



# Wiscasset Public Library Newsletter

November 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:

Pamela Dunning, Director  
David Cherry, Assistant Librarian  
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Laurie Ridgway, Children's Librarian

Contact:  
(207) 882-7161  
wpl@wiscasset.lib.me.us

Website: [www.wiscasset.lib.me.us](http://www.wiscasset.lib.me.us)  
See the Library website for the latest information.

### Library Trustees:

Richard Litz, President  
Linda Bleile, Vice President  
Thomas Boudin, Treasurer  
Sandra Crehore, Secretary  
Cindy Fischer  
Sally Gemmill  
Cheryl Rust  
Greg Uthoff

## Upcoming Programs

The WPL Programs have come to an end for 2019. They will restart in April 2020. We are happy to have a great lineup of speakers in place. We look forward to hearing from author **Diana Coleman**, professor **James Hornor**, activist **Paula Jackson Jones** and novelist **Greg Smith**. Look for the full schedule early in the new year.

We do have a couple of slots to fill so email WPL Director Pam Dunning if you have suggestions for Programs:

[wpl@wiscasset.lib.me.us](mailto:wpl@wiscasset.lib.me.us)



Coming in January...

## Evening Book Club

To meet the needs of patrons who are unable to attend our Friday morning book discussions (details on pg. 4), WPL is pleased to announce a new **Evening Book Club**. The Evening Book Club will meet monthly, usually on the **2nd Wednesday from 5:00-6:30pm**.

The group will be reading fiction and nonfiction selected by the group members. January's book selection is ***Open Season: True Stories of the Maine Warden Service*** by Daren Worchester. For more information or to suggest titles, contact Tracy Joyce at [tracydawsonjoyce@gmail.com](mailto:tracydawsonjoyce@gmail.com).

### Evening Book Club: 2020 meeting dates

Jan. 8	May 13	Sep. 16*
Feb. 12	Jun. 10	Oct. 14
Mar. 11	Jul. 8	Nov. 18*
Apr. 15*	Aug. 19*	Dec. 9

\*3rd Wednesday due to WPL schedule

## Two Steps Forward, One Step Back



The 2019 Bands for Books fundraiser was huge success. A good time was had by all and we raised \$4,000 to support the Library. Some proceeds were used to update the Library entryway. Be sure to admire the new *zero-maintenance* fiberglass door and sidelights recently installed by Doug Merrill & Son Builders. Doug does a lot of volunteer work for WPL and we appreciate it.

We are less appreciative of Mother Nature's work on the building during the windstorm of October 16-17. A tree fell on the building causing a hole in the roof of the Nonfiction area among other indignities. Luckily, there was no significant structural damage.



## Behind the Scenes: Part 2

### How Your Library Works

Last month, you read about the early history of Wiscasset Public Library. You learned how some farseeing individuals came forward with their personal collections and melded them into a public library. We covered some of the history of the building in which the Library is currently situated. Now we will turn our focus on the administration of the Library. In this article you will be introduced to the Board of Corporators (BoC) and the business they conduct.

WPL has a Board of twenty-nine Corporators, a Board of nine Trustees, a Library Director, Library staff and the Friends of the Library organization. With so many individuals involved with the Library administration, it can be confusing to understand how anything gets done and who may be responsible for what roles. It is really quite simple. Each group and individual has a specific set of responsibilities and duties. When you understand what those duties are and who is responsible, the confusion is mitigated.

The Corporators hold the legal annual meeting of the BoC every January. They conduct the BoC business following a specific agenda. After the meeting is called to order, the Secretary calls the roll to assure that a quorum is present. The minutes of the meeting from the previous year are read and approved. The Treasurer is called upon to inform the BoC on the financial status of the Library's accounts. The Treasurer also offers a budget for the next year. The BoC discusses the budget and votes to accept. The next order of business is a report from the Library Director. The Director informs the Corporators on the events that have occurred at the Library over the past year. The Director also presents the relevant statistics on circulation, attendance and programs. The Nominating Committee, a subset of the BoC, makes the BoC members aware of officer positions to be filled and any other vacancies on the BoC. The Nominating Committee recommends individuals to fill those seats. This Committee also makes the BoC aware of vacant seats and positions on the Board of Trustees. A vote is held to elect proposed Corporators; then a vote is held to appoint Trustees and fill the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. When the business has been completed, the meeting is adjourned.

Immediately following the adjournment of the BoC annual meeting, the Board of Trustees will hold their first meeting of the new year. The work of the Board of Trustees will be covered in part three of this series.

*This recurring column will appear periodically to answer questions about WPL, its roots and its place in the community. Please send your questions about WPL and how it works to Director Pam Dunning at [wpl@wiscasset.lib.me.us](mailto:wpl@wiscasset.lib.me.us)*

### Staff Picks: World War II Fiction by Janet Morgan

June 2019 marked the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day and the battle of Normandy. World War II has shaped the world we know for several generations now, and even young artists are inspired by the history of that time. The ongoing interest in World War II has spawned many highly-acclaimed and award-winning books on the topic. Some are novels based on real people and events. For example, *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, *The Lilac Girls* and *With Love, Wherever You Are* are thinly-veiled accounts of real people in their struggle to survive. *Code Talkers* retells the true story of Navajo speakers who did their part towards the war effort. There are a number of books that let us see how life was from the side of the "enemy." *The Good at Heart* and *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* are works of fiction that relate how Germans coped with the war... or perhaps did not. The list below includes just a few of the WWII-related books in the Library's collection.

Barker, Pat – *The Silence of the Girls*

Bohjalian, Chris – *The Light in the Ruins*

Bowen, Rhys – *The Tuscan Child*

Boyne, John – *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas: A Fable* (Y)

Bruchac, Joseph – *Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of World War Two* (Y)

Doerr, Anthony – *All the Light We Cannot See*

Follett, Ken – *Eye of the Needle*

Furst, Alan – *Midnight in Europe*

Gutcheon, Beth – *Leeway Cottage*

Hannah, Kristin – *The Nightingale*

Heller, Joseph – *Catch-22*

Hoffman, Alice — *The World That We Knew*

Iturge, Antonio – *The Librarian of Auschwitz*

Kelly Martha Hall – *The Lilac Girls*

MacInnes, Helen – *Assignment in Brittany*

Mackall, Dandi Daley – *With Love, Wherever You Are*

Morris, Heather – *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*

Shaffer, Mary Ann and Annie Barrows – *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*

Shaara, Jeff – *The Rising Tide*

Werner, Ursula – *The Good at Heart*

Zusak, Markus – *The Book Thief* (Y)





# The Children's Room News

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## PROGRAMS

**Storytime**, Friday Nov. 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 10:30am  
Stories, songs, and a snack\*. All ages welcome.

**Book Bingo**, Wednesday Nov. 13 @ 11:00am  
Join us for Bingo games, book prizes, snacks and fun!\*

\*Alert us to allergies prior to the program please.

### Take & Make Crafts:

Woodlands Animal Pendant

Turkey Weaving Craft



Take  
&  
Make



## November Reading Round-up Featuring the Warrior Cats

The *Warriors* novels follow six cat clans: StarClan, WindClan, RiverClan, ShadowClan, SkyClan, and ThunderClan. They have many action-filled adventures in their lake and forest territories. Alliances are formed and broken. And cats have more than one life which is an interesting feature to the plots. These books are recommended by many Wiscasset readers as well as Children's Librarian Laurie Ridgway. Visit the website <https://warriorcats.com> to learn more about the books and cats. Each of the six series contains six books, and a seventh series is in progress. You will really enjoy these books! These are the first six series:



*The Prophecies Begin*

*The New Prophecy*

*Power of Three*

*Omen of the Stars*

*Dawn of the Clans*

*Vision of Shadows*



## NEW at the Library starting this month—

### STUFFY BOOK TOTES TO BORROW!

You ask, what is a Stuffy Book Tote? Ask instead what do your stuffies do while you are in school all day? They read, of course. Take home one of the Library's Stuffy Book Totes and treat it to an overnight visit. Each Stuffy comes in a clear plastic tote packed with books to read and share with it. For example, our Moose Tote includes *If You Give a Moose a Muffin* by Laura Numeroff and *Thidwick the Moose* by Dr. Seuss. We have a Unicorn Tote, Pink Poodle Tote, Black Bear, Snow Bear, and Brown Bear Totes. Come have a look and make a new friend.



## For our Scientists-to-be and all curious minds:

### STEM KITS

Use these kits at the Library or check them out to use at home. You can explore, create and learn about gravity, air & water power and the microscopic world. Learning is so much fun! Recommended for ages 8 and older.



## Congratulations Pumpkin Rollers!

These are just a few of the children who joined in the fun during the Pumpkin Roll on Saturday, October 19. Prizes were given in many categories: the youngest contestant, the longest roll, straightest roll, and the craziest roll to name a few. The contest was held during ScarecrowFest and was co-sponsored by WPL and the Garden Club of Wiscasset. Thank you, participants and volunteers!



# Friends to Friends

News from the Friends of Wiscasset Public Library

## Friends Meeting

Monday, November 11 at 10am

The final Friends meeting of 2019 will be held on Monday, Nov. 11. Join us to discuss holiday plans and Friends' activities in 2020. Come early to catch up with friends and enjoy the hospitality. If you've never attended a meeting, feel free to join us and learn more about this group of WPL supporters.

The Friends are seeking volunteers to fill two important positions, starting in January. We need someone to take on the role of President. We also need a new Used Book Room Chairperson. These jobs are not demanding in terms of time or responsibility but both roles are critical to keep the Friends group running smoothly. This would be a great opportunity to share with a friend. Please consider stepping up to help with one of these jobs.

***There are times when dreams sustain us more than facts. To read a book and surrender to a story is to keep our very humanity alive.***

~ Helen Fagin, 100 year old  
Holocaust survivor



## Did you know...?

**Borrow a telescope with your library card**

Be an explorer! We live in a place with a beautiful clear night sky and WPL has the resources to take your stargazing to the next level. Patrons age 18+ can borrow the WPL telescope and accompanying star chart to further their knowledge or just feed their curiosity.



**Your Library Card  
Just Got Better!**



Have you tried out the ME Libraries Reciprocal Borrowing Program? Your library card can now be used to borrow items from any of the 67 state-wide participating libraries. The program website has all the details: [www.maine.gov/msl/libs/reciprocal\\_borrowing/](http://www.maine.gov/msl/libs/reciprocal_borrowing/)

Remember to check the status of your library card **before** you visit the other libraries. You cannot use your library card if your account is on hold due to out-of-date information or late fees. Call your home library to confirm your account standing if you have any questions.



## Used Book Room News

It's almost holiday season... Do you need a gift for a Yankee Swap? The UBR has a great selection of like-new books that would make wonderful gifts. We have Cooking, Crafts, History, current Fiction, Children's and many other genres — all at very reasonable prices. The UBR is open for browsing and shopping any time WPL is open. The Library staff members will handle your purchases at the front desk.

If you're ready to clear some space, the UBR welcomes your donation of recent edition, gently used books. You can bring donations to the WPL front desk. Please donate no more than one bagful per day as we have limited staff to process new books. Thank you!

Kudos to the volunteers that worked during the ScarecrowFest 1/2 price sale; the UBR raised \$100 to support WPL programs. Volunteers are asked to stop by when they are in the area. Please shelve some new books, straighten a shelf or dust as needed. Your service is greatly appreciated!

## Friends Book Discussion

Friday, November 15 at 10:15am

**Book Share (reader's choice)**

The Book Group meets in the Fiction Room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 10:15am. All are welcome.

In October, we read *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris. The book received positive reviews from group members and many of us look forward to reading the sequel, *Cilka's Journey*.

During November and December, we

will have Book Share discussions. You choose the books you want to read, then tell us about them.



Our next common read, in January, will be *One Goal: A Coach, A Team, and The Game That Brought A Divided Town Together* by Amy Bass.

If you have questions about the Book Discussion group or if you'd like to be on the group email list, contact Janet at [janetcmorgan@gmail.com](mailto:janetcmorgan@gmail.com).

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	<b>November 11</b>