



Wiscasset Public Library
Newsletter
December 2022

*I heard the bells on Christmas Day, their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat, of peace on earth, good-will to men!*

~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Director's Note

It is December once again... The final month of the year. A time to reflect.

So many things have made 2022 a tough year. We have lost loved ones, struggled financially, and we are still dealing with COVID. I prefer to focus on the good. It is so uplifting to see people going out of their way to help those who have been ill. So many people have given generously to those in need. Through the trials of our times, we find our own strength and patience. We gain a deeper understanding of other's troubles because we have faced them too. Empathy and sympathy have brought us closer together as a community.

Yes, there have been some challenging times, but we have overcome and carried each other forward. As 2022 comes to an end, I feel gratitude that there are so many wonderful, caring people in our community. I know that we will continue to support each other in the future. I look forward to 2023 with optimism. I leave you with these thoughts:

"What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year." - Vern McLellan

"As we look to the new year, hold on to what is good. Let go of what is bad. It really is that simple." - Mandy Hale

Wishing you all a good December and a Happy New Year!
Pam Dunning, Director

Library Humor



What's a car's favorite genre?
Auto-biography





"There are body parts falling down on us everywhere! It's the apocalypse!"



What does a gingerbread man put on his bed? **A cookie sheet!**

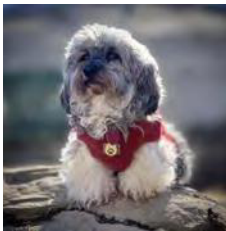
Upcoming Events

Wiscasset Marketfest



**Children's Holiday Sale at WPL
December 3, 10am – 1pm**

The Children's Holiday Sale at WPL, Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 10am - 1 pm. Our friendly WPL elves will help children shop for family members while parents wait nearby. All items are priced \$5 or less and our elves will wrap the gifts. The children will rejoin their parents with their gifts ready to go under the tree. In the lobby, there will be small gift items for adults to peruse while they wait.



Photos with Bradley, the Littlest Elf, Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 10am - 1 pm. Bring your camera because Bradley the Havanese will be wearing his bright red sweater. He is a sweet chap who will happily pose for pictures with the children. If you don't have a camera, we can take a photo and email it to you.

SAVE THE DATE
Friends of WPL
Annual Meeting
Wednesday, Jan. 11th

The Friends of WPL Annual Meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 11th, 9:30am, in the library Fiction Room or via Zoom. Coffee social at 9:30, meeting at 10:00. Email the Friends to join the Zoom call or to learn more. New members are always welcome.



Ongoing: Wiscasset Books on Sale - Local author Phil Di Vece has generously donated copies of his books to WPL with the understanding that all proceeds from the sales will benefit library programs. Phil's easy conversational style is a pleasure to read. His books, all on local history, are full of little-known historic events and memories. WPL has copies of all three titles: *Wiscasset and Its Times* (\$15), *More Wiscasset and Its Times* (\$15), and *The Wiscasset Town Crier* (\$12). These books make a great holiday gift for someone who enjoys local history. We have a limited supply of books, so make your purchase soon.

Have you tried Bendable?



This fall, WPL was proud to announce the launch of Bendable, a new life-long learning platform that allows you to acquire knowledge and skills through online courses as well as local, in-person classes. Bendable has the learning materials you need! These are just a few of the topics you can explore:

Job Readiness
Personal Finance
Personal Well-Being

Crafting & Making
Languages
Service & Sales

Not sure where to begin? These 1-minute videos can easily teach anyone how to use this exciting tool. Each video will help you navigate and explore a different part of Bendable.

- [What is Bendable Maine?](#)
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Visit Bendable Maine and start your learning adventure!

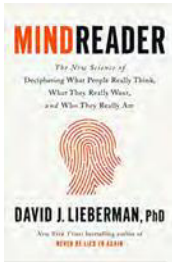
New Adult Fiction

Check the book carousels on the WPL website to see all of our new titles. Remember, we are always happy to hear from you about new books you have discovered, too.

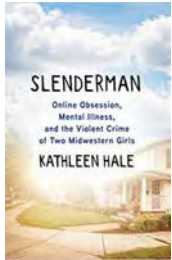


New Non-Fiction

In his latest book, *Mindreader: The New Science of Deciphering What People Really Think, What They Really Want, and Who They Really Are*, leading lie-detection expert and noted psychotherapist David Lieberman, PhD, takes “people reading” to a whole new level. Drawing on the latest research in psycholinguistics—cues embedded in spoken and written speech—he shows you how to apply his cutting-edge methods to countless everyday situations. Understand the messaging behind passive language,



personal or impersonal descriptions, and level of detail. Determine whether someone's account of any incident is truthful. Learn whether a potential hire, dating app match, or new babysitter is trustworthy. Lieberman provides a practical approach to gaining greater insight into human nature.



Wisconsin, 2014: The nation is shocked by the arrest of two twelve-year-old girls who attempted to stab their classmate to death. The severity of their actions meant the girls would be tried as adults. Author Kathleen Hale spent seven years researching the case. Using court records, police files, and exclusive interviews, Hale's *Slenderman: Online Obsession, Mental Illness, and the Violent Crime of Two Midwestern Girls* is both a page-turning true crime story and a search for justice. "A must for true crime fans."

(Publishers Weekly)

Teen Room News

Read then Watch

Many YA books and series have been turned into popular movies and TV shows. Stop by the library to check out our recommendations! Find your next read, and your next watch, just in time for the holiday break.



Do you have a favorite book or author? Tell us so we can share with others. You could help someone find their next great read!

Stop by to browse and pick up your library card - free for all Wiscasset students and educators.



Heartstopper Volumes 1-4 have arrived!

Boy meets boy in the bestselling graphic novels by Alice Oseman. Follow the story of Charlie and Nick as they navigate friendship, dating, and love. Read the series, then watch the story unfold in the TV show based on the novels.



WE HAVE MANY NEW BOOKS FOR TEENS
Stop by or check out the "New" feature on our [website](#)



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The Children's Room



FRIDAY STORY TIME WITH MRS. WHITNEY

When: Fridays at 11:00 am

Where: The Children's Room

Who: Children (birth to 5 years) and caregiver





Story Time will last approximately 30 minutes but plan some extra time for playing afterwards.

Tracey Whitney is a former preschool teacher and WPL's enthusiastic Story Time leader. Join Mrs. Whitney on Friday mornings for reading, singing, a take-home craft, and lots of fun!

Christmas break is coming!

Check out some great books to read during your vacation.



News from the Friends of WPL

We Need YOU!

Are you a willing volunteer? Do you love the library?

The Friends Nominating Committee is looking for a person interested in serving for two years as our President. This job could be shared between two people. Virginia Forrest and Lynn Maloney have graciously agreed to continue as Vice-President and Treasurer for another term. If you wish to see our Library continue to thrive and grow in importance within our community, please consider sharing your talents with the Friends and WPL by serving as the President or Co-President.

The election of officers will occur at the Annual Meeting of the Friends in January 2023. If you're interested or would like to recommend someone you know for this

important office, please call or email either member of the Nominating Committee as soon as possible. Thank-you!

Linda Winterberg: lwinterberg@roadrunner.com or call 882-9693

Sharman Ballantine: sharman1738@gmail.com or call 687-8258

Second Hand Prose Used Book Room

Open Tuesday through Saturday when the library is open

The holidays are closing in and many home chefs are looking for some new recipes or wondering what to do with those leftovers. Stop by the Used Book Room as we have a collection of cookbooks that will help with meal planning. You are certain to find something to delight you and your guests.



Recent sales events have cleared our shelves. We need your recent, gently used hardcover books. We also accept high-quality trade paperbacks. If you have books that you are no longer reading, please consider donating them. We have a special need for children's books. Many of our visitors are families with children or grandparents who are looking for these treasures. Your recycled books generate revenue for our library and bring affordable reading pleasure to someone else. It's a win-win opportunity.

As always, a sincere thank you to the faithful volunteers who have staffed our Used Book Room this year. Your diligence is appreciated. I join with our library community in wishing you every happiness of the season. If you have some free time, this is a wonderful volunteer effort. It is enjoyable to welcome so many people. This is one of the highlights of volunteering. Plus, you get first chance at purchasing our books!

If you have any suggestions, I would love to hear from you. I can be reached at 207-798-2831 or lynnmaloney5@yahoo.com.

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 9:30 am on the 2nd Wednesday, every other month. We start with a coffee social followed by the business meeting at 10:00 am. Our next meeting will be held on January 11. You can find more Friends information on the [WPL website](#). If you'd like to receive updates from the Friends, email us at Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com.

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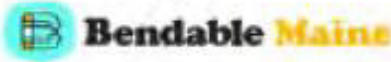
Digital Resources



My Library Account



E-books & Audiobooks



Maine's Learning Catalog



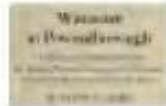
Card Catalog



Online Learning Tools



Graphic novels, Manga & more



Wiscasset History

Wiscasset Public Library is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization*. Your support helps WPL bring information, the joy of reading, and life-long learning to the communities of Alna, Edgecomb, Westport Island, and Wiscasset. To donate, visit our [website](#). Thank you for your support!

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

Pamela Dunning, Director
Laurie Ridgway, Children's Librarian
David Cherry, Assistant Librarian
Courtney Sonia, Assistant Librarian
Annaliese Hart Incháurregui, Library Clerk

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