



Wiscasset Public Library

Newsletter

June 2020

**WPL is open -- with precautions for everyone's safety.
Welcome back and thank you for reading!**

Director's Note: An Update From Pam

This last month has been a flurry of activity in preparation for reopening: cleaning, disinfecting, covering furniture and writing policies that will keep everyone safe. We miss our patrons! On Tuesday, June 2 you will find the door unlocked and the staff ready to welcome you. We hope you can look past the sign listing the new rules and see the smiles on our faces (behind our masks). We look forward to seeing you and we are grateful for your support.

We began curbside delivery at the end of May and this new service is running smoothly. We are delighted to be able to deliver materials to the patrons. Reminder to everyone: if you are not comfortable coming inside WPL or you cannot wear a face covering, we are here to gather your books, movies and CDs to deliver to you at the door or your vehicle. Simply call 207-882-7161 or email wpl@wiscasset.lib.me.us and leave a list of up to 5 items. We will get them off the shelf and checked out to you. When that is complete **we will call and let you know that your items are ready for pick-up**. Please do not come to the Library until we have contacted you. You can call us from your car or knock on the door to let us know when you have arrived. Yes, you can return your older items to us when we deliver to you.

Please note that, due to extensive cleaning requirements, we are **opening at 11:00am** for the time being. We are going through some interesting experiences as we learn how to rework our jobs to make this reopening happen. You, our understanding and supportive patrons, make this easier and ultimately worthwhile. Thank you.

Pam Dunning, Director

WPL reopens Tuesday, June 2 at 11:00am

Recognizing the importance of our library in the community and the need to keep the public safe, Wiscasset Public Library has narrowed its focus to the priority service that it can accomplish without endangering visitors. Our focus at this time is to circulate the collection and to offer internet access to the public. To accomplish these goals, WPL welcomes patrons back under new regulations. These requirements are similar to the rules we have all been following for the last several weeks as we visited essential services like grocery stores:

Reopening Rules

- 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!**

Meet WPL's New Librarian



Please welcome our new Librarian, **Stephan Smith**.

Stephan's appreciation for the valuable perspectives offered through getting to know other cultures comes from a long history of living, studying, and working with those from various backgrounds, both internationally and in the United States. With over twenty years of experience preparing students for admission to elite colleges and universities, Stephan has demonstrated a passion for sharing his understanding of language and historical studies and views multilingualism and knowledge of history and cultures as a means of building peace amongst peoples of different nations and backgrounds.

Upon completing secondary school in England, Stephan returned to the United States to complete his bachelor's degree at California State University in San Diego and a master's degree in Education from Northeastern University in Boston. Whilst pursuing graduate study, his commitment to outstanding academic scholarship was recognized through his induction into the prestigious Sigma Epsilon Rho Honor Society. Following graduate study, Stephan returned to England to further pursue his passion for cultural and historical studies by earning a qualification in History from the University of Oxford, Department of Continuing Education. We are delighted to have Stephan join the WPL staff and share his wealth of knowledge with the Wiscasset community.

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.

Join us online: Thursday, June 18 at 10:15 a.m.



Our online Book Group is growing! We had a nice turnout in May. We discussed the meeting possibilities. WPL will not be open for group meetings during June so we agreed to schedule another online meeting.

The May Book Share discussion covered many genres -- something for everyone. Recommendations included:

The Simple Wild (book 1) by K. A. Tucker
Wild At Heart (book 2) by K. A. Tucker
The Paris Orphan by Natasha Lester
Finding Dorothy by Elizabeth Letts
**A Well-Behaved Woman* by Therese Anne Fowler
**Home: A Memoir of My Early Years* by Julie Andrews
Home Works: A Memoir of My Hollywood Years by Julie Andrews
Carnegie's Maid by Marie Benedict
Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague by Geraldine Brooks
Re Jane by Patricia Park
Murder at the Book Group by Maggie King
**The Cuckoo's Calling* (book 1) by Robert Galbraith
(*book currently available at WPL)

Please join us for our online June Book Club meeting. 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: Books for Father's Day



If Dad loves books, these are some great titles for him to enjoy on Father's Day, June 18. WPL has many of these titles if you want to give Dad the gift of relaxation. What could be better than a day of reading – and maybe his favorite snack? If you prefer to purchase your own books, all are available online or through local booksellers.

Fiction

Backman, Fredrik - *Us Against You*
Baldacci, John - *Walk the Wire*
Child, Lee - *Blue Moon*
Coben, Harlan - *The Boy from the Woods*
Doiron, Paul - *Almost Midnight*
Ford, Richard - *Sorry for your Trouble*

Grisham, John - *The Guardians*
King, Stephen - *The Institute*
Rollins, James - *The Last Odyssey*
Shaara, Jeff - *To Wake the Giant*
Turow, Scott - *The Last Trial*

Non-Fiction

Banks, William - *The Spanish Flu*
Bascomb, Neal - *Faster*
Chernow, Ron - *Grant*
Clavin, Tom - *Tombstone*
Crow, David - *The Pale-Faced Lie*
Hastings, Max - *Operation Chastise*
Larson, Erik - *The Splendid and the Vile*
Law, Keith - *The Inside Game*
Los Angeles Sun News - *Kobe: Forever*
Vogel, Steve - *Betrayal in Berlin*

Mysteries for Teens

Do you ever spend time in the WPL Young Adult room? We have a great YA collection that appeals to readers of all ages. Young Adult Mystery is a category for older teens and adults. These books offer a mature view of the world with less violence than you find in the adult mysteries. Do you need a little excitement? Are you ready to solve a (fictional) murder? Here are a few of the YA mysteries available on the shelves at WPL or via [CloudLibrary](#). Many of these authors specialize in YA mystery, so check out some of their other books while you're in a mystery-solving mood.

****The Rules For Disappearing*** by Ashley Elston

****Monday's Not Coming*** by Tiffany D. Jackson

Truly Devious by Maureen Johnson

****Genuine Fraud*** by E. Lockhart

The Last Witness by Claire McFall

When the Light Went Out by Bridget Morrissey

****Sadie*** by Courtney Summers

The Ruinous Sweep by Tim Wynn-Jones

(*book currently available at WPL)



The Children's Room

The Children's Room is open, and we are excited to see you :)
Before you visit, please read the "Reopening Rules" above.
Additionally, Children's Room visitors must:



- 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.

Summer Reading is coming!



Beanstack

WPL's Summer Reading Program is going online this year with Beanstack. The program information will be announced later this month. Check the Library website or Facebook page for details.

Our Children's Librarian, [Ms. Laurie](#), will register participants. You will keep track of your summer reading time on Beanstack via the website or mobile app. You'll earn badges and prizes as you log the minutes you read. The more you read, the more chances you have to win. All for free!

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.

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).

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