



Wiscasset Public Library

Newsletter

July 2020

Thank you for reading!

Director's Note: An Update From Pam

Dear Library Patrons,

A hearty thank you to all our wonderful patrons from the staff of WPL! The Library re-opening has been very successful due to your support. Everyone has been exceptionally understanding of the new rules. We tried to be ready for anything and are relieved to say the process has been a smooth one. We are pleased with the results of our extensive planning and preparation, and we are so happy to see everyone again.

The Freedom Xpress van has returned the cases of books that were locked in the warehouses during shut down. The items are checked in and back on the shelves. If all goes as planned, interlibrary loans and reciprocal borrowing will resume mid-July. Be assured that Wiscasset Public Library plans to opt in to these amenities as soon as possible. Our goal is to restore patron services as quickly as safety allows.

We will be resuming our normal opening time of 10:00am, Tuesday through Saturday, starting July 1. Our safety precautions remain the same (see below); they have been effective and allowed us to thrive in this unusual environment. None of our plans would have worked without your cooperation. We are truly grateful for your contributions to our success.

Pam Dunning, Director



COVID-19 Safety Precautions

- 10 patrons allowed in building at a time
- Face covering is required to be worn in the building (bring your own)
- Curbside delivery is available for those who can't wear a facial covering
- Use hand sanitizer immediately upon entering the building, even if you are wearing gloves
- Patrons must be symptom free of any illness for the last two weeks.
- 30-minute time limit

- Place items that you touched and aren't checking out on one of the tables, so they can be added to the quarantine cart. **Do not return items to shelves.**
- No public bathrooms
- No meetings
- The Used Book Room is closed until further notice
- Patrons who are non-compliant will be asked to leave the building

The Library is committed to keeping everyone safe and to maintaining a safe environment that will allow us to stay open. **We can do this together!**

Upcoming Events

In-Library programming and meetings have been suspended until further notice. Previously scheduled 2020 events will be rescheduled. See the WPL website for updates.

Next meeting: Thursday, July 16 at 10:15 a.m.



The Friends' Book Group had an enjoyable online discussion in June. We talked about future meeting possibilities. WPL will not be open for group meetings during July so we agreed to try an outdoors meeting. We will follow Library and State of Maine rules, i.e. wear a mask and stay 6' apart. Bring your own chair. We will meet on the lawn outside of the Used Book Room. If the weather is uncooperative, group members will receive an email link for an online discussion.

The June Book Share discussion recommendations included:

The School of Essential Ingredients*by Erica Bauermeister
The Other Bennet Sister by Janice Hadlow
Hideaway* by Nora Roberts
All Adults Here* by Emma Straub
Separation Anxiety by Laura Zigman
Tombstone: The Earp Brothers, Doc Holliday, and the Vendetta Ride from Hell by Tom Clavin
Dodge City: Wyatt Earp, Bat Masterson, and the Wickedest Town in the American West by Tom Clavin
Mudbound* by Hillary Jordan
 (*book currently available at WPL or [CloudLibrary](#))

We hope you can join us for our July Book Group meeting. We'll have another Book Share discussion. Tell us what you're reading and why you would recommend it. Once the interlibrary loan system is restored, we will discuss the common read **Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania** by Erik Larson. To be added to our Book Club list, email [The Friends of WPL](#).

Staff Picks: New Books at WPL



Have you visited WPL since we have reopened? The shelves are stocked with some great new books for your summer reading. If you aren't able to come in, you can request these books for curbside pickup. There's something for everyone in our New Books collection: current releases from long-time favorite authors, exciting new authors and the latest non-fiction bestsellers.

New Fiction

Mrs. Lincoln's Sisters by Jennifer Chiaverini
Fair Warning (Jack McEvoy series) by Michael Connelly
A Week at the Shore by Barbara Delinsky
Camino Winds by John Grisham
Always the Last to Know by Kristan Higgins
Credible Threat (Ali Reynolds Series) by J. A. Jance
The Persuasion (Eve Duncan series) by Iris Johansen
Tom Clancy Firing Point (A Jack Ryan Jr. Novel) by Mike Maden
On Ocean Boulevard (The Beach House) by Mary Alice Monroe
Night. Sleep. Death. The Stars. by Joyce Carol Oates
Hush Hush (Detective Harriet Blue Series) by James Patterson
The Summer House by James Patterson
Dance Away with Me by Susan Elizabeth Phillips
Hideaway by Nora Roberts
To Wake the Giant: A Novel of Pearl Harbor by Jeff Shaara
The Summer Deal by Jill Shalvis
The Book of Second Chances by Katherine Slee
Daddy's Girls by Danielle Steel
Zombie Fallout by Mark Tufo
The New Girl by Harriet Walker
Bombshell (A Teddy Fay Novel) by Stuart Woods
Hit List (A Stone Barrington Novel) by Stuart Woods
The End of October by Lawrence Wright

New Non-Fiction

Missed Translations: Meeting the Immigrant Parents
Who Raised Me by Sopan Deb
Joy at Work: Organizing Your Professional Life by Marie Kondo
Gods of War: History's Greatest Military Rivals by James Lacey
The Lincoln Conspiracy: The Secret Plot to Kill America's 16th President--And Why It Failed by Brad Meltzer



Series for Teens and Tweens

Summer is a great time to read your way through an exciting new book series. What is your favorite genre? Book series for teens cover every theme you can imagine -- from futuristic thrillers to historical fiction to modern coming-of-age tales. The protagonists run the gamut from royalty to kids just like you. These are just some of the most popular series for teens and tweens that you can find at WPL, on [CloudLibrary](#) or through the interlibrary loan system. What do you think of this list? Is your favorite series listed here? We would love to hear your suggestions. What series would you love to see at WPL? [Email us](#) your suggestions, or let us know when you come in to get a few of these novels.

Series

Legacy of Orisha by Tomi Adeyemi
The Lost Years of Merlin by T. A. Barron
The Uncommoners by Jennifer Bell
The Folk of Air by Holly Black
The Princess Diaries by Meg Cabot
The Great Library by Rachel Caine
The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
Ranger's Apprentice by John Flanagan
Sam London Adventures by Todd Calgi Gallicano
To All The Boys I've Loved Before by Jenny Han
Redwall by Brian Jacques
Dragon Keepers by Kate Klimo
Pennyroyal Academy by M. A. Larson
Legend by Marie Lu
Worst Witch by Jill Murphy
The Inheritance Cycle by Christopher Paolini
His Dark Materials by Philip Pullman
Miss Peregrine's Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs
Percy Jackson and the Olympians by Rick Riordan
Divergent by Veronica Roth
Harry Potter by J. K. Rowling
Knights of the Borrowed Dark by Dave Rudden
An Epic Series of Failures by Chris Rylander
100 Dresses by Susan Maupin Schmid
The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel by Michael Scott
An Ember in the Ashes by Sabaa Tahir



Stop by and check out the new books and new furniture!

The revamped Young Adult room is open for business and filled with a great selection for your summer reading enjoyment.

The Children's Room

Join the 2020 Summer Reading Club!

WPL's Summer Reading programs are online this year. Join the fun, read some books, and win great prizes! You can sign up for the Summer Reading Club (ages 4-17) or Read to Me Program (ages 0-6) at our [Beanstack website](#) or via the app.



Our Children's Librarian, [Ms. Laurie](#), can provide assistance. She also has a paper log for readers who are not online. Simply keep track of your summer reading. You'll earn badges and prizes as you log your books and reviews. The more you read, the more chances you have to win. All for free!

• **Children's Room Reminders**

We would love to see you! Before you visit, please read the "COVID-19 Safety Precautions" above. Remember, Children's Room visitors must also:



- Enter at Children's Room door (children and parents)
- Limit capacity to one family at a time
- Children wait in designated area while books are retrieved from the shelves by parent/caregiver
- Face covering must be worn by all but the youngest patrons (bring your own please)

Thank you for helping to keep the Children's Room safe for all visitors.

Used Book Room News

The UBR will be closed for the foreseeable future because the Library Staff will be using that area to quarantine and sterilize incoming materials.



For safety reasons, please do not deliver donations to WPL at this time. We'll let you know as soon as we are "back in business" and accepting donations. We hope to see you soon!

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.

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