



*Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering,
'It will be happier.'*

- Alfred Lord Tennyson

Director's Note

There are so many new beginnings in our lives. Just now, we have a new season, a new month, a new year. The possibilities are exciting.

2021 seemed, in many ways, to be just the continuation of COVID and all of the attached stresses that came with it. Everything everywhere seemed so negative. We cannot easily escape all of that, as it appears that COVID will be with us through 2022 and beyond. However, we can change how we face the challenge and how we support each other. What can we give up? What can we begin that will make this year different?

We can give up impatience, blaming others and anger that our comfortable routines have all been disturbed. We can offer the world our acceptance of having to wait. We can recognize that there is no one at fault. We can build new routines and practices that might be different, but that still soothe and nourish our inner being.

Let us start this year with hope. We can hope to recall our own beginnings and remember the manners and courtesies that our parents taught us. We can hope that we will get a smile back when we send our own smiles out in to the world. We can hope to reconnect with our friends and families with new appreciation of their presence in our lives. We can also remember to take time for ourselves. Sit down with a good book, put your feet up and enjoy some time to relax, restore and renew.

Wishing you all a good 2022...

Pam Dunning, Director

Library Humor

A book fell on my head; I
can only blame my shelf.





Yellow there!
Orange you glad
there are so many
books to be **red**?

32 Hilarious Library Puns
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That guy who didn't like Lord of the Rings? He didn't know what he was Tolkien about.

I just discovered that there's a library in my town. They kept that quiet.

COVID-19 Update

With the surge in new COVID-19 cases over the last few weeks, it is necessary to review our safety measures. For the safety of all patrons and employees, these are our current protocols:

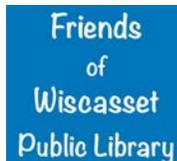
- Masks are highly recommended for all. They may become required if cases continue to increase.
- Masks are required on anyone who has not been vaccinated.
- Use of hand sanitizer is required for everyone who enters the building.
- Maintain six feet of personal space from others.
- Visit time for the Children's Room remains at 30 minutes per family, with one family allowed to browse at a time.
- Visit time for the rest of the building is holding at one hour. This may be lowered to 30 minutes if cases continue to increase.

I am reaching out to all of our wonderful patrons: Please help us stay COVID-free so we can be here for you. Following these few simple rules will help us all to stay safe. **Thank you for making it happen!**

Upcoming Events

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

The Friends of WPL will hold their Annual General 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.



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

The 2022 annual dues (\$10.00) will be collected at this meeting.

We hope to see you there,

Lili Pugh and Stephanie Hergenroeder, Co-Presidents



**Friends Book Group
January 20 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 to be added to our email list. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the library Fiction Room. All are welcome.

Inclement weather prevented us from getting together in December. A few members sent these recommendations via email:

Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier
Murder Most Festive by Ada Moncrieff
Out Stealing Horses by Per Petterson

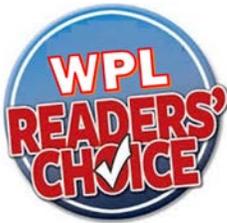


We hope to see you on Thursday, **January 20** for our next free choice discussion. In case of bad weather, call the library (882-7161) first to make sure it will be open. If you have questions, email janetcmorgan@gmail.com

Janet Morgan, Interim Book Group Chair

WPL "Bestsellers"

The following books were the most requested at WPL in December. We have all of these titles although a few have waiting lists. Let us know if you'd like to reserve a copy.



1. *The Lincoln Highway* (Towles)
2. *State of Terror* (Clinton and Penny)
3. *Oh William!* (Strout)
4. *The Judge's List* (Grisham)
5. *Cloud Cuckoo Land* (Doerr)
6. *The Dark Hours* (Connelly)
7. *Wish You Were Here* (Picoult)
8. *The Sentence* (Erdrich)
9. *Go Tell the Bees That I am Gone* (Gabaldon)
10. *Game On: Tempting 28* (Evanovich)

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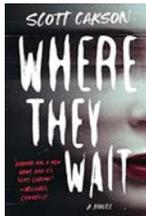
For Your Entertainment: Books on CD

In *The Paris Apartment*, Kelly Bowen interweaves timelines as she takes us from 1942 German-occupied Paris to 2017 London. 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.



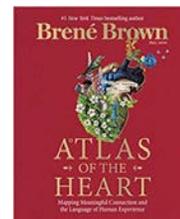
Seventy-five years later, Aurelia Leclaire inherits an opulent Paris apartment where she is shocked to discover her grandmother's hidden secrets—including a treasure trove of famous art and couture gowns. This heart-wrenching novel about family and war unearths generations of secrets and sacrifices—perfect for fans of *The Paris Orphan* and *The Lost Girls of Paris*. -Amazon

New Releases: Adult Fiction and Nonfiction



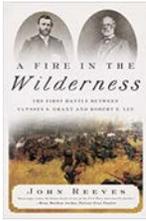
Scott Carson's *Where They Wait* is bringing horror to a new level in this creepy techno-thriller. A new mindfulness app called Clarity plays relaxing white noise and soothing guided meditations. The beautiful voice of a woman sings haunting ballads that are anything but soothing. Deep sleep turns to nightmares that begin to infiltrate the waking life. What is Clarity and what does it want?

Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience by Brené Brown is recommended for everyone in these trying times. Brown's fans will be excited to journey through over eighty emotions and experiences that define what it means to be human. Brown reaches into our hearts as she gives us the language and tools to access a world of choices and chances. If you don't know her work yet, this is a great place to start.



Now in Large Print: *A Fire in the Wilderness*

A Fire in the Wilderness: The First Battle Between Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee is a riveting account of the bloody



showdown between Grant and Lee that sealed the fate of the Confederacy and changed the course of American history.

In the spring of 1864, President Lincoln feared that he might not be able to save the Union. The future of the United States depended on the Union Army's success in a desolate forest just sixty-five miles from the nation's capital. Author John Reeves has produced an absorbing narrative of the ensuing Battle of the Wilderness, and the human costs of the Civil War.

New in YA: *You've Reached Sam*

After the death of her boyfriend, Julia calls his phone just to hear his voice again... and Sam answers. What would you do if you had a chance to say goodbye? Could you learn to let go? In his YA debut, Dustin Thao shows great sensitivity as he gently reveals the grief, regret and unforgettable moments that we carry with us from our first love. *You've Reached Sam* will leave readers hoping that Dustin Thao has another book coming soon.



The Children's Room



2021 Highlights

Looking back on this past year, I think of our successes, like:

1. The **Summer Reading Club** where 141 children each read at least 8 books, earning a certificate and prizes.
2. The **Crafts to Go** program which supplies the materials for fun enrichment activities.
3. The **Museum Pass** program that allows families to enjoy area cultural sites -- and see the Trolls at the Botanical Gardens.
4. The **Mitten Tree** which encouraged our young patrons to participate in giving back to their community and resulted

Snow is falling and books are calling...

If you don't see what you are looking for, ask your Librarian!

If Ms. Laurie doesn't have your book, she can:

- order it
- request it from another library
- help you download an eBook or audiobook



***Libraries CONNECT
readers with books!***

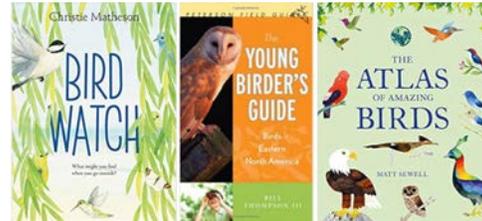
Do you like watching birds flit about in the snow? I keep seeing

in many, many generous donations.

COVID-19 continues to impact all of us but we have managed to stay open, keep patrons safe, and continue serving our community. My favorite reflections from this year: kids (continue to) love Lego sets, Dog Man, Cat Kid, Elephant & Piggy, and impossibly tall tree houses.

Thank you, parents, for bringing your children to the library. Keep reading!

Bluebirds at the feeder and was worried they did not know how to migrate. According to Maine Audubon, "Don't worry, they are fine... Eastern Bluebirds have been expanding their range and have become increasingly common in Maine during the winter, especially southern Maine." You can find great books about birds at WPL!



January Crafts to Go

This month, we have paper plate birds, snowman collages, stitching, beading, shrinky-dink art, and welcome winter activities.



News from the Friends of WPL

Second Hand Prose Used Book Room

We continue to see new and returning visitors to Second Hand Prose and it is wonderful to welcome so many people. This year we added some special events in the Used Book Room tied to events on the Wiscasset Common. Articles were placed in the local papers announcing our events. We hung our 'Open' flag and placed our signboard with anticipation -- and people came! We met many families and young people who did not know we existed. We sold many of the 'golden oldies' that have been on the shelves for some time.



The special events cleared the shelves, and we are now accepting book donations. If one of your New Year's resolutions is to cull your books, please consider bringing them to the library. We especially need children's books. Limited staffing means we can only process a small number of books each week; please limit your donation to one bagful per visit. Thank you!

Due to the success of our special events, we will be continuing these in the months to come. Check the local papers and Facebook for announcements. Our greatest pleasure is getting books in the hands of our friends.

As always, a sincere thank you to the faithful volunteers who staff our Used Book Room. Your diligence is appreciated. If you have not had an opportunity to volunteer and you'd like to learn more, please email the Friends at Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com.

Wishing you and yours a Happy New Year!
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.

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Friday 10:00am-5:00pm
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