## May 2024



# Wiscasset Public Library Newsletter

#### Newsletter notes for May 2024

"It is now May . . . It is the month wherein Nature hath her fill of mirth, and the senses are filled with delights. I conclude, it is from the Heavens a grace, and to Earth a gladness." —Nicholas Breton

#### From the Director -

We have made it through the messy change from snow to rain to sun, when we can't trust the weather reports because nature is just confused. The weather is less extreme, leaves are budding on the trees and flowers are blooming. I am very grateful that nature uses the seasons to remind me to practice patience, perseverance and acceptance. Instead of dreading the storms and worrying about what might happen, I patiently wait for them to pass and clean up after them. Instead of getting gloomy and letting my spirits drop, I persevered with a positive outlook by remembering that it was all temporary. Instead of looking for a way to avoid the bad weather, I accepted that I cannot change nature and just let it happen. Nature taught me that nothing bad remains forever, good things continue to happen and I should keep looking forward toward the next great thing. If any of that starts to fail, I can always open a book and let that transport me to a better space.

#### State-Wide High Demand Titles Note: All items are available through interlibrary loan.

#### **Fiction books**

- 1. The Women (Hannah)
- 2. The Frozen River (Lawhon)
- 3. The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store (McBride)
- 4. The Hunter (French)
- 5. North Woods (Mason)

#### **Non-fiction books**

- 1. The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness (Haidt)
- 2. Burn Book: A Tech Love Story (Swisher)
- 3. Attack from Within: How Disinformation is Sabotaging America (McQuade)
- 4. White Rural Rage: The Threat to American Democracy (Schaller)
- 5. Sociopath: A Memoir (Gagne)

Pam Dunning, Director

## **Around the Library**

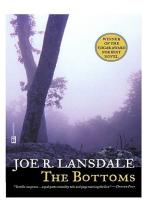


**Teen Room Spotlight:** Oliver's 3D model, WPL still has a few for young engineers to build! Oliver also speaks Swedish. Fantastiskt arbete Oliver!



From the Director: Brand New Homeschooling Resources

## **Upcoming Events**

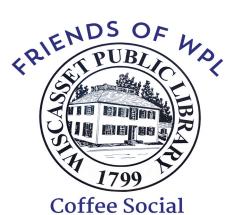




**The Friends of WPL Book Club** meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30PM. For newcomers, please email Christopher Hart for the meeting location: christopher.hart@vcfa.edu. May 21 -- *The Bottoms* by Joe R. Lansdale June 18 -- *The Collector* by Daniel Silva July 16 -- *The Tabacconist* by Robert Seethaler

#### Friends CookBook Club

Informational meeting on May 8th at 6PM in the NonFiction Room at WPL. Please email Annaliese to join this exciting new program. annaliesehart@mac.com







HeartFelt Knitting with Betsy Rodman





Annual Luncheon Social for current members is May 8th.

**Our next meeting is July 10th at 9:30.** 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 10:00 AM. To learn more, email the Friends:

Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com

**The Writer's Group** meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 PM. *There are two spaces open.* Please contact Carolyn at: carolyninstead@gmail.com

**HeartFelt Knitting** with Betsy Rodman meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 5:00 PM. Please contact Lindsey for details: lcarnes@wiscassetlibrary.org

**Kickoff the Weekend at the Library with Music** on the last Friday of the month at 4:00 PM. Please contact Lindsey for details: lcarnes@wiscassetlibrary.org

May Brings Summer Hours WPL is Closed on Saturdays Starting May 25th -September 7th

## **Teen Room News**

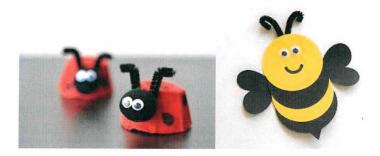


## **The Children's Room**

When you come to pick up your books—remember there are Crafts to Go.

## May

Take and Make Projects



For the month of May, Mrs. Whitney will be creating many Make and Take Projects for the children's room at the Wiscasset Public Library.

You are also welcome to join her in person on Friday mornings at 10:30 for Storytime and an in-house project as well!



## Friday Storytime 10:30-11:00

## Wiscasset Public Library Story Time

Fridays 10:30-11:00

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



We are finally able to enjoy the warm weather. We spend a lot more time outside working and playing in our yards. Take a look around outside and see what flowers are growing and what bugs are visiting our gardens.

Don't forget to celebrate mom on the 12th!

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)



5/10:

5/17:



5/24:







No Storytime

## News from the Friends of WPL

### **Treasurer's Report**

It's not too late to send in your dues for the 2023 year. Please send your checks, payable to **Friends of Wiscasset Public Library**, to the Friends of WPL, 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.

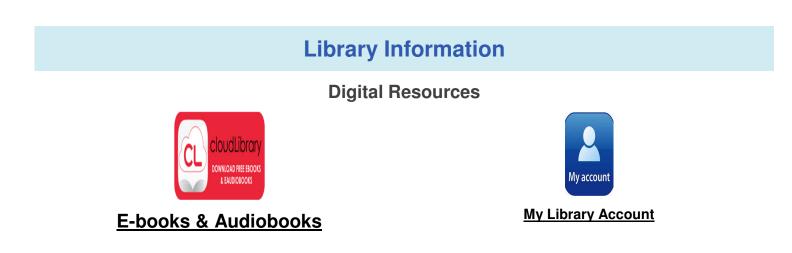
If you have any suggestions, I would love to hear from you. I can be reached at <u>lynnmaloney5@yahoo.com</u>. As always, a sincere thank you to the faithful volunteers who staff our Used Book Room. Your diligence is appreciated. It is wonderful to welcome so many people. This is one of the highlights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



#### 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 second 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 June 12th. You can find more Friends information on the <u>WPL website</u>. Email us at <u>Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com</u> if you'd like to receive updates from the Friends.

Contact Lindsey Carnes for any Newsletter questions or submissions. 207-882-7161







**Online Learning Tools** 

#### Graphic novels, Manga & more

Wiscasset in Pownalborough A History of the Shire Town and the Salient Historical Features of the Territory between the Sheepscot and Kennebec Rivers By FANNIE S. CHASE

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 Summers Hours Closed Saturdays Starting May 25th -September 7th

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