



**Wiscasset Public Library**

# **Newsletter**

**April 2022**

The sun just touched the morning; The morning, happy thing,  
Supposed that he had come to dwell, And life would be all spring.

~ Emily Dickinson

## **Director's Note**



The beginning of April is National Library Week (April 3-9), when we ask, "What can we do for you?" The theme for 2022 is "Connect With Your Library." Libraries exist for people. We are all about making information available and accessible; helping people find that information; and offering needed services. The best way for us to know and understand the needs of the people is for you to share your ideas. We will work with you to add services whenever we can.

I know COVID put a huge dent in our lives and became so overwhelming that it was easy to lose touch. Have you visited the library lately? I want to remind everyone of a few of the services that are already available. In addition to a wide range of reading, listening and viewing materials, WPL offers the lowest-priced printing and copying service in the area, 24/7 broadband wi-fi, public access computers during all operational hours, used book sales with extremely low prices, museum passes, free Notary service by appointment, and more.

Each year, WPL must file a report with Maine State Library quantifying our circulation statistics. If you'd like to know more about the wealth of resources we offer, you'll find a summary of our circulation report at the end of this newsletter. It's amazing how busy we were despite being in the midst of a pandemic. Even though we had a great year, I think most patrons would tell you that WPL is more valuable than the sum of its statistics. I encourage you to come in, check us out and connect with your library. The library, staff, and resources are all here for you!

Pam Dunning, Director

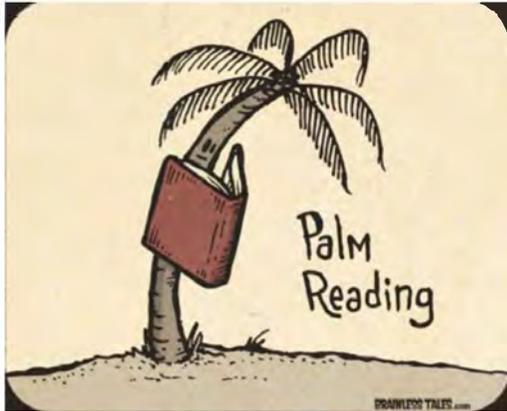
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## Library Humor

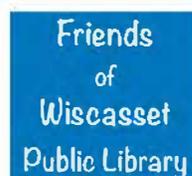


Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it is too dark to read. ~ Groucho Marx

I know I am overdue with returning my library book... I am feeling fined about it.

## Upcoming Events

### Friends Meeting: Wednesday, May 11 Annual Friends Luncheon

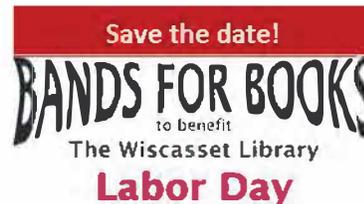


At the March meeting, the Friends voted to change the day of our bi-monthly meetings. We will now meet on the second Wednesday morning, every two months. We are hopeful that switching meetings to a day when the library is open will allow more people and staff members to attend. Please note the new dates for the 2022 meetings: May 11, July 13, September 14, and November 9.

Our next meeting, on **Wednesday, May 11**, will be a Friends Luncheon. Prior to 2020, this was an annual event, and we are looking forward to reviving this tradition! We will meet at noon at a local restaurant (to be announced). All Friends will receive the luncheon information via email. To be added to our email list, contact [Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com](mailto:Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com).

Lili Pugh and Stephanie Hergenroeder, Co-Presidents

The Friends of Wiscasset Public Library will be holding their popular annual fundraiser, **Bands for Books, on Labor Day, September 5**. We plan to gather again at Seafeld Farm, home of Kathy Martin-Savage, where we will enjoy the wonderful music of the Salty Dogs. There will be a silent auction, with many new and wonderful things to bid on, and lots of fantastic food. That's where we need your help....



Last year all the food served at our party was donated by you – supporters of WPL. The variety and quality were unbelievable and so appreciated by all those who attended. We are asking you to once again help us to make this an outstanding fundraiser by donating your favorite finger foods. More to come on that later, but for now, put this date in your calendar – it is always a fun event!



**Friends Book Group  
VOTE for next meeting date!**

The library has removed COVID restrictions, and the Book Club is allowed to meet in person now. We have been meeting on Thursdays off and on during the pandemic. We changed from Friday meetings to Thursdays a few months before the pandemic hit. Our attendance numbers have fluctuated wildly since changing the meeting day. This seems like a good time to ask: What is your preference? Would you like to continue meeting on the 3rd Thursday at 10:15, or should we go back to meeting on the 3rd Friday at 10:15? Your input would be greatly appreciated; email us at [Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com](mailto:Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com). If you are on the Book Club email list, you will receive a message regarding the date of the April meeting. Contact us if you would you like to be added to the Book Group email list. All are welcome.

Janet Morgan, Interim Book Group Chair

#### Book Club reviews

***Madam, Will You Talk?*** by Mary Stewart

"The whole affair began so very quietly." This opening sentence professed an idyllic Provence vacation for Charity Selborne. It, however, was not to be when Charity is placed in a dangerous situation while protecting a boy and his dog from a kidnapping plot. Mary Stewart's first novel is filled with excitement and mounting tension before it comes to a stunning conclusion. (Submitted by Janet Morgan)



***The One-In-A-Million Boy*** by Monica Wood

I am a huge fan of Maine author Monica Wood. This may be her best book yet. *"The story of your life never starts at the beginning. Don't they teach you anything at school?"* says 104-year-old Ona to the 11-year-old boy who helps her out every Saturday morning. As he refills the bird feeders and tidies the shed, Ona tells him about

her life, from first love to second chances. Soon she's confessing secrets she has kept hidden for decades. Suddenly, one Saturday, the boy doesn't show up. Ona starts to think he's not so special after all, but then his father arrives on her doorstep, determined to finish his son's good deed. The boy's mother is not so far behind. Ona is set to discover that the world can surprise us at any age, and that sometimes sharing a loss is the only way to find ourselves again. (Submitted by Tracy Joyce)

***The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George**

(I) just finished *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George and loved it. Layered and beautifully nuanced, it is a testament to the power of love and friendship, books and food. You will not regret spending time in the Little Paris Bookshop. This is a review from Goodreads:



Monsieur Perdu calls himself a literary apothecary. From his floating bookstore in a barge on the Seine, he prescribes novels for the hardships of life. Using his intuitive feel for the exact book a reader needs, Perdu mends broken hearts and souls. The only person he can't seem to heal through literature is himself; he's still haunted by heartbreak after his great love disappeared. She left him with only a letter, which he has never opened. After Perdu is finally tempted to read the letter, he hauls anchor and departs on a mission to the south of France, hoping to make peace with his loss and discover the end of the story. Joined by a bestselling but blocked author and a lovelorn Italian chef, Perdu travels along the country's rivers, dispensing his wisdom and his books, showing that the literary world can take the human soul on a journey to heal itself. (Submitted by Wendy Thompson)

## **New Nonfiction: *Life From Scratch***

Vanessa Lachey, television host, actress, and mother of three, shares a fabulous collection of season-by-season recipes, holiday hacks, birthday rituals, and date night ideas for creating wonderful family celebrations and cherished memories.



Many families are bound together by their traditions; stories, family histories, recipes passed down from generation to generation. These are some of the things that connect us and strengthen our relationships. How do you build that if you don't come from a family life that supported those? Lachey shares her process of creating milestones for her family that would become annual rituals they can return to.

In *Life from Scratch*, Vanessa shares personal stories, ideas, delicious recipes, and parenting tips you can use to make your own celebrations unique and unforgettable. Inside you'll discover the simple gift-giving custom Vanessa shares with her best friends each year; the date-night tradition that she and Nick swear by; and her fool-proof recipe for "authentic" Chicken Adobo she serves to family and friends.

Amazon calls this, “A fun, uplifting yearlong guide that celebrates families that color outside the lines, *Life from Scratch* will inspire people to make each season, and each special moment, their own.”

## New Adult Fiction: *The Man Who Saw Everything*



Named **Best Book of the Year** by *The New York Times Book Review*, the New York Public Library, *The Washington Post*, Time.com, *St. Louis Post Dispatch*, *A Publisher's Weekly's*, and more.

In *The Man Who Saw Everything*, Deborah Levy leads us through the difficulty of seeing ourselves and others clearly. Touching on sensitive topics, this work greets the specters that come back to haunt old and new love, previous and current incarnations of Europe, conscious and unconscious transgressions, and real and imagined betrayals, while investigating the cyclic nature of history and its reinvention by people in power. “Deborah Levy, one of the most intellectually exciting writers in Britain today, has produced in this perplexing work a caustically funny exploration of history, perception, the nature of political tyranny and how lovers can simultaneously charm and erase each other.” (*New York Times Book Review*)

## In LP: *The Funny Thing About Norman Foreman*

"Charming, warm and uplifting...there is so much to love about this book."—Laurie Frankel, New York Times bestselling author



Julietta Henderson's *The Funny Thing About Norman Forman* is a triumphant and touching debut about the unlikeliest superstar you'll ever meet.

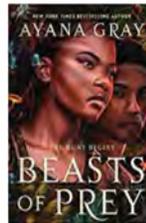
When one-half of a young comedy duo dies, the other half decides to go it alone. The problem? Norman isn't the funny one. In memory of his deceased friend, Norman's is determined to perform at the Fringe festival. He also has another plan that his single mom, Sadie, wasn't ready for: he wants to find the father he's never known. Determined to put a smile back on her boy's face, Sadie resolves to face up to her own messy past, get Norman to the Fringe and help track down a man whose identity is a mystery, even to her.

Henderson's funny and tender debut takes us on a road trip with a mother and son who will live in the reader's heart for a long time to come and teaches us that—no matter the odds—we must always reach for the stars.

## Teen Room News

Have you checked out the updated Teen Room? Do you like what you see? Let us know your thoughts... Email Leigh Anne, WPL Teen Services Librarian at [lkeichline@wiscasset.lib.me.us](mailto:lkeichline@wiscasset.lib.me.us) or stop by the front desk and say "Hi!"

Want to go on an adventure this spring? Try some new Sci-Fi and Fantasy...



**Beasts of Prey by Ayana Gray**

“Rich in magic and mythos, *Beasts of Prey* is a feast for all the senses.” -Renee Ahdieh, New York Times bestselling author of *The Beautiful*.

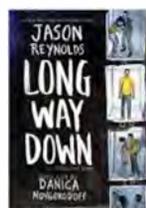


**Cold the Night, Fast the Wolves by Meg Long**

“Absolutely exhilarating.” -Chloe Gong, bestselling author of *These Violent Delights*. “Wholly unique and unexpected. A beautifully written, dangerous debut.” -Adalyn Grace, best-selling author of *All the Stars and Teeth*

**Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds**

This show-stopping book is now a graphic novel. Each turn of the page is startling. A Printz, Newbery, and Coretta Scott King Honor book.



Stop by the library to browse and get a library card — free for all WMHS students and educators!



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Ask us about free passes to the Farnsworth Art Museum, the Portland Museum of Art, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, and more!

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# The Children's Room

**Calling all our talented crafters**—we need your help crocheting a small project this spring. We have the directions if you have a few yards of spare yarn. This requires less than 30 minutes of time. Stop at the Children's Room or call Ms. Laurie at 882-7161 for more information and directions!

## April Crafts To Go

### An Egg-plosion of Egg Crafts

Felt Magnet



Weaving



Lacing



Foil



### April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day



Scratch-art  
turtles  
&  
Recycled can  
pencil holders



### Celebrate Spring!

We have bunnies & chicks,  
and pretty grape hyacinths  
on a fence made by you



We are celebrating **National Library Week** (April 3 – 9) and we would love to hear from you! What does WPL connect YOU to? Enter our raffle to win a gift basket filled with fun library stuff. Come check it out in the Children's Room.

The raffle will run from April 5 – 26.  
The winner will be announced on April 27.



April is also **National Poetry Month**. Pick a poem when you stop by to pick up your books!



# BOOK LOVE by Ms. Laurie



What I am reading: *Little Cat's Luck* by Marion Dane Bauer. This book is a novel in verse. You can read it quickly and it is such a good story. You will fall in love with Patches, the cat heroine.

For something more adventurous, try *The Sisters Grimm* series by Michael Buckley. I finished book one and jumped right into book two. These action-packed stories are full of surprises and edge-of-your-seat suspense. Another great thing? This series has been completed so you don't have to wait for the next book to be published.

In April of 1620, it rained. That same year, the Pilgrims arrived. I suppose the saying is true: "April showers bring Mayflowers."



## News from the Friends of WPL

### Second Hand Prose Used Book Room

Ah, Spring! It's such a wonderful time of year, especially here in our beautiful Used Book Room. We have a pretty view of Wiscasset from our windows and a great collection of gently used books for your browsing pleasure.



Spring and summer activities on the Town Common will be accompanied by special sales events in the UBR. Watch this newsletter, Facebook, and the local papers for more information.

Are you ready to spring-clean your bookshelves? We always need children's books. We are grateful for all donations but please note that we are no longer accepting paperback books as they languish in the UBR. If you have any donation questions, feel free to contact me: [lynnmaloney5@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnmaloney5@yahoo.com).

Thank you to the wonderful UBR volunteers. You are greatly appreciated. To learn more about becoming a Used Book Room volunteer, email me at the address above.

Remember, Second Hand Prose is open whenever the library is open. We hope to see you here soon!

Lynn Maloney, UBR Chair

## Treasurer's Report

It's that time of the year when our annual Friends dues (\$10) are payable. If you haven't had an opportunity to do so, please mail your check (payable to *Friends of the Wiscasset Public Library*) to the Friends of WPL, 21 High Street, Wiscasset 04578.

Thank you for your continued support.

### 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 Wednesday every other month. We start with a coffee social followed by the business meeting at 10:00 am. Our next meeting will be a special event, our annual Friends luncheon, held on **May 11**. You can find more Friends information on the [WPL website](#). To receive updates from the Friends, email us at [Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com](mailto:Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com).

## Library Information

### Digital Resources



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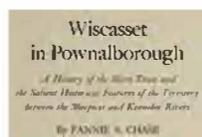
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## 2021 in Review: WPL Circulation Report

Item Type	QTY
Print	28333
Video	2033
Audio	1158
Passes	72
Equipment, puzzles, STEM	69
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,665</b>

Available passes are Coastal Maine Botanical, Farnsworth Museum, Historic New England and Portland Museum of Art.

### Total items in collections

Item Type	QTY
Total physical collection	34,264
Children	9,873
Adult / YA print	21,705
E-Books	14,399
Audio physical collection	1,193
Audio downloads	8,663
Video physical collection	1,493
<b>Total</b>	<b>57,326</b>

### Programs

Program type	Number	Attendance
Evening & online programs	14	48
Chair Yoga	32	298
Passive programs for Children and YA	6	45
Passive Programs for all ages	1	58
Take and Make Crafts for Children		1010
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>1,459</b>

### 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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