



*Far up in the deep blue sky, Great white clouds are floating by;
All the world is dressed in green; Many happy birds are seen,
Roses bright and sunshine clear Show that lovely June is here.*

~ F. G. Sanders

Director's Note

Grass is growing and I love to mow the lawn. There is something very soothing, almost meditative, in making those long clean lines. The bright scent of fresh cut grass fills the air. Even more, the warm sun heats the world and blesses the flowers. Gardens explode in color. Cardinals and bluebirds sing their calls and hurry to nest. Enjoy these beautiful days. Summer officially arrives this month. Close your eyes, feel, hear, celebrate the beauty of the season. It's time to go outside.

Pam Dunning, Director

Library Summer Hours

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 10 am to 5 pm

Wednesday 10 am to 7 pm

Closed Saturday from Memorial Day through Labor Day

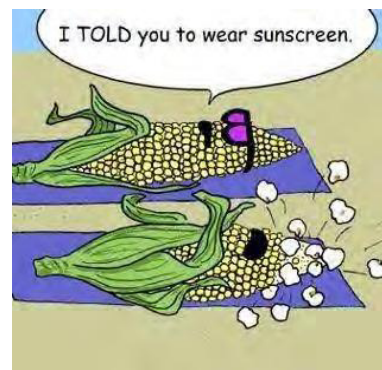


*That's life, that's what all the people say. You're ridin' high
in April, shot down in May, but I know I'm gonna change
that tune when I'm back on top. Back on top in June.*

~ Frank Sinatra

Library Humor

How do you know the ocean is friendly? It waves :)



Upcoming Events

Friends of WPL
BOOK DISCUSSION
GROUP
June 14 and/or June 15

Wednesday, June 14 at 6pm and/or
Thursday, June 15 at 11am - Friends
Book Group at the Library. We hope
you will join us. Book group will meet two
times this month, in order to gauge
participants' interest. You can find
details below, in Friends News. For
further information, contact Christopher
Hart at christopher.hart@vcfa.edu.

Maine Libraries: The Top 10

These are the most popular books with Maine library patrons this month. Let us know if you'd like help finding a copy of one of these titles.

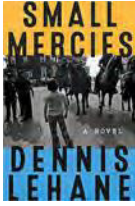
The most requested **fiction** books:

1. *Hello Beautiful* (Napolitano)
2. *Happy Place* (Henry)
3. *Pineapple Street* (Jackson)
4. *The White Lady* (Winspear)
5. *Simply Lies* (Baldacci)
6. *Small Mercies* (Lehane)
7. *I Have Some Questions for You* (Makkai)
8. *Lessons in Chemistry* (Garmus)
9. *Romantic Comedy* (Sittenfeld)
10. *The Covenant of Water* (Verghese)

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

1. *The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny, and Murder* (Grann)
2. *Poverty, by America* (Desmond)
3. *You Could Make This Place Beautiful: A Memoir* (Smith)
4. *Outlive: The Science & Art of Longevity* (Attia)
5. *Young Forever: The Secrets to Living Your Longest, Healthiest Life* (Hyman)
6. *Look For Me There: Grieving My Father, Finding Myself* (Russert)
7. *Black Robes: Inside the Supreme Court's Drive to the Right and Its Historic Consequences* (Biskupic)
8. *This Isn't Going to End Well: The True Story of a Man I Thought I Knew* (Wallace)
9. *Untold Power: The Fascinating Rise and Complex Legacy of First Lady Edith Wilson* (Roberts)
10. *It Goes So Fast.: The Year of No Do-Overs* (Kelly)

New Adult Fiction: *Small Mercies*



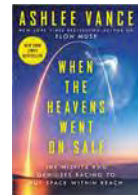
Small Mercies, Dennis Lehane's latest novel, is being called "a masterpiece to rival *Mystic River*—an all-consuming tale of revenge, family love, festering hate, and insidious power, set against one of the most tumultuous episodes in Boston's history."

In the summer of 1974 a heatwave blankets Boston. Mary Pat Fennessy has lived her entire life in the housing projects of "Southie," the Irish American enclave that stubbornly adheres to old tradition and stands proudly apart. One night Mary Pat's daughter Jules doesn't come home. That same evening, a young Black man is found dead, struck by a subway train under mysterious circumstances.

The two events seem unconnected. But Mary Pat, in a desperate search for her missing daughter, begins turning over stones best left untouched—asking questions that bother the local Irish mobsters who don't take kindly to any threat to their business.

New Nonfiction: *When the Heavens Went on Sale*

Author Ashlee Vance returns to the bestseller list with the fascinating ***When the Heavens Went on Sale: The Misfits and Geniuses Racing to Put Space Within Reach***. Through his trademark immersive reporting, Vance follows four pioneering companies—Astra, Firefly, Planet Labs, and Rocket Lab—as they build new space systems and attempt to launch rockets and satellites into orbit by the thousands.



When the Heavens Went on Sale reveals the spectacular chaos of the new business of space, and what happens when the idealistic, ambitious minds of Silicon Valley turn their unbridled vision toward the limitless expanse of the stars. This is the most pressing and controversial technology story of our time, a tale of fascinating characters chasing unimaginable stakes as they race to space.

Teen News



Free to use with your library card!



Happy Pride Month!

Stop by the Teen/YA Room to browse our selection of books featuring LGBTQ+ characters, stories, and authors.



New Teen/YA Summer Reading Bingo!



Looking for a fun summer activity? WPL will have a summer reading program for kids, teens, and adults! Stop by the library to register and receive your bingo board.

Bingo officially starts on June 21st and runs through August 16th. The more you read, the more chances you have at winning a grand prize!



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



Summer Reading Club
ALL TOGETHER NOW:
Kindness, Friendship, & Unity
Read—review—receive an incentive! Do it again.
REGISTRATION 5/31—7/28
REPORT YOUR READING 6/21—8/16

WHO?

- Read-to-me for ages birth up to 4 yrs.
- Children's Summer Reading Club (SRC) for ages 3 or 4 yrs. - 12 yrs.

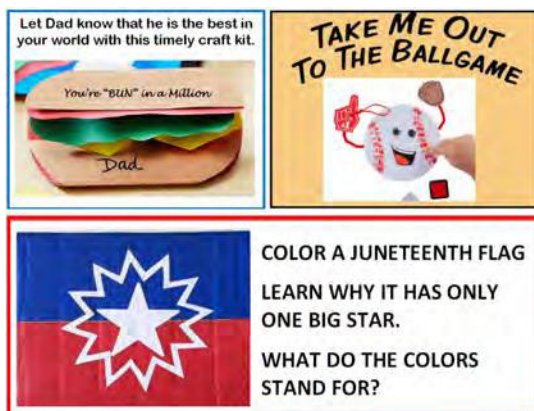
HOW? Sign-up at the Children's Room Desk. There you will receive your SRC kit. For the Read-to-me group you will receive a record keeper for your child.

WHAT?

- Read-to-me—Caregiver records titles of 20 books that have been read to the child. Return list to library and receive a fun gift bag including board books, growth chart, and soft toy
- Children's Summer Reading Club (SRC)—Participant reads or listens to 8 books that are at their reading level.

WHEN? (Things have changed so please read the following.)

- REPORTING WILL BE DONE ON WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS, AND FRIDAYS.
- Only 3 book reports will be accepted each day, from 11:00am UNTIL 15 MINUTES BEFORE CLOSING.



When you come to
SIGN UP FOR
SUMMER READING CLUB
or to pick up your books,
remember to get your
Crafts to Go!

JUNE 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



As we enter the month of June, we say hello to summer. Many of us will be traveling this summer, so I thought it would be fun to read stories about different forms of transportation as we drive, ride, fly, and sail our way into summer fun!

I am unable to join everyone on June 2 and June 23 because I will be traveling! I look forward to seeing everyone on the other Friday mornings in June!

-Mrs. Whitney

6/9



6/16



6/30



**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

Happy Summer Everyone!

It's finally warm outside and our town is getting busy. It's nice to see everything opening again. The Friends of WPL are getting busy, too. We started out the summer season with a wonderful luncheon at Water Street Kitchen. It was nice to get together with many of the Friends. The food and company was great and everyone seemed to have a good time. A great big "thank you" to the staff at Water Street for making our afternoon so enjoyable.

The Friends are participating in a number of library projects this summer. We will be at the monthly Art Walk, signing people up for library cards. Be on the lookout for our table. There will also be information about any new programs the library is offering, so make a point to come and say "hi". We appreciate the Wiscasset Creative Alliance's welcoming us to the Art Walk. Thank you for your support.

The Friends Book Group will be starting up later this month. Christopher Hart has kindly agreed to lead the group. We are delighted to have him get this much-requested program up and running again and can't wait to see it all come together. Thank you, Christopher!

For the library's summer reading program, I will be working with the Wiscasset Rec Center Summer Camp to provide Story Time two times each week through the month of July, under the direction of Laurie Ridgway, our wonderful Children's Librarian. I am thankful for the opportunity to bring some of what our library offers out into the community.

Perhaps the Friends most important endeavor this summer is the planning and preparation for **Bands for Books 2023 on Labor Day, September 4th**. This is our major fundraiser for the year, which helps us to support our library in various ways. It is shaping up to be another amazing event full of music, fun, food, and a silent auction. This party is a great way to celebrate the end of the summer season so mark the date on your calendar now. Tickets will be available soon.

Wishing everyone has a wonderful summer!
Tracey Whitney, President, Friends of WPL

Book Group Resumes in mid-June



Please join your fellow Friends – and any other interested readers – for 2023's first gathering of the WPL Friends Book Discussion Group. (A snappier group name is under development.) So that we can better gauge interest and preferences, we'll actually have two different meeting times to get things rolling. We will meet at the library at **6pm on Wednesday evening, June 14**, and then also at **11am on Thursday morning, June 15**.

Part of the discussion at both meetings will be about finding a time that suits the greatest number of participants. Interested readers may come to either meeting or to both. Please bring a short list of suggested titles.

We will also discuss the preferred format for the monthly book club. The current proposal is for the group to read and discuss a single, agreed-upon book on even months; then, on odd months, participants would describe and suggest books they've read independently.

Come and help design a book club that best suits you. If you can't attend either of these meetings, we still want to hear from you. Please send a note about your preferences for the format and meeting time and day of week to christopher.hart@vcfa.edu.

Treasurer's Report

Dues are due. 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 Friday when the library is open

Spring has finally come to the Midcoast of Maine and many of us are busy planning and planting gardens. Our Used Book Room has a substantial number of gardening books that will aid you in selecting plants for your garden. Some books are Maine-specific... very helpful! With all those fresh vegetables coming up, you'll want to take a look at the UBR cookbook section too.



A recent donation has provided a number of Maine-centric books, both fiction and non-fiction. Stop by and see what's new!

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

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
Closed Summer Saturdays
Closed Sunday and Monday

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