

January 2025



Wiscasset Public Library
Newsletter

New Year Quote - Every moment is a fresh beginning. - T. S. Eliot

Around the Library



We want to thank you all
for a wonderful 2024!

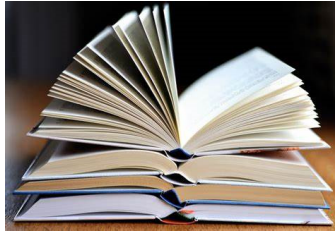
We are looking forward to
spending 2025 with you.

Thank you, Paul Stover, for generously donating your father's
(Gene Stover) Wiscasset High School yearbook collection.



These will all be added to the Library
archives and be accessible to anyone who
would like to see them.
For those who did not have the privilege of
knowing Gene, he worked in the schools for
many years and sat on the school board
after his retirement.
Wiscasset Public Library is thankful for this
addition to our town history room.

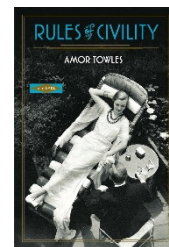
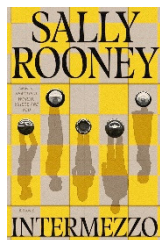
You are our book committee!



Libraries buy a lot of books every year. Librarians spend a great deal of time looking for the new, the different and keeping up with the many authors and series that are popular. All of that effort is for one purpose. We want to offer a diverse collection that satisfies all of our patrons reading preferences.

How is this best accomplished? We are asking you, the readers, to share titles, authors and topics of interest with us. We cannot buy every title suggested but, we can certainly buy many of them. What are your favorite genres? Mystery, Fantasy, Horror, Suspense, History, Social Sciences, Biography, the list goes on... Please give us your recommendations and help us keep this collection strong. The more great minds looking, the more great finds on the shelves!

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.

January 21: *Intermezzo* by Sally Rooney

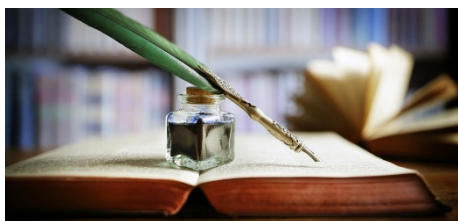
February 18: *Lady Tan's Circle of Women of the French Countryside* by Lisa See

March 18: *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles



HeartFelt Knitting with Betsy Rodman next meets January 29 at 5:00 PM.

This is a wonderful group with many talents and varying knitting skills. Some are brand new and some are experts. Please contact wpl@wiscassetlibrary.org



Writer's Group has a new leader!
Next meeting January 15, 2025

The Group meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 PM. The group is currently full but you can contact at Heather about openings and group rules at irishnobility19@yahoo.com



Coffee Social

Friends of WPL

Our next meeting is January 8, 2025 at 9:30. Join us for our coffee social in the library Fiction Room at 9:30 AM. New members are always welcome. 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

Teens

Teen & YA Room News **2025** Wiscasset Public Library **JANUARY**



Sign in to **COMICSPLUS**
LIBRARY
cloud library of digital
graphic novels!



Read the Classics as
Graphic Novels!



We are looking for knitting needles & extra yarn donations
for the Teen Room!

The Children's Room

Wiscasset Public Library Children's Room

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JANUARY 2025

WINTER READING CHALLENGE
For the WPL
Children's Room.
2025

Embark on an awesome reading adventure this season with the library!

1. Pick up the reading challenge at the Children's Room Reference Desk.
 1. There are 25 challenges—do 1 or do them all.
 2. Turn in the challenge sheet by the end of the month, Friday, January 31.
 3. Pick up your special prize—everything you need to make a delicious cup of hot chocolate with a marshmallow treat.

VoxBooks
Books that Talk

Don't forget to try our latest addition, Vox Books!

January 19, 2025, Winnie the Pooh Day @ WPL

Puppet Paper-chain Snake

January 29, 2025, Chinese New Year & the Year of the Snake

Winter Crafts and Activities to pick up when you are getting your books.

Snowman
Bookmark

Snowflake Beaded Ornament

Hot Chocolate Craft Kit

More Snowflakes!

Snowman Magnet

JOIN US FOR
Storytime

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

News from the Friends of WPL

Friends of the Wiscasset Public Library make a difference!

The Friends of the Wiscasset Public Library came together several years ago to raise funds for the extra projects required for our Library. Over the past two years we have worked diligently to increase our fundraising with new and innovative events. Of course, Bands for Books remains our cornerstone for fundraising. We thought you might like to know more about how the funds we raised are utilized.

During calendar year 2023 our donations to our Library totaled \$13,429.

- We were pleased to be able to cover the costs of purchasing and install a new counter in the circulation area.
- Painting of the exterior of the library uncovered some damage and we were able to cover the emergency repairs required
- Annually we make a substantial donation to the library to assist with the cost of the copier, inter-library loan, cleaning and other expenses

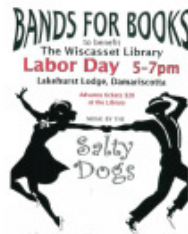
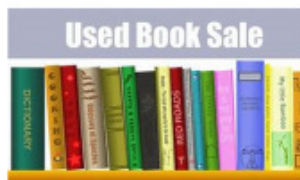
During calendar year 2024 our donations to our Library totaled \$12,957.57.

- Covered the purchase of a Cricut. This will save many hours of tedious cutting materials by staff members
- Paid for the painting of the circulation area
- Annual donation to our Library for expenses
- We continue to seek out new and innovative ways to raise money for our Library. During 2024 we held a bake sale during the Salty Dogs Concert on the Common. We combined that with a \$5 bag sale in our used book room, Second Hand Prose.

Our Christmas Children's Sale is not a fundraising event, rather it is something we do for the our community.

I encourage you to join us on January 8th at 9:30 am in our Library to meet the members and hear about some of the wonderful times we have shared. We also suggest that you bring a friend to join as well. During the meeting we will be discussing the year ahead. You will find out why we joined and why we maintain our membership in this dynamic group. If you have any questions, you can call me at 207-798-2831 (Lynn Maloney) and I will be happy to answer your questions.

Hope you will join us and "Be a Friend" of the Wiscasset Public Library.



Contact Pam Dunning for Newsletter questions or submissions. 207-882-7161 or wpl@wiscassetlibrary.org

Library Information

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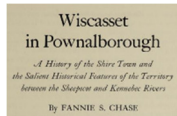
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Graphic novels, Manga & more



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

Staff

Pam Dunning, Director
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