



February 2025

## Wiscasset Public Library Newsletter

"February is the shortest month, so if you're having a miserable month, try to schedule it for February." - Lemony Snicket

### Around the Library

Thank you to Garden Club of Wiscasset for making us look good all year. Your incredibly talented and generous members supply the Library with a lovely arrangement every week. What a wonderful gift!



### High Demand in Maine

#### Fiction Books

1. James: A Novel (Everett)
  2. Intermezzo (Rooney)
  3. All Fours (July)
  4. Time of the Child (Williams)
- Orbital (Harvey)

#### Non-fiction Books

1. A Certain Idea of America: Selected Writing (Noonan)
  2. Freedom: Memoirs 1954-2021 (Merkel)
  3. Big Vegan Flavor: Techniques and 150 Recipes to Master Vegan Cooking (Vora)
  4. Cabin: Off-The-Grid Adventures with a Clueless Craftsman (Hutchison)
- Every Valley: The Desperate Lives and Troubled Times That Made Handel's Messiah (King)

NOTE: All listed titles available through interlibrary loan.

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### CRAFT ACTIVITIES

- String Art Hearts (take & make)
- Diamond Heart Painting
- Valentine Card Making

### NEW CRAFT BOOKS

Sequel



Graphic  
Novel



Award  
Winner



True  
Story



Non-  
Fiction



Maine  
Author



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### NEW BOOKS





# Wiscasset Public Library CHILDREN'S ROOM



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## Winners of the Snake Contest:



There were 44 snakes, answers ranged from 6—200. Our best answers were

- Jess—49
- Chris—50
- Trin—50
- Luca—50
- Juniper—37

\*next up—how many hearts?

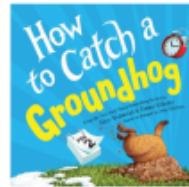
## CELEBRATE PRESIDENTS DAY WITH A READ-A-LOUD

*Lives of the presidents : fame, shame (and what the neighbors thought)* by Kathleen Krull  
*Abe Lincoln : his wit and wisdom from A to Z* by Alan Schroeder

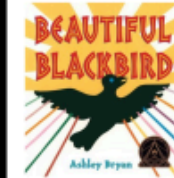
OR for some action packed dramas  
*I survived the Battle of Gettysburg, 1863* or  
*I survived the American Revolution, 1776* both by Lauren Tarshis  
We have several historical fiction as well as picture book biographies. Stop in to pick up one for your family read-a-thon

## A New Book in our Collection—*How to Catch a Groundhog* by Alice Walstead & Enna Gillette

"The groundhog is a friendly guy but he likes to be left alone... we scared him off, and we need your help to bring him home!"



## Observe Black History Month as we highlight one of Maine's famous Artist, Bryan Ashley. He wrote and illustrated many books including *Beautiful Blackbird*.



"Because they haven't got a spot of black on their bodies, the colorful birds of Africa envy Blackbird. They extol his feathers that "gleam all colors in the sun" in their songs and dances. He generously shares the blackening brew in his gourd."

## February Crafts to Go:

### Groundhog Pop-up



Abraham Lincoln and George Washington Mask Craft



### Stitch and embellish a heart for Somebody you love!



Heart Collage

### Whale Craft



Blackbird with ribbon Craft

## Upcoming Events



The Friends of WPL Book Club

Meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30PM. For newcomers, please contact Christopher Hart at [christopher.hart@vcfa.edu](mailto:christopher.hart@vcfa.edu) for availability and meeting location.

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

March 18: *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles



### January, the Friends of Wiscasset Public Library's Cookbook Club

I learned that *When Southern Women Cook* amazing things are happening in the kitchen. This beautiful and lengthy tome by America's Test Kitchen features 300 recipes from across the American South, making it difficult to narrow down the choices to just one or two dishes to bring to Cookbook Club. We began the evening sipping Sweet Tea, and thoroughly enjoying an appetizer course of Pimento Cheese and Crab Dip with Fire Crackers. From there we moved on to a Peach and Burrata Salad that delighted in its simplicity. The plethora of tasty main dishes consisted of a spiced and hearty Tamale Pie, creamy Southern Chicken Spaghetti, and succulent Smothered Chicken, served with flaky Bacon, Cheese, and Black Pepper Drop Biscuits. After reveling in those courses, we rolled ourselves into the kitchen to clear away our dinner dishes, and the conversation flowed back around to the cookbook, whereupon serendipity struck and we were delighted to learn that our gracious hostess happened to have a batch of Milk Punch in her freezer (not exactly the recipe in the cookbook, but the consensus was hers sounds better, anyway). And to think, she hadn't even volunteered to host us at her home until a heating issue sent us looking for a new location only an hour before we were to meet. The fateful Milk Punch was enjoyed with two gorgeous and delectable dessert options –a blueberry Sonker and a Chocolate Sheet Cake ; if you think anyone tried just one, you'd be wrong.

The Friends of Wiscasset Public Library's Cookbook Club meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 6pm. The February cookbook is *The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Dinnertime* by Ree Drummond, and the March cookbook will be *Appetites: A Cookbook* by Anthony Bourdain; those interested in joining should email [TheFriendsCook@gmail.com](mailto:TheFriendsCook@gmail.com).



Heartfelt knitting with Betsy Rodman meets in the Fiction Room at 5:00 PM on the last Wednesday of each month.

This is a wonderful group with many talents and varying knitting skills. Talent are from new through expert. All are welcome to share and learn. .



Writers Group is currently full but you can go on a waiting list and get a copy of the group rules by contacting Heather at [irishnobility19S@yahoo.com](mailto:irishnobility19S@yahoo.com).

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 5 at 5:30PM.



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