



# Wiscasset Public Library Newsletter

April 2019



**Wiscasset Public Library**  
**21 High Street**  
**Wiscasset, ME 04578**

## Library information

### Hours:

Tue.	10:00am-5:00pm
Wed.	10:00am-7:00pm
Thu.	10:00am-5:00pm
Fri.	10:00am-5:00pm
Sat.	10:00am-2:00pm
Sun.	Closed
Mon.	Closed

### Staff:

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Website: [www.wiscasset.lib.me.us](http://www.wiscasset.lib.me.us)

See the Library website for the latest information.

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## Upcoming Programs

All Wiscasset Public Library programs are free and open to the public. You can find the latest program details on our website or Facebook page, or call for more information.



### Pursuing A Dream: A Wandering Executive's Journey into Indonesia

**Wednesday, May 8, 5:00-6:45pm**

After sharing tales of the Philippines on April 3, Author James R. Nelon will return in May to narrate a video account of his travels in Indonesia. During his time working in Asia, Mr. Nelon took a year off to see the world. His vivid photographs and unique experiences in places rarely seen by tourists will make this a very memorable presentation.

### Maine Art Gallery Wiscasset Presents Guest Speaker Everett Webber

**Wednesday, June 19, 5:00-6:45pm**

Have you visited the Maine Art Gallery in the Old Wiscasset Academy building? Established in 1954 by Wiscasset resident Mildred Burrage, the Maine Art Gallery non-profit organization is dedicated to the advancement and preservation of the fine arts. We are pleased to host artist Everett Webber and will update details on our website soon.

## Community Read

***Treasure Island*** by R. L. Stevenson

Adult discussion at WPL

**Wednesday, May 22 at 5:00pm**

Beginning April 1, Maine State Music Theatre and local libraries are collaborating to introduce *Treasure Island* to a wider public. You can share your insights with us on May 22 when WPL hosts an adult book discussion. Then you can enjoy the musical production at MSMT from June 26 through July 13. Learn about other community events and find an informative study guide at <https://msmt.org/treasure-island-library/>.

Additional copies of this classic novel will be available at the Library during the Community Read. You can also find free copies of the e-book and e-audiobook online.

### Looking ahead



### Maine turns 200 in 2020!

Maine became a state on March 15, 1820. Maine was allowed to join the United States as a free state and Missouri entered as a slave state as part of the Missouri Compromise.

Learn more about Maine's history through the stories of early inhabitants. See the "Staff Picks" article on page 2 for book ideas. To learn more about Maine200 events, visit the Maine Bicentennial Committee website at <https://www.maine200.org/>.



## Familiar Faces: Tracy Joyce

A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to make Wiscasset Public Library a great community resource. We like to introduce community members who contribute to our success. This month, meet Library Newsletter Editor, **Tracy Joyce**:

I was born in Columbus, OH, into a military family. My parents were both Navy medical officers and were stationed up and down the East Coast. Growing up, I spent a lot of time in New England where my mother's family landed after emigrating from Ireland via Canada. I attended college in Massachusetts where I majored in computer science. While there, I met and married

a great guy from Connecticut who also worked in the computer industry. We spent our early married life bouncing between tech cities in California and Massachusetts with occasional forays into Texas and Colorado. By the time we moved to Wiscasset, I had lived in 28 homes.

One of the things I've learned from moving so often is the need to jump in and get involved in every new community. It's the most effective way to meet people, learn the lay of the land and find the best pizza :) I have done volunteer work in every place where I have lived and made wonderful friends along the way. I have volunteered in schools, city halls, libraries and animal shelters. For better or worse, I often bring my work home with me. My time at animal shelters has resulted in the current menagerie of 3 dogs and 2 cats. My husband has kindly requested that I do a different type of volunteer work.

At the Wiscasset Public Library, I have the opportunity to do work that I enjoy, in a location that is my version of "the happiest place on earth." I'm happy to say that my husband seems to tolerate the piles of library books almost as well as the pets.



## Staff Picks: Recommended Books by Pamela Dunning

Get ready for Maine's Bicentennial in 2020. Delve into the state's history by reading one of these Maine biographies and autobiographies, available here at WPL:

***A Surgeon's Fight to Rebuild Men*** by Fred Albee is the autobiography of one of the great surgeons of all time. Even his contemporaries considered him a miracle man.

***A Midwife's Tale: The Life of Martha Ballard Based on Her Diary, 1785-1812*** by Laurel Thatcher Ulrich clearly portrays the hardships and the joys of early medicine. She also provides a look at the ordinary life in preindustrial America.

***The Baxters of Maine: Downeast Visionaries*** by Neil Rolde follows two men – a father and son – who created and through their lives continued to build the state park system.

***Joshua Chamberlain: A Hero's Life & Legacy*** by John J. Pullen details Chamberlain's contribution to fighting during the Civil War, his work as Governor of the state of Maine and his 12 years as President of Bowdoin College.

***Jonathan Fischer: Maine Parson 1768-1847*** by Mary Ellen Chase is an engrossing and humorous account of the life of a farmer, a missionary, an artist, a parson and more.

***My World Is An Island*** by Elisabeth Ogilvie is the author's story of moving to a small island and all of the challenges that were overcome. Reviewers call this "a happy story of a funny island..." and "an inspiring book about life simpler and more beautiful than most of us know."

***Margaret Chase Smith: Beyond Convention*** by Patricia Schmidt follows the remarkable path of Smith's political career, starting in the House of Representatives, then the Maine Senate and her run for President in 1964. It also illuminates the private life of this public figure.

## Looking for more Maine history?

You can find thousands of books, e-books, audiobooks and periodicals using the links on the Library homepage (<http://wiscasset.lib.me.us/>) directly under the "New On The Shelves" list. Want to find a specific book or a specific subject? Click on [Card Catalog](#). You can search for WPL books or any book in the Maine InfoNet Library System. Try a keyword search for "Maine History" to get an idea of the many resources. If you prefer e-books or e-audiobooks, click on [Cloud Library](#). (You'll find more information on cloudLibrary on page 4 of this newsletter.) If you still want more information, click on [Maine Digital Library](#) which provides access to an extensive collection of full text articles and abstracts from magazines, newspapers, journals and other reference materials.

# The Children's Room

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Story Time 10:30	6
	PLEASE RSVP FOR WEDNESDAY PIZZA PROGRAMS: 882-7161					
7	8	9	10	11	12 Story Time 10:30	13
14	15 Patriots' Day	16	17 Book Bingo Family Fun 12:45	18 Color Eggs & Spring Fun 2:00	19 Story Time 10:30	20
21 Easter	22 Earth Day	23	24 Family Game Time 5:45	25	26 Story Time 10:30	27
28	29	30				

**Story Time** for ages newborn to school-age on **Apr. 5, 12, 19 & 26**, Fridays at 10:30am - Refreshments served.\*

**Book Bingo Family Fun** on **Apr. 17**, Wednesday at 12:45pm - Play to win a choice of a great book. Refreshments served.\*

**Color Eggs & Spring Fun** on **Apr. 18**, Thursday at 2:00pm

**Family Game Time** on **Apr. 24**, Wednesday at 5:45pm - Play our board games or bring your own. **RSVP—Pizza will be served.\***

*\*You must let us know of allergies prior to the program if they are a concern*

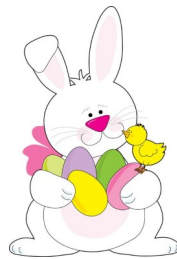
Don't forget our **Take & Make Crafts!** Great fun and easy to make at the Library or at home.

Week 1: Bunny banner

Week 2: Peek-a-boo clothespin shark or egg

Week 3: Easter tote — everything included

Week 4: April showers sign



## Adventure awaits...

"A trip to the library is like coming home and going on an adventure at the same time."

~ Megan Shepherd



## Brownstone Book Fund — THANK YOU!

The WPL Children's Room has received a wonderful gift of 100 children's books. The books were donated to the library by the Brownstone Book Fund, a private foundation based in New York City, according to Children's Librarian Laurie Ridgway. The library was chosen to receive the donation due to a lucky encounter for Library patron Linda Belmont.



You may know Linda from her volunteer work at Wiscasset Elementary School. Linda has been a longtime advocate for early childhood literacy. While traveling last year, she had the good fortune to meet Diane Brownstone. Diane very generously offered to provide books to our local library. The Brownstone Book Fund fosters a love of reading and books in children, and encourages children and parents to read together. The fund, founded in 1997 by Clyde and Diane Brownstone, donates 100 books to 100 libraries across the country each year.

The donation consists of high quality, library-bound hardcover books for pre-kindergarten through early readers. There are a number of classics such as *Eloise*, *The Snowy Day* and *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel*, along with current favorites such as *Dewey: There's a Cat in the Library*, *Duck on a Tractor* and *My Grandfather's Coat*. Stop by and check them out.



## Friends to Friends

News from the Friends of Wiscasset Public Library

Save the date  
Monday, September 2

### *Bands for Books*

You don't want to miss our biggest — and most fun — fundraiser. We are planning another fantastic event at Wiscasset's **Marianmade Farm** with music provided by the **Salty Dogs**. This is the best way to wrap up your Labor Day weekend so plan to be there!



### Friends Meeting Notes

The Friends met on Monday, March 11, and approved almost \$6,000 in funding for Library programs and operations. Money raised through various Friends activities will be used to pay for the installation of new carpeting in the Children's Room during the month of April. Funds were also allocated for the Summer Reading Program as well as Children's and Adult programming.

The annual Friends lunch will be held on Thursday, May 23. You are invited to learn more at the next Friends meeting on Monday, May 13th at 9:30am.

### Did you know...?



Your library card gives you access to more than 11,000 eBooks and 8,000 eAudiobooks. The **cloudLibrary™** app allows you to borrow and read, or listen, for free. This app includes a fully functional reader which lets you to read an eBook directly in the app, as well as bookmark and save the position of the book across devices. It also includes an Audiobook player, allowing you to download, play and listen to books offline. Follow the cloudLibrary link on the library homepage to see all that WPL offers. When you open the cloudLibrary page, you will find a "Download App" button in the top right corner. The app is very intuitive but feel free to ask a Librarian for assistance if you need help.



### We want to hear from you!

Comments? Questions? Send your ideas to the WPL Newsletter Editor at: [wpl@wiscasset.lib.me.us](mailto:wpl@wiscasset.lib.me.us)

### Used Book Room News

The Second Hand Prose Used Book Room welcomes you any time the Library is open. Relax in the comfy chair or peruse the room. Perhaps you'll find the perfect gift for your favorite reader. We have a wide selection of books and prices are very reasonable. The Library staff will accommodate cash transactions at the front desk. All proceeds benefit the Library.

This year's UBR Spring Cleaning event is planned for Tuesday, May 14 beginning at 10am. A sign up e-mail for this event will be sent to volunteers the first of May. If you are interested in volunteering in the UBR, email [sutter.maine@gmail.com](mailto:sutter.maine@gmail.com). We hope to see you soon.



### A Great Gift Idea

Do you need a little gift for a teacher, friend, or hostess? We told you about our teacup fundraiser in last month's newsletter: donate \$10 or more and receive a teacup and tea. We are happy to say that we have received more teacups, allowing us to continue this fundraiser. The cups are available in many lovely patterns. You can see the options on the display shelf by the Library front desk. We will continue to offer the teacups while our supply lasts. All donations will be used to support WPL programming.

### Friends Book Discussion

Please join us! **April 19, 10:15am**

#### Book Share

Have you read a great book lately? Is that bestseller really worth reading? I just finished — and truly enjoyed — the audio version of **Becoming** by Michelle Obama. I had avoided it until a friend gave it a glowing recommendation. If you are interested in **Becoming**, it is available at WPL as a regular book, a large print book or audiobook.

Come to our monthly discussion to learn what our members are reading. Bring one of your favorite books to share with

the group. This is a nice way to spend a Friday morning and great way to learn about new titles and new authors.

Book discussions are held in the Library Reading Room on the third Friday of each month at 10:15am.

Looking ahead, our May meeting will be another book share on May 17. Then the group will discuss Christina Baker Kline's **A Piece of the World** on June 21. This fictional story of friendship, passion and art was inspired by Andrew Wyeth's iconic painting *Christina's World*. It is set in Cushing, ME, and we plan to visit the Olson House in Cushing in conjunction with the June discussion. See the May newsletter for details.

### 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 support WPL. We meet at 9:30am on the 2nd Monday every other month. We start with a coffee social followed by the business meeting at 10:00am. Our 2019 meeting dates:

January 14	July 8
March 11	September 9
May 13	November 11