



Wiscasset Public Library Newsletter September 2021

*Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons.
~ Jim Bishop*

Director's Note

Have you heard of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021? ARPA supplied the stimulus money paid out to individuals during COVID-19. It also provided money to states, in order to fund economic relief and development at the local level. The really great news is that the state of Maine has decided that libraries deserve help in serving the public.

I have put a lot of consideration into determining what could help WPL patrons the most. In the end, the answer was really pretty simple. All through COVID libraries and patrons have been extremely concerned about access. Access to employment. Access to our families. Access to research. Access has been the hot topic. To that end, WPL has worked to better secure and supply access for you.

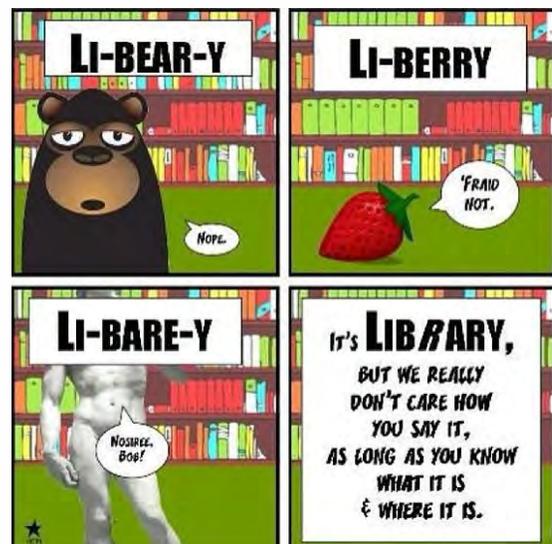
Six new public access computers have replaced the very old, tired machines. The new computers are more energy efficient, run faster and have cameras and speakers built in for ease of online meetings. Bring your paperwork, your headset or earbuds and go to your meeting in the comfort of this library. Whether you are job searching, in a business meeting, or just talking to family across the country, you can do it at the library without worrying about data usage or bandwidth.

More good news. Within the next year, libraries in Maine will be upgraded to 10G networks to better serve our online users. Maine's libraries care about Maine people and their needs. Thank you for being here for us so we can be here for you.

Pam Dunning, Director

Library Humor

Never tell secrets in a garden.
The potatoes have eyes,
the corn have ears
and the beanstalk.



Upcoming Events

BANDS FOR BOOKS Are You Ready For A Good Time?!

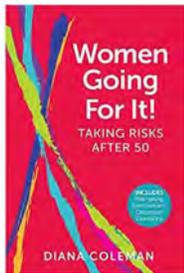
It's only a few more days until the 2021 **Bands for Books!** Will you join us on Labor Day, September 6, when we party in support of our library? Tickets are available at the library, or email Wiscasset.LibraY.Friends@gmail.com and we will hold your tickets at the door.

Excellent dance music, great food, a fun silent auction, and good company -- it's the perfect way to wrap up your holiday weekend. We hope to see you there!



WPL Programs

Diana Coleman presents: **Women Going For It! Taking Risks After 50**
Wednesday, September 8, 5:00 to 6:30pm



Speaker and author Diana Coleman believes in the fortitude and risk-taking power of women, and she conducts engaging presentations to inspire others. Diana will share the stories of the women who have inspired her. In her book **Women Going For It! Taking Risks After 50**, she has profiled twenty-six "feisty and determined" older women who dared to try new experiences, riveting adventures, and life-changing risks.

As a former administrator and fundraiser for organizations including Save the Children, the University of California, Berkeley, Pen Bay Healthcare, and the International Museum of Women, Diana's work and studies have taken her to Asia, Africa, Central America and Europe. When not traveling, Diana resides in Maine. Her website is WomenGoingForIt.com.

Friends Meeting: Monday, September 13 9:30 Coffee Social - 10:00 Meeting

The Friends of WPL will hold their next meeting on Monday, September 13th, at 10:00 in the **library fiction room and via Zoom**. Come for coffee at 9:30. Zoom will start at 10:00. Email the [Friends](mailto:Wiscasset.LibraY.Friends@gmail.com) for the Zoom link. We hope to see you there.

Not a Friends member yet? Email Wiscasset.LibraY.Friends@gmail.com to learn how to join.



Friends Book Group September 16 at 10:15 am

Welcome to Autumn. The Book Group will resume its meetings this month with a book share

discussion on **Thursday, September 16** at 10:15 am. For now, we will continue to meet in the library fiction room on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Come for a discussion about what you are currently reading or what you have read this summer. We hope you can join us.

The Book Group is still looking for a chairperson. If you might be interested, please join us on the 16th to learn more. If you'd like to join the group, email Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com.

Stephanie

Can You Identify These Buildings?



As many of you know, the Library staff is in the process of digitizing all the images in the Archives. We have processed over 1,300 images to date. We are writing definitions and naming all images so they can be easily located when launched on the Maine Digital Archives. You can help with this process. There are a few images that do not have clear titles on them and we are unsure of the exact names of the businesses or homes depicted. The challenge is obvious. Who can name the building/s? In this first picture, the old wooden bridge over the Sheepscot is clearly visible and there is a crockery and glass ware business to the right. Bragging rights go to the first person to fill in the business name. Email us at wpl@wiscasset.lib.me.us or call 207-882-7161 and, with your permission, we will share your brilliance with the newsletter readers in October.



Recommended: *The Paris Apartment*

New to our shelves: *The Paris Apartment* by Kelly Bowen was recommended by a patron and described as "un-put-downable."

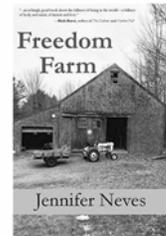
2017, *London*: When Aurelia Leclaire inherits an opulent Paris apartment, she is shocked to discover her grandmother's hidden secrets—including a treasure trove of famous art and couture gowns. One obscure painting leads her to Gabriel Seymour, a highly respected art restorer with his own mysterious past. Together they attempt to uncover the truths concealed within the apartment's walls.

Paris, 1942: The Germans may occupy the City of Lights, but glamorous Estelle Allard flourishes in a world separate from the hardships of war. Yet when the Nazis come for her friends, Estelle doesn't hesitate to help those she holds dear, no matter the cost. As she works against the forces intent on destroying her loved ones, she can't know that her actions will have ramifications for generations to come.

Set seventy-five years apart, against a perilous and a prosperous Paris, both Estelle and Lia must summon hidden courage as they navigate the dangers of a changing world, altering history—and their family's futures forever. (Amazon)

Large Print: *Freedom Farm*

Jennifer Neves' *Freedom Farm* is a collection of short stories that depicts the authenticity of family and is a meditation on the nature of memory itself. Jennifer's humorous and inquisitive essays about growing up and raising a family in rural Maine show how her memories of her early life continue to guide and shape who she is.



The author says, "When I began this project, I imagined myself setting out to capture the essence of my early life, the bones of family lore, and the values that shaped who I am and who I will ultimately become. As I wrote, some stories moved easily from start to finish. There was a path, and events traveled upon it as though they were blind to the possibility of anything else. Then, there were some stories that seemed to grind as stones caught in a gear, that turned on themselves, tangled, and frustrated. Through this process, I have come to understand that to appreciate the fullness of any one person's journey is to acknowledge there is no one story to describe it. In fact, there is no number of stories that do us humans justice. We are infinitely complicated creatures, connected to our own stories, but also to the places where our stories intersect with others' - family, friends, and even strangers. It's easy to lose patience with this mess, to give up believing that, in the end, the stories we tell and retell might bring us closer to knowing our true selves. But maybe this idea of seeking resolution in any form is too tidy, and more important, too little to ask of good stories."



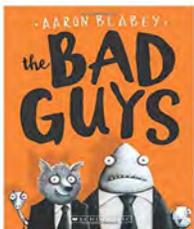
New in YA: *King of Scars*

New York Times #1 best-selling author and "master of fantasy" Leigh Bardugo continues to enthrall with her latest tale from the Grishaverse. *King of Scars* is set in Ravka, three years after the war.

The dashing young king, Nikolai Lantsov, has always had a gift for the impossible. No one knows what he endured in his country's bloody civil war—and he intends to keep it that way. Now, as enemies gather at his weakened borders, Nikolai must find a way to refill Ravka's coffers, forge new alliances, and stop a rising threat to the once-great Grisha Army.

Yet with every day a dark magic within him grows stronger, threatening to destroy all he has built. With the help of a young monk and a legendary Grisha general, Nikolai will journey to the places in Ravka where the deepest magic survives to vanquish the terrible legacy inside him. He will risk everything to save his country and himself. But some secrets aren't meant to stay buried—and some wounds aren't meant to heal. [excerpt from book jacket]

The Children's Room



Don't forget to peruse all the Children's News and our **new books** on the [Just for Kids](#) WPL web page. We have recently added the hilarious *Bad Guys* series. Our four heroes decide to do good deeds... whether you want them to or not! "We challenge anyone to read this and keep a straight face." (from Kirkus Reviews 2016)

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

September means back to school. The best help you can get for a year of success is a library card. If you don't have one, stop in at the WPL Children's Room and leave with the power of learning in your hand!



The Votes Are In!

These are the results from the
BEST PET VOTE-OFF

Dogs #1

Cats #2

All pets are best #3

1 write-in for a bunny

4 write-ins for a pet rat



Take & Make Crafts

September includes:

- Labor Day
- Back-to-school
- Grandparents Day (9/12)
- First day of fall (9/22)

Pick up a timely to-go craft today.



Summer Reading Club Wrap-up

Congratulations to all of you!

Raffle Winners

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| 1. Adalynn Franssen | 7. Avery DeCosta |
| 2. Michael Reed | 8. James Gillespie |
| 3. Kaitlin Lincoln | 9. Stella Chapman |
| 4. John Cooper | 10. Leah Gillespie |
| 5. Lianna Averill | 11/12. Zoey Gray |
| 6. Sam Cooper | |

Winner of the \$25 Sherman Book Store gift card for reading the most pages:
Stella Chapman

Honorable mention: Kaitlin Lincoln

We had 80+ reading club members this year. In addition, the library visited the Mainely Camp at the Wiscasset Rec Center reaching out to 60+ more children. Go WPL READERS!

**Thank you to all our local sponsors
for making our summer reading possible!**

Children's Room Reminders

We would love to see you! To protect our youngest patrons, some COVID-19 Safety Precautions are still in place. Children's Room visitors should:

- Enter the Children's room via the Children's Room door
- Limit capacity to one family at a time
- Masks must be worn by all but the youngest patrons (bring your own)
- Please use the hand sanitizer at the entrance

Thank you for helping to keep the Children's Room safe for all visitors.

News from the Friends of WPL

Second Hand Prose Used Book Room

Autumn will be here soon. Crisp days and cool evenings are even better when accompanied by a warm drink and a good book. The Friends' Used Book Room has plenty of excellent, gently-used books available, and we have the best prices in town. All funds raised by UBR sales are used to support the Library, so come in and stock up. We thank you for your support!



The Used Book Room is open for browsing and shopping any time the library is open. If volunteer staff members are not in the UBR, just take your purchases to the WPL Circulation Desk.

Lynn Maloney, UBR Chair

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 9:30 am on the 2nd Monday every other month. We start with a coffee social followed by the business meeting at 10:00 am. Our next meeting will be held on **September 13**. You can find more Friends information on the [WPL website](#). Contact Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com to be added to our email list.

Library Pass Program

Maine is a wonderful place to live or visit, but the arrival of autumn means our seasonal venues will be closing soon. The great news is that summer crowds are gone and this is the perfect time to take advantage of the WPL Pass Program. These passes are free for patrons to borrow. Passes are limited to one borrower per day, so check availability with the library.

Historic New England - Visit dozens of fascinating historic properties throughout New England, including the Nickels-Sartwell House and Castle Tucker in Wiscasset, and the Bowman House in Dresden.



Portland Museum of Art - Maine's largest and oldest public art institution is currently featuring many wonderful exhibits, including Richard Estes' Urban Landscapes and Walker Evans' American Photographs.



PORTLAND MUSEUM of ART

Farnsworth
Art Museum



Farnsworth Museum - Celebrating Maine's role in American art, the Farnsworth has current exhibitions including works by N.C., Andrew, and Jamie Wyeth as well as *Women of Vision*, which highlights thirteen remarkable women who have made lasting contributions to the culture of Maine.

Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens – The largest botanical garden in New England. This is the perfect place to enjoy Maine's amazing outdoors, especially on these beautiful late summer days.

Library Information

Wiscasset Public Library is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization*. Your support helps WPL bring information, the joy of reading, and life-long learning to the communities of Alna, Edgecomb, Westport Island, and Wiscasset. To donate, visit our [website](#). Thank you for your support!

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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