



Live in the sunshine. Swim in the sea. Drink in the wild air.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Director's Note

We are going to see some great work going on at the Library this month. It can be challenging to maintain a historic building and keep it open to the public. This year, Wiscasset Public Library will be completing three upgrades that enhance the property and make it more accessible. They are all made possible through the generosity of others.

Completed just this month, all of the counters at the adult circulation desk and surrounding area have been replaced. We said goodbye to the very old yellow tops and now have a fresh marble look that is lighter and more attractive. Thank you to our wonderful Friends of Wiscasset Public Library for dedicating their Bands for Books 2022 income to beautifying the circulation desk. You support the Friends' efforts in keeping the Library vibrant and welcoming when you participate in the Friends' fundraisers, donate to the Friends, or buy used books here. We appreciate the support and can't wait to see what the Friends do next year!

Two projects begin in August. A generous anonymous patron has offered to have the addition of the building painted. Ushers Painting crew and their scaffolding arrive to begin the work this month. Protecting the exterior of any building is crucial. Library Trustees, staff, and patrons can rest assured that our beautiful library is being well tended.

Last month I mentioned the third upgrade to the property. The easy-access entrance to the Children's Room is on schedule. Groundbreaking begins this month and should be complete after approximately two weeks of work. Thank you again to the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation for granting us the means to make it easier for parents and children to navigate our sloped yard.

Seeing the breadth of generosity and the support of so many is truly heartwarming. Thank you to all of you who visit and appreciate the Library. Libraries are part of the heart of a community and our community has a very big heart. We could not continue to do this without your support.

Pam Dunning, Director

Library Summer Hours

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 10am to 5pm

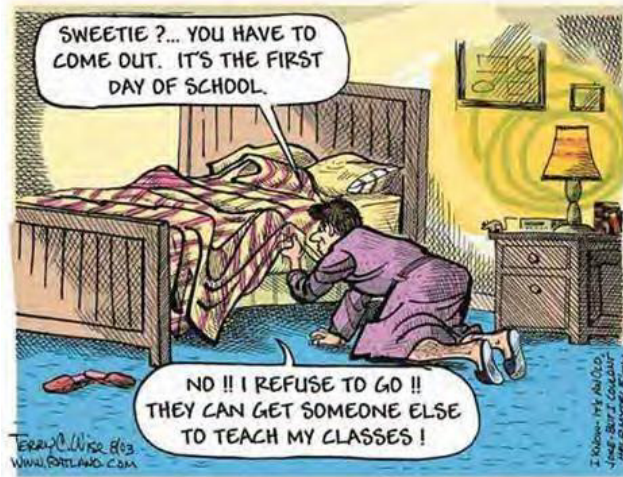
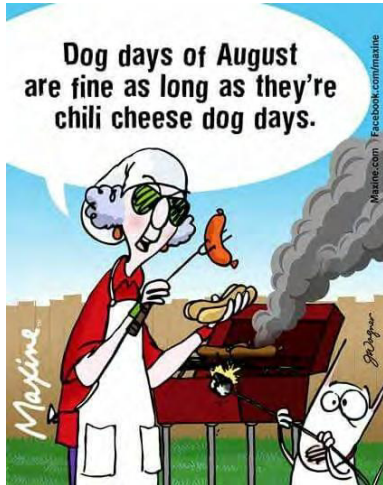
Wednesday 10am to 7pm

Closed Saturday from Memorial Day through Labor Day

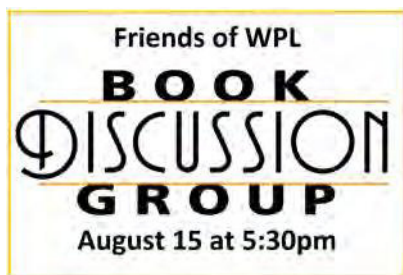
Library Humor

On the first day of school, what did the teacher say her three favorite words were?
June, July, and August!

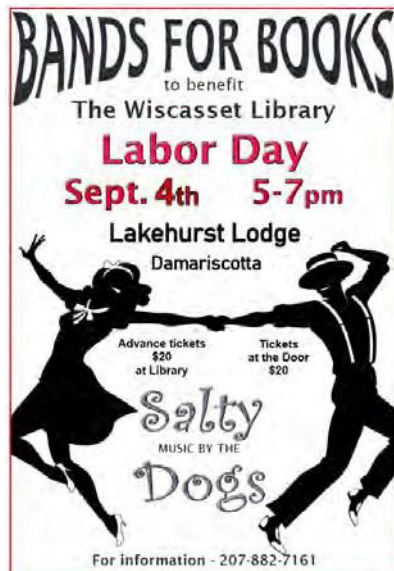
Looking for a hot date?
Pick any day in August, they don't
get much hotter than that!



Upcoming Events



Tuesday, August 15 at 5:30pm - Friends Book Discussion. All are welcome. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month to discuss a book selected by the group members. For the meeting location or other information, contact Group Chair Christopher Hart at christopher.hart@vcfa.edu.



Monday, September 4, 5:00-7:00pm - Bands for Books 2023. You don't want to miss our annual fundraiser for WPL. It's the best party in town. Food, drinks, dancing, and a silent auction. Music provided by local favorites The Salty Dogs.

Get your tickets now! Advance sale tickets are \$20 and are on sale at the Library or reserve your tickets by email: lzwint43@gmail.com.



Wednesday, September 13 at 9:30am
- Friends of WPL meeting. Join us for our coffee social in the library Fiction Room. New members are always welcome. Come meet the Friends and learn how we support the library. The business meeting will follow at 10:00am. To learn more, email the Friends: Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com.

Maine Libraries: Most Requested Books

Do you want to know what is flying off the shelf at Maine libraries this month? Here are the top titles across the state. You can find many of these titles here in Wiscasset and the others are available through interlibrary loan. We are here to help you find your next favorite. Ask us how it works!

The most requested **fiction** books:

1. *Dead Man's Wake* (Doiron)
2. *The Covenant of Water* (Verghese)
3. *The Five-Star Weekend* (Hilderbrand)
4. *Happy Place* (Henry)
5. *Zero Days* (Ware)
6. *Fourth Wing* (Yarros)
7. *The Collector: A Novel* (Silva)
8. *Good Night, Irene* (Urrea)
9. *The Only One Left: A Novel* (Sager)
10. *An Evil Heart* (Castillo)

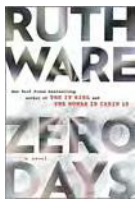
The most requested **non-fiction** books:

1. *The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime, and a Dangerous Obsession* (Finkel)
2. *The Book of Charlie: Wisdom from the Remarkable American Life of a 109-year-old Man* (Von Drehle)
3. *Bald Eagles, Bear Cubs, and Hermit Bill: Memories of a Wildlife Biologist in Maine* (Joseph)
4. *Walking With Sam: A Father, a Son, and Five Hundred Miles Across Spain* (McCarthy)
5. *The Heat Will Kill You First: Life and Death on a Scorched Planet* (Goodell)

The most requested **large print** books:

1. *The Five-Star Weekend* (Hilderbrand)
2. *Lady Tan's Circle of Women: A Novel* (See)
3. *Obsessed* (Patterson and Born)
4. *Must Love Flowers: A Novel* (Macomber)
5. *Be Mine* (Ford)

New Adult Fiction: *Zero Days*



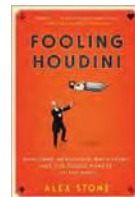
Superb suspense writer Ruth Ware returns with ***Zero Days***, an adrenaline-fueled thriller about a woman in a race against time to clear her name and find her husband's murderer.

Hired by companies to break into buildings and hack security systems, Jack and her husband, Gabe, are the best penetration specialists in the business. But after a routine assignment goes horribly wrong, Jack arrives home to find her husband dead. To add to her horror, the police are closing in on their suspect—her.

Suddenly on the run and quickly running out of options, Jack must decide who she can trust as she circles closer to the real killer in this heart-pounding mystery.

New Nonfiction: *Fooling Houdini*

From the back rooms of New York City's age-old magic societies to cutting-edge psychology labs, three-card monte games on Canal Street to glossy Las Vegas casinos, ***Fooling Houdini*** recounts Alex Stone's quest to join the ranks of master magicians.



As he navigates this quirky and occasionally hilarious subculture populated by brilliant eccentrics, Stone pulls back the curtain on a community shrouded in secrecy, fueled by obsession and brilliance, and organized around one overriding need: to prove one's worth by deceiving others.

But his journey is more than a tale of tricks, gigs, and geeks. By investing some of the lesser-known corners of psychology, neuroscience, physics, history, and even crime, all through the lens of trickery and illusion, *Fooling Houdini* arrives at a host of startling revelations about how the mind works--and why, sometimes, it doesn't.

Teen News

Free to use with your library card!



NEW BOOKS FOR TEENS EVERY MONTH

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

Only a Few Weeks Left of Summer Reading Bingo

The more you read, the more chances you have to win!
Be sure to bring in your completed bingo boards and receive your raffle tickets. **The game ends August 16th!**



Try a BookTok Recommendation

We've rounded up some of the most talked about Teen/YA books on TikTok – try one out and see if they live up to the hype!



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



*Remember to pick up
your To-Go Craft Kits*

Summer Reading Club update:
100+ enrolled SRC readers
60+ campers

Wiscasset kids are rocking the
world of books.

Keep reading!

***Keep reporting up to
Wednesday, Aug. 16***

Thank you to the many local businesses and individuals
who made our summer reading possible!



Contest Winners

How many bean seeds?
248

3 winners all guessed 250:
Leah, Jace, and Michael

How many clothes pins?
126

3 winners
Michael, 120
Juniper, 110
Violet, 103

Congratulations!

Next up—
Library Scavenger Hunt

CHEWONKI @ THE LIBRARY

Natural History Program

Wednesday, Aug. 23, 5:30-6:30pm

We're excited to welcome the *BUGMOBILE*!

- Live insects! Spiders or bugs
- Anthropods and their relatives
- All here at the WPL Children's Room

Program can be enjoyed from afar as well as up close.



News from the Friends of WPL

Bands for Books 2023

Do you have your tickets for the best party in town? On **Monday, September 4th, from 5 to 7pm**, the Friends of Wiscasset Library will hold their 9th annual Bands for Books fundraiser at the Lakehurst Lodge in Damariscotta. Put on your dancing shoes and come enjoy the music of The Salty Dogs. Tickets are available for purchase at the Wiscasset Public Library. Advance purchase tickets are \$20 and tickets at the door are \$25. For more information or to reserve tickets, contact Linda Winterberg at lzwint43@gmail.com.

The Friends of WPL are grateful for the support of the
2023 Bands for Books Sponsors:



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Wendy Ross & Thomas Eichler

Cheryl Rust



Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, August 15 at 5:30pm



On the third Tuesday of July, the Friends of WPL's revitalized book-discussion group gathered at a member's home to discuss *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin. Opinions were mixed, as one might expect from a varied group of nine readers, but were favorable overall. The novel primarily follows a pair of video-game designers from their youth in the early 90s until the present. Some of the author's intentions and choices were questioned, but most agreed that the author did a fine job keeping this group of readers engaged in a world few expected to find compelling. Throughout the discussion, the group enjoyed an informal potluck, to which nearly everyone happened to bring delightful fresh-fruit salads. It was July, after all.

The group also brought titles to consider for the August and September meetings. For the next discussion – to be held at 5:30pm on the third Tuesday of the month (August 15) – the group will read *Any Bitter Thing* by Maine

author Monica Wood. On the third Tuesday of September (September 19), the topic will be *Yellowface* by R. F. Kuang.

The book club is a feature of the Friends of the Library and remains open to interested parties. For further information about meeting times and locations, you are invited to contact Christopher Hart at christopher.hart@vcfa.edu or 832.860.4496.

Treasurer's Report

It's not too late to send in your \$10 dues for the 2023 year. Please address your checks to the *Friends of Wiscasset Public Library* to avoid confusion. Your dues help the Friends support our library. Please mail your check (payable to Friends of 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

It's summer in the Midcoast area and the visitors have arrived. If you have family members visiting, please consider an outing to

Second Hand Prose, our used book room. We have a selection of gardening, fiction, crafts, and books of Maine interest. Maine books are fiction and non-fiction. These Maine-centric books were part of a recent donation. 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! Come to a Friends meeting to learn about the many ways we assist WPL. We meet at the library at 9:30am on the 2nd Wednesday, every other month. We start with a coffee social followed by the business meeting at 10:00am. Our next meeting will be held on September 13. You can find more Friends information on the [WPL website](http://wpl.wiscassetlibrary.org). Email us at Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com to receive updates from the Friends.

Visit our
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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
Closed Summer Saturdays
Closed Sunday and Monday

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