

Wiscasset Public Library Newsletter

January 2024



"Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one." ~ Brad Paisley
on New Year Eve

"I'll never understand why everybody puts so much emphasis on January first. There are three hundred and sixty-four other days in the year that you can make a change." ~ Elizabeth Eulberg

Director's Note

I found two very profound quotes about January. They seem to be diametrically opposed but are in total agreement with each other. January first is, for many of us, a time to make changes and start over. There is something about this first day of a new year that reminds us that we have some ideas that we want to explore or changes to make. Top of the lists for many are diet, exercise, new studies or other life changes. The great news is that we can begin again at any day, time or place that we choose.

Perhaps we are missing a step. Perhaps we should pause for a few moments to appreciate all that we like about ourselves. Remember the gift of your smile that you share with people you see during the day. Remind yourself of how often you are kind, patient and welcoming even though you really don't have the time. Your kindness, gentleness and warmth are the really important parts of you. Think about these things before you decide if you really need change. You might find that you are fine just as you are.

Pam Dunning, Director

Winter Humor Curated by Pam for You



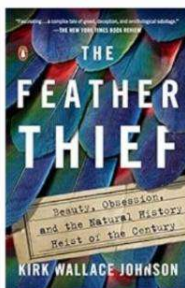
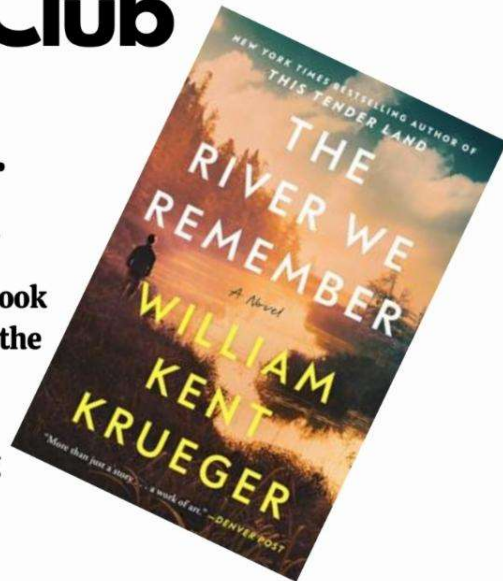
Upcoming Events

Friends of WPL Book Club

Meet: January 16th

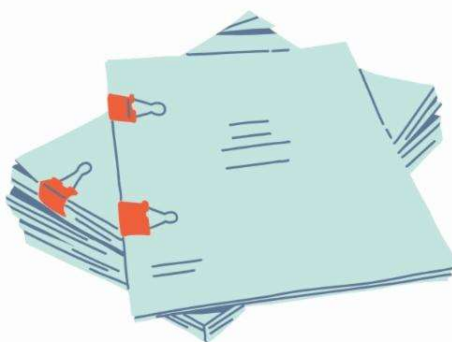
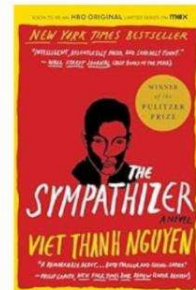
**The River We Remember
by William Kent Krueger**

Tuesday, January 16, 5:30pm: Friends Book Discussion. All are welcome. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month to discuss a book selected by the group members. Contact Christopher Hart for the meeting location and any additional information. christopher.hart@vcfa.edu



**Book Club
Meet: February 20th
Feather Thief
by Kirk W. Johnson**

**Book Club
Meet: March 19th
The Sympathizer
by Viet Thanh Nguyen**



Writer's Group

Meet: January 3th & 17th

5:30PM

**Contact Carolyn at:
carolyninstead@gmail.com**

**The Friends of WPL
COFFEE SOCIAL**

Wednesday, January 10 @ 10 am



Wednesday, January 10, 9:30am: Coffee Social and Friends meeting. Join us for our 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 follows at 10:00am. To learn more, email the Friends Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com.



Friday, January 5, 3:00-3:30PM: Crane Origami Crafting for Teens & Adults FREE

Kick off the weekend with Dr. Lindsey and origami cranes! Learn how to make an origami crane symbolizing hope and peace for 2024 and in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Materials will be provided along with hot cocoa or tea and cheer.

Wednesday, January 24th is Adult Puzzle Night. Puzzles will be provided, bring yourself and friends. Fun way to meet patrons, see neighbors and make new friends. Tea and hot cocoa provided. Contact Lindsey Carnes for any questions.
lcarnes@wiscassetlibrary.org



New on the shelf

Visit the Library's website to watch the book carousels scroll through all of our most recent titles.

Fiction:

- *The Book of Ayn* by Lexi Freiman
- *The Lost Cause* by Cory Doctorow
- *Uhtred's Feast* by Bernard Cornwell

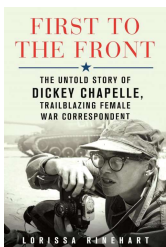
Non-fiction books:

- *Sailing the Graveyard Sea* by Richard Snow
- *Dust: the modern world in a trillion particles* by Jay Ounes
- *Among the Bros: A Fraternity Crime Story* by Max Marshall

Large print books:

- *Valiant Women: the extraordinary American servicewomen who helped win World War II* by Lena Andrews
- *The Cows Are Out! Two Decades on a Maine Dairy Farm* by Trudy Chambers Price
- *Political Tribes: Group instinct and the fate of nations* by Amy Chua

New Large Print: *First to the Front*



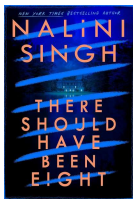
From the beginning of World War II through the early days of Vietnam, groundbreaking female photojournalist and war correspondent Dickey Chapelle chased dangerous assignments her male colleagues wouldn't touch, pioneering a radical style of reporting that focused on the humanity of the oppressed.

She documented conditions across Eastern Europe in the wake of the Second World War. She marched down the Ho Chi Minh Trail with the South Vietnamese Army and across the Sierra Maestra Mountains with Castro. She was the first reporter accredited with the Algerian National Liberation

Front, and survived torture in a communist Hungarian prison. She dove out of planes, faked her own kidnapping, and endured the mockery of male associates, before ultimately dying on assignment in Vietnam with the Marines in 1965, the first American female journalist killed while covering combat. (Amazon)

Chapelle overcame discrimination both on the battlefield and at home, with much of her work ultimately buried from the public eye--until now. In *First to the Front*, Lorissa Rinehart uncovers the incredible life and unparalleled achievements of this true pioneer, and the mark she would make on history.

New Adult Fiction: *There Should Have Been Eight*



New York Times bestselling author Nalini Singh released this chilling thriller.

A remote estate in New Zealand's Southern Alps hosts a reunion no one will ever forget. Seven friends spend one last weekend together in a half-ruined mansion. There is no room for lies.

Someone is going to confess. Because there should have been eight.

Adults who met as teenagers gather together.

They met when they were teenagers. Now they're adults and time has been kind to some and unkind to others—none more so than to Bea, the one they lost nine long years ago.

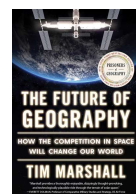
Bea's family's once-glamorous estate is straight out of a gothic novel. Best friends, old flames, secret enemies, and new lovers are all under one roof.

When the weather turns and snow blocks retreat, there is nowhere left to hide from their shared history.

Long-buried grief, bitterness, and rage emerge and the pretense of normality gives way. The nagging feeling that Bea's shocking death wasn't what it was claimed to be arises. Before the weekend is through, the truth will be unleashed—no matter the cost.

New Nonfiction: *The Future of Geography*

A must-read book on today's space race by the author from the New York Times bestselling author of *Prisoners of Geography* and leading geopolitics expert. This is a close look at the increasingly tense power struggle between the US, China, and Russia and what it means for all of us here on Earth.



Although spy satellites orbiting the moon, space metals worth more than most countries' GDP sounds like science fiction, it's real. There may even be people on Mars within the next ten years.

In this gripping work, bestselling author Tim Marshall navigates the new geopolitical landscape to show how we got here and where we're heading. Extensively researched and drawing on the latest information from intelligence, government, and civilian institutions, this book provides a detailed, clear account of the new space race, the power rivalries, and how technology, economics, and war have a ripple effect on everyone across the globe. Written with all the insight and wit that have made Marshall one of the world's most popular and trusted writer on geopolitics, The Future of Geography is an essential read about global power, politics, and the future of humanity.

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

Teen & YA Room News

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Teen Room Events

Wednesday 2-5
Minecraft
Missions

Saturdays
10-2

Lego Saturday
*Complete the
Lego Challenge

SNACKS

ACTION ITEM: Visit the
Teen Room to Place Your
Vote on 2024
Programming...

D&D

Crafting
Coding
Gaming

All Month

Teen Room Activities...

- LEGO Month!
- Harry Potter Snowflakes
- Warm Up with a Compliment Crafts
- Origami Cranes: Hope & Love in 2024
- Rev Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. curated books and color in a MLK Jr quote
- Mindful Money Management Takes

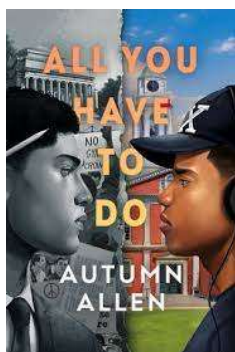


New Books for the New Year

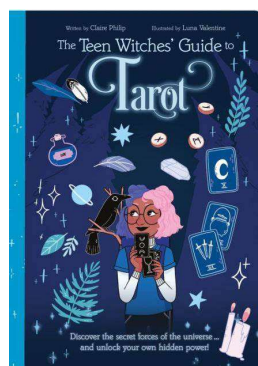


Meet Dr. Lindsey, the New Librarian

The Teen Room is seeking a
Dungeon Master and has
openings for Teen Tech Helpers,
Teen Advisory Board Members.



YA Spotlight: *All You Have To Do* by Autumn Allen is a must read comparing two black young men navigating similar forms of racism despite attending a prestigious school 30 years apart.



YA Spotlight: *The Teen Witches' Guide to Tarot: Discover the Secret Forces of the Universe ... and Unlock Your Own Hidden Power!* by Claire Phillip and Luna Valentine (Illustrator) just in time for your 2024 questions.

The Children's Room

Wiscasset Public Library Children's Room

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FINANCIAL WELLNESS MONTH

• JANUARY •

January is a good time to learn some financial literacy skills. To help the library has a story guide kit introducing the A, B, C's of money.

Meet the Money Monsters.

1. Pick up a kit that include 6 mini-books, an activity book and stickers
2. To add to the fun we have a Money Scavenger Hunt: find nine money signs hidden around the Children's Room, write down the corresponding number, return the sheet to the librarian and you can visit our special treasure chest!
3. While here, grab a Craft to go—a Pink Piggy Bank!

Do you know what braille is and who uses it? Do you want to learn how to write your name in braille? Would you like to read a story about Louis Braille and other folks that are/were blind. We have got the books! Pick up the fun craft kit to spell out your name in braille!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LOUIS BRAILLE, Jan. 4, 1809

More Winter Crafts to go....

ARTIC ANIMALS—POLAR BEAR, SNOWY OWL, ARTIC FOX, AND ORCAS! Snow flakes too and Narwhal!

JANUARY STORY TIME

When: Fridays, 10:30–11:00am*

Where: The Children's Room

Who: Children (birth to 5 years) and caregiver

*Call to confirm dates 207-882-7161

Welcome to Katie



Please offer a warm welcome to Katie Smith, WPL's new Library Clerk. We are thrilled to have Katie as part of our team. Katie is new to 04578, she's looking for any tips on things to do in the Midcoast. Please share your favorite Midcoast spots when you come in. Katie is excited to help with your next book recommendation. A BIG welcome to Katie.

WPL Annual Appeal

The library trustees have sent out the annual appeal letter, WPL depends on YOUR generosity and we are incredibly grateful for all donations. Please send your donations to WPL: 21 High Street, Wiscasset, ME 04578 or drop off your contribution at the front desk. We appreciate you and thank you for your support.

Second Hand Prose Used Book Room

Open Tuesday through Saturday when the library is open

Be a FRIEND!

Would you like to support your community and have some fun? Come to a Friends meeting to learn about the many ways we assist WPL. We meet at the library at 9:30am on the 2nd Wednesday, every other month. We start with a coffee social followed by the business meeting at 10:00am. Our next meeting will be held on January 10th. You can find more Friends information on the [WPL website](#). Email Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com if you'd like to receive updates from the Friends.

Library Information

Digital Resources



E-books & Audiobooks



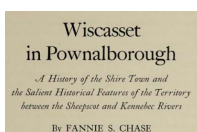
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Hours

Tuesday 10:00am–5:00pm
Wednesday 10:00am–7:00pm
Thursday 10:00am–5:00pm
Friday 10:00am–5:00pm
Saturday 10:00am–2:00pm
Closed Sunday and Monday

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Lindsey Carnes, Librarian
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Laurie Ridgway, Children's Librarian
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