



Wiscasset Public Library

Newsletter

June 2022

It is the month of June, the month of leaves and roses,
when pleasant sights salute the eyes and pleasant scents the noses.

~ Nathaniel Parker Willis

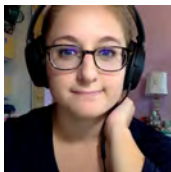


Director's Note

June is National Camping Month. I came to camping in my late 40s. I was surprised at the time to find that I loved it. Pitching a tent, living simply and cooking over a fire was a challenge at first but the benefits are many. Long hikes on rugged trails work your body but allow your mind to let go of worries. Staring into the campfire at night, one sees so many shapes and colors that calm... and peace can settle in. There is nothing to do but relax and enjoy the experience and the company.

That kind of camping may not be for everyone. If it is not for you, why not try a version of "camping lite"? Go out to the garden and spend a few minutes inhaling the fresh air after the lawn has been mowed; or pull a few weeds to feel the rich soil in your hands. Park at or walk to the water. Spend some time just watching the river flow by or the surf crash in. Let yourself savor time in the great outdoors. It is but a few precious minutes of your life, well-spent as you experience the grace of nature. Camping is truly for everyone. Start small, with a ten to twenty-minute camping trip away from everything and relax this summer. You deserve it.

Pam Dunning, Director



Welcome, Haley!

Hi to you all! I'm Haley Bailey, your new WPL Librarian. I am a local who has gone to school and lived in Wiscasset my entire 25 years. I attended University of Maine Augusta for my bachelor's degree in Information and Library Science. I am now in the last semester of my Library and Information Science master's degree program through University of Missouri – Columbia. I have always wanted to work in a public library and work with teens. I have a strong background in customer service, and I am excited to work with you! I am sure many of you will know me from my former job at the Wiscasset Shaw's. My current goal is to revitalize the whole teen area here at the library. When I'm not working or taking classes, I like to read, play video games and go on adventures. Nice to meet you!

Library Humor

I asked the librarian if they had any books on turtles. "Hardback?" she inquired. "Yes" I said, "and little heads."

What do you call a sunburned librarian? Well red.

I asked the librarian for the location of the self-help section. She wouldn't tell me because she said that would defeat the purpose.

Upcoming Events

Friends Meeting: Wednesday, July 13
9:30 Coffee Social - 10:00 Meeting



The Friends' next meeting will be held on Wed., July 13 at 10:00am. We will be discussing our plans for the upcoming months, including the 2022 Bands for Books event. The meeting will be held in the library Fiction Room. Contact Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com to be added to the Friends email list.

Lili Pugh and Stephanie Hergenroeder, Co-Presidents



Have you saved the date?! The Friends annual fundraiser, **Bands for Books**, is on **Labor Day, September 5**. This event is always wonderful. Come out and spend some time with friends while enjoying fabulous food and the music of the Salty Dogs. We will once again be at Seafield Farm, home of Kathy Martin-Savage. There will be a raffle for attendees and our silent auction, with many new and wonderful things to bid on.

Last year all the food served at our party was donated by you – supporters of WPL. The variety and quality were unbelievable and so appreciated by all those who attended. We are asking you to once again help us to make this an outstanding fundraiser by donating your favorite finger foods. More to come on that later, but for now, put this date in your calendar – it is always a fun event!

Friends Book Group
Thursday, June 16 at 10:15



Six Friends met to discuss the following books in May:

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
Hour of the Witch by Chris Bohjalian*
Miss Marple: the Complete Short Stories by Agatha Christie
Sleeping Murder by Agatha Christie
The Metal Heart by Carolyn Lea

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
The Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn

*If you're a fan, Chris Bohjalian will be speaking at the Rockport Opera House on Friday, June 17, at 6:30 pm. Tickets are free and may be reserved in advance at rockportoperahouse.thundertix.com.



The Book Group will meet next on **Thursday, June 16 at 10:15** in the Fiction Room. Bring a favorite title to share. The Friends Book Group meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 10:15. Email Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com if you would you like to be added to the Book Group email list. All meetings are free and open to the public. New members are always welcome.

Janet Morgan, Interim Book Group Chair

New at WPL

Now in Large Print



The Emergency: A Year of Healing and Heartbreak in a Chicago ER by Thomas Fisher is the riveting, pulse-pounding story of a year in the life of an emergency room doctor. Follow Fisher as he tries to steer his patients and colleagues through a crushing pandemic and a violent summer, amidst a healthcare system that seems determined to leave them behind.

As fast-paced as an ER shift, ***The Emergency*** has all the elements that make doctors' stories so compelling--the high stakes, the fascinating science and practice of medicine, the deep and fraught interactions between patients and doctors, the persistent contemplation of mortality. And, with the rare dual perspective of somebody who also has his hands deep in policy work, Fisher connects these human stories to the sometimes-cruel machinery of care. (Goodreads.com)

New Adult Fiction

Amani is hooked on a mystery—a poem on airmail paper that slips out of one of her father's books. It seems to have been written by her grandmother, a refugee who arrived in Jordan during the First World War. Soon the perfect occasion to investigate arises: her Uncle Hafez, an advisor to the King of Jordan, invites her father to celebrate the king's sixtieth birthday—and to fence with the king, as in their youth. Her father has avoided returning to his homeland for decades, but Amani persuades him to come with her. Uncle Hafez will make their time in Jordan complicated—and dangerous—after Amani discovers a missing relative and is launched into a journey of loss, history, and, eventually, a fight for her own life.

Diana Abu-Jabar's ***Fencing with the King*** masterfully draws on King Lear and Arthurian fable to explore the power of inheritance, the trauma of displacement, and whether we can release the past to build a future. (Goodreads.com)

New Nonfiction

Why would a successful Maine software developer in his early 60s close his laptop and spend an entire year chasing a little known birding record? Follow local author Ethan Whitaker's 2021 adventure as he travels from Kittery to Caribou to Camden to Fryeburg in an attempt to see every species of bird in Maine.

You'll join the author in his:

- Hike up Saddleback Mountain to find a bird that nests at the tree line
- Lobster boat trip in stormy seas to find a wayward bird that belongs in the tropics
- Freezing winter excursion to glimpse a rare owl
- Interactions with birders and non-birders as he travels throughout the state

Every Bird in Maine includes over 400 glossy wildlife photos by Whitaker, tied together with his humorous chronicle of an attempt to break the State's Big Year Birding Record. (Amazon.com)

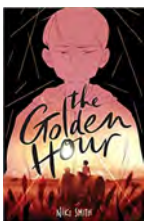
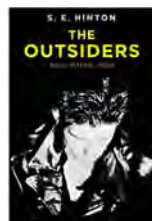
Teen Room News

Have you visited the Teen Room lately? Do you like what you see? Do you have ideas for making this a better space for the teens in our community? Share your thoughts with our new Librarian, Haley Bailey. Haley is on a mission to revamp this space and she would love to hear from you. Stop by the front desk and say "Hi!" or send your ideas to hbailey@wiscassetlibrary.org.

Have you ever thought of writing a book? Don't let your age or circumstances stop you. Be brave and follow your dreams!

The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton

This complex coming of age novel written by 16-year-old S. E. Hinton was first published in 1967, while Hinton was a freshman at University of Tulsa. In 1983, Francis Ford Coppola directed the film, following the book's text religiously. In the 1990s this was one of American Library Association's top 100 most challenged titles by those who would censor this young voice. As recently as 2019, BBC News listed *Outsiders* on its list of the 100 most influential novels. Read the book and be amazed by the talent of a young woman who followed her dream.



New in Graphic Novels

The Golden Hour by Niki Smith

Perfect for our time, this graphic novel explores themes of self—discovery, friendship, healing from tragedy, and hope for a better tomorrow. How can you ground yourself when reality is so harsh?

See what's new on Comics Plus

You can access [Comics Plus](#) on our website with your library card. Don't have a library card? Stop by and get one! Library cards are free for Wiscasset students and educators.



The 2022 Summer Reading Club is all about **Oceans of Possibilities**. Check out these titles and more on the Comics Plus "Featured - Oceans Adventure" list. Visit their [Resource Center](#) to find titles that fit your reading and interest levels.



The Children's Room



Juneteenth (June 19) is the newest Federal holiday, and the State of Maine celebrates it too. What is Juneteenth? The library is the best place to ask, right? We have an answer and a Juneteenth craft.

Juneteenth is the traditional day people of color celebrate the emancipation of African Americans from slavery. Come pick up one of our books about the subject — we have one for every age level but the very youngest.

Maine has another holiday on the same weekend! June 17 has been declared James Weldon Johnson Day. Who was James Weldon Johnson? He was an extraordinarily famous and influential poet, lawyer, and civil rights advocate back in the early 1900s. He was born on June 17, 1871, in Florida. He and his wife spent their summers in Islesboro, Maine. He had many accomplishments during his lifetime. An especially memorable one was his penning of the poem that became the song "Lift Every Voice and Sing," known today as the Black national anthem. His brother John wrote the music. The poem was first recited by 500 children as a tribute on Abraham Lincoln's birthday in 1900. The song's popularity grew. Today it is still sung, recently by Beyonce at several events. Come peruse our new books on this subject. Free coloring page for all patrons young and old.

June Crafts To Go



Make a Juneteenth flag. Learn why it has only one big star. What do the colors represent?

Father's Day Craft: a giant card for you to decorate & fill in. We provide the markers and card. You provide the creativity!



Make a strawberry collage...



Or a lucky ladybug!



Summer Reading Club 2022

Read • Review • Receive an incentive
Do it again and again!

Participate in-person and online

Registration

Stop by the Children's Room or
register on the WPL "Just for Kids" page

Important dates

Registration 5/31 through 7/30
Reporting runs 7/5 through 8/13

Wednesday Programs

Marine Mammals of Maine and Chewonki visits on
July 20, July 27 and August 24
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

COME BY FOR A START-UP KIT which includes 8 review sheets, book worm, bookmarks, and "Quiet I'm Reading" door hanger.

Three age groups

Read to Me (birth to age 4). Caregiver records title of 20 books and child receives a gift bag of 1 board book, 1 growth chart and 1 soft rubber sea animal.

Ages 4-12. Read and review 8 books. Receive 8 incentives (see below). With the 8th book and every book thereafter, receive raffle tickets for our grand prizes. With the 8th book receive a goody bag and certificate for completing the Reading Club 2022.

Ages 12 & over. Read 4 books and hand in a very short review for each. Receive a raffle ticket for the LED Jellyfish Lava Lamp or gift certificate to Sherman's Bookstore. You'll also receive incentives.

News from the Friends of WPL

Second Hand Prose Used Book Room

This is such a nice time of year to enjoy our beautiful village. As you enjoy a stroll through town, why not stop by the Used Book Room? We have a continually updated selection of gently used books for your browsing pleasure.



If you're trying to pare down your book collection, we welcome your donations. Please note that we are no longer accepting paperback books as they have not been big sellers. Contact me at lynnmaloney5@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Children will be out of school for the summer very soon. Summer reading is critically important for students. Keep us in mind if you have any children's books languishing on your bookshelves. Many of our visitors are families with children or grandparents who are looking for these treasures. We always need children's books.

Coming soon! Summer activities on the Town Common will be accompanied by special sales events in the UBR. Watch this newsletter, Facebook, and the local papers for more information.

Thank you to the wonderful UBR volunteers. Your diligence is appreciated. To learn more about becoming a Used Book Room volunteer, email me at the address above. You will enjoy working in the UBR. It is a joy to welcome so many people -- one of the highlights of volunteering. Plus, you get first chance at purchasing our new books!

Remember, Second Hand Prose is open whenever the library is open. We hope to see you here soon.

Lynn Maloney, UBR Chair

Treasurer's Report

It's that time of the year when our annual Friends dues (\$10) are payable. If you haven't had an opportunity to do so, please mail your check (payable to Friends of the Wiscasset Public Library) to the Friends of WPL, 21 High street, Wiscasset 04578. New members are always welcome!

Thank you for your continued support.

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 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 a special event, our annual Friends luncheon, held on July 13. You can find more Friends information on the WPL website. To receive updates from the Friends, email us at Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com.

Community Resources

SCORE. Helping small businesses like yours.



Are you a small business owner? Are you considering launching your own business? Could you use some guidance or tools to help you establish or maintain your business?

SCORE, in partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), is a nonprofit organization that fosters small businesses through mentoring and education. There are multiple chapters in the Midcoast area. Find a mentor or expert support. Take a class or attend a roundtable. You will find additional resources online: webinars, classes on demand, templates, checklists and more. Visit the SCORE website at <https://www.score.org/> for additional information.

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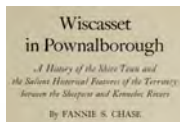
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Tuesday 10:00am-5:00pm
Wednesday 10:00am-7:00pm
Thursday 10:00am-5:00pm
Friday 10:00am-5:00pm
Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm
Closed Sunday and Monday

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