



*There is a time in late September when the leaves are still green, and the days are still warm, but somehow you know that it is all about to end, as if summer was holding its breath, and when it let it out again, it would be autumn.*

~ Sharyn McCrumb

### Director's Note

Welcome September, this beautiful transitional month. Leaves change with the weather. As the days shorten, the trees turn red, orange, and yellow. They fill our views with their vibrancy. The nights get longer and cooler as summer begins to fade into fall. Birds of all kinds begin flocking together in preparation for their long flight to their winter homes. This is a time to stop and enjoy the beginning of our next new season. I recently found myself dreaming about pumpkin pie, hot cocoa, and reading by the fire. I had to remind myself that there is all of autumn to enjoy before winter steps in. Let's get outside and enjoy this season and look for the gifts of nature as they unfold. Embrace the changes. Let them lift your spirit and brighten your days. It is such a wonderful time of the year.



Pam Dunning, Director

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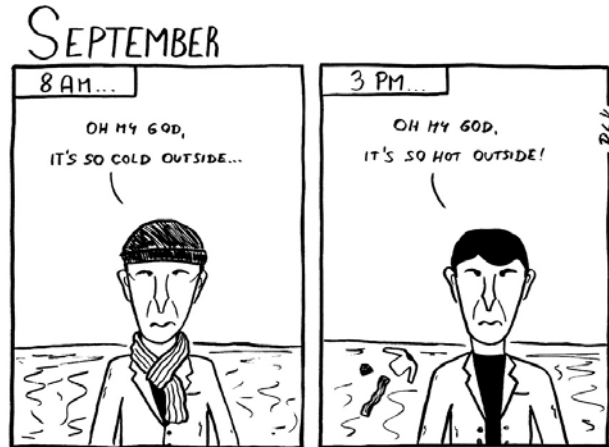
### September is Library Card Sign-Up Month!

Many of us already have a library card and we are not afraid to use it! We borrow books, audios, DVDs, CDs, online eBooks, and audio books. We use the super-fast Wi-Fi that is available here all year long. Our cards are accepted for reciprocal borrowing at over 60 other libraries in the state. Interlibrary loans from other Maine libraries can be delivered here for you to borrow as well. Wiscasset Library cards are free to all citizens of Wiscasset, Alna, Edgecomb, and Westport Island.

Do you know of anyone who does not have a library card? Real friends tell friends about great opportunities and Wiscasset Public Library is full of opportunities for our patrons. Share your knowledge about WPL with your friends so they can enjoy all that this library has to offer.

**Just a reminder...** This library's collection is built with all of our terrific patrons in mind. If you hear about a new title or author, we would love to know about it. Help us make sure that we are meeting your reading and general educational needs by sharing interesting works with us.

## Library Humor



## Upcoming Events

### Bands for Books 2023

Labor Day weekend is here... It's time for our Bands for Books celebration! 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 WPL. 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](mailto:lzwint43@gmail.com).



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



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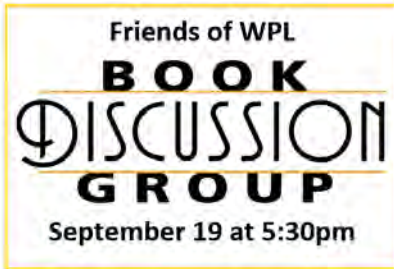
**Big Barn Coffee**



Please  
Join us

The Friends of WPL  
COFFEE SOCIAL

Wed., Sept. 13 at 9:30am



**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](mailto:Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com).

**Tuesday, September 19 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](mailto:christopher.hart@vcfa.edu).

## New in Large Print

This month we highlight our newest non-fiction large print titles:

***Pests: How Humans Create Animal Villains*** by Bethany Brookshire. Both entertaining and well researched, this book is a study of human nature and how we perceive the world around us. We have cleared vast spaces for ourselves and are offended by the encroachment of the natural world. Brookshire makes a case for learning to appreciate the resilience of the creatures in our ecosystem.

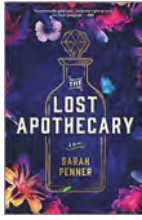


***Pathways to Well Being with Dementia: Manual of Hope and Inspiration*** developed by Dementia Action Alliance. This manual offers practical, helpful, and science-based information provided by people living with dementia, their care partners, and leading dementia specialists.

***Road to Surrender: Three Men and the Countdown to the End of World War II*** by Evan Thomas. These three men were responsible for making some of the toughest decisions of their time. Using the diaries of Secretary of War Henry Stimson, General Carl Spatz, and Japanese Foreign Minister Shigenori Togo, Thomas delivers a spellbinding look into the hearts and minds of men at war.



## New Adult Fiction: *The Lost Apothecary*

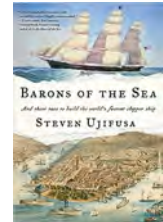


Sara Penner's debut novel, *The Lost Apothecary*, is a dark and gripping tale. Hidden in the depths of eighteenth-century London, a secret apothecary shop caters to an unusual kind of clientele. Women across the city whisper of a mysterious figure named Nella who sells well-disguised poisons to use against the oppressive men in their lives. But the apothecary's fate is jeopardized when her newest patron, a precocious twelve-year-old, makes a fatal mistake, sparking a string of consequences that echo through the centuries.

Meanwhile in present-day London, aspiring historian Caroline Parcell spends her tenth wedding anniversary alone, running from her own demons. When she stumbles upon a clue to the unsolved apothecary murders that haunted London two hundred years ago, her life collides with the apothecary's in a stunning twist of fate—and not everyone will survive.

## New Nonfiction: *Barons of the Sea*

When the United States was young, there were fortunes to be made and lost importing luxury goods from China. It was a secretive, glamorous, often brutal business—one where teas and silks and porcelain were purchased with profits from the opium trade. But the journey by sea to New York from Canton could take six agonizing months, and so the most pressing technological challenge of the day became ensuring one's goods arrived first to market, so they might fetch the highest price.



In *Barons of the Sea*, Steven Ujifusa tells the story of a handful of cutthroat competitors who raced to build the fastest, finest, most profitable clipper ships to carry their precious cargo to America. They were visionary, eccentric shipbuilders, debonair captains, and socially-ambitious merchants—men whose business interests took them from the cloistered confines of China's expatriate communities to the sin city decadence of Gold Rush-era San Francisco, and from the teeming hubbub of East Boston's shipyards and to the lavish sitting rooms of New York's Hudson Valley estates.

## Teen News

A colorful banner for 'COMICS PLUS' featuring a row of comic book covers. From left to right: a cover with a robot-like character, a cover with a character in a black hood, a cover with a character in a white shirt and backpack, a cover with a character in a red and white outfit, a cover with a character in a white suit, and a cover with a character in a purple and white outfit. The text 'COMICS PLUS' is written in large, bold, blue letters across the middle, and 'Free to use with your library card!' is written in white letters at the bottom.

**COMICS PLUS**  
Free to use with your library card!

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

## Back to School!

Need help with studying or college prep? Or perhaps you just need a book to commiserate with about starting the new school year? Come browse our selection of back-to-school books!



## Get Organized for the Academic Year

There are two new crafts available in the Teen/YA Room aimed at getting you organized for the academic year.



Locker Calendar & DIY Pocket Planner



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



### It's Library Card Sign-Up Month!

September = back to school. Plan for a year of success using your library card! If you don't have one, stop in at the WPL Children's Room and we will sign you up. Leave with the power of learning in your hand!

September includes a lot of special days:

Labor Day, September 4th

Back-to-school, September 5th

Grandparents Day, September 10th

Autumn equinox (1st day of fall), September 23rd

Pick up a timely to-go craft kit today.



Back To School Apple



Grandparents Day



Autumn Asters



Fall Pom-Pom Critters

*Remember to pick up your To-Go Craft Kits when you come to the Children's Room to pick out books!*

### WPL Children's Room Summer Reading Club Wrap-up

More than 100 readers participated in 2023 Summer Reading Club. Thank you to Tracey Whitney, Friends of the Library President, who volunteered to visit and read to the Mainely Camp at the Wiscasset Rec Center twice each week, reaching out to more than 50 campers.

Raffle Winners:

- Puppy Palace Legos—Lianna A
- Friendship Art Kits, Book, & Sweetz Gift Card—Juniper R
- Amazing Chef Kit with game—Eli S
- Magnetic builders and book—Jacob B

- Charizard Stuffie and Pokemon craft book—Gavin W
- Legos/Dogman book & game—Henry R
- Global Challenge Kit with Sherman's Gift Card—Miles T
- Personal DVD Player with movies and more—Thomas G
- Kinetic Sand Set—Isla V
- Fantasy Play Backpack— Ainsley B
- Family Fun Night—Jackson B
- Dinosaur Play Backpack—Ambrose D
- Lego set with I Spy Eagle Eye Board Game—Amesley F

All of the funding for our Summer Reading Club is provided by generous donors in our community. Thank you so much to all of the donors who made this summer's program possible: **Ames Supply, Chesterfield Associates, 1st National Bank, the Friends of WPL, J. Edward Knight & Co., Wendy Lamb, Norm's Used Cars, Now You're Cooking!, Red's Eats, Sheila Sawyer, Soule, Soule & Logan, and the Woodbrook Animal Clinic.**

A very special "Thank You!" to **Woolwich Dairy Queen** which has supported Wiscasset Public Library's Children Room every summer since I have been the Children's Librarian. Each summer for the last six years, they have provided free ice cream for all our readers.

*Thank you all!*

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## SEPTEMBER STORY TIME

When: Fridays, 10:30–11:00am

Where: The Children's Room

Who: Children (birth to 5 years) and caregiver



Summer is almost over and autumn is in the air. In the month of September we will be reading about sunflowers and apples, both of which are signs of summer coming to a close. Be on the lookout for sunflowers blooming in local gardens, and apples appearing at farm stands and farmer's markets.

I am so excited to be back doing Story Time at the library! I have missed everyone.

Mrs. Whitney

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

9/8



9/15



9/22



9/29



## News from the Friends of WPL

### Third-Tuesday Book Club



*Any Bitter Thing* by Monica Wood was the subject of our discussion in August. One member liked the book's "multiple voices, twists and turns, and unique characters," and also remarked upon a feature that came up at the discussion table: "So many themes in this book—faith, fatherhood, loss, trust, and renewal." I'll add that I enjoyed the Maine setting. Several of us agreed that the story moved a little too slowly and, while well-written, was further bogged down by "one unhappy event after another." We were surprised that the book had garnered a number of accolades as a "religious" book. With a group of this size, it's not surprising that opinions of the book spanned a fair bit of the spectrum. Nobody outright despised it, nor was it universally adored.

These are the novels we will be discussing at future meetings:

Sep. 19—*Yellowface* by R.F. Kuang

Oct. 17—*Flags on the Bayou* by James Lee Burke

Nov. 15—*Indigo Girl* by Natasha Boyd

If you would be interested in joining our group or learning more, contact me at [christopher.hart@vcfa.edu](mailto:christopher.hart@vcfa.edu).

Christopher Hart

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### Treasurer's Report

It's not too late to send in your dues for the 2023 year. Please address your checks to the Friends of the Wiscasset Public Library to avoid confusion. Mail your check (payable to Friends of the Wiscasset Library) to the library at 21 High Street, Wiscasset 04578. Thank you for your continued support.

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### Second Hand Prose Used Book Room

Open Tuesday through Saturday when the library is open

The evenings are drawing in all over Maine and autumn in New England is the perfect time to cozy up with a warm beverage in front of the fireplace and read that book you have been wanting to read all summer!



Perhaps you are looking for a cookbook for that special recipe for the upcoming holidays or you want to learn a new craft. We have some wonderful titles to add to your book collection. Second Hand Prose, the Used Book Room of the Wiscasset Public Library, has a wide selection of 'nearly new' books for all ages.



If you have any suggestions, I would love to hear from you. I can be reached at [lynnmaloney5@yahoo.com](mailto: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 first chance at purchasing our books!

Lynn Maloney, UBR Chair

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### 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 9:30am 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](#). Email us at [Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com](mailto:Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com) if you'd like to receive updates from the Friends.

## Library Information

### Digital Resources



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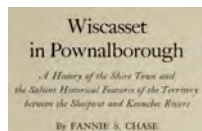
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Tuesday 10:00am–5:00pm  
Wednesday 10:00am–7:00pm  
Thursday 10:00am–5:00pm  
Friday 10:00am–5:00pm  
Saturday 10:00am–2:00pm  
Closed Sunday and Monday

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