



## Wiscasset Public Library **Newsletter** October 2022

*“October, baptize me with leaves! Swaddle me in corduroy and nurse me with split pea soup. October, tuck tiny candy bars in my pockets and carve my smile into a thousand pumpkins. O autumn! O teakettle! O grace!”*

~ Rainbow Rowell

### Director's Note



Now we come to October... a beautiful time of transition. It is a brief period when the summer has gone, and the holiday season has not yet begun. Take time to enjoy this month and notice the changes. October can pass too quickly.

Pumpkins appear on porch steps. Soups and stews bubble gently on the stove and are served with warm crusty bread. Cranberries and winter squash are readily available. Notice the majestic display of colors as the trees prepare for the deep, biting cold. Light jackets are stored to make space for the heavy coats and boots returning to the entry way.

Don't let the gloom of shorter days get to you. This is the time to plan ahead and think Spring! Get outside and plant crocus, daffodils and tulips. They go in the ground now to brighten the landscape when Winter passes.

Take some time to savor the beauty of the season. Consider the words of Mary Oliver, “We need beauty because it makes us ache to be worthy of it.” October is certainly our time to live in beauty.

Pam Dunning, Director

### Archive Room Reopens

We are fortunate to be housed in such a beautiful historic building. The never-ending maintenance requirements are part of the Library's charm, right? After several months, and some wonderful work done by Jason Putnam, we are happy to announce that The Jane S. Tucker Genealogical and Archival Collection reopens this month. We know many of you are waiting to get back into the archives. The WPL archives contain a wealth of information on family histories, local architecture and Wiscasset history.

We are still in the process of returning the collection items to their proper places. Please **call us at 882-7121 to make an appointment** to visit the Archival Collection. We will get you in there as soon as possible.

## Welcome, Annaliese!

Hello WPL friends and patrons. I am Annaliese (Ahn-nah-lē-zah), the new Library Clerk. I'm joining the Wiscasset Library, and larger Wiscasset community, as a recent transplant from my native Houston, Texas. In addition to Houston, and Wiscasset, I have also lived in Jakarta, Indonesia and Beijing, China. My Bahasa Indonesian skills have waned over the years, and my Mandarin was only ever good for talking to toddlers and taxi drivers, but I am fluent in Spanish, and can count to ten in at least five other languages. If you were to look at my library history you would find a jumble of historical fiction, craft (700s), sociologically-minded non-fiction (300s), YA novels, and a whole heap of picture books for my kindergartener. A lifelong lover of libraries, I am extremely pleased to spend my days in such a historic and beautiful example, with such lovely librarians, and I look forward to seeing all of you among the stacks as well.



Annaliese enjoys a windy day with her son, Damián

### Library Humor

Teacher: Write a sentence using these words - Defense, Defeat, Detail.

Charlie: When a horse jumps over defense, defeat go first and then detail.

Be careful what you do in the garden. The potatoes have eyes, the corn has ears, and the beanstalk.

When does a joke become a dad joke? When it becomes apparent.

I always carry a pebble with me to throw at people who sing Christmas songs in October. I call it my jingle bell rock!

## Upcoming Events

### Nominate a Trustee



**WE NEED YOU!**

**Nominees wanted!** The WPL Board of Trustees is seeking nominees to join the Board beginning in January 2023. Residents of the constituent communities — Alna, Edgecomb, Westport Island, and Wiscasset — are invited to serve. To learn more, or to suggest a nominee, email:

[Wiscasset.Library.Trustees@gmail.com](mailto:Wiscasset.Library.Trustees@gmail.com).

**Saturday, October 8th  
10:30am - 1:00pm**



**Fill Your Bag Book Sale  
\$5 PER BAG**

**WPL Used Book Room**  
(Bring your own bag, please)

**Friends Fall Luncheon**



**Saturday, Nov. 5 at 12:30pm**

**Saturday, October 8th, 10:30am to 1:00pm**  
- **Fill Your Bag sale!** Celebrate autumn with a pile of new books. Maybe you can finish your holiday shopping early! Bring your own bag to the WPL Used Book Room and fill your bag for \$5.

**Saturday, November 5th at 12:30pm**  
- **Friends luncheon at Montsweag Farm.** The Friends will have a fall luncheon at Montsweag Farm Restaurant. If you would like to attend, please email Lynn Maloney no later than Wednesday, November 2nd at [lynnmaloney5@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnmaloney5@yahoo.com).

**Wednesday, November 9th at 9:30am**  
- **Friends of WPL meeting,** in the library Fiction Room or via Zoom. We will be discussing upcoming events including the Children's Holiday Sale. Coffee social at 9:30, meeting at 10:00. Email the Friends to join the Zoom call or to learn more. New members are always welcome.

## THANKS FOR BANDS FOR BOOKS 2022!

We are incredibly grateful to the **Friends of WPL** for hosting the 2022 Bands for Books fundraiser in support of this Library. We would also like to express our gratitude to the wonderful sponsors and auction donors. Bands for Books would not be possible without the help provided by local residents and businesses. Thank you!

### 2022 Bands for Books Sponsors



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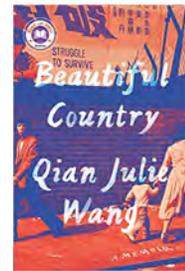
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## New Non-Fiction: *Beautiful Country*

*Beautiful Country* is an "incandescent debut" from a talented new writer. Look through the eyes of an undocumented child living in poverty in the richest country in the world. Qian Julie Wang's childhood perspective gives voice to the quintessential American immigrant story with clarity, charm, and strength.



When a Chinese family arrives illegally and hides by blending into Chinatown, seven-year-old Qian is full of curiosity, and she is overwhelmed by crushing fear and scarcity. Qian's parents, formerly professors in China, now labor in sweatshops. Ignored and teased by her classmates and teachers for her limited English, Qian takes refuge in the library. Mastering the language through books, she is finally able to explore and delight in her surroundings. This is a lyrical story about a family fracturing under the weight of invisibility, and a girl coming of age in the shadows, who never stops seeking the light.

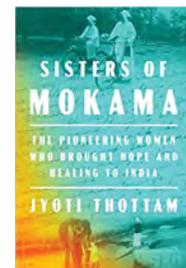
## New Adult Fiction: *Small Angels*



In Laura Owen's hypnotic tale of sisterhood, first love, and hauntings, a wedding in a small English village stirs up unsettling magic and forces a troubled family's secrets out into the open. *Small Angels* is an unforgettable novel about the memories that hold us back and those that show us the way forward. Magic and mystical spirits fill this beautifully written modern ghost story. "Perfect for lovers of folklore and Gothic fiction." (Amazon.com)

## New in LP: *Sisters of Mokama*

This chronicle of six intrepid Kentucky nuns, their journey to build a hospital in the poorest state in India, and the Indian nurses whose lives would never be the same is proof that faith and courage can change the world. New York Times editor Jyoti Thottam's mother was part of this extraordinary group of Indian women. Born in 1946, a time when few women dared to leave their house without the protection of a man, she left home by herself at just fifteen years old and traveled to Bihar in order to



train to be a nurse under the tutelage of the determined and resourceful Appalachian nuns who ran Nazareth Hospital. The hospital was a radical undertaking: it was run almost entirely by women, who insisted on taking in all in need and providing the highest possible standard of care to everyone who walked through its doors.

## WPL Resources Online

### Have you experienced Bendable?

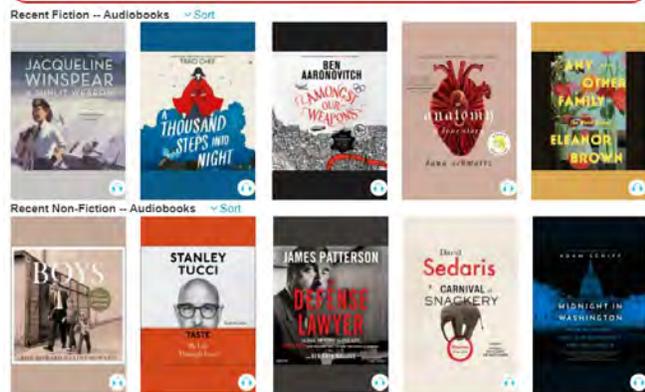


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## Teen News

**What to do after school?  
Visit the Library!**



Looking for a teen-friendly place to go, especially on those long Wednesdays with early release? The Library is open until 7pm (on Wednesdays) and with a note from your parents, the bus can drop you off. There is a Teen space just for you. You can meet up with friends, use the wi-fi for homework or streaming and, of course, you can find a good book to read. All people over the age of 12 are welcome to visit the Library without a parent in attendance.

# The Children's Room



Ah yes, October. The season when we give away candy. That is good. But all the political ads that are airing? They are not fun. We join the fray by offering our youngest patrons a chance to **practice your power as a voter**. Come to the Library's Children's Room and cast your vote for your favorite kind of candy.

According to CandyStore.com, a bulk supplier to US stores, the data from 2007-2020 points to ten best sellers. We will use this list for our nominations—in no special order:

- Tootsie Pops
- M&M's
- Hot Tamales
- Snickers
- Hershey Kisses
- Candy Corn
- Reese's Cups
- Skittles
- Starburst
- Sour Patch Kids



**Decide which Candy should rule 2022!**

**When you come to pick up your books, remember to get your Crafts to Go!**

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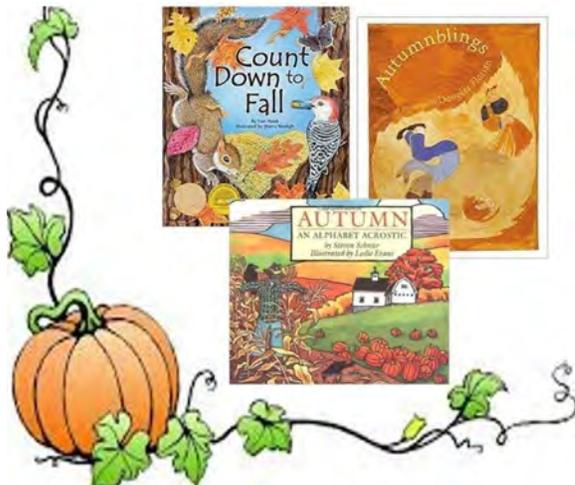
Paper Pumpkin Weaving



Halloween Crafts



**The Children's Room is featuring autumn poetry this month. Come in and check out a great book!**



**Autumn** by Emily Dickinson  
The morns are meeker than they were,  
The nuts are getting brown;  
The berry's cheek is plumper,  
The rose is out of town

The maple wears a gayer scarf,  
The field a scarlet gown.  
Lest I should be old-fashioned,  
I'll put a trinket on.

# We Summer Reading Supporters!

Woolwich Dairy Queen provided Dilly Bars and DQ Sandwiches for our many, many readers. Yum!



Sherman's Bookstore in Damariscotta donated a gift certificate for our Teen Reader's Summer Reading Raffle.

We are grateful to all our supporters for all you do to encourage Wiscasset youngsters to read.

Thank you for your incredible generosity.

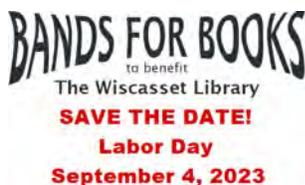
## News from the Friends of WPL

### Children's Holiday Sale WE NEED YOUR HELP!

For several years, [the Friends](#) of Wiscasset Public Library participated in the town's winter Marketfest by providing a one-day sale for Wiscasset children to shop for their families. This was always very successful, and while we made a small profit, the main objective was to bring children into our Library and give them the opportunity to experience the joy and pride of selecting and presenting a gift to those they love. The gifts, which were not necessarily new, were all donated by the Friends. We would collect the items, and in the late afternoon of the Friday before the sale, we would gather to sort and display all the offerings.



We all agree that it is a wonderful event to offer the children in our community. It does not take a huge amount of time or effort to organize. We simply need to let the Friends know what kinds of gifts we know will be popular, and then we need to enlist helpers to put things together the afternoon before, and several shifts of workers (usually only 2 hours) to help the children select gifts, be a cashier, and to gift wrap their selections. We have lots of people who like to do the gift wrapping, but **we really need someone to be the event chairperson**, and a small number who will give a few hours to make it all happen. This is a wonderful way to be involved in your community. PLEASE consider stepping up to chair this event; or, indicate that you are willing to take a shift that day. This is a busy time of year for everyone, but we need to make the joy of giving available to our young children. That is the true meaning of the season.



Despite the steady rain all day, our beautiful and almost rainproof tent made another Bands for Books party successful and fun for all. We had a great turnout, in spite of the rain, and lots of bids on our silent auction items, which were varied and unique. Huge thanks to the committee who puts this all together: Chairperson Linda Winterberg, Barbara Britton, Kate Curran, Pam Dunning,

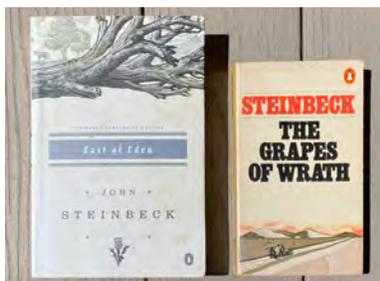
Stephanie Hergenroeder, Tracy Joyce, Lynn Maloney, Kathy Martin-Savage, Hannah Stewart. And a huge thank you once again to the members of the Friends who so generously provided the fantastic food offerings! There was a wonderful variety of savories and sweets, both of which were so beautifully passed by our servers, and organized by hardworking Stephanie and Tracy, who spent the entire event behind the food tables. A final thank you to our hostess, Kathy Martin-Savage, whose beautiful farm once again provided a welcoming site. We so appreciate all the extra work this entails and have promised that we will have another venue next year, so that Kathy can relax and enjoy herself!

The profit we made at our party will go towards the front desk and reception area renewal. That work can hopefully start soon. Mark your calendars for Labor Day 2023, when Bands for Books will be held at Lakehurst Lodge in Damariscotta, a new venue which we hope will lighten the load for everyone. Thanks again for supporting our major fundraiser, and to our many sponsors and auction donors who helped make it possible.

## Second Hand Prose Used Book Room

Open Tuesday through Saturday when the library is open

Do you have gently-used books collecting dust? If you have books that you are no longer reading, please consider donating them! We are especially in need of children's books. Many of our visitors are families with children or grandparents who are looking for these treasures. While we cannot accept mass-market paperbacks (typically 6.75" x 4.25"), we welcome hardcovers, trade paperbacks, cookbooks, audio-books and even DVDs. To clarify, a mass-market paperback is the smaller, less-expensive format often sold in airports, supermarkets, newstands, etc.



We accept trade paperbacks (left) but not mass-market paperbacks (right).

Thank you to the volunteers who staff our Used Book Room. Your diligence is appreciated. If you have some free time, this is a wonderful volunteer opportunity. It is enjoyable to welcome so many people to our UBR. Plus, you get first chance at purchasing our books! If you have suggestions, I would love to hear from you. Contact me at 207-798-2831 or [lynnmaloney5@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnmaloney5@yahoo.com).

Lynn Maloney, UBR Chair

## Library Information

### 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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