

WISCASSET PUBLIC LIBRARY

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



Director's Note

Two hundred twenty-five years of public service.

Two hundred twenty-five years ago a group of citizens decided to collect all of their personal books and turn them into a public lending library. The Wiscasset Social Library was born through their generosity and their recognition that reading should exist for all people. Over time the name changed and became the Wiscasset Public Library. The Library incorporated with this name in 1929. This is also the year that generous members of the area banded together and purchased the 1806 Lincoln Kennebec Bank of Massachusetts building on High Street and donated it to the Library.

The Library still resides in this beautiful historic building where patrons enjoy not just the collection, but also, the history of place. Patrons often speak of the comfortable, welcoming atmosphere. Visitors to Wiscasset often choose to visit the Library so they can see how buildings from that era were constructed. These visitors leave with smiles and thanks to the Library for being open to the public.

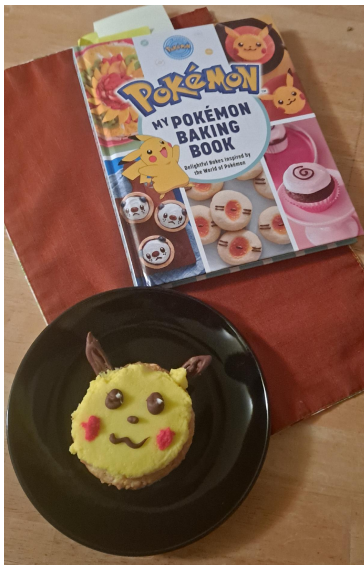
At two hundred twenty-five years-old, the Library is not just a place for

sharing and borrowing books. This is a place where friends meet, social workers and tutors meet clients and students, remote workers enjoy a comfortable place to work, programs educate and entertain the community and a safe place is held for those who may need a time of quiet and relaxation. Libraries are truly a community center where all people of all ages are welcomed, encouraged and assisted with their needs.

The next time you visit the Wiscasset Public Library take a few moments to appreciate what the founders of our great Library started and how far it has come from those early beginnings. Thanks to the amazing public who continue to recognize that education and information must be accessible to all people.

Pam Dunning, Director

Around the Library



Our amazing new patron Abby made these Pikachu cupcakes from WPL's Teen Room: Pokémon Baking Book. Thank you for the photo Abby, well done! Nom, nom, nom.

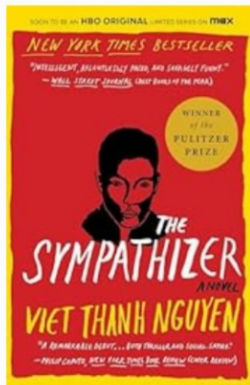
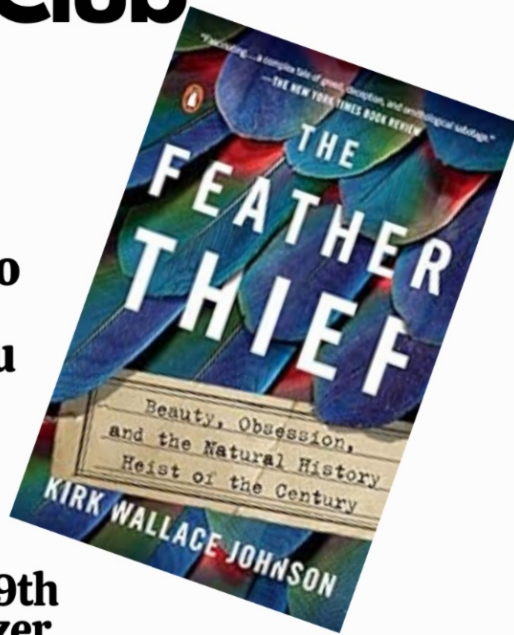


Friends of the Library have Hygge items for sale, just in time for Valentine's Day gifting: hand-knitted winter hats (\$5), mugs filled with hot cocoa and chocolates (\$5), and cookbooks (\$2). All proceeds go to WPL.

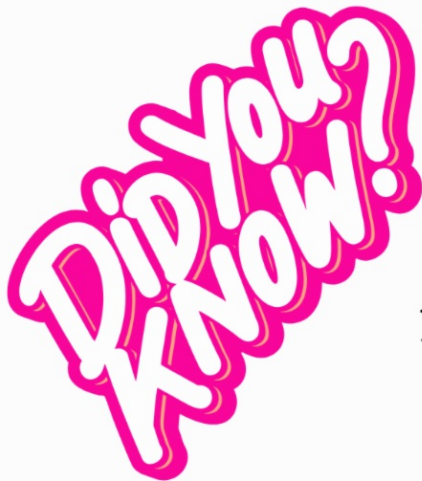
Upcoming Events

Friends of WPL Book Club

Book Club
Meet: February 20th
Feather Thief
by Kirk W. Johnson
Contact Christopher Hart to
join:
christopher.hart@vcfa.edu



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



February Book Club (BC) Tip
When selecting your next BC
read, check MILS and MaineCat
to see if libraries have copies.
Then contact WPL so we can
place a hold on that book for you.
Our ILL delivery days are
Thursday.

Writer's Group

Meet: February 7th & 21st

5:30PM

Contact Carolyn at:

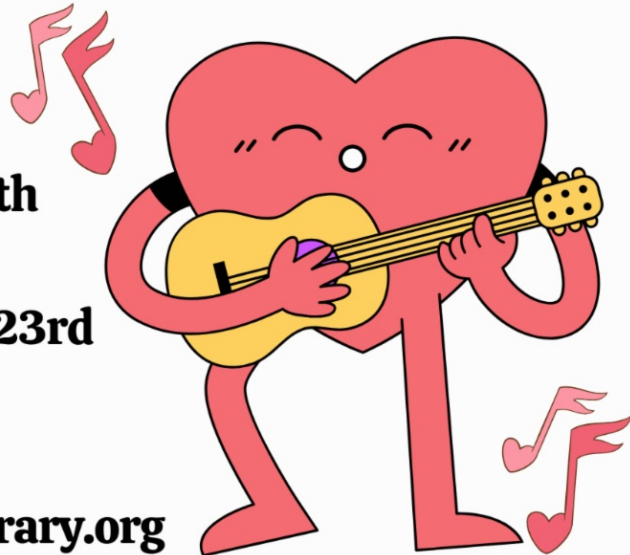
carolyninstead@gmail.com



**Wait for
It**

The Writer's Group is so successful, that Carolyn has started a waitlist. Said another way, at this time, the Writer's Group is at full capacity. Please email Carolyn (above) to add yourself to the waitlist.

**Musical Ramblings with
David and Mat
Show Time: February 23rd
4:00-4:30PM
Contact Lindsey at:
lcarnes@wiscassetlibrary.org**

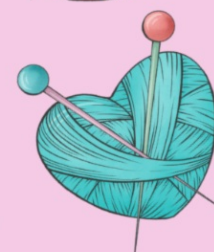
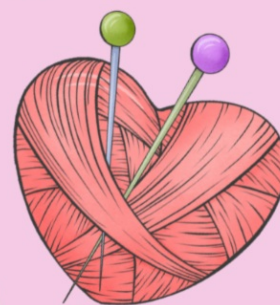




HeartFelt Knitting
Knitting Leader: Betsy Rodman
Meeting: Wednesday,
February 28th
5:00PM-6:30PM
For: Teens & Adults

Come knit amongst the stacks and make friends along the way. Don't know how to knit but you've always wanted to learn? No problem! For those that need it, WPL will have materials to start your project, and we will teach you! Betsy will be on hand to help. For veterans, bring your projects! HeartFelt Knitting will meet the last Wednesday of every month from 5:00PM-6:30PM.

To Sign Up Contact Lindsey at 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.

New Adult Fiction

A Lady's Guide to Scandal by Sophie Irwin

Shy Miss Eliza Balfour marries a much older Earl of Somerset, it was the wedding of the century, but not her choice. Eliza finds herself widowed, rich, and in control of her life for the first time. She

decides to head Bath with her cousin and this is when the book title heats up. Be the first to check it out.



A Demon's Guide to Wooing a Witch by Sarah Hawley

Calladia can't stand this demon, but when he wakes up and has lost his memory, she can't help but find him charming and dare we say attractive! Perfect Valentine's Day read.



Spirit's End by Rachel Aaron

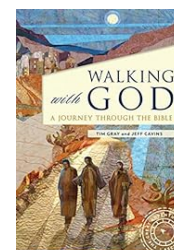
Looking to start a new series or continue on? Legend of Eli Monpress #4 and #5 just arrived.



New Adult Nonfiction

Walking with God by Tim Gray and Jeff Cavins

A journey through the bible with reflective questions along the way. Be the first to check this out!



NEW BOOKS FOR TEENS EVERY MONTH
Stop by or visit the "New" feature on WPL's [website](#).

Teen & YA Room News

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Teen Room Events

Tuesday
2-4:30

Lego

Competitions

*Complete the
Lego Challenge



All Month

Teen Room Activities...

- Valentine's Day Cards Crafting
- Heart Felt Crafts
- Chinese New Years Dragon Paper Planes
- Mindful Coloring
- Blind Date with a Book GiveAways

2024



Wednesday 2-5

Minecraft

Missions

SNACKS

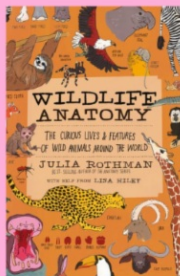


Meet Dr. Lindsey, WPL Librarian

Tweens (11+) and Teens, can
take the bus to WPL. The Teen
Room has snacks, games,
mindful coloring, and more!



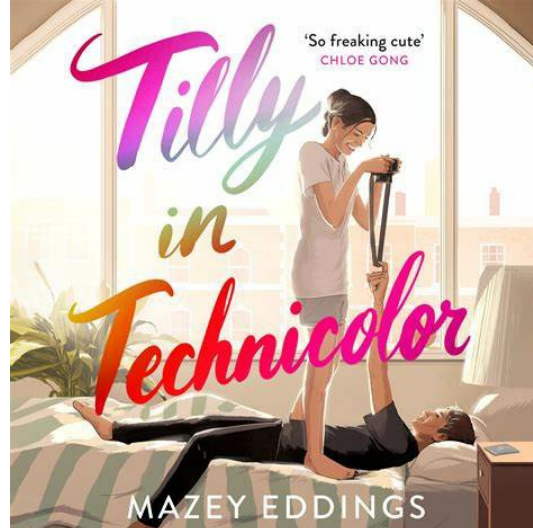
New Books: YALSA Awards, Demon Slayer, Teen Patron Requests and more!





YA Spotlight & YA Award Winner

Forever is Now by Mariama J. Lockington. A teen finding her way in an anxiety-riddled world. One of the highest praised YA books of 2023.



YA Spotlight: YALSA Runner Up, *Tilly in Technicolor* by Mazey Eddings. Tilly Twomley accepts an internship at her sister's startup, allowing her to spend the summer traveling to Europe. Will this be the unexpected experience she needs to figure out her future? Especially after finishing a long year at school with executive functioning woes.

Teen Room Activities are ready! Come in for early release Wednesdays and February Break. Dr. Lindsey has even more crafts arriving next week. Huge thanks to the teens who have been using the room!



Wiscasset Public Library Children's Room

21 High St., Wiscasset, ME 207-882-7161 w.wiscasset.lib.me.us

♥ FEBRUARY 2024 ♥

February is filled with special days.

- Groundhog Day Friday, 2/2 how many more weeks of winter?
- The Lunar New Year begins Saturday, 2/1—Year of the Dragon!
- Valentine's Day Sunday, 2/14
- President's Day is on Monday, 2/15 we honor George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and all the other presidents

We are celebrating at the library. We are chock-a-block full with fun crafts and great books. Come check them out!



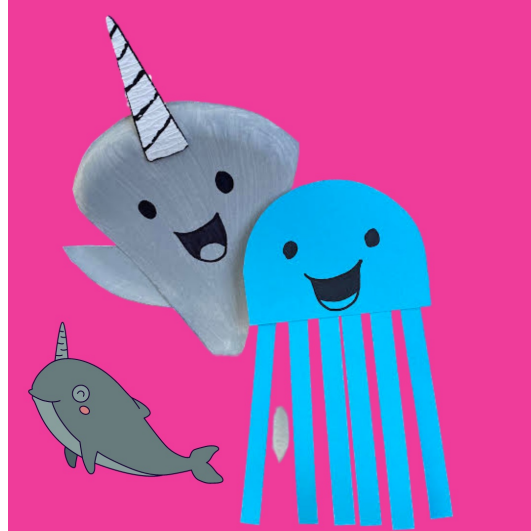
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Highlights a New-to-us Series

Amelia's Notebooks by Marissa Moss

Donated to us from Briar Johnson, a 5th grader from Edgcomb Eddy School. Why did you like these books? "They are funny and she (Amelia) randomly offers advice on all this stuff, like babysitting." What are you reading now? "A new series *Kimberly the Cat*." What do you like to do when you aren't reading? "I love to swim. In the summer I swim in a pond that my Grandpa made for us. It's like a swimming hole. It even has a waterslide. I swim there with my brothers, Harland and Winston and sometimes with my friends. I like to play with my pet chicken, Chirpy. I need a tote to carry her in so she can come to town with me." Briar—you are the best. Thank you!





Ms. Laurie has the coolest crafts out and new books in for February Break.

Crafts from Ben Clanton's Narwhal Unicorn of the Sea, a Narwhal and Jelly Book.

Wiscasset Public Library Story Time

Fridays 10:30-11:00

21 High St. Wiscasset ME, 04578 (207)882-7161 wpl@wiscassetlibrary.org



February 2024

February is a month where we stop and think about the people we love. We remember to say "I love you" to family and friends. It's a great time of year to spread kindness to everyone we encounter.

This month we will be reading stories about love and kindness. We will learn a Valentine's Day song, and we will have fun together making projects. I look forward to spending time with you on Friday mornings.

-Mrs. Whitney

When you come to storytime, remember there are activities to go!
(A different activity will be available each week after storytime)

2/2:



2/9:



2/16:



2/23:



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 dropoff 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. WPL has brand new donations to explore!

Please consider donating your new DVDs to the library, they will either be added to the library's collection or placed in the Used Book Room for sale. Every dollar supports WPL.

Be a FRIEND!

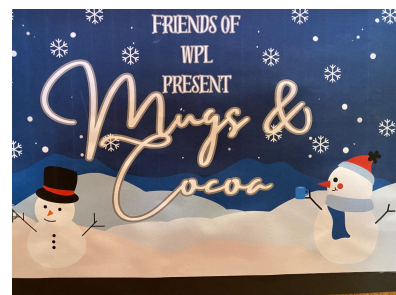
Would you like to support your community and have some fun? Come to a Friends meeting to learn about the many ways we assist WPL. We meet at the library at 9:30am on the 2nd Wednesday, every other month. We start with a coffee social followed by the business meeting at 10:00am. Our next meeting will be held on March 13th. You can find more Friends information on the [WPL website](http://WPLwebsite). Email Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com if you'd like to receive updates from the Friends.

Thank You Friends for Making This Happen (2023)

- Funding the Inter Library Loan (ILL) vans service and MILS/ILL software
- Funding the photocopier
- Running the Used Book Room
- Having the largest Bands for Books to date



- Hugely successful Children's Gift Sale
- Provide funding for lobby upgrades and much-needed building repairs
- Book Group Chairperson with a successfully attended Book Club



- Having a WPL table at each Art Walk over the summer to promote the Summer Reading Program, library programming, signing new patrons up for library cards, and selling Bands for Books tickets.



Library Information

Digital Resources



E-books & Audiobooks



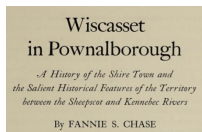
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Graphic novels, Manga & more



Online Learning Tools



Wiscasset History



Card Catalog

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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

Staff

Pamela Dunning, Director
Lindsey Carnes, Librarian
David Cherry, Librarian
Laurie Ridgway, Children's Librarian
Katie Smith, Library Clerk

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