



## Wiscasset Public Library Newsletter November 2020

*Reading is the key that opens doors to many good things in life. Reading shaped my dreams, and more reading helped me make my dreams come true.*

~ Ruth Bader Ginsburg

### Director's Note

I know you are probably tired of hearing about COVID. Hopefully, we can relax and get back to normal before too many more months go by. That time has not yet come. Doors and windows are closing as the temperatures drop. More people are returning to their indoor activities. The risk of exposure is climbing as fall begins to lean into winter. I want to assure all of our wonderful patrons that the Wiscasset Public Library staff members are determined to be even more diligent in our precautions. It is our primary goal to be able to keep the Library open and safe for all of you.



The entire staff of WPL thanks you for your continued compliance with safety measures and your ongoing support. Our successful continuing operations could not have happened without each of you.

Pam Dunning, Director

**Wiscasset Public Library will be closed**

**Wednesday, November 11, 2020**



**VETERANS DAY**

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

### COVID-19 Safety Precautions

We are continually monitoring the COVID-19 news. Our top priority at this time is to provide library services to the public in the safest manner. Our current policies are:

- 10 patrons allowed in building at a time
- A **face mask** is required to be worn in the building (bring your own). A face shield is not an approved mask alternative at this time.
- Curbside delivery is available for those who can't wear a face mask
- 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
- Used Book Room sales are discontinued until further notice
- Patrons who are non-compliant will be asked to leave the building

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

## Upcoming Events



### Planning Ahead for a Beautiful Spring!

Retired Wiscasset doctor Ed Kitfield placed his Sun/Moon granite sculpture in the Wiscasset Public Library entrance garden on Tuesday morning, October 27, just as the sun appeared after a rainy night. Next spring, the Garden Club of Wiscasset will design and plant a new garden to enhance the sculpture. A small ceremony will be held to officially thank Dr. Kitfield and an identifying plaque will be added to the garden in his honor. We are very grateful to Dr. Kitfield for his generous donation.



### Book Group (via Zoom): Thursday, Nov. 19 at 10:15am

The Friends' Book Group met via Zoom in October and we had several members attend. This was a book share meeting. The discussion was lively as we shared both books we recently read and books that came up during the session. This generated the following list:

## October recommendations

Frederik Backman - *Anxious People*

Sandra Brown - *Thick as Thieves, Friction* (great!)

Gerald Durrell - *My Family & Other Animals* (Durrells in Corfu)

Hazel Gaynor - *The Lighthouse Keepers Daughter*

Jane Hamilton - *A Map of the World*

Louise Penney - *All the Devils are Here* (#16), *The Beautiful Mystery*

J. D. Robb, aka Nora Roberts - *Golden in Death* (futuristic "In Death" series)

Upton Sinclair - *The Jungle*

Karin Slaughter - *Blindsighted, The Good Daughter, Cop Town*

Charles Todd - *A Duty to the Dead* (Bess Crawford mysteries)

Gail Tsukiyama - *The Street of 1000 Blossoms*

Edith Wharton short stories

In preparation for our December common read (a fiction novel), **please forward your recommendations to the Friends email address below**. We are compiling a list to vote on at the November meeting.

The next meeting is another book share discussion on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am via Zoom. Zoom is working out well so we encourage you to give it a try. If you are new to Zoom email [Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com](mailto:Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com) for instructions. If you would like to be added to our Book Group list, also email us at the above address. We meet the third Thursday of each month. As the weather gets colder it is always pleasant to settle in with a good book and then discuss it with other book lovers – even virtually.

Stephanie

## Book Review: *Winterdance*

***Winterdance: The Fine Madness of Running the Iditarod***  
by Gary Paulsen



Gary Paulsen has won the Newbery Medal, Regina Medal, Dorothy Canfield Fischer Children's Book Award and many other awards for his coming of age stories that take place in the barren wilderness. He has written over 200 books, including books for adults, as well as articles, plays and short stories. His nonfiction ***Winterdance*** leads the reader through Paulsen's quest to enter and run the Iditarod. Starting with his initial purchase of a racing team and the trials of training both the dogs and himself, this story finally brings you into one of the most dangerous races in the world. Travel this journey through snowstorms, frostbite, blinding winds and moose attacks. You will be amused and then enthralled by the challenges nature can throw at man and dog.

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If the pandemic is driving you consider an alternate career path -- and running

the Iditarod seems implausible -- WPL has plenty of new business and education books to feed your curiosity.



## The Children's Room



### Please note: new Children's Room access

Effective 11/15/2020 **access to the Children's Room** will be through the Used Book Store entry. Pathways will be cleared of snow and ice. The suggested parking for families is alongside Wiscasset Common. Any questions may be directed to staff.



### November Take & Make Crafts

- 1) Tissue Paper Owl Craft Kit
- 2) Remember our troops on Nov. 11 & make an ID tag
- 3) Squirrel Collage
- 4) Make a Thanksgiving centerpiece for the family

### Ms. Laurie's NEW BOOK Picks

Board book—*Whose Knees are These?* by Jabari Asim

Picture book—*Sun Flower Lion* by Kevin Henkes

Early reader—*Here Comes Lolo* by Niki Daly

Intermediate fiction—*Mac Undercover* by Mac Barnett  
 Older Fiction—*A Wolf Called Wander* by Roseanne Parry  
 Classic Fiction—*Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe  
 Nonfiction—*The Greenbrier Ghost* by Megan Atwood  
 Biography—*Take a Hike, Teddy Roosevelt!* By Frank Murphy



## 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 Used Book Room door until November 14 (children and parents). **The winter entrance for the Children's room will be through the Used Book Room.**
- 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

Due to COVID-19, the UBR will not be selling any items for the foreseeable future. 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.

If you have young children, visit [StoryLine Online](#), 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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## Overdue Notices

If you receive an Overdue Notice after returning your items, please disregard the email. We continue to quarantine all items for 96 hours before checking them in. The automated notices go out while items are in quarantine. We do not charge late fees and we will process your returns as quickly as it is safe to do so. Our quarantine policy is based on guidance from Maine State Library and its purpose is to keep both you and the WPL staff safe. If you still have questions, feel free to call us.

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