



Wiscasset Public Library
Newsletter
November 2021

What if today, we were just grateful for everything?
~ Charlie Brown

Director's Note

As I write, I am watching the rain from my office window and contemplating how it will soon be snow. Luckily, the rain held off until the trees almost completed their beautiful autumnal displays. Crimson, bronze, and gold leaves dance in the breeze as they drift from branch to ground. Some still cling to the trees, defying the wind. So lovely.

Enjoy this season and all that it brings. Neighbors are raking and the scent of burning leaves wafts through the neighborhood. Apples are being pressed into cider that will warm you after a brisk walk in the cool air. Take a moment and let yourself savor the remaining autumn days.

With Thanksgiving nearing, it is time to reflect on those things for which we are grateful. These are a few of the things that inspire my gratitude: my family and friends; living in a special place where residents care about each other; the beauty of my surroundings; and, my job at the library where I get to spend time with so many wonderful people.

November is also National Picture Book Month. When was the last time you opened a picture book, enjoyed the beautiful artwork and appreciated the weaving of words? Most often, we turn the images toward a child and read the story to them. Why not take a few minutes to revisit your own childhood? Choose an old favorite from your youth, or select a brand new story. Look at it with a child's eyes and remember those precious moments when you first fell in love with reading. The joy of books -- another thing that inspires gratitude!

Pam Dunning, Director

Help Wanted

Wiscasset Public Library is seeking a part-time Librarian. Join a small, friendly work force. There is room for growth through this position. You can find the full job description on our [website](#). I look forward to hearing from you.

Library Humor

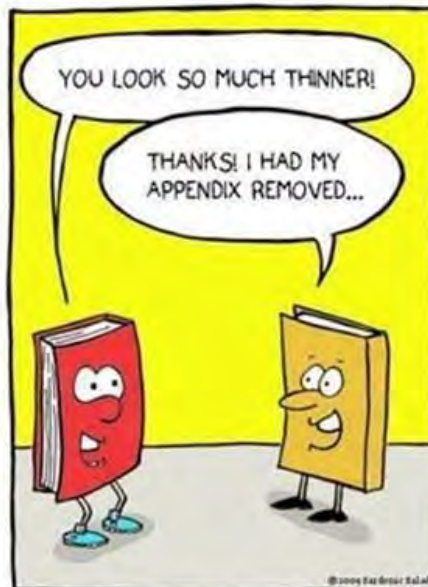
I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down.



When the past, present, and future go camping, they always argue. It's intense tense in tents.



I was walking past a farm, and a sign read: "Duck, eggs!" I thought, "That's an unnecessary comma." Then it hit me.



Closings



In recognition of those who served,
WPL will be closed for
Veteran's Day on Thursday, November 11

Thank you to those who have served and their families. "This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave." – *Elmer Davis*

WPL will be closed for the Thanksgiving weekend
Thursday, November 25 through Saturday, November 27

He who thanks but with the lips
Thanks but in part;
The full, the true Thanksgiving
Comes from the heart. – *J. A. Shedd*



Upcoming Events

Give the Gift of Warmth



Donate new hats and mittens to help keep Maine's children warm this winter. From **November 9 through December 5**, the WPL Children's Room is collecting items for the Maine Children's Home. See the Children's Room section below for details.

**Friends Meeting: Monday, November 8
9:30 Coffee Social - 10:00 Meeting**

The Friends of WPL will hold their next meeting on Monday, November 8th, 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 for the Zoom link. We hope to see you there.



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

Lili Pugh and Stephanie Hergenroeder, Co-Presidents



**Friends Book Group
November 18 at 10:15 am**

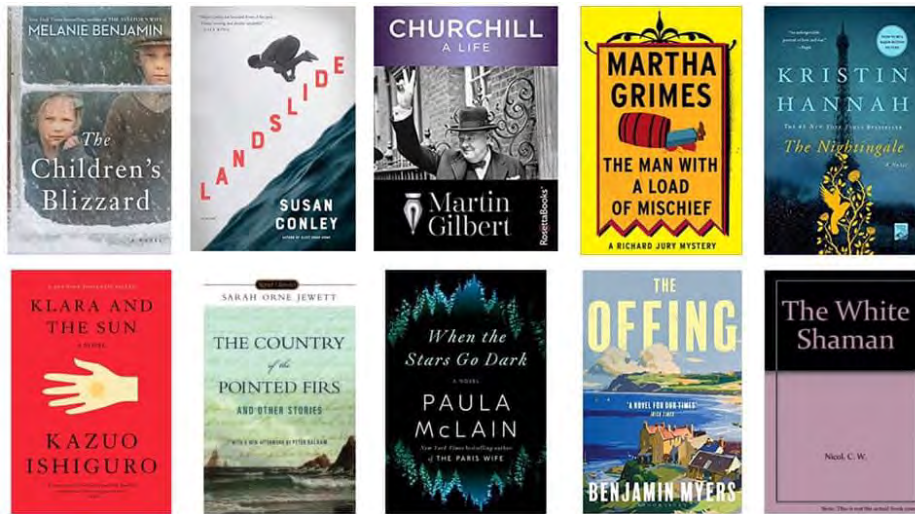
The Book Group had a good turnout at the October meeting. Welcome to our new members and a heartfelt goodbye to longtime member, Linda Belmont. Linda is moving and October was her last meeting.

We had an interesting book share discussion last month. We have agreed to stick to the book share format for now. Read what you like then share a book summary at our meeting. Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, November 18** at 10:15 am.

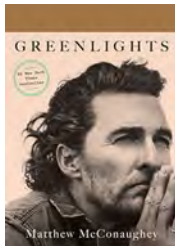
Recommended titles from our October meeting:

Melanie Benjamin, *The Children's Blizzard*
Susan Conley, *Landslide*
Martin Gilbert, *Churchill: A Life*
Martha Grimes, *The Man with a Load of Mischief*
Kristin Hannah, *The Nightingale*
Kazuo Ishiguro, *Klara and the Sun*
Sarah Orne Jewett, *The Country of the Pointed Firs*
Paula McLain, *When the Stars Go Dark*
Benjamin Myers, *The Offing*
C. W. Nicol, *The White Shaman*

If you'd like to join the group, email Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com or come to a meeting. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the library Fiction Room. All are welcome.



New and Notable: *Greenlights*



Fans of actor Matthew McConaughey will learn a lot about him in this "love letter to life." McConaughey shares some of the hard-learned lessons from his life and encourages others to keep working to recognize and catch the greenlights of their own lives. McConaughey's writing reveals his struggle to be a better man. "Mystical and spiritual but mostly just wonderful, *Greenlights* is an inspired memoir that celebrates the idea that it's the journey rather than the destination that will fulfill us."— author Michael Connelly

Large Print: *It Had To Be You*

What happens when your husband leaves his half of the business to his younger, blonder girlfriend, Savannah? For the past twenty years, Liv and Eliot Goldenhorn have run In Love in New York, Brooklyn's beloved wedding-planning business. New business partners Liv and Savannah are not a match made in heaven, to say the least. But what starts as a personal and professional nightmare transforms into something even savvy, cynical Liv Goldenhorn couldn't begin to imagine.



New in YA: *The Lie Tree*



Winner of the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for Young Adult Literature and Boston Globe-Horn Book Award for Fiction

An ALA/ALSC Notable Children's Book and an ALA/YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults Top Ten selection

An unforgettable and thought-provoking YA historical fantasy, *The Lie Tree* follows a Victorian-Age teenage girl as she unravels lies and magic to solve her father's murder. Over the last decade, author Frances Hardinge has acquired a legion of fans due to her trademark storytelling skill.

Hardinge's talent is evident in this novel's intricate plot, multi-faceted characters, and taut atmosphere. This YA treasure is not just for young adults.

The Children's Room



November is a time to be thankful and reflect on what we have. There is much to appreciate about where we live, including the great collection of children's books at Wiscasset Public Library. Our fall-themed books can help you learn about how trees grow, the history of football, a classic poem, or read a story that will tickle your funny bone.



MITTEN TREE RAFFLE

Give the gift of warmth!

This holiday season, help us decorate a Mitten Tree with new mittens and hats. Items donated will be provided to the MAINE CHILDREN'S HOME to help keep little ones warm this winter.

Donations for children ages newborn through 18 years will be accepted **November 9 through December 5**. We are grateful for items from donors of all ages. **Each child donor (ages 0-18) will receive a raffle ticket**—1 ticket per donor.

RAFFLE PRIZES (winners will be announced on Dec. 10)

1. \$50 gift card to Sherman's Bookstore*
2. \$25 gift card to Barnes & Noble Bookstore**
3. Five \$5 gift certificates for Second Hand Prose (the Friends of WPL's used bookstore)**



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Thank you, sponsors!

WPL's Mitten Tree can be found in the Children's Room. Please contact the library with any questions at 207-882-7161.

November Take & Make Crafts

Pilgrims, turkeys, hats and lanterns - Enjoy the last days of fall!



News from the Friends of WPL

Second Hand Prose Used Book Room

The Used Book Room held a special sale on Saturdays during last month's Scarecrow Fest. Patrons were encouraged to bring their own bag and fill it for \$5. Both days were financially successful, and we delighted in hearing shoppers' reasons for stopping by. Going forward we will open our doors for a special sale whenever there is an event on our Common.



Our faithful volunteers have pointed out that the Children's section is rapidly being depleted. That's wonderful news, as we are getting books into the hands of children! However, it means **the UBR needs children's books**. Please look through the books your children and grandchildren no longer read and consider donating them to the library.

As always, a sincere thank you to the faithful volunteers who staff our UBR. Your diligence is appreciated.

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 **November 8**. You can find more Friends information on the [WPL website](#). If

you'd like to receive updates from the Friends, send us an email at Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com.

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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