



April hath put a spirit of youth in everything. (Sonnet XCVIII)

~ William Shakespeare

Director's Note



Danger ahead. Yes, April. That prankster month loves to keep us on our toes. Temperatures will range from 35 to 65 degrees. There will be sunshine, snow, and rain. This could all happen in just one day. It is also the first full month of Spring! Snowdrops, crocus, tulips, and more are already reaching past the soil to come out into the light. Leaf buds are preparing to cover our world with vibrant greens. What a wonderful time of change and growth. When you go out, take an umbrella, carry a jacket, and enjoy this special time in nature.

Earth Day is Saturday, April 22. Thinking about the beauty of the planet reminds us that it is up to us to help keep it clean. Whether that includes clearing a small mess in a public area, refreshing your own yard, or helping neighbors that might not be able to do it themselves, it only takes a few minutes to show the planet a little compassion. A challenge for you on Earth Day is to commit to spending a few moments to keep our world beautiful.

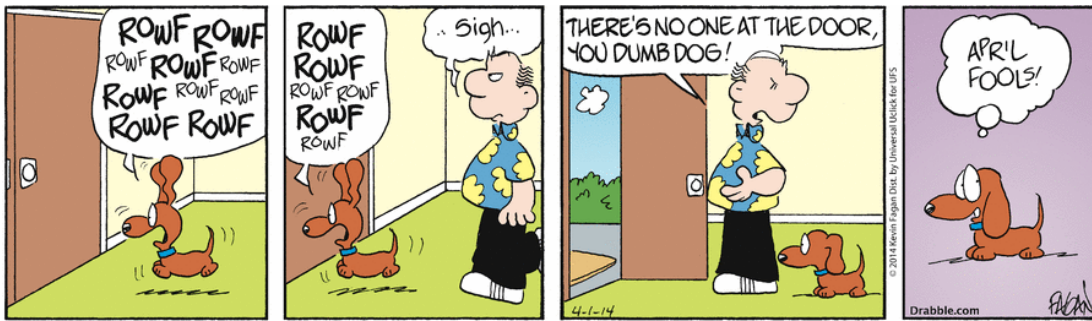
April is National Poetry Month. Originated in 1996 by the Academy of American Poets, National Poetry Month is a special occasion that celebrates the integral role of poets in our culture. It has become the largest literary celebration in the world, with tens of millions of readers, students, K–12 teachers, librarians, booksellers, literary events curators, publishers, families, and — of course — poets, marking poetry's important place in our lives. Poetry can change the way we look at the world around us. Come into the Library and take a poem we have printed or leave a poem you want to share.

Pam Dunning, Director

April is National Humor Month (no joke!)

If you have jokes to share, send them to wpl@wiscassetlibrary.org. Our Facebook friends would love to see them!





Upcoming Events



Wednesday, May 10th at noon* - Friends of WPL luncheon at Water St. Kitchen. We hope you will join us for our spring luncheon. This is always a fun and popular gathering. You can find more details in the Friends section below. RSVP to Lynn Maloney (lynnmaloney5@yahoo.com) no later than Friday, May 5th. New members are welcome.

*Luncheon replaces the regular May meeting.

The Top 5

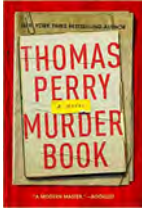
The most requested **fiction** books in Maine libraries:

1. *Lessons in Chemistry* (Garmus)
2. *Demon Copperhead* (Kingsolver)
3. *Storm Watch* (Box)
4. *The Other Eden* (Harding)
5. *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* (Zevin)

The most requested **non-fiction** books in Maine libraries:

1. *Spare* (Prince Harry)
2. *Nor'easter: A Story of Courage and Survival in the Blizzard of 1952* (Pelletier)
3. *Master Slave Husband Wife: An Epic Journey from Slavery to Freedom* (Woo)
4. *The Creative Act: A Way of Being* (Rubin)
5. *Mountain Girl: From Barefoot to the Boardroom* (Rockefeller)

New Adult Fiction: *Murder Book*



Thomas Perry's latest thriller, *Murder Book*, will have you on the edge of your seat. When a sudden crime wave sweeps through several small midwestern towns, the regional U.S. Attorney calls on ex-cop Harry Duncan to investigate. Known for his unorthodox methods, Duncan is reluctant to go up against a widespread criminal organization but finds himself going deeper into the mire once he becomes a target.

Murder Book is signature Thomas Perry, with unforgettable characters, quick action sequences, and a plot that will keep you guessing to the end.

New Adult Non-Fiction: *By Hands Now Known*

Finalist for the 2022 Kirkus Prize for Nonfiction • Finalist for the 2023 Los Angeles Times Book Prize for History • One of NPR's Books We Love in 2022 • Named a Best Book of the Year: The New Yorker, Oprah Daily, Kirkus, Chicago Public Library, and Publishers Weekly



By Hands Now Known is an in-depth investigation of Jim Crow–era violence, the legal apparatus that sustained it, and its enduring legacy. Renowned legal scholar Margaret A. Burnham draws a clear picture of the legal processes by which states made claims to other states for the return of their citizens, the battles over state and federal jurisdiction, and the outsize role of local sheriffs in enforcing racial hierarchy.

Burnham, director of the Northeastern University Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project, closely examines the Jim Crow era by exploring the relationship between formal law and background legal norms in a series of harrowing cases from 1920 to 1960. Drawing on an extensive database, collected over more than a decade and exceeding 1,000 cases of racial violence, she reveals the true legal system of Jim Crow, and captures the memories of those whose stories need to be heard.

New in Large Print: *Everything I Never Dreamed*



Amazon calls *Everything I Never Dreamed* “the raw, uplifting, and unforgettable memoir from the CEO and president of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence chronicling her personal battle against abuse, violence, and even a murder attempt.”

Ruth Glenn narrates her journey out of abuse in this astounding story. She was raised in an abusive household, so she was not surprised when her husband beat her. She understood and accepted the behavior. Her perspective changed when she was shot and left for dead in a carwash parking lot. She became determined to take a real stand against domestic violence. Her story of survival is a beacon of hope for others who are still in this situation. You do not have to live with abuse. You can take back your life.

Teen News

Celebrating Earth all month long.



Earth Day is April 22nd, but we'll be celebrating the Earth all month long! Stop by the Teen/YA Room to explore books all about Earth and check out our bulletin board highlighting *ActNow*, "the United Nations campaign for individual action on climate change and sustainability."

Learn more at www.un.org/en/actnow/

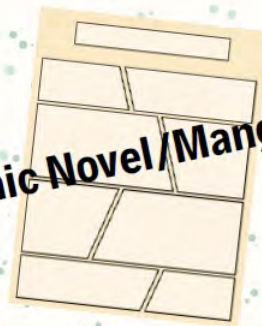
New take-home crafts for teens!

A new craft will be available to take home each month – one per person please!

Felted Soap Craft



Graphic Novel/Manga Craft



Available in the Teen/YA Room – grab one on your next visit!



COMICSPLUS

Free to use with your library card!

NEW BOOKS FOR TEENS EVERY MONTH
Stop by or check out the "New" feature on our website.



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



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

Felt Bunny



Chick



Paper Plate Sun & Rain



Color your own Cat or Dog



Paper Bag Frog Puppet



April 22 is Earth Day

Make a Zero Waste Kit

"You always have good intentions of being eco-friendly in your decisions. But when you make an unexpected trip to the store without a reusable tote or eat out and need to buy a beverage in a plastic bottle, those choices aren't good for the environment. So to avoid these problems in the future, build a zero-waste kit and keep it in your car or somewhere handy so you don't lose it.



Put all the necessities you would need for the day, like a tote bag, reusable water bottle, silverware, a sustainable straw, even a cloth napkin. Although it may seem a bit rigid for your plans right now, over time, you'll notice how little you need to take a disposable straw or those paper napkins at your favorite takeout.”

From 10 Earth Day Activities for All Ages to Save the Planet 2023 (housebeautiful.com)



COME SEE OUR GARGANTUAN
DISPLAY OF BOOKS FEATURING
—YOU GUESSED IT—
CATS & DOGS.

There is something for anyone &
everyone!

Celebrate National Library Week,
Apr. 23—29, 2023
Enter our raffle and win a
LIBRARY GIFT BASKET
for kids!
Check it out in the Children’s Room.



Haiku by Barb Lee Schueppert

My body stays home,
But my mind travels the world
On wings of a book.



APRIL STORY TIME

When: Fridays, 10:30-11:00 am

Where: The Children’s Room

Who: Children (birth to 5 years) and caregiver

What: Stories, songs, rhymes, and movement



The weather is finally getting warmer! Signs of spring are starting to show themselves. Throughout the month of April, we will discover all the many signs of the season through books, songs, and projects. I look forward to seeing everyone on Friday mornings.

- Mrs. Whitney

4/7



4/14



4/21



4/28



**When you come to Story Time, remember there are activities to go!
(A different activity will be available each week after Story Time.)**

News from the Friends of WPL

Friends Luncheon

Reservations have been made for our annual Spring Luncheon at **12 Noon on Wednesday, May 10**. Please join us at Water Street Kitchen and Bar, 15 Water St., Wiscasset. Attendees will be able to order from Water Street Kitchen's regular menu or the bar menu. Each person will pay for her/his own lunch.

RSVP to Lynn Maloney via email (lynnmaloney5@yahoo.com) no later than Friday, May 5. We hope to see you there.

Library Program: Maine's First Ship

On the evening of Wednesday, March 22, nearly every chair in the library's Fiction Room was full as guest speaker Jim Parmentier presented a program titled, "Reconstructing the 1607 Ship *Virginia*." *The Virginia of Sagadahoc* was the first ship of any real size built by Europeans in the New World. A group of volunteers banded together to design and construct a replica. The group organized as a non-profit called Maine's First Ship, and the physical work began in 2011. Mr. Parmentier affably described the shipbuilding process and spoke about the inspiring individuals who conceived and conducted the project. This was interspersed with a bit of history of the Popham Colony of the early 1600s, birthplace of the original Virginia.

This modern Virginia was built on the banks of the Kennebec River in Bath, but the topic struck even closer to home because the ship has spent the winter docked at Wiscasset's waterfront. This relocation, which may become an annual practice, is to protect the vessel from sheets of ice that float down the Kennebec.

The ship traveled from Bath to Wiscasset using its diesel engine, but the Virginia will soon be fitted with sails – red sails. Once it receives Coast Guard certification, the Virginia will become an educational platform for visitors and for local schools. More information can be found online at mfship.org.

- Christopher Hart, Communication Chair

Reminder: The Friends are still looking for someone to fill the Programs Chair position. Library Director Pam Dunning schedules Library Programs. The Friends Program Chair assists Pam with logistics. If you are interested, or you know someone who would be a good fit, email the [Friends](#).

A New Leaf: Revitalizing the Friends of WPL Book Club

Friends of the Library come in many stripes and flavors, but it's a fair bet that nearly all of us have in common a love of reading. Some read for pleasure, some to explore new ideas, or ways of life.

No matter your reasons for reading, your input is requested to help the Friends reestablish a regular book discussion group. Or maybe more than one. Would you want a bookish social, a literary salon, a title-sharing get-together, or something different?

Some have expressed a desire for a monthly discussion of a single book that all participants have read. Others favor a gathering in which participants summarize and recommend books they've read independently. A hybrid model might attract greater participation: on even months, the group could read and discuss an agreed-upon book; on odd months, participants could describe their own selections.

Your suggestions are now being solicited. Please send a note about your interests and your preferences for the format and the timing (day of week and morning, midday, or evening) to christopher.hart@vcfa.edu.

Treasurer's Report

Have you paid your Friends dues? If you haven't had an opportunity to do so, please mail your check (payable to Friends of the Wiscasset Public Library) to the Library at 21 High St, Wiscasset 04578. Thank you for your continued support.

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

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