



*If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams
and you will always look lovely.*

~ Roald Dahl

Director's Note

May 1st - 7th is Children's Book Week! What a great opportunity to revisit your childhood. Go back in time to read a former favorite or scan the shelves for a recent book. The books produced for today's children have beautiful artwork and language. They reach out to children at their own level while displaying fun, beauty, and imagination. Our children deserve the best and, as adults, we deserve the chance to return to those days of innocence and wonder. Grab a children's book and enjoy.

Summer Saturday closings: From Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend (May 27 - September 4), the Library will resume its former practice of closing Saturdays for the summer. Regular Saturday hours will resume on September 9th.

Pam Dunning, Director

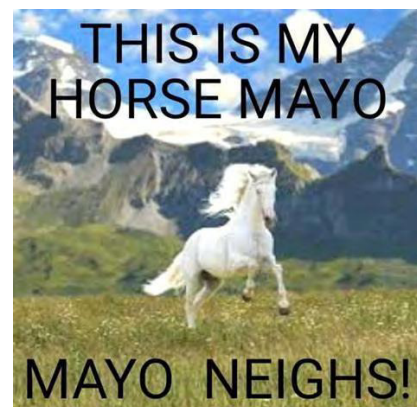
May Humor

Q: Which state loves spring the most?

A: MAY-ne

Q: Which month can't make a decision?

A: MAY-be



Upcoming Events



Wednesday, May 10th at 12 Noon - Friends Luncheon at Water St. Kitchen and Bar, 15 Water St., Wiscasset. We hope you will join us. Attendees will be able to order from the regular menu or the bar menu. Each person will pay for her/his own lunch. [Water Street Kitchen Menu \(waterstreetmaine.com\)](http://waterstreetmaine.com)

RSVP to Lynn Maloney by Friday, May 5th (lynnmaloney5@yahoo.com). New members are welcome. Please note: the luncheon will be held instead of the May Friends meeting at the Library.

Maine Libraries: The Top 10

What's on your reading wish list? Do you need some suggestions? These are the books that other Maine library patrons are reading this month.

The most requested **fiction** books:

1. *Lessons in Chemistry* (Garmus)
2. *Hello Beautiful* (Napolitano)
3. *I Have Some Questions for You* (Makkai)
4. *The White Lady* (Winspear)
5. *Pineapple Street* (Jackson)
6. *Dark Angel* (Sandford)
7. *Romantic Comedy* (Sittenfeld)
8. *The Queen of Dirt Island* (Ryan)
9. *Homecoming* (Morton)
10. *The Housemaid's Secret* (McFadden)

The most requested **non-fiction** books:

1. *Poverty, by America* (Desmond)
2. *All the Beauty in the World: The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Me* (Bringley)
3. *Mountain Girl: From Barefoot to the Boardroom* (Rockefeller)
4. *Young Forever: The Secrets to Living Your Longest, Healthiest Life* (Hyman)
5. *Fast Like a Girl: A Woman's Guide to Using the Healing Powers of Fasting to Burn Fat, Boost Energy, and Balance Hormones* (Pelz)
6. *Sailing at the Edge of Disaster: A Memoir of a Young Woman's Daring Year* (Garber)
7. *Outlive: The Science & Art of Longevity* (Attia)

8. *Nine Black Robes: Inside the Supreme Court's Drive to the Right and Its Historic Consequences* (Biskupic)
9. *Winning Fixes Everything: How Baseball's Brightest Minds Created Sports' Biggest Mess* (Drellich)
10. *The Undertow: Scenes from a Slow Civil War* (Sharlet)

New Adult Fiction: *Hang the Moon*



Bestselling author Jeannette Walls returns with ***Hang the Moon***, a riveting novel about an indomitable young woman in Virginia during Prohibition. Sallie Kincaid is the daughter of the biggest man in a small town, the charismatic Duke Kincaid. Born at the turn of the 20th century into a life of comfort and privilege, Sallie is feisty and fearless. Her life changes drastically when her daredevil behavior

leads to an accident, and Sallie is cast out.

Nine years later, she returns, determined to reclaim her place in the family. That's a lot more complicated than Sallie expected, and she enters a world of conflict and lawlessness. Sallie confronts the secrets and scandals that hide in the shadows of the Big House, navigates the factions in the family and town, and finally comes into her own as a bold, sometimes reckless bootlegger.

Most folk think Sallie Kincaid is a nobody who'll amount to nothing. Sallie has other plans.

New Adult Non-Fiction: *Unlikely Heroes*

Derek Leeabert's ***Unlikely Heroes: Franklin Roosevelt, His Four Lieutenants, and the World They Made*** presents an absorbing analysis of FDR's brilliantly chosen administration and constructs an entirely fresh understanding of FDR and his presidency .

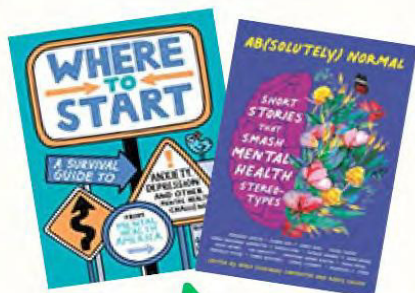
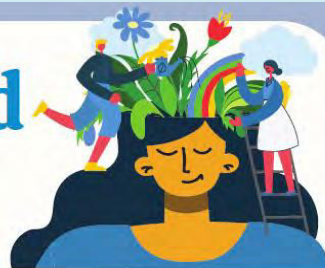


Only four people served at the top echelon of President Franklin Roosevelt's Administration: Harry Hopkins, Harold Ickes, Frances Perkins, and Henry Wallace. From the frightening early months of 1933 until FDR died in April 1945, these lieutenants composed the tough core of government. They built the great institutions being raised against the Depression, implemented the New Deal, and they were pivotal to winning World War II. Each became a world figure, and it would have been exceedingly difficult for Roosevelt to transform the nation without them. By examining the lives of these four, a fascinating picture emerges of how Americans saved their democracy and rescued civilization overseas. This is a timely and relevant look at democracy in action.

Teen News

Be Kind to Your Mind

May is Mental Health Awareness Month.



New Arrivals About
Mental Health

Take-Home Craft for May:
Wellness Journal



Celebrate AAPI Heritage with a great read.



Check out these books with Asian American & Pacific
Islander representation and/or written by AAPI authors.



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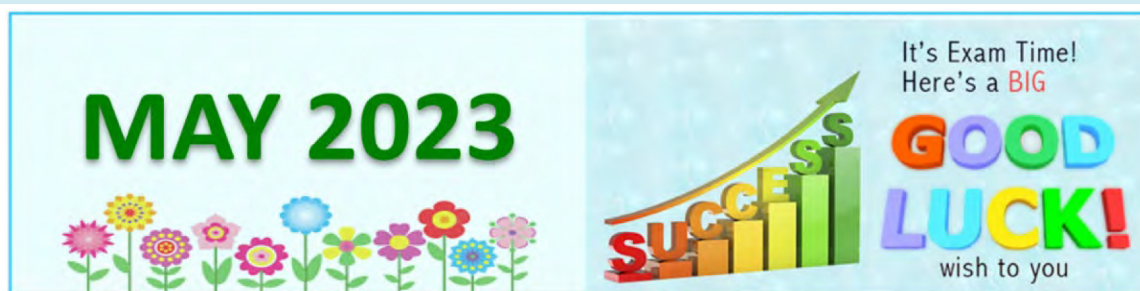


Do you have a favorite book or author? Let us know so we can share with others. You could help someone find their next great read!



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

The Children's Room



Book Love by Ms. Laurie

FREEWATER by Amina Luqman-Dawson

I just finished a great book that will appeal to any middle school reader who likes an adventure and lots of action. This book is also historical fiction featuring *slavery*! The story is about hope, strength, and ingenuity. The characters seem so real that they almost jump from the page. You will be inspired to reach higher, jump farther, be better by these heroes. I dare you to try it!



April showers bring May flowers.

We have had the showers, now we are ready for those flowers!



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



SUMMER READING CLUB
SIGN-UP runs from
Wed. May 31 - Sat. July 28

- Summer Reading Club sign-up kicks off at the end of this month. Both in-house and on-line options will be available.
- Stop by and get your starter kit. The guidelines have changed, so come to the library to find out how.
- Book reviews start on the Summer Solstice, **June 21**, and will run through mid-August.
- The theme is **ALTOGETHER NOW: Friendship, Kindness, and Unity**
- Great raffles, fun incentives, contests, bingo pages, crafts, and more!

DON'T MISS THE FUN! See you @ the library!

MAY 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



This month we will read stories by Eric Carle as we enjoy discovering all the insects, spiders, and other animals he wrote about.

I am unable to join everyone on May 5th but will have an Eric Carle spring scavenger hunt available to pick up to get everyone ready for the rest of May.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the other Friday mornings in May!

-Mrs. Whitney

May Story Time Activities To Go



News from the Friends of WPL

Treasurer's Report

It is that time of the year when our dues for the Friends of the Wiscasset Public Library are payable. If you have not had an opportunity to do so, please mail your check (payable to Friends of the Wiscasset Public Library) to the library at 21 High Street, Wiscasset 04578. Thank you for your continued support.

Second Hand Prose Used Book Room

Open Tuesday through Saturday when the library is open

My request for books has been heard and a substantial number of books have been delivered to our Used Book Room. To maintain a selection of timely donations, we have found that dating the book's arrival works. If you are volunteering and shelving new books, please mark the date to reflect the month and year the book arrived on the inside page in pencil. For example, "05/23." This helps us determine how long a book has been on our shelves.



The improved weather makes me anxious to start planning and working in our gardens. Our Used Book Room has an impressive selection of gardening books for the Maine climate. Before you start planning, check out our selection of books.

If you have any suggestions, I would love to hear from you. I can be reached at lynnmaloney5@yahoo.com. As always, a sincere thank you to the faithful volunteers who staff our Used Book Room. Your diligence is appreciated. It is wonderful to welcome so many people. This is one of the highlights of volunteering. Plus, you get a first chance at purchasing our books!

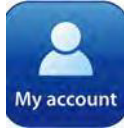
-Lynn Maloney, UBR Chair

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 July 12. You can find more Friends information on the WPL website. Email us at Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com if you'd like to receive updates from the Friends.

Library Information

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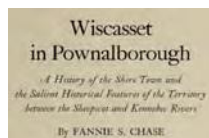
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Hours

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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