betsy Kyle. You'll hear some wonderful tales and maybe you'll find a new favorite book. Make a craft while you're here. We provide the supplies. You just need to bring your imagination.

Our February stories were all about Valentines. This is Fern, showing us her heart.



Once upon a time in a basement library nook,
I stumbled upon my first favorite book.

Pulled into adventure as the pages unfurled,

I found treasures greater than gold or
pearls.



~ Tyrean Martinson,
Light Reflections

March Reading Round-up



**March your way to a bookshelf
& complete our reading challenge***

Check off each of these challenges to earn a **raffle ticket** for an exciting Library Gift Basket

- ◇ Read a book by a female author.
- ◇ Think of a favorite book character—and choose a book you think that character would like to read!
- ◇ Read a book with words and illustrations by the same person.
- ◇ Visit WPL Children's Room and ask Ms. Laurie for a Newbery Medal-winning book to read.
- ◇ Read a nonfiction book about an accomplished woman you know nothing about.
- ◇ Read a book with a question in its title.
- ◇ Visit WPL Children's Room and ask Ms. Laurie for a Newbery Honor-winning book to read.
- ◇ Pick a favorite book and make a bookmark inspired by it.
- ◇ Read aloud to your pet or favorite stuffy.
- ◇ Read a Dr. Seuss book. His birthday is March 2.

*March Reading Challenge from www.readbrightly.com. This site has book lists ranging from good graphic novels for tweens to STEM books for babies and many subjects in between.



Have you seen Gnoman?

Gnoman, our Library gnome, continues to wander off. Thank you to all our Gnoman rescuers who helped him find his way home in February. Alas, he has disappeared again! We know he's lost in the Library somewhere (but he is never in the Children's Room). There is a sweet reward if you find Gnoman and bring him to the front desk.



Friends to Friends

News from the Friends of Wiscasset Public Library

Friends Meeting

Monday, March 9 at 10am

Please join us at our next Friends meeting on March 9. New members are always welcome. We will be discussing spring events, the Summer Reading program and preliminary plans for Bands for Books 2020.

The annual Friends Directory will be available at the meeting. If you are unable to attend and would like a copy, email us at the address below.

Thank you to Wendy Ross-Eichler for volunteering for the Executive Committee. Wendy has offered to fill the Vice President role. **We still need a President and a Treasurer.** If you are interested or would like to know more, come to a meeting or email us:

wiscasset.library.friends@gmail.com



Did you know... ?

Online learning tools from
Maine State Library



Your Library card provides access to a variety of services from Maine State Library. One of these services, **Digital Maine Library**, offers online learning tools useful to students, business people, educators, and public library patrons. Courses and materials offered span a broad range of interests. You can study marine biology; learn social media tips and tricks; or, research the history of the U.S. in Afghanistan. There are study guides for high school and college exams, as well as trade certification exams. Visit the website to browse the offerings and perhaps learn a new skill:

<https://library.digitalmaine.org>



Used Book Room News

The UBR has some fascinating like-new books on the shelves, and our prices can't be beat. Most items are \$3 or less. Remember to stop in to your "local bookstore" when you're in the area. The UBR is open whenever the Library is open. WPL staff will handle your purchases at the front desk. All profits support the Library.

Have you started your spring cleaning? The UBR welcomes your donation of recent edition, gently used books. 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!

Reading Inspiration Find an interesting new book and dive in! Set a goal to read every day. It's good for you in so many ways. If you need an idea about what to read next, here is a sample of the new books available at WPL:



Friends Book Discussion

March 19 at 10:15am

Book Share (reader's choice)

The morning book discussion is held in the Fiction Room on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be a book share. Come tell us about a interesting book that you have read and would recommend. All are welcome.

At our last meeting, attendees shared interesting insights into their current reading. These were the recommended books:

The Ice at the End of the World
by Jon Gertner

Elevation by Stephen King

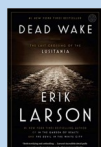
Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

Station Eleven

by Emily St. John Mandel

The Overstory by Richard Powers

Insurrection at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue by Rob Tenery



Our common read for April is **Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania** by Erik Larson. This engrossing book thrillingly relates the events of 1915 that led to one of the great disasters of history.

To join our email list, email 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 our business meeting at 10:00am. Membership forms are available at the Library or by email: wiscasset.library.friends@gmail.com

Our 2020 meeting dates:

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