



Wiscasset Public Library Newsletter January 2023

I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're doing something. ~ Neil Gaiman

Director's Note

It's a new year and, for many, time for a new beginning. We make resolutions and are determined to change ourselves. This is a fine way to start the year for some people. It is not right for me. My last New Year's resolution was in 2005 when I resolved to set no more resolutions. Finally, one I didn't break.

I've learned a lot of lessons throughout my life, especially in these COVID years. The processes of day-to-day living have changed me, and I have grown with these changes. I don't want to lose any of those lessons or that growth.

It is okay to be who we are and to stop trying to be different. All we have to do is be kind, considerate, and polite to each other. Let us stop judging, chastising, and arguing to put our opinions above those of others. Let us embrace our differences and enjoy each other's company in old fashioned friendship and community. We already have the capability for this within us. If we can do that, there is no need for anything else.

I am wishing all of us a Happy 2023 where we are free to just be.

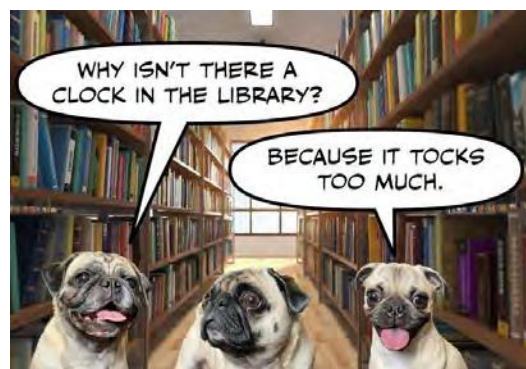
Pam Dunning, Director

Library Humor ;-)



**Just finished writing my
book on how to fall
down the stairs.**

It's a step-by-step guide.



Upcoming Events

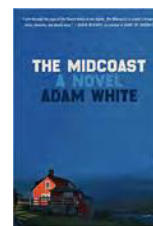
Join us!
**Friends of WPL
Annual Meeting
Wednesday, Jan. 11th**

The Friends Annual Meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 11th at 9:30am. Please join us in the library Fiction Room or via Zoom. 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.

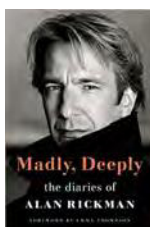
New Adult Fiction: *The Midcoast*

"Propulsive... An absorbing look at small-town Maine and the thwarted dreams of a family trying to transcend it." Lee Cole, *The New York Times* (Editors' Choice)

White's novel explores the dark side of the American Dream, with its privileges and entitlement. How far would you go to protect all that you have achieved? Set in Damariscotta, this intense drama weaves its tale of a torched body, a burned-out sedan, and the inevitable questions of who and why. When state troopers begin to investigate a local family that seems to have built the perfect life, people start to wonder if they know each other at all.



New Adult Non-Fiction: *Madly, Deeply*

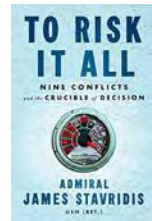


An international bestseller. One of Barnes & Noble's Best Biographies & Memoirs of 2022. Selected by the Guardian as one of the best books of 2022. There are already many well-deserved accolades for this diary. *Madly, Deeply* is a look directly into the life and mind of Alan Rickman.

Alan Rickman was a world-class actor, widely known for his roles in *Die Hard*, the *Harry Potter* films, *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves*, and more. In this work you will meet Rickman the consummate professional actor, but also the friend, the traveler, the fan, the director, the enthusiast; in short, the man beyond the icon.

New in LP: *To Risk It All*

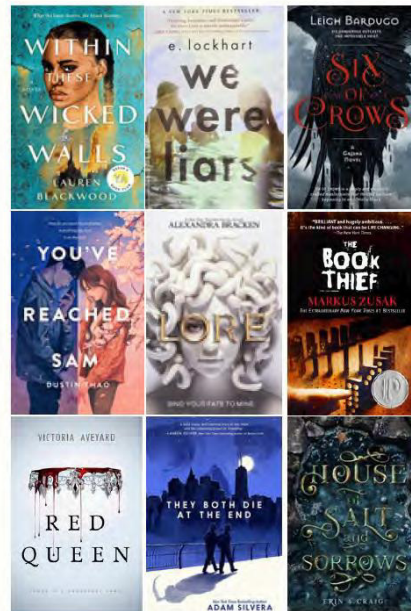
Admiral James Stavridis has written a master class in decision-making under pressure, with outcomes both glorious and notorious. In *To Risk it All*, he offers up nine enthralling stories from US Naval history and draws from them a set of insights that all can use when confronted with fateful choices. Whether the leaders' decisions had positive or negative outcomes, the lessons to be learned are universal.



Teen News



Avid readers and book lovers have come together on TikTok to share recommendations and reviews of their favorite books, some uber-popular and some hidden gems. Stop by the Teen Room to see our display of the most recommended #BookTok reads for teens and young adults!



Free to use with your library card!

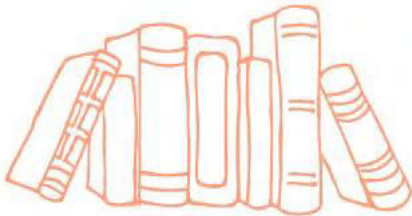
NEW BOOKS FOR TEENS

Stop by or check out the "New" feature on our [website](#).

Happy New Year!



With the new year comes some exciting changes to the Teen Room! We've been busy implementing our new genre program for the Teen/YA Fiction books. You can now explore the Fiction section by genre thanks to new stickers on the spines. We hope this will improve the browsability of our Fiction books. Stop by and let us know what you think!



Do you have a favorite book or author? Let us know so we can share with others. You could help someone find their next great read!



Stop by to browse and pick up your library card - free for all Wiscasset students and educators.

The Children's Room



January is a great time to get outside and go on a winter scavenger hunt! Can you find all of these things?

Winter Scavenger Hunt

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



NEW YEAR! NEW BOOKS

Upside Down Magic by Sarah Mlynowski, volumes 1-7, are finally here with volume 8 arriving early this month. Another wonderful series for middle-grade readers is *The Vanderbeekers* by Karina Yan Glaser. Though set in an urban environment, the Vanderbeekers' adventures have universal appeal. Try this series if you are looking for a kid-centered and fun stories.

We have more than 20 new early reader books including *Who is Captain Marvel?* and *Biscuit and the Fall Day*.



For Gamers try our *Minicraft Epic Bases* or *2023 LevelUp*. Girls (and adventurous boys!) try the *Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls*.

If you're looking for new picture books, we have some wonderful ones: a new *Clifford* hardcover, *Busy Betty* by Reese Witherspoon, *Everything Will Be OK* by Anna Dewdney and *Farmhouse* by Sophie Blackall. Come borrow a new book for the new year!



Snow is falling and books are calling...
Don't see what you are looking for? Ask!

We can:

- 1) Order it
- 2) Request it from another library
- 3) Download an eBook or audiobook



Libraries connect readers with books!

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

Easy Foil Icicles



Winter Birds



Ice Skate
NAMEPLATE



Snowman Collage

Learn Watercolor Resist
Painting while making a
fun paper hat!



FRIDAY STORY TIME IS BACK!

When: Fridays, 11:00-11:30 am

Where: The Children's Room

Who: Children (birth to 5 years) and caregiver

What: Stories, songs, rhymes, and movement



Wintertime is here. This month at StoryTime we will be reading stories about snowy days, snow people, animals in winter, and fun winter activities. We will dance like snowflakes and learn a song about snowmen. You will also get a new Craft to Go each week. I look forward to spending Friday mornings with everyone!

-Mrs. Whitney



News from the Friends of WPL

Annual Meeting: January 11 at 9:30am

Please join us on Wednesday, January 11th for the Friends Annual Meeting. We will meet in the Library Fiction Room or via Zoom. The coffee social will start at 9:30am, followed by the business meeting at 10:00am. Topics will include plans for the coming year, project funding, and the election of new Officers.

Thank you and kudos to our Nominating Committee members, Sharman Ballantine and Linda Winterberg. They have assembled an impressive roster of nominees for the 2023-2024 Executive Committee:

Tracey Whitney for President
Virginia Forrest for Vice President (returning)
Lynn Maloney for Treasurer (returning)
Blanche Johnson for Secretary

We are grateful to all of the nominees for volunteering their time, energy, and skills to the Friends.

Treasurer's Report

Annual member dues (\$10) for the Friends of WPL are now due. Please send your check, payable to "Friends of Wiscasset Public Library," to: Friends of WPL, 21 High Street, Wiscasset, ME 04578. Thank you!

Second Hand Prose Used Book Room

Open Tuesday through Saturday
when the library is open

We had a successful year in the Used Book Room. Our special events have resulted in many book sales and our shelves are ready to be replenished. If one of your New Year's resolutions is to cull your books, consider donating them. Your gently used books can help raise money for the library. We have a special need for children's books. Book donations must be sorted by the library staff so please be considerate and limit donations to one bag or box per day.



A sincere "Thank you!" to the faithful volunteers who staff our Used Book Room. Your diligence is appreciated. If you would like to learn more about volunteering in the UBR, or if you have any suggestions, I would love to hear from you. I can be reached at 207-798-2831 or lynnmaloney5@yahoo.com.

-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 the library 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 held on January 11. 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.

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

Pamela Dunning, Director
Laurie Ridgway, Children's Librarian
David Cherry, Assistant Librarian
Courtney Sonia, Assistant Librarian
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*WPL is governed by Corporators and a Board of Trustees. The Trustees meet each month on the 3rd Monday at 4:30pm. If you would be interested in serving on the Board of Trustees, or to learn more, email Wiscasset.Library.Trustees@gmail.com.

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