



July is hollyhocks and hammocks, fireworks and vacations, hot and steamy weather, cool and refreshing swims, beach picnics, and vegetables all out of the garden.

~ Jean Hersey

Director's Note

July is Family Fun Month, Family Meal Month, Family Reunion Month, National Anti-Boredom Month, National Baked Bean Month, National Blueberry Month, and National Grilling Month. What can we do to celebrate July? Obviously, invite the relatives to get together and have some fun. Family get-togethers are a summer standard!

This is the perfect time of year for everyone to meet and share the beautiful weather, great food, and terrific company. Hand the cameras to the kids and enjoy the candid shots they produce. Throw something on the grill and have everyone bring their favorite salad to share. I love deviled egg potato salad... and coleslaw is always a winner. Don't forget the watermelon!

Break out the croquet and badminton sets. Sit back to relax and soak up some sun while enjoying this special time with your loved ones. The best thing about picnics is that they require so little effort. You can have more than one! Make this the month dedicated to family and friends.

Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.

~ John Lubbock

Pam Dunning, Director

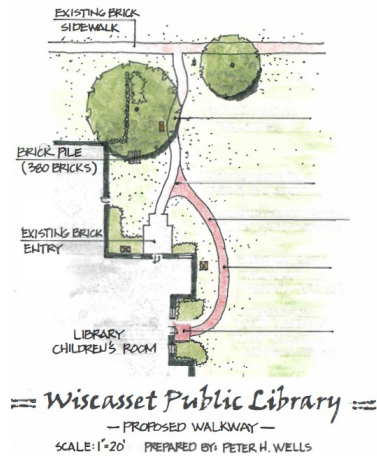
Library Summer Hours

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 10 am to 5 pm

Wednesday 10 am to 7 pm

Closed Saturday from Memorial Day through Labor Day

We are very pleased to announce...

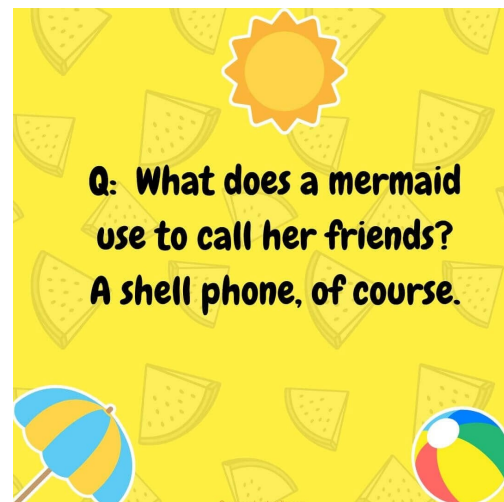


Wiscasset Public Library will soon have a new easy-access entrance to the Children's Room, thanks to the generosity of the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation. The landscaping, designed by Peter Wells, will begin construction in August. Thank you, Peter, for the wonderful design and thank you to the King Foundation for funding the venture.

Library Humor

What do you get when you combine an elephant with a fish?
Swimming trunks!

What's black and white and red all over?
A zebra with a sunburn.



Upcoming Events

Date change! Tuesday, July 11th at 9:30am - Friends of WPL meeting. Join us for our bi-monthly coffee social in the library Fiction Room. New members are always welcome. Come meet the Friends and learn how we support the library. The business meeting will follow at 10:00. To learn more, email the Friends at:

Please
Join us

The Friends of WPL
COFFEE SOCIAL

Tuesday, July 11 at 9:30am



Friends of WPL

BOOK DISCUSSION
GROUP

Tuesday, July 18 at 5:30pm
Location TBA

Book discussion group resumes on July 18 - Local reading enthusiasts have come together to reconstitute the Friends Book Discussion Group. We will talk about *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin at our initial meeting on July 18. Additional participants are welcome. For more information, please contact Christopher Hart at christopher.hart@vcfa.edu.

Maine Libraries: The "Bestsellers" Lists

These are the most popular books with Maine library patrons this month. Let us know if you'd like help finding a copy of one of these titles.

The most requested **fiction** books:

1. *The Covenant of Water* (Verghese)
2. *Hello Beautiful* (Napolitano)
3. *Happy Place* (Henry)
4. *Small Mercies* (Lehane)
5. *The Secret Book of Flora Lea* (Henry)
6. *Cross Down* (Patterson)
7. *Good Night, Irene* (Urrea)
8. *Meet Me at the Lake* (Fortune)
9. *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* (See)
10. *The Celebrants* (Rowley)

The most requested **non-fiction** books:

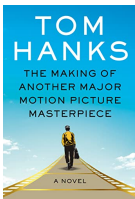
1. *Look For Me There: Grieving My Father, Finding Myself* (Russert)
2. *The Book of Charlie: Wisdom from the Remarkable American Life of a 109-year-old Man* (Von Drehle)
3. *Becoming Free Indeed: My Story of Disentangling Faith from Fear* (Vuolo)
4. *Glucose Revolution: The Life-Changing Power of Balancing Your Blood Sugar* (Inchauspe)
5. *The Best Minds: A Story of Friendship, Madness, and the Tragedy of Good Intentions* (Rosen)

6. *Pageboy: A Memoir* (Page)
7. *Fast Like a Girl: A Woman's Guide to Using the Healing Power of Fasting to Burn Fat, Boost Energy, and Balance Hormones* (Pelz)
8. *Soil: The Story of a Black Mother's Garden*(Dungy)
9. *The Daddy Diaries: The Year I Grew Up*(Cohen)
10. *A Maine Garden Almanac: Seasonal Wisdom for Making the Most of Your Garden* (King)

The most requested **large print** books:

1. *Hello Beautiful* (Napolitano)
2. *The 23rd Midnight* (Patterson)
3. *Happy Place* (Henry)
4. *Small Mercies* (Lehane)
5. *Cross Down* (Patterson)

New Adult Fiction: *The Making of Another Major Motion Picture Masterpiece*



Prelude, 1947: A troubled soldier, returning from the war, meets his talented five-year-old nephew, leaves an indelible impression, and then disappears for twenty-three years.

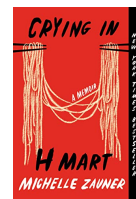
Cut to 1970: The nephew, now drawing underground comic books in Oakland, California, reconnects with his uncle and, remembering the comic book he saw when he was five, draws a new version with his uncle as a World War II fighting hero.

Cut to the present day: A commercially successful director discovers the 1970 comic book and decides to turn it into a contemporary superhero movie.

This funny, touching, and thought-provoking novel from legendary actor and best-selling author Tom Hanks chronicles the making of a star-studded, multimillion-dollar superhero action film, the humble comic books that inspired it, and the changes in America since World War II. Hanks is a master storyteller lovingly relating the reality of bringing stories to life via movies.

New Nonfiction: *Crying in H Mart*

Indie rock musician Michelle Zauner proves herself a talented writer in this exquisite story of family, food, grief, and endurance. With humor and heart, she tells of growing up one of the few Asian American kids at her school in Eugene, Oregon; of struggling with her mother's particular, high expectations of her; of a painful adolescence; of treasured months spent in her grandmother's tiny apartment in Seoul, where she and her mother would bond, late at night, over heaping plates of food.



As she grew up, moving to the East Coast for college, finding work in the restaurant industry, and performing gigs with her fledgling band--and meeting the man who would become her husband--her Koreanness began to feel ever more distant, even as she found the life she wanted to live. It was her mother's

diagnosis of terminal cancer, when Michelle was twenty-five, that forced a reckoning with her identity and brought her to reclaim the gifts of taste, language, and history her mother had given her.

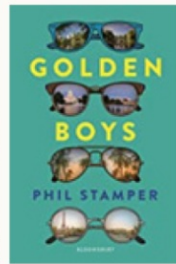
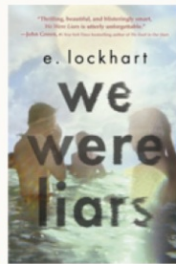
Vivacious and plainspoken, lyrical and honest, Zauner's voice is as radiantly alive on the page as it is onstage. Rich with intimate anecdotes that will resonate widely, and complete with family photos, *Crying in H Mart* is a book to cherish, share, and reread.

Teen News

Find your next beach read.



Summer is officially here! Stop by the Teen/YA Room to browse our selection of books perfect for reading at the beach, at the lake, or wherever the summer takes you.



Teen/YA Summer Reading Bingo Grand Prizes

The more you read, the more chances you have to win! Sign up now! The game ends August 16th.





Free to use with your library card!

NEW BOOKS FOR TEENS EVERY MONTH
Stop by or check out the "New" feature on our website.



Do you have a favorite book or author? Let us know so we can share with others. You could help someone find their next great read!



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The Children's Room



Yes, it is summer and maybe July will bring with it warm, sunny weather!

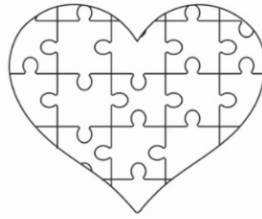
Yes! Though Tracey Whitney is over at the Wiscasset Rec Center creating summer memories with the campers, we will still have Friday Morning Story Time at 10:30. Bring all your little ones for a story and activity.

And YES! There is still time to register for Summer Reading. Sign up online (<https://wiscasset.lib.me.us/just-for-kids/>) or stop by the Children's Room to sign up in person. You can find all the details below. The theme this year is *All Together Now, KINDNESS, FRIENDSHIP AND UNITY*. Our July crafts reflect that theme:

Paint a cup of kindness ceramic



Color your own Heart Puzzle



Sunflower Kindness Craft



Watermelon Charm Bracelet



Native American Pendant



And many, many more!



Don't forget July 4th!

Happy Birthday
to the United States of America—
247 years old!!

JULY STORY TIME

When: Fridays, 10:30-11:00 am

Where: The Children's Room

Who: Children (birth to 5 years) and caregiver

What: Stories, songs, rhymes, and movement



Miss Laurie will be taking over Story Time at the library for the summer. I will be volunteering to do a Story Time twice each week at the Rec Center's Summer Camp. I look forward to meeting all the children at the camp and bringing the joy of reading to them. I will return after Labor Day to our regular Story Time on Friday mornings. Until then, I know Miss Laurie will have plenty of wonderful stories and fun activities to share all summer long!

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer!

-Mrs. Whitney

Summer Reading Club
ALL TOGETHER NOW:

Kindness, Friendship, & Unity
Read—review—receive an incentive! Do it again.

REGISTRATION 5/31—7/28

REPORT YOUR READING 6/21—8/16



WHO?

- Read-to-me for ages birth up to 4 yrs.
- Children's Summer Reading Club (SRC) for ages 3 or 4 yrs. - 12 yrs.

HOW? Sign-up at the Children's Room Desk. There you will receive your SRC kit. For the Read-to-me group you will receive a record keeper for your child.

WHAT?

- Read-to-me—Caregiver records titles of 20 books that have been read to the child. Return list to library and receive a fun gift bag including board books, growth chart, and soft toy
- Children's Summer Reading Club (SRC)—Participant reads or listens to 8 books that are at their reading level.

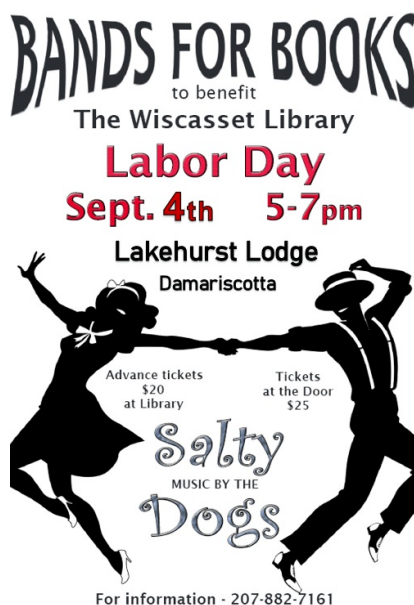
WHEN? (Things have changed so please read the following.)

- REPORTING WILL BE DONE ON WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS, AND FRIDAYS.
- Only 3 book reports will be accepted each day, from 11:00am UNTIL 15 MINUTES BEFORE CLOSING.

DON'T MISS THE FUN! See you @ the library!

News from the Friends of WPL

Bands for Books 2023



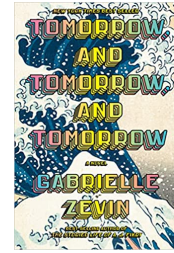
SAVE THE DATE! On Labor Day, the Friends of Wiscasset Library will hold their 9th annual **Bands for Books** fundraiser at the Lakehurst Lodge in Damariscotta. Dust off your dancing shoes and come dance to the music of The Salty Dogs on Monday, Sept. 4 from 5 to 7 p.m. Beginning in early July, tickets will be available for purchase at the Wiscasset Public Library. Advance purchase tickets are \$20 and tickets at the door are \$25.

Bands for Books is presented by Friends of the Wiscasset Public Library and is its major fundraiser to benefit the Library. For more information or to reserve tickets, contact Linda Winterberg at lwint43@gmail.com.

Book Group Resumes

Join our discussion on July 18

I'm pleased to report that ten individuals either came to our meetings or expressed interest via e-mail. Thank you for your interest and enthusiasm. Consensus was that we would meet at 5:30pm on the third Tuesday of each month, location TBA.



At our July meeting, we will discuss the novel *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin. This book was suggested by several people. It was published in mid-2022 and is 400 pages long. This is a little longer than we may tend to aim for, but let's hope Ms. Zevin holds our attention throughout. I'll let you look up more details and descriptions on your own, but one brief blurb reads:

"In this exhilarating novel by the best-selling author of *The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry*, two friends—often in love, but never lovers—come together as creative partners in the world of video-game design, where success brings them fame, joy, tragedy, duplicity, and, ultimately, a kind of immortality."

As we said in the meetings, some of us might not have been drawn to a book featuring video-game design, but that's the wonder of book club, sending us in unexpected directions.

To join our next meeting or to be added to the Book Discussion Group email list, please contact Christopher Hart at christopher.hart@vcfa.edu.

Treasurer's Report

It's not too late to send in your dues for this year. Please address your check to the **Friends of the Wiscasset Public Library** to avoid confusion. If you have not had an opportunity to do so, please mail your \$10 check (payable to Friends of the Wiscasset Public Library) to the library at 21 High Street, Wiscasset 04578. Thank you for helping us support our library!

Second Hand Prose Used Book Room

Open Tuesday through Friday when the library is open

It's summer in the Midcoast area and the visitors have arrived. If you have family members visiting, please consider an outing to Second Hand Prose, our used book room. We have a selection of gardening, fiction, crafts, and books of Maine interest. Maine books are fiction and non-fiction. These Maine-centric books were part of a recent donation. Stop by and see what's new!



If you have any suggestions, I would love to hear from you. I can be reached at lynnmaloney5@yahoo.com. As always, a sincere thank you to the faithful volunteers who staff our Used Book Room. Your diligence is appreciated. It is wonderful to welcome so many people. This is one of the highlights of volunteering. Plus, you get a first chance at purchasing our books!

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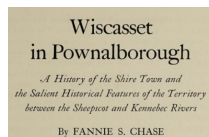
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Thursday 10:00am-5:00pm
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