

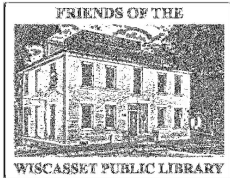


April 2026

Wiscasset Public Library Newsletter

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless." - Unknown

Around the Library



Friends of WPL turn 60

We have all had friends that can be relied on to be there in our times of need. Imagine having an entire organization standing behind you for six decades. Incredible as that may sound, the Friends of Wiscasset Public Library (Friends) have done just that.

The Friends have attended public events to advocate for the Library. While advocating they issued library cards to new members and handed out informational flyers. They write articles about the Library for the newspapers and supply information for social media.

The Friends have sold book bags, used books and baked goods for the majority of their history and continue to do so. In 2014, they decided to try something new and Bands For Books became the Library's event of the year! This committed group of individuals spend a significant amount of time each year in planning, organizing and recruiting help from area businesses to support this major fundraiser.

Funding from all of these endeavors support inter-library loans, the automated circulation system, Summer Reading and other programs for patrons of all ages. They also fund building maintenance, upgrades and repairs.

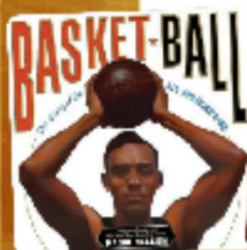
In the last five years the Friends have donated over \$24,000 toward programs and services. Additionally, they funded nearly \$25,000 in repairs to the Library building. Thank you dear Friends for all of your support and generosity.

There are times that I feel overwhelmed with the generosity and dedication of these individuals. It is a privilege to be able to truly call them friends.

Pamela Dunning, Director

News *April* Teen/YA Room

NEW!



Come to the Teen Room for a bee-friendly POLLINATOR SEED BALL





WISCASSET PUBLIC LIBRARY (WPL)
Children's Room
21 High St. Wiscasset, ME 04578
207-882-7161 www.wiscassetlibrary.org

Share the news:



What's the prize for reading the most minutes in Edgecomb/Eddy's Read-a-thon? Pizza party? Extra recess? NO! They get to tape their teacher, Mrs. Chouinard, to the wall! Now, how did she win that privilege? I see several WPL patrons including Lyia, Eben, Sophia, Marian, Lireva, Lily, and Lianna. Each grade had a winner determined by the minutes they read over their winter break. You go girls!



Science says rainbows
are sunlight through water but
I think they're magic

Haiku by Sally Murphy

April is National Poetry
Month. We have an extensive
collection of children's poetry
including classics, novels in verse and silly rhymes.
Check us out.



JOIN US FOR THE
Children's Storytime
at Wiscasset Public Library

Every Friday in April @ 10:30am

Stories, Songs, Activities,
 21 High Street Wiscasset, ME



National Library Week is an annual
celebration highlighting the valuable
role libraries, librarians, and library
workers play in transforming lives and
strengthening our communities. Let us
know what we do that helps you find
joy at the Wiscasset Library.



APRIL 19-25, 2026

April CRAFTS TO GO. The rain and the puddles bring rainbows.



Back by popular demand— a real
kite to decorate and fly.



A Wind Catcher Craft



Rainy Day Pups



April showers bringing spring flowers



A Gnome says Hello



Remember Earth Day!



Rainbow Magnet

Upcoming Events

The Friends of WPL Book Group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Please contact Christopher at christopher.hart@vcfa.edu for availability and location.

April 21—The Names—Knapp
May 19 - The Scribe of Sienna—Winawer



The WPL Cookbook Club met on March 11, 2026, at Michelle Wentworth’s home in Wiscasset village. Michelle and her co-host, Ruth Mewa, created a lovely and festive setting for this month’s theme, a celebration of Polish food. Dishes were contributed potluck style from a variety of sources - cookbooks, online cooking sites and well-worn recipe cards. The meal inspired stories about how our families made their way to the States from places like Poland, Lithuania, Sweden and Lebanon and, how the preparation of traditional dishes preserved a bit of home. The next Cookbook Group gathering will be held on the evening of April 8 at Ann Schneider’s house, with members requested to bring foods that make you think of Spring.

Top Reads From Wiscasset Public Library Last Month

FICTION:

- Beautiful Ugly— Feeney
- The Entirely True Story Of The Fantastical Mesmerist Nora Grey— Kaufmann
- Summer Guests— Gerritsen
- To Die For— Baldacci
- In Too Deep - Child
- The Beekeeper’s Apprentice—King

NONFICTION:

- The Let Them Theory—Robbins
- Not My Type: one woman vs. the president— Carroll
- The Tears Of Things— Rohr
- Close To Home: the wonders of nature just outside your door—Hanson
- The Place Of Tides— Rebanks

All listed titles available in the WPL collection.



Heartfelt Knitting April 29 from 5 to 6:30PM. Meet Betsy in the Fiction Room of the Library and enjoy sharing your love of the arts with others.

Total Novice or Expert. All knit and crochet lovers are welcome!

