

WISCASSET PUBLIC LIBRARY

MARCH NEWSLETTER



Director's Note

"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade." - Charles Dickens

One word comes to my mind when I think of March. Cantankerous: meaning difficult or irritating to deal with. I may be on my own with this one but I find March a very difficult month. I expect the daylight hours to lengthen, the air to warm and the ice to melt away. In short, I expect Spring! The calendar says it is here and yet it usually refuses to actual make its presence known.

March can stubbornly remain cold and damp with icy winds and teasingly intersperse that with a few warm, sunny days. March keeps us all guessing, makes us think on our feet and pushes us to accept what is and... Darn. March might actually be good for us. Maybe it's a good thing that we have to wake up, wait to see what the day brings and adapt to the world around us. Maybe it is a reminder that I don't rule the world so I don't have to make every day perfect. I can relax and just let it happen. Maybe I

should give March a break, enjoy each new day and not worry about things beyond my control. Welcome March, you transitional month so unpredictable and ripe with change.

Pam Dunning, Director

Around the Library



Roamin Gnomon is back!

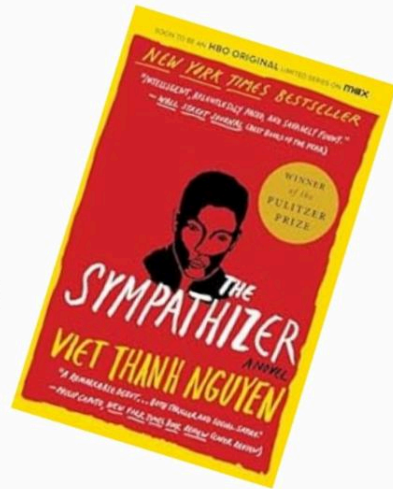


Community puzzle in the Fiction Room, help piece it together.

Upcoming Events

Friends of WPL Book Club

Book Club
Meet: March 19th The
Sympathizer
by Viet Thanh Nguyen
Contact Christopher Hart to
join:
christopher.hart@vcfa.edu



Everybody eats, most of us cook, and many of us even cook for pleasure. With that in mind, the Friends of Wiscasset Public Library would like to solicit your suggestions for a Cookbook Club! Attendees will collaborate to choose a cookbook to explore, and create a dish from to share at our monthly potluck meetings. Please send a note about your interests and your timing preferences (day of the week and midday, or evening) to annaliesehart@mac.com.



Writer's Group
Meet: March 6th & 20th
5:30PM
Contact Carolyn at:
carolyninstead@gmail.com



The Writer's Group is so successful, that Carolyn has started a waitlist. Said another way, at this time, the Writer's Group is at full capacity. Please email Carolyn (above) to add yourself to the waitlist.

HeartFelt Knitting
Knitting Leader: Betsy Rodman
Meeting: Wednesday, March 27th 5:00PM-6:30PM
For: Teens & Adults



Come knit amongst the stacks and make friends along the way. All levels of knitters are welcome, including newbies...we even have needles and yarn - friendly low-stress instruction will be provided. Experienced knitters, bring your projects, share your expertise, and get help with questions! Crafting together is always good medicine. Come join us HeartFelt Knitting will meet the last Wednesday of every month from 5:00PM-6:30PM. To Sign Up Contact Lindsey at lcarnes@wiscassetlibrary.org



New on the shelf

Visit the Library's website to watch the book carousels scroll through all of our most recent titles.

New Large Print

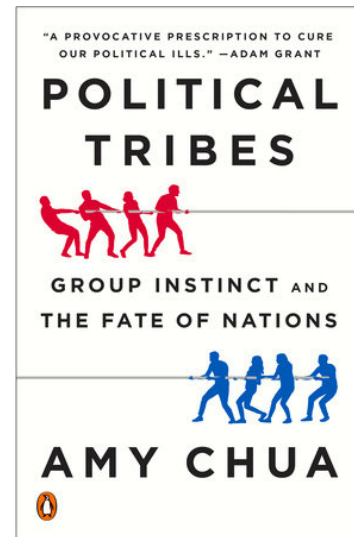
Political Tribes by Amy Chua

Yale Law School Professor Amy Chua offers a bold new prescription for reversing our foreign policy failures and overcoming our destructive political tribalism at home

Because America tends to see the world in terms of nation-states engaged in great ideological battles – Capitalism vs. Communism, Democracy vs. Authoritarianism, the “Free World” vs. the “Axis of Evil” – we are often spectacularly blind to the power of tribal politics. Time and again this blindness has undermined American foreign policy.

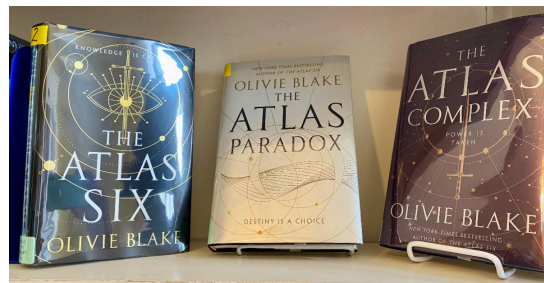
Just as Washington’s foreign policy establishment has been blind to the power of tribal politics outside the country, so too have American political elites been oblivious to the group identities that matter most to ordinary Americans – and that are tearing the United States apart. In America today, every group feels threatened: whites and blacks, Latinos and Asians, men and women, liberals and conservatives, and so on. There is a pervasive sense of collective persecution and discrimination. On the left, this has given rise to increasingly radical and exclusionary rhetoric of privilege and cultural appropriation. On the right, it has fueled a disturbing rise in xenophobia and white nationalism.

In characteristically persuasive style, Amy Chua argues that America must rediscover a national identity that transcends our political tribes. Enough false slogans of unity, which are just another form of divisiveness. It is time for a more difficult unity that acknowledges the reality of group differences and fights the deep inequities that divide us.



Fantasy/ Sci-Fi

If you're looking to start a new series, Olivie Blake's The Atlas Series is awaiting you! Six powerful magic users, magicians, wizards, spell casters, secret societies, and fantasy.



New Fiction

Library for the War-Wounded by Monika Helfer

The internationally bestselling novel—a daughter's portrait of her WWII veteran father, assembled from shards of memory.

Inspired by the author's family history, Library for the War-Wounded transports readers to the aftermath of World War II, uncovering the life of Helfer's father, Josef. Born with the stigma of illegitimacy, he found solace in books, and his education was eventually funded by the Catholic Church. Drafted into the Wehrmacht, he witnessed the horrors of the Eastern Front and returned from the war an amputee. He married his nurse and brought his family to the high, idyllic slopes of the Austrian Alps, where he took a position as manager of a convalescent home for war-wounded.

Beautifully restrained and compressed, Library for the War-Wounded turns lived experience into great literature by confronting the universal question: Can we ever truly know our parents?



New Nonfiction

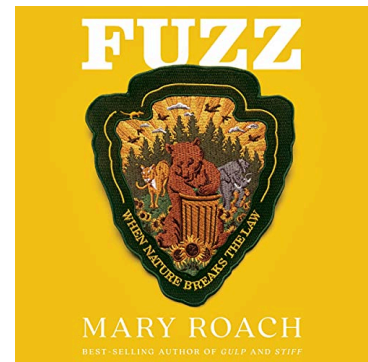
Fuzz by Mary Roach

It's all about where the unpredictable world where wildlife and humans meet.

What's to be done about a jaywalking moose? A bear caught breaking and entering? A murderous tree?

Roach tags along with animal-attack forensics investigators, human-elephant conflict specialists, bear managers, and "danger tree" faller blasters. Intrepid as ever, she travels from leopard-terrorized hamlets in the Indian Himalaya to St. Peter's Square in the early hours before the pope arrives for Easter Mass, when vandal gulls swoop in to destroy the elaborate floral display. She taste-tests rat bait, learns how to install a vulture effigy, and gets mugged by a macaque.

Fascinating, witty, and humane, Fuzz offers hope for compassionate coexistence in our ever-expanding human habitat.



NEW BOOKS FOR TEENS EVERY MONTH

Stop by or visit the "New" feature on WPL's [website](#).







Teen & YA Room News

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Teen Room Events

Tues-Sat.
March Madness
Nerf Basketball

Tuesday
2-4:30
Lego
Competitions
*Complete the
Lego Challenge

Wednesday 2-5
Minecraft
Missions

SNACKS

All Month Teen Room Activities...

- March Madness College Info
- March Madness Crafts
- March Madness Nerf Basketball in the Stacks (Free Throw Competition)
- March Madness Brackets & Analytics
- Easter and St. Patrick's Day Crafts

Dr. Lindsey, WPL Librarian

Thank you to Clemson, Michigan, KU, Baylor, UF, UA, SDSU, UCSD, MSU, MU, Bonnies, Winthrop, Gators, OSU, Virginia Tech, Utah State, North Texas







New Books: NCAA inspired: Sports, Colleges and Vampires!










Teen Room: Nerf Free Throw Competition

Visit the Teen Room to test your free throw and add your score to the board. Try your game at the one-point, two-point and three-point line. Check out the college materials, take an NCAA bracket and dive into some sports analytics.

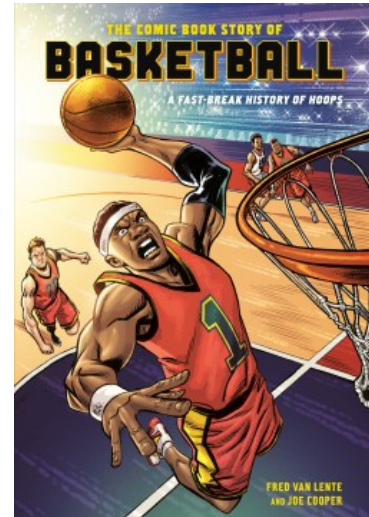
Teen Spotlight: Bake Me a Cat by Kim-Joy

For those who were Kim-Joy groupies during the British Bakeoff, this one is for you! Kit-tea scones, purrrthday cakes, OMG the amazingness! Already calling this a staff pick!



Teen Spotlight: The Comic Book Story of Basketball by Fred Van Lente and Joe Cooper

Enjoy courtside seats comic book style, from learning about college ball to the elite stars like LeBron, Curry and Jordan. Fun read to prep for NCAA!



The Children's Room

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Wiscasset Public Library Children's Room

21 High St., Wiscasset, ME 207-882-7161 wpl@wicassetlibrary.org



MARCH IS
NATIONAL
WOMEN'S
HISTORY
MONTH



3/1
Read Across
America Day



Happy
St. Patrick's Day!



3/19
HAPPY
SPRING

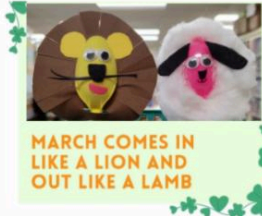


3/31
HOPPY EASTER!

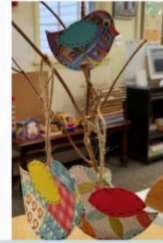
MARCH 2024—Crafts to



CRAFT A
LUCKY
SHAMROCK
FOR
Saint
PATRICK'S
DAY



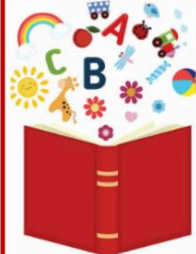
MARCH COMES IN
LIKE A LION AND
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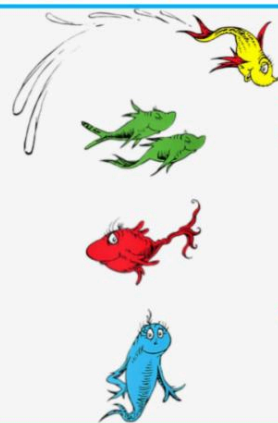
Welcome Spring with a Birds



Spring sand art, Easter chicks and rabbits, a
Beaded Carrot Kit to paint and a cute, little
Bunny House



DO NOT FORGET
STORYTIME
EVERY
FRIDAY
10:30 am
WITH
TRACEY WHITNEY



**1 fish, 2 fish. How
many red fish were
there in the February
Jar Contest ?**

36!

We had answers that
ranged from 10 to 130.
Our 3 winners guessed 37—
They are Parker, Jess and
Addison
Congratulations Kids!



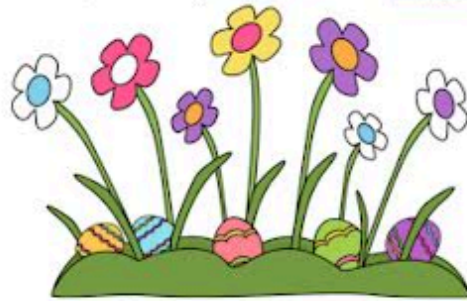
Happiness is reading a good book!
Let us know if there is any book
you need
to make you happy.



Wiscasset Public Library Story Time

Fridays 10:30-11:00

21 High St. Wiscasset ME, 04578 (207)882-7161 wpl@wiscassetlibrary.org



March 2024

Can you believe that it is already March? Spring will be here soon! We will start this month reading stories about St. Patrick's day. I will share a song about shamrocks with you, and we will try to find the color green all around the library's children's room. We will also make shamrock and leprechaun projects.

As we end the month, we will enjoy the start of spring with stories and projects about eggs and chicks and baby bunnies. I will also have a special surprise for everyone on the 29th! I look forward to spending time with you on Friday mornings.

-Mrs. Whitney

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

3/1:



3/8:



3/15:



3/22:



3/30



2024 Eclipse Glasses.

These are in limited supply on a first-come basis.

One per family.

Ms. Laurie is housing them in the Children's Room.



Second Hand Prose Used Book Room

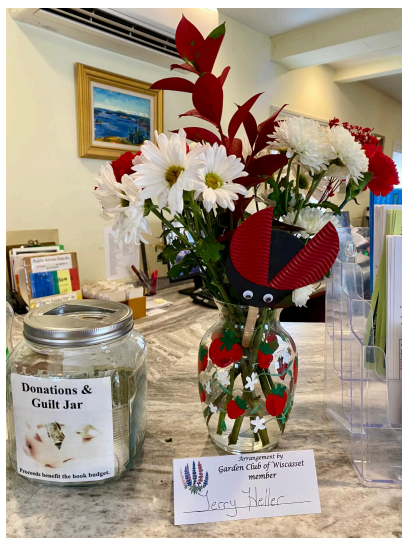
Open Tuesday through Saturday when the library is open. WPL has brand new donations to explore!

Please consider donating your new DVDs to the library, they will either be added to the library's collection or placed in the Used Book Room for sale. Every dollar supports WPL.



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 March 13th. You can find more Friends information on the WPL website. Email Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com if you'd like to receive updates from the Friends.



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questions about the WPL
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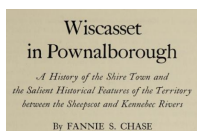
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Graphic novels, Manga & more



Online Learning Tools



Wiscasset History



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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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