



Wiscasset Public Library

Newsletter

May 2022

Once you have read a book you care about, some part of it is always with you.
~ Louis L'Amour

Director's Note

Have you noticed the many ways in which libraries have changed in the last few years? I celebrated my thirtieth anniversary of working at Wiscasset Public Library in February. I have seen a multitude of changes as libraries have adapted to the current needs of the public. The days of deep quiet, hushed whispers and strict rules are gone. While you can still find those quiet corners where you can settle in for deeper reflection and concentration, the library is also a community center.

People come in to meet with others, share book titles, chat about authors and more. Advisors come to meet clients. Tutors come to meet with students. Some just come in to be around other people and enjoy the beautiful, historic building. All are welcome.



With all that has changed, what does WPL have to offer? The books, CDs, DVDs, STEM kits, and magazines are still here but you are no longer limited to the on-site resources. We offer access to the items available at libraries throughout the state. If you're looking for materials that aren't on the shelf, ask a librarian to place an interlibrary loan (ILL) request for you; or, you can go online to the card catalog and make your own request. ILLs arrive every Thursday and you will be notified by email when your items are ready to be picked up. These days, you can also use your library card at more than sixty other Maine libraries and borrow directly from them. When you are done with their items, return them in Wiscasset and we will send them back for you. Plus, you now have access to CloudLibrary where you can borrow audio and e-books, and Comics Plus where you can borrow comic books and graphic novels. Don't forget the Digital Maine Library that holds thousands of full-text articles, magazines, newspapers, peer journals, references, and government records from reputable sources. Digital Maine's Gale databases and Niche Academy support all your research, education, and job-training needs.

Is there more? Of course! We have programs. Sign your youngsters up for the *Oceans of Possibilities* Summer Reading Club to keep them engaged in reading and attending some really great programs. There will be programs for all ages later this year. The Jane S. Tucker Archival and Genealogical Collection is open to the public. There, you'll find a wealth of information about early Wiscasset -- formerly known as Pownalborough -- and the surrounding

area. WPL is in the process of digitizing this collection, but it remains open for visiting in-house; just sign-in at the front desk.

Still more? Yes, there is. Did you know you can use our high-speed printer to scan documents and send them to an email address *for free*? If you need to print or fax hardcopy, we have the lowest price per page in the area. You can print from our public-access computers or your own phone or tablet. Call or visit us to learn more about any of these options. WPL's goal is to continue to serve the public and to stay relevant to your needs though the changing times. Are we missing something? Let us know how we can change and grow in order to better serve our community. Wiscasset Public Library is here for you!

Pam Dunning, Director



Meet Sue Weatherbee!

Have you noticed a new face at the library circulation desk? Sue Weatherbee has joined the Wiscasset Public Library team.

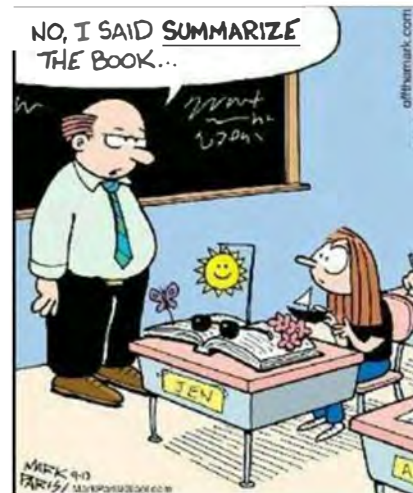
Sue says, "I was recently hired as a Library Clerk. I applied for this position shortly after retiring from over 33 years of being a First Class Electrician at Bath Iron Works. I have lived in Wiscasset for 28 years and raised my two children here. With my love of reading, it has been a perfect fit for me. Thank you for the warm welcome and everyone's patience as I learn my new job."

Library Humor

I started reading a book about mazes—I got lost in it...

So, I went to the library to check out a book about illusions. The librarian tried to find one for me, but they had all disappeared.

Instead, I borrowed a book about anti-gravity. It's so good, I can't put it down.



Upcoming Events



Annual Friends Luncheon

Wednesday, May 11 at Noon

Water Street Kitchen & Bar

15 Water St., Wiscasset

Please plan to join us on Wednesday, May 11, for the 2022 Friends Luncheon. We are looking forward to reviving this tradition. We will meet at noon at Water Street Kitchen & Bar, 15 Water St., Wiscasset. To attend, you must **RSVP by Friday, May 6** to Katharine Martin-Savage at seafieldfarm@gmail.com.

Attendees will be able to order from Water Street Kitchen's regular menu or the bar menu. Each person will pay for her own lunch. The menu links are below. Menus are subject to change.

<https://waterstreetmaine.com/main-menu/>
<https://waterstreetmaine.com/bar-menu/>

We hope to see you there!
Lili Pugh and Stephanie Hergenroeder, Co-Presidents

Bands for Books 2022 **Monday, September 5**

SAVE THE DATE! The Friends of Wiscasset Public Library will be holding their popular annual fundraiser, **Bands for Books**, on Labor Day, September 5. We plan to gather again at Seafield Farm, home of Kathy Martin-Savage, where we will enjoy the wonderful music of the Salty Dogs. There will be a silent auction, with many new and wonderful things to bid on, and lots of fantastic food. 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
Next Meeting: Thursday, May 19

Thank you to everyone who responded to our meeting day survey. The votes were overwhelmingly in favor of continuing our meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month. We will resume our in-person meetings in the Fiction Room at 10:15 am on May 19. The format will continue to be a "book share" where you read what you like and then share a summary of your book with the group. If you are on the Book Club email list, you will receive a reminder about the date of the May meeting. Contact us if you would like to be added to the Book Group email list. All are welcome.

Janet Morgan, Interim Book Group Chair

Book Group Recommendations

An English Murder by Cyril Hare. This 1951 mystery is touted as a "golden age classic." Set on Christmas Eve, ten people become trapped in a snowbound country mansion. When a murder occurs, it would seem fortuitous that one of the guests is a policeman. Two days later, however, there have been two more deaths and the remaining guests are no closer to solving the crimes. Cyril Hare's novel has enough twists to keep the reader wondering if the killer will be found before the survivors are rescued.



The Exiles by Christina Baker Kline. This is another excellent historical fiction novel from the author of *A Piece of the World* and *Orphan Train*. *The Exiles* tells the story of three young women forging new lives in 19th century Australia. Evangeline is a naive governess who is exiled to Australia for her "sins." During the treacherous voyage to England's new colony, she meets young Hazel, another casualty of British "justice." In Van Diemen's Land, they meet Mathinna, the orphaned Aboriginal who has been adopted by the Governor. This is a fascinating view of history told from the perspective of three women facing unimaginable hardships.

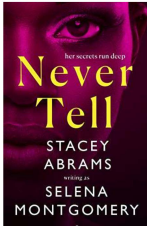
New Nonfiction: *The Twelve Monotasks*

Would you like to be more productive, less stressed, and happier in life? Long to-do lists have taken over our lives, added unnecessary pressure and left little time to escape the all-consuming technology and the constant pressure to be doing and striving for more. Multitasking may be the norm but study after study shows that concentrating on a single task can be less stressful and may lead to better results. Thatcher Wine's ***The Twelve Monotasks*** will teach you to do one thing at a time, and do it well, so you can enjoy your life!



Drawing on research in psychology, neuroscience, and mindfulness, *The Twelve Monotasks* provides a clear and accessible plan for life in the twenty-first century. Practice resisting distractions and building focus by doing the things you already do—like reading, sleeping, eating, and listening—with renewed attention. For example, the next time you go for a walk, don't try to run an errand or squeeze in a phone call. Instead, notice the cool breeze on your face and the plants and birds that may cross your path. Immerse yourself in the activity and let time melt away, even if you're only out for 20 minutes. Notice how much clearer your head feels when you return home. The magic of monotasking is evidenced in more focus, less stress and better results. "Thatcher Wine gifts us with the tools to rein in our distractibility, allowing us to more richly participate in all that we do." (David Perlmutter, MD)

Patron Recommendation: *Never Tell*



From popular political leader and lawyer Stacey Abrams comes a romantic suspense novel, *Never Tell*, written under the pen name Selena Montgomery. Abrams, a New York Times bestselling author of eight novels, has recently re-released this earlier work. Mixing romance, suspense and mystery, Abrams has woven an intriguing and complex tale.

Criminal psychologist Dr. Erin Abbott wants nothing more than to live a quiet life: no danger, no intrigue - and absolutely no romance. Her plan is upended when she begins to suspect a serial killer is roaming New Orleans. Her investigation throws her straight into the arms of the only man who can help her. Journalist Gabriel Moss is eager to find his next big story—and he knows Erin is on to something huge. Abrams has woven a compelling tale of intrigue and passion. "The suspense is relentless... *Never Tell* is a well conceived, absorbing read." (BookLoons)

Now in Large Print: *Inspired*

How do we create? How does inspiration work? Can we maximize our creative potential? In his new book *Inspired: Understanding Creativity*, Pulitzer-winning New York Times science reporter Matt Richtel explores the mysteries of human creativity. Richtel uses his deft narrative style to distill the latest research from around the world. Bill Gates praises Richtel's knack for "bring[ing] scientific concepts to life."



Creativity sparks achievement and innovation in virtually every human activity. It is the basis of human progress and is the source of profound personal satisfaction for individual creators. Why are some individuals so successful at tapping into creative inspiration? Richtel delves into the science of creativity and provides insight into some of the world's great creators. He addresses many practical questions: What are the traits of successful creators? Which conditions allow creativity to thrive? What can we do to overcome creative blocks? *Inspired* suggests that creativity is more accessible than many might imagine. Readers will find *Inspired* to be both informative and inspirational.

Teen Room News



New books every month!

Have you checked the shelves in the updated Teen Room? Do you like what you see? Let us know your thoughts... [Email us](#) or stop by the front desk and say "Hi!"

White Bird by R. J. Palacio. This is the graphic novel debut from the award-winning author of *Wonder*. *White Bird* is a story about the power of kindness and unrelenting courage in a time of war.

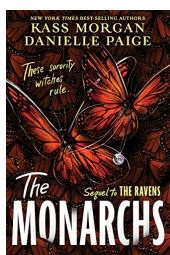
In the Shadow of the Fallen Towers by Don Brown. A graphic novel chronicling the immediate aftermath and rippling effects of one of the most impactful days in modern history: September 11, 2001. Profound, troubling, and deeply moving, *In the Shadow of the Fallen Towers* bears witness to our history—and the ways it shapes our future.

The Lumberjanes series by N. D. Stevenson et al. Meet Jo, April, Mal, Molly, and Ripley. They are five rad, butt-kicking best pals who fight monster baddies with the power of friendship! "Completely unpredictable, ridiculously charming, and laugh-out-loud funny." - Entertainment Weekly

Squire by Sara Alfageeh and Nadia Shammass. An epic fantasy graphic novel about bravery, adventure, and rebellion. Aiza desperately wants to become a knight, the only path to citizenship for the subjugated Ornu people. As the once-great empire of Bayt-Sajji is on the brink of war, Aiza finally has the chance to pursue her dream. Now she has to choose: loyalty to her heart and heritage, or loyalty to the Empire.

Gallant by V. E. Schwab. Olivia Prior has grown up in a boarding school. Then, a letter invites Olivia to come home to Gallant. She arrives to discover that no one is expecting her... and Gallant is full of dark secrets. An eerie saga about life, death, and the demons that are often locked behind closed doors.

Supernova by Marissa Meyer. All's fair in love and anarchy in *Supernova*, the epic conclusion to Marissa Meyer's thrilling *Renegades* Trilogy. Secrets, lies, and betrayals are revealed as anarchy once again threatens to reclaim Gatlon City.



The Monarchs by Kass Morgan and Danielle Paige. This thrilling conclusion to *The Ravens* duology shows loyalty, love, and friendships being tested as sorority sisters Scarlett and Vivi face the forces of hell itself when rivals wreak havoc on campus.

You'll find more great titles on the web: visit WPL's online card catalog, where you can access books throughout the state of Maine. You can download ebooks and audiobooks 24/7 at Cloud Library. Plus, you'll find the latest and greatest manga, comics and graphic novels on Comics Plus. If you need help accessing any of these tools, just ask!

New on Comics Plus



Do you have a favorite book, series, or author? Let us know! WPL loves patron recommendations. You can help us acquire what you want to read, and you can help others find their next favorite book.

DID YOU KNOW?

Spring is a great time to explore Maine

Ask us about free passes to the Farnsworth Art Museum, the Portland Museum of Art, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, and more!

SNACK ATTACK!

WPL has snacks for teens every Wednesday in May from 3:00-5:00 pm.

Get a card, expand your world!

Stop by the library to browse and get a library card — free for all WMHS students and educators.



PORTLAND MUSEUM of ART

Farnsworth
Art Museum



Looking for a summer job?

Find a job at Maine Career Center - Mainecareercenter.gov

- Help with resumes
- Help with work searches
- Search for on-the-job training
- ...and more!

The Children's Room

April showers bring May flowers. We are ready for those flowers! What are you looking forward to in May? This month is full of special days!

May 1st is May Day, a traditional spring holiday celebrated in various places in the United States and around the world. In Hawaii, it's called Lei Day. May Day festivities often include flowers, dancing, singing, and cake!





May 1st is also Mother Goose Day—who knew? Stop by to choose from our many coloring pages honoring of nursery rhymes.



May 4th is a special day for Star War fans. Don't forget to greet your friends with “May the fourth be with you.”



On May 5th, we celebrate Cinco de Mayo. On May 5, 1862, the Mexican Army defeated the French Empire in the Battle of Puebla. In the USA, Cinco de Mayo is a day when we recognize and celebrate Mexican-American culture. Here in Wiscasset many of us will enjoy having a reason to eat delicious tacos. Yum!

May 8th is Mother's Day! To help you out, we have craft supplies so you can make Mom the perfect gift. You can make her a bouquet of flowers, or you can decorate a wooden catchall tray. You can choose: What would your mom like best?



May Crafts

Tissue paper flowers



Wooden catchall tray



Flower bouquet



Memorial Day windsock



Mini felt planter



Spinning top toy



Coffee filter suncatchers

BOOK LOVE by Ms. Laurie

What I am reading: **Koda** by Patricia Hermes. Koda, a young quarter-horse traveling on the Oregon Trail, may become a hero when his young mistress goes missing. This is the 3rd book in the *Horse Diaries* series.

I'm reading two books by Margaret Wise Brown: **A Home for a Bunny** and **The Big Red Barn**. The first book is one of my very favorite spring stories. The

second is in honor of one of our young patrons who really likes farms and animals.

I'm also still reading *The Sisters Grimm* series by Michael Buckley. I'm on volume 4 now: ***Once Upon a Crime***. It is nonstop action!



Summer Reading Club

SIGN-UP: Tuesday, May 31— Saturday, July 30

- Summer Reading Club sign-up kicks off at the end of May.
- Participate in-house or on-line. Stop by and get your starter kit.
- Book reviews start Tuesday, July 5th and will run until mid-August.
- This year's theme is Oceans of Possibilities
- There are many Lego raffle prizes this year!

DON'T MISS THE FUN!



Weekly contests

- Bingo
- Crafts
- Prizes
- Books
- Games

See you @ the library!

News from the Friends of WPL

Second Hand Prose Used Book Room

Have you visited the Used Book Room lately? When you are at the Library, please stop in downstairs and find a book to keep or give as a present. Perhaps you will find something that complements the books you've just borrowed upstairs. The UBR has so much to offer... you will find that we have more than just paperbacks for the beach or that flight to Miami.





The UBR volunteers have done an amazing job of organizing the space. The shelves have a leaner look, more categories, and better shelf markings. We now have a much larger collection of Classics and more variety all around. If your children need ideas for book reports or special projects, there are inexpensive books in the UBR that will help them out. Maybe just one chapter or photograph from an "adult" book is all they need to spark a creative idea. Take a look at the books in the Biography, Geography, History, Politics, and Children's non-fiction sections.

There is a new donation jar for Friends of the WPL. Even if you don't find a used book to buy, consider making a donation to supplement our sales. All funds collected are used to support the Library. Remember, the Used Book Room is open whenever the Library is open. If UBR volunteers are not present, please bring your purchases to the circulation desk. Thank you for your support!



Sharman Ballantine, UBR Volunteer

Are your dues due?

It's that time of the year when our annual Friends dues (\$10) are payable. We rely on your dues to assist with the projects we fund for our library. 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. Payment of your dues is important to the success of our fundraising and is truly appreciated.

You don't remember if you have sent in your 2022 dues? Just send an email to Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com and we will let you know if you have paid.

Soon, the Friends will be holding their famous "\$5 Fill Your Own Bag!" book sale. All Friends who have paid their dues will be invited to a special preview day before the sale. Don't be left out! 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 **May 11**. You can find more Friends information on the [WPL website](#). To receive updates from the Friends, email us at Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com.

Library Information

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

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