



## Wiscasset Public Library Newsletter May 2020

**WPL remains closed due to the COVID-19 Stay Healthy at Home directive.  
Be well and thank you for reading.**

### **Director's Note: An Update From Pam**

We are all living through a very interesting and challenging time. COVID-19, its effects and how it changed the lifestyles and lives of us all will be remembered and written of in history books. It will be studied and followed. The decisions we make today may be used as examples of how to handle crises like this in the future.

What I am learning from all of this is how important library access to each of you. Your notes and calls have touched me. I have also learned how empty it is to work in this building without you. Patrons are the life and soul of the Library and your absence here is sorely felt.

Governor Mills has stated that facilities such as libraries may open beginning June 1. I want to assure you that all the libraries in Maine are involved and working hard to get our check list built and our safety procedures set for the day we can welcome you back. Some libraries may start up with just curbside delivery and letting borrowed items come back. Others may be able to let people in right away. Each library will have to assess its own situation and figure out how to conform to the rules in its building.

As soon as we finalize WPL's reopening plans, we will let you know -- so you can start thinking about your next trip to the Library. We are planning carefully and hoping that plan flows smoothly. Our immediate goals are to provide access to the collection and the internet. Other services (ex: Programs, meetings, etc.) will be reintroduced later, when it is safe to do so.

In preparation for reopening our reopening on **Tuesday, June 2**, we have started accepting book returns in the Book Return slot. Reminder: books are not due back until the Library reopens in June. Please use your best personal hygiene practices when using the Book Return. Gloves, hand sanitizer and/or sanitizing wipes are recommended when using public handles. The Library staff will also be sanitizing the handle and the returned books.

We are grateful for your patience and understanding during this process. We look forward to seeing you very soon.

Best wishes for your safety to you all,  
Pam Dunning, Director

## Library Improvements



Have you seen the new roof? It's worth your time to walk or drive by for a look. You will be amazed to see the finished product. The beautiful, long-lasting shingles are made of recycled tires -- making the Library look good while saving the environment.

Thank you to the incredible crew of Burke's Roofing and Masonry for their efficiency and professionalism during the installation. We are also grateful to the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation and a very generous anonymous patron for funding this much-needed improvement.

## Upcoming Events

All in-Library programming has been suspended until further notice. Pam is working to reschedule the 2020 events. Check the WPL website for updates.

**Join us online: Thursday, May 21 at 10:15 a.m.**



Our online April Book Group was small but fun. It's always nice to chat with friends. The discussion covered a broad range of books. Recommendations included:

The Richard Jury mysteries by Martha Grimes  
The Inspector Gamache series by Louise Penny  
The Golden Wolf trilogy by Linnea Hartsuyker (YA)  
*The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett  
*Painted Drum* by Louise Erdrich

We hope you will join us for our online May Book Club. We will have another Book Share discussion. Tell us what you're reading and why you would recommend it. To attend our online discussion, email [The Friends of WPL](#) and you will be sent an invitation to join us via Zoom. We can also provide technical assistance if you are a first-time Zoom user.

## Staff Picks: Women's Fiction for Mother's Day



All of these women authors have had recent best-sellers which you can get at WPL or through the inter-library loan system once the library reopens. In the meantime, celebrate May with a good ebook from the [CloudLibrary](#):

Allende, Isabel- *A Long Petal of the Sea*  
 Hannah, Kristin- *Family Matters*  
 Harmon, Amy- *The Bird and the Sword*  
 Hewitt, Kate- *Now and Then Friends*  
 Hunter, Georgia- *We Were the Lucky Ones*  
 Jenoff, Pam- *The Lost Girls of Paris*  
 Kelly, Martha Hall- *Lilac Girls*  
 Patchett, Ann- *The Dutch House*  
 Picoult, Jodi- *A Spark of Light*  
 Rimmer, Kelly- *The Things We Cannot Say*  
 McMorris, Kristina- *Sold on a Monday*  
 O'Neal, Barbara- *The Lost Recipe for Happiness*  
 Owens, Delia- *Where the Crawdads Sing*

## Resources for Teens



**Got the “Stay At Home” blues? WPL has the cure.**

The [CloudLibrary](#) website has a Teen Section with the best in YA fiction and nonfiction eBooks and audiobooks. You will find genres like Dystopian, Comics & Graphic Novels, Sports, Biography and many more.

What books are you reading during this time of shelter in place? What books do you want to read? [Send](#) us your ideas. We want to compile a list of the best YA books for 2020. Your suggestions help us build the Young Adult collection at WPL. Need some book ideas to get you started? These are new books that the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) are considering for their annual Teens’ Top Ten award. Because the books are new, not all are available in CloudLibrary but most of these authors are available.

**#MurderFunding (#MurderTrending #2)** by Gretchen McNeil  
**Are You Listening?** by Tillie Walden  
**Aurora Rising** by Amie Kaufman and Jay Kristoff  
**The Beast Player** by Nahoko Uehashi  
**Between Worlds: Folktales of Britain and Ireland** by K. Crossley-Holland  
**Broken Throne: A Red Queen Collection** by Victoria Aveyard  
**Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic** by S. Quinones  
**The Field Guide to the North American Teenager** by Ben Philippe  
**Frankly in Love** by David Yoon  
**The Grace Year** by Kim Liggett  
**Last Bus to Everland** by Sophie Cameron  
**Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up with Me** by Mariko Tamaki  
**Lovely War** by Julie Berry

***The Memory Thief*** by Lauren Mansy  
***My Ideal Boyfriend is a Croissant*** by Laura Dockrill  
***Opposite of Always*** by Justin A. Reynolds  
***Pumpkinheads*** by Rainbow Rowell  
***Stolen Time (Dark Stars #1)*** by Danielle Rollins  
***Stronger Than a Bronze Dragon*** by Mary Fan  
***These Witches Don't Burn*** by Isabel Sterling  
***Warhead: The True Story of One Teen Who Almost Saved the World*** by Jeff Henigson  
***Wayward Son (Simon Snow, #2)*** by Rainbow Rowell  
***We Hunt the Flame (Sands of Arawiya)*** by Hafsah Faizal  
***Wilder Girls*** by Rory Power  
***With the Fire on High*** by Elizabeth Acevedo

You can check out the past years' Teen Top 10 award winners at [YALSA](#). They have a number of other "best of" lists as well, ranging from audiobooks to films, graphic novels to books for the college bound.

## The Children's Room

### Hello from the WPL Children's Room!

We miss you all! The books miss you, the toys miss you – even the walls and windows miss you. I have been coming in four days a week while the Library has been closed. I am cleaning, weeding old books, replacing books, and -- the most fun! -- ordering new books. When we reopen, I am sure you will like what you see. Until then, you can stay in touch through email [lrldgway@wiscasset.lib.me.us](mailto:lrldgway@wiscasset.lib.me.us) or send me a letter at 21 High St., Wiscasset, ME 04578. I hope to see you soon.

Ms. Laurie Ridgway, Children's Librarian

### Can You "Name that Author"?



Read the following clues then click [here](#) and send us your best answer. **Please provide your name and email address or phone number along with the name of the mystery author.**

Winners will receive book bucks to spend at the Friends Book Sale when we reopen. Winners will be announced in the June Newsletter.

Clue 1: This writer is also an illustrator.

Clue 2: Many of you have met this person.

Clue 3: This writer is a Mainer – just like you!

Clue 4: This writer likes to go down to the sea.

Clue 5: This writer has illustrated several Kate DiCamillo books, drawing a rascally little pig.

Clue 6: This writer has a huge imagination when there is anything to build.

Good luck to you all!

**Do you want to be a Rock Star?** Here's your chance



to show us your artistic abilities. Now that the snow is gone, Library patrons young and old are invited to design and decorate rocks to "plant" in our rock garden -- like the sample garden shown here. Feel free to come up with your own creative ideas and patterns! Bring your completed project to the newly mulched area behind the Library. Don't forget to send us a picture of your artwork, along with your name and age.



## Used Book Room News



I am thinking that you are as anxious as I am to return to our normal routines. For me, that means spending time in the Used Book Room. How I miss the time spent in the library. Soon the perennials will bloom, and flowers will be flourishing. Oh, the joy of a sunny spring day in the UBR, with the screen door open to the beauty of downtown Wiscasset!

Spring always brings thoughts of cleaning and organizing our homes. As you sort through the books you have accumulated over the years, consider setting your unwanted books aside for the UBR. For safety reasons, we must ask that you do not deliver donations to WPL at this time. The UBR will be closed for the foreseeable future because the Library Staff will be using that area to quarantine and sterilize incoming materials. I will let you know as soon as we are back in business and accepting donations.

Stay safe and healthy!  
Lynn Maloney, UBR Chairperson

## Online Resources

Anyone with an active library card can download ebooks and audio books at [CloudLibrary](#). There are books for all ages.



**digitalmainelibrary** [Digital Maine Library](#) is accessible to everyone in Maine, no library card required. You'll find articles and abstracts from magazines, newspapers, journals and reference materials. It also includes resources for children.

While libraries are closed, [Ancestry.com Library Edition](#) and MyHeritage, two genealogy websites, are available for home use. These sites can be accessed through the [Digital Maine Library](#) (search subject "Genealogy").



## More Resources

If you have young children, visit [StoryLine Online](#). It's an award-winning children's literacy website features dozens of Story Time videos. There are some great free children's podcasts that are short and sweet. Try [Little Stories](#)

for [Tiny People](#) (young children) or [Stories Podcast](#) (older children).

### Free E-books and Audiobooks

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