



Wiscasset Public Library

# Newsletter

December 2021

*To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake it is necessary to stand out in the cold.*

*- Aristotle*

## Director's Note



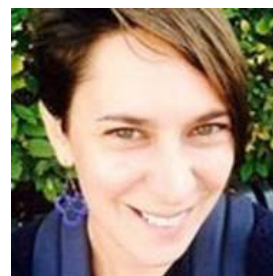
We all like to grumble about winter but I must confess that I don't really mind it. The Earth sleeps, gathering itself for the next growing season. The air gets colder, everything freezes. Snow will blanket the ground in its beautiful, shimmering glory. The early nightfall encourages us to slow down. The winter equinox occurs on the 21<sup>st</sup> and the days will begin to lengthen again, but we do have a few more months of cold weather ahead. Stock up on nice teas and cocoa. Gather all you need for staying inside, to enjoy the views in comfort; or, for bundling up when you want to venture out. Remember to stop in at the library for reading materials, DVDs, or puzzles. December is one of the prettiest months, with glittering lights, holiday decorations, red bows and colorful packages. It is family time when we gather in a joyous way. It is also a peaceful, quiet time of year. Find the beauty in the season and enjoy it while you can. Another spring is just around the corner.

Pam Dunning, Director

## Welcome to our new Librarian!

Have you noticed a friendly new face at the Circulation Desk? Meet Librarian **Leigh Ann Keichline**.

Leigh Ann has more than two decades of experience educating both children and adults. She has worked in widely diverse school settings in Ohio, Virginia, New York, and other New England states in addition to Maine -- as a classroom teacher, nature educator, and more. In Alna, Leigh Anne worked as an outdoor educator at Juniper Hill School. Leigh Anne served as the PreK-grade 8 school librarian at The Children's Storefront in New York. She has also worked at Books of Wonder, a children's bookstore, and the Harvard Coop Bookstore.

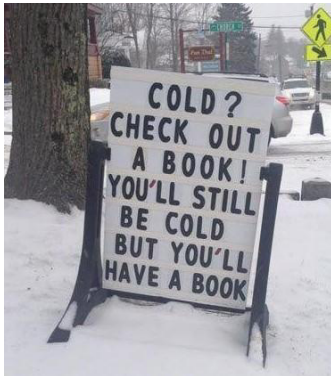


Since 2003, she has tutored both adults and children in English fluency, and since 2011, tutored as a reading and writing specialist to children. At two universities, Leigh Anne created and hosted interview radio shows, highlighting vitally diverse voices. As a trained National SEED Project leader, Leigh Anne has led intensive year-long seminar programs for educators in equity and

diversity. On the Midcoast, she has led anti-racism book groups through Skidompha Library as a free community offering.

Leigh Anne holds a Dual Masters in Literacy and Education as well as a Masters in Political Science. While obtaining her second Masters, Leigh Anne served on the Advisory Board of Alumni and created events and programs in her capacity as the Head of the Student Council, building cross-division collaborations, initiating a mentoring program, and spearheading an annual community-wide showcase of teaching and learning.

We are delighted to have Leigh Anne join the staff of WPL. Her wealth of experience will benefit our patrons, the library, and the communities we serve. Please stop by and welcome Leigh Anne during your next visit.



### Library Humor

What bugs do you see at libraries?  
Book worms!



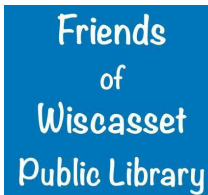
No matter how hard you push the envelope,  
it's still stationery.

A backward poet writes inverse.

## Upcoming Events

**Friends Meeting: Monday, Jan. 10**  
**9:30 Coffee Social - 10:00 Meeting**

The Friends of WPL will hold their next meeting on Monday, January 10, 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.



Lili Pugh and Stephanie Hergenroeder, Co-Presidents



**Friends Book Group**  
**December 16 at 10:15 am**

Would you like to join the Book Group? Come to a meeting, or contact us at [Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com](mailto:Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com) to be added to our email list. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the library Fiction Room. All are welcome.

In November, we had a small group but a lively discussion. Our group members recommended the following books:

*Dark Sky* (A Joe Pickett Novel) by C. J. Box  
*Killer in the Carriage House* by Sheila Connolly  
*My Family and Other Animals* by Gerald Durrell  
*The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah

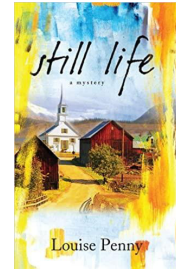


We hope to see you on Thursday, **December 16** for our next free choice discussion. In case of inclement weather, call the library (882-7161) first to make sure it will be open. If you have any questions, you may email me at [janetcmorgan@gmail.com](mailto:janetcmorgan@gmail.com)

Janet Morgan, Interim Book Group Chair

## For Your Entertainment: Books on CD

Great news for fans of bestselling author Louise Penny! We have the entire Chief Inspector Gamache / Three Pines series in audiobook format. Chief Inspector of the Surêté du Québec, Armand Gamache is a man of deep intellect, quiet courage, and integrity. He leads a team of investigators in Three Pines, a rural village south of Montreal rich in natural beauty and eccentric residents. In this idyllic setting, Gamache is continually challenged with baffling murders that demand the full force of his deductive powers, as well as insight into the individuals involved. Whether taking place in a monastery, an art gallery, or the forest, each mystery reveals more layers to the people of Three Pines, as well as Inspector Gamache, his deputy Jean-Guy Beauvoir, and other series regulars.



Louise Penny chose two brilliant narrators to bring her detective to life. Ralph Cosham's delivery opens the hero's mind, heart, and soul for listeners to experience on a visceral level. Robert Bathurst, Cosham's successor after his death, captures the complex personality of the perceptive Chief Inspector, emphasizing his humanity, compassion, and wit along with his erudition. Both narrators excel at character studies of the various players in each case. If you have not been introduced to this very popular series, you are in for a real treat. These stories are best enjoyed in sequential order, so make sure you start with the first installment, *Still Life*.

## WPL "Bestsellers"



What is on your list of books to read next? If you are looking for ideas, these popular titles were the most requested books at WPL during November:

1. *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles
2. *State of Terror* by Louise Penny and Hillary Rodham Clinton
3. *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr
4. *Apples Never Fall* by Liane Moriarty
5. *The Judge's List* by John Grisham

6. *Oh William!* by Elizabeth Strout
7. *Better Off Dead* by Lee Child and Andrew Child
8. *Peril* by Bob Woodward and Robert Costa
9. *Going There* by Katie Couric
10. *Game On: Tempting 28* by Janet Evanovich
11. *ER Nurses: True Stories from America's Greatest Unsung Heroes* by James Patterson et al.
12. *Bewilderment* by Richard Powers

## Recommended: *World War C*

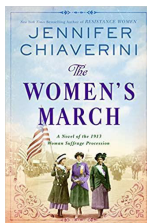
In *World War C: Lessons from the Covid-19 Pandemic and How to Prepare for the Next One*, CNN chief medical correspondent Sanjay Gupta, MD, offers accessible, data-packed answers to our biggest questions about Covid-19: What have we learned about this pandemic and how can we prepare for — or prevent — the next one?



Dr. Gupta has had insider access to the drama's unfolding, including exclusive conversations with the world's top public health experts and behind-the-scenes scientists racing to find treatments and cures. Now he is sharing what he has learned about what happened, and also about how our world will change in the years ahead, even once we're back to "normal."

Gupta argues that we need to prepare for a new era where pandemics will be more frequent, and possibly even more deadly. As the doctor who's been holding America's hand through the crisis with compassion, clarity, and well-earned wisdom, he gives you the unvarnished story and answers critical questions. *World War C* will give you hope for the future along with real information that leaves you more resilient and secure.

## Now in Large Print: *The Women's March*



Twenty-five-year-old Alice Paul returns to her native New Jersey after several years on the front lines of the suffrage movement in Great Britain. She is determined to invigorate the stagnant suffrage movement in the U.S. Only a constitutional amendment will secure the vote for all. To inspire support, Alice organizes a magnificent procession down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, DC, the day before the inauguration of President-elect Woodrow Wilson, a firm antisuffragist.

Joining the march is thirty-nine-year-old New Yorker Maud Malone, librarian and advocate for women's and workers' rights. The daughter of Irish immigrants, Maud has acquired a reputation, and a criminal record, for interrupting politicians' speeches with pointed questions they'd rather ignore.

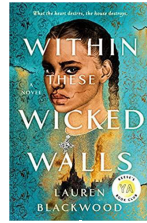


Civil rights activist and journalist Ida B. Wells-Barnett resolves that women of color must also be included in the march and the proposed amendment. Born into slavery in Mississippi, Ida worries that white suffragists may exclude Black women if it serves their own interests.

Offering a fascinating look at a crucial but little-remembered moment in American history, Jennifer Chiaverini's *The Women's March* is an enthralling novel about the women's suffrage movement and three courageous women who risked their lives and liberty in the fight to win the vote.

## New in YA: *Within These Wicked Walls*

Lauren Blackwood's thrilling debut, *Within These Wicked Walls*, ushers in an exciting new fantasy voice. Meet Andromeda, an exorcist hired to cleanse households of the evil eye. Her problem? Her mentor threw her out before she could earn her license, so she needs a patron to vouch for her.



When handsome young heir Magnus Rochester reaches out to hire her, she takes the job without question. Tackling a job that dozens have already given up on, it isn't long before she realizes the difficulties in store for her. Horrifying manifestations and the threat of death loom. Can she walk away or will she find a way to heal this curse? Fast-paced and wryly humorous, you'll stay up late to devour this "magical, Ethiopian-inspired remix of *Jane Eyre*." (*Harper's Bazaar*)

## The Children's Room



December is a month of long dark nights and short bright days. What to do? Go for a scavenger hunt. Do a craft or make a gift. Enjoy all of the holiday celebrations and festive lights. My favorite thing to do on a cold winter night? Read! Make time to relax and snuggle up with a good book.

December 10

### Dewey Decimal Day

A holiday only a librarian could love!

What is your favorite shelf in our Dewey Classification System? Try:

398.2 *Jack in the Beanstalk*

917.41 *We Are In Maine*

599.75 *Cats*

743 *How To Draw Cats*

811 *The Maine Coon's Haiku*



## Mitten Tree Raffle: You still have time!

Give the gift of warmth. Donate new hats and mittens to help keep Maine's children warm this winter. **Through December 5**, the WPL Children's Room is collecting items for the Maine Children's Home. Donations for children ages newborn through 18 years will be gratefully accepted. Thank you!



Each child donor (ages 0-18) will receive a raffle ticket—one 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\*\*

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Thank you, sponsors!

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



And look: my very first pair of *knitted* mittens!

## December Take & Make Crafts

Celebrate winter and the holiday season!



Winter is here!

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### Winter Scavenger Hunt

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A Pinecone          | <input type="checkbox"/> Pine needles on the ground |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Berries on branches | <input type="checkbox"/> Leaf still on a tree       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Frozen leaf         | <input type="checkbox"/> Bubble trapped in ice      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seed pod            | <input type="checkbox"/> Animal tracks              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snowman             | <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow snow                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rosy red cheeks     | <input type="checkbox"/> Your breath                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snowdrift           | <input type="checkbox"/> Boot prints                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Icicles             | <input type="checkbox"/> A leafless tree            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A squirrel's drey   | <input type="checkbox"/> Birdseed on the ground     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abandoned beehive   | <input type="checkbox"/> Frost                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chickadee           | <input type="checkbox"/> Snow stuck on tree bark    |



## Holiday crafts to go...



These & more



# News from the Friends of WPL

## Second Hand Prose Used Book Room

In the months since we reopened, the Used Book Room has been busy! We've met new patrons and welcomed back old friends. Our special sales events, coinciding with events on the Wiscasset Common, have been extremely successful and have helped to clear out some of our 'golden oldies' which have taken up space for far too long. Watch the local papers and the library Facebook page for upcoming UBR sales events. Our greatest pleasure is getting books in the hands of our friends.



We are pleased to announce that we are now accepting book donations. We ask that you limit donations to one bagful of books per day. We have limited manpower to process donations and do not want to overwhelm our library staff and volunteers.

As always, a sincere thank you to the faithful volunteers who staff the UBR. Your diligence is appreciated. If you haven't had an opportunity to volunteer, consider making volunteering a New Year's Resolution.

Wishing you and yours a happy holiday season!  
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 **January 10**. You can find more Friends information on the [WPL website](#). If you'd like to receive updates from the Friends, email us at [Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com](mailto: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

### Staff

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