



## Wiscasset Public Library Newsletter November 2022

*November is chill, frosted mornings with a silver sun rising behind the trees, red cardinals at the feeders, and squirrels running scallops along the tops of the gray stone walls.*

~ Jean Hersey

### Director's Note



This month I am reaching out to you with a serious issue. Funding for the Library has been declining for many years. We have been working very hard over the last several weeks to build a budget for 2023 that will allow us to continue to bring all of the programs, services and operating hours that we have now. The numbers are just not working. I ask you to read the following note from the Library Board of Trustees and to think of the Library this year when you plan your

charitable giving. We want to be here for you. Your gift to the Library is a gift to the entire community.

Pam Dunning, Director

Each fall, we publish a plea for financial support. Wiscasset Public Library is an incomparable resource for our communities due to the donations from generous people like you. Donations keep our doors open and the extensive services free for all who wish or need to use this library. Less than 29% of our funding comes from our constituent towns of Alna, Edgecomb, Westport Island, and Wiscasset, with Wiscasset providing the bulk of the municipal support. Most of our funding comes from annual appeal donations and contributions to our endowment fund. As a nonprofit organization, WPL depends on **YOUR** support, and we are incredibly grateful for all donations.

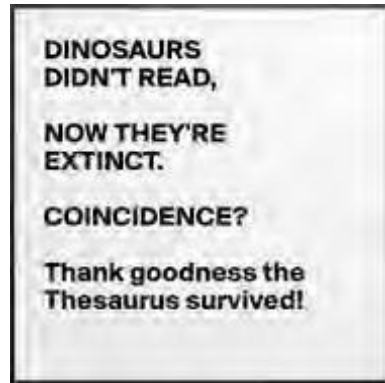
The library staff, together with the many volunteers – Friends, Corporators, and Trustees – continually strive to maintain and enhance the services provided by WPL. We are proud that almost 200 children participated in our 2022 Summer Reading Program. Our outreach to teenagers has expanded and continues to grow. The library provides the books, videos, and periodicals that you love; furthermore, the offerings have been significantly increased via our participation in a statewide consortium of small libraries. Online resources, available on our website, allow access to many materials which you can enjoy anywhere at any time. All of this is possible thanks to you. Please donate now to allow us to continue this work. Donate [online via our website](#), or mail your check to Wiscasset Public Library, 21 High St., Wiscasset, ME 04578. Thank you for your support!

## Library Humor

When you teach a wolf to meditate, he becomes aware wolf.

What do you call an alligator in a vest? An investigator.

You should wear glasses when doing math. They improve division.



## Upcoming Events

### Nominate a Trustee



**WE NEED YOU!**

### Friends Fall Luncheon



**Saturday, Nov. 5 at 12:30pm**

**Join the  
Friends**

Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30

**Nominees wanted!** The WPL Board of Trustees is seeking nominees to join the Board beginning in January 2023. Residents of the constituent communities — Alna, Edgecomb, Westport Island, and Wiscasset — are invited to serve. To learn more, or to suggest a nominee, email:

[Wiscasset.Library.Trustees@gmail.com](mailto:Wiscasset.Library.Trustees@gmail.com).

**Saturday, November 5th at 12:30pm**  
- **Friends luncheon at Montsweag Farm.** The Friends will have a fall luncheon at Montsweag Farm Restaurant. If you would like to attend, **RSVP to Lynn Maloney no later than Wednesday, November 2nd at [lynnmaloney5@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnmaloney5@yahoo.com).**

**Wednesday, November 9th at 9:30am**  
- **Friends of WPL meeting**, in the library Fiction Room or via Zoom. We will be discussing upcoming events including the Children's Holiday Sale. 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.

## New Adult Fiction

### What to read next...

So many books! WPL updates its new books every week. These are just a few books in our New Fiction collection. Are you are looking for the latest release from your favorite author? Do you want to

check out a recent bestseller? Take a look at our New Fiction shelves. You can also peruse the offerings on our website; just scroll down the homepage to the "New Fiction" display. If you don't see your book, let us know. We can put in a request, and you will be notified when the book is ready to be picked up at the library. Need a recommendation? Ask a librarian. We would be happy to provide some suggestions.



## New Non-Fiction: *What We Owe The Future*



Oxford philosopher, William MacAskill, shares his premise that positively influencing the long-term future is a moral imperative. *What We Owe the Future* stresses that the world is in our hands. According to MacAskill, we must go beyond reversing climate change and the natural hazards on the planet. We need to ensure the continuation of civilization and prepare for a time when digital beings are smarter than humans.

## New in LP: *A Lady's Guide to Fortune Hunting*



Sophie Irwin's entertaining debut, *A Ladies Guide to Fortune-hunting*, is a lively historical romcom. Kitty has been left to care for her family and deal with her father's massive debts. She knows there is only one way out. Marry money. Strong-minded Kitty enters the London season to single-mindedly begin her pursuit. Lord Radcliffe, recognizing Kitty as a fortune-hunter, is determined to block her moves. What follows is a battle of wits that takes some interesting turns.

## Teen News





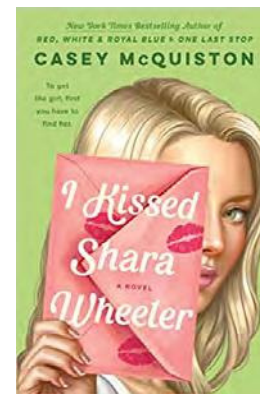
## NEW BOOKS FOR TEENS

Stop by or check out the "New" feature on our [website](#).

## Clues, Secrets, & a Missing Prom Queen

*I Kissed Shara Wheeler* by Casey McQuiston

After Shara Wheeler kisses Chloe and then disappears from prom (leaving behind clues, of course), Chloe embarks on a scavenger hunt to find her. Chloe discovers that Shara also kissed Smith and Rory, and together the unlikely trio follow the notes she left behind, learning more about Shara and about themselves in the process.



Do you have a favorite book or author? Let us know 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.



## New in Comics Plus

Comics Plus has announced an expansion of English-translated manga from Saturday AM and UDON Entertainment, two publishers from Japan's largest e-book distribution company.

Head to <https://login.librarypass.com/login> and use the barcode number from your library card for free access to Comics Plus!



**Free to use with your library card!**

## The Children's Room



**November 11 is Veterans Day**  
Thank a veteran!

This Veterans Day, you can cheer up a veteran in the hospital. Come into the library and pick up a poster and the included stamped envelope. Color the poster, place it in the envelope and drop it in the mail. Posters will be distributed to our veterans in the Maine Veterans Hospital. Brighten someone's day with a colorful thank you poster.





What should we call this corn? Is it Indian corn or ornamental corn? Some people say calico corn while others call it flint corn. You can eat this corn but the kernels are so hard that they need special preparation to be edible. The kernels are as hard as *flint*! Whatever you call this corn it is remarkably pretty and a common sign of fall. Enjoy making your tissue paper corn decoration to hang on your front door.

## When you come to pick up your books, remember to get your Crafts to Go!

Tissue Paper Corn



Fall Handprint Owl



Napkin rings for Four



Turkey Centerpiece



## FRIDAY STORY TIME IS BACK ON THE SCHEDULE!

**When:** Fridays at 11:00 am, starting Nov. 4th

**Where:** The Children's Room

**Who:** Children (birth to 5 years) and caregiver

**What:** Stories, songs, and rhymes, with lots of movement—no shushing here!

**How long:** About 30 minutes but plan some extra time for playing afterwards



## News from the Friends of WPL

### Dear Madame (or Mister President

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](mailto:lwinterberg@roadrunner.com) or call 882-9693

Sharman Ballantine: [sharman1738@gmail.com](mailto:sharman1738@gmail.com) or call 687-8258

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## Children's Holiday Sale

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



For several years, [the Friends](#) of Wiscasset Public Library participated in the town's winter Marketfest by providing a one-day sale for Wiscasset children to shop for their families. The goal was to bring children into our Library and give them the opportunity to experience the joy and pride of selecting and presenting a gift to those they love. The gifts, which were not necessarily new, were all donated by the Friends.

This is a wonderful event for the children. It does not take a huge amount of time or effort to organize. We will be discussing the sale at our Friends meeting on November 9. We have already heard from people who are willing to help make this event happen. A new volunteer has offered to chair the event with another person. **We really need someone to be the event co-chairperson.** PLEASE consider stepping up to co-chair this event; or indicate that you are willing to take a shift that day. Help us bring the joy of giving to our local children. Contact the Friends ([Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com](mailto:Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com)) for more information or to volunteer.

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## Second Hand Prose Used Book Room

Open Tuesday through Saturday when the library is open

### Children's books needed!

Second Hand Prose (the Used Book Room) needs children's books so there will be enticing book choices for young customers to purchase prior to winter break. That is when reading at home is particularly fun and important; plus, used books are a thrifty way for parents to promote early reading habits. We are especially in need of recently published paperback "chapter books" (fiction) for grades 3 through 5, and hard cover picture books to support reading aloud with children. Donating one good book could make a difference in a child's life!



As always, a sincere thank you to the faithful volunteers who staff our Used Book Room. Your diligence is appreciated. 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](mailto: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 November 9. 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](mailto:Wiscasset.Library.Friends@gmail.com).

## Library Information



[My Library Account](#)

### Digital Resources



[Card Catalog](#)



[E-books & Audiobooks](#)



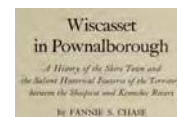
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[Wiscasset History](#)

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### 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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website

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