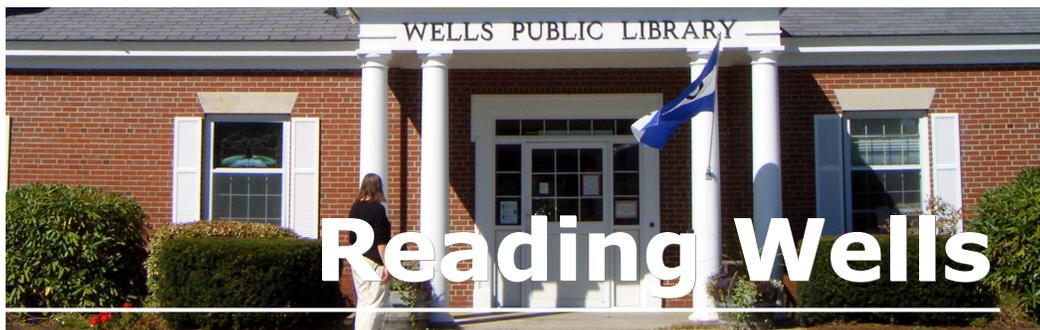


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From the Director

It was another beautiful summer in Wells. It's always such a joy to hear patrons share stories of their home libraries, both as a way to improve, but also to realize how important libraries are to the quality of life for our 4,300 patrons.

July of this year marked the end of our fiscal year. While I usually prefer to share the stories of all the cool things our patrons are doing at the library (like the gentleman who used a library book to make homemade snowshoes for one of our winter hikes!), this year was an exceptional year for numbers and I wanted to share them with you. We had 73,300 people through the door (the highest since 2011), loaned over 80,000 items, and had more than 5,000 children, teens, and adults attend educational and cultural programs - our highest ever.

While I love the stories of the job hunters using our resources to find work, the genealogists tracing their roots, or the teens learning to solder a circuit, these numbers present a resoundingly clear big picture; the citizens and visitors of Wells love to learn and they love their library!

Best,
Devin

A Letter From the President of the Friends of the Wells Public Library:

This summer Wells Public Library programs serviced almost a thousand youngsters in their summer programs. These programs are funded in their entirety by the Friends of the Wells Public Library. While the Friends have always welcomed new members, the need for new people is growing acute because several of our long term members have moved away. In order for these programs to continue to grow and flourish, we need new supporters. Financially the Friends are well funded, but new members are needed in order to continue to support the programs the community enjoys. To join, please contact Mary Goullaud at mgoullaud@maine.rr.com or complete the Friends application available at the library.

Book Discussion

The Wells Public Library is pleased to co-sponsor two monthly book discussion groups with Wells-Ogunquit Adult Community Education. Below is a list of upcoming titles for discussion. All titles are available through the MINERVA online catalog:

Tuesday Evenings at 6:15 p.m.

Sept. 13: **The Vacationers** by Emma Straub
Oct. 11: **The Wright Brothers** by David McCullough
Nov. 15: **The Man in the High Castle** by Philip K. Dick

Thursday Afternoons at 2 p.m.

Sept. 22: **Some Luck** by Jane Smiley
Oct. 27: **March: Book One** by John Lewis
Nov. 17: **The Nightingale** by Kristin Hannah

Fiber Arts Group

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

If you do embroidery, cross-stitch, sewing, weaving, quilting, whatever you do - if it's done with fiber and it's portable, we welcome you. All ages & levels of ability are encouraged to join us for ideas, inspiration and lively conversation.

Weekly Programs

French Conversation Group Thursdays at 6 p.m.

Join us for an informal approach to practicing or re-learning French! We will offer some activities, questions, and other approaches to practicing the language. This is a casual group who speak French with varying levels of ability as a way to practice something they enjoy.

Weekly Meditation Group Wednesdays at 12 p.m.

Join us for an informal hour of meditation. Wellness Coach Cindy Simon begins each session by sharing a mindfulness technique which leads into two different meditations, varying them week to week. Learn how to consistently incorporate meditation into your life in order to increase health, well-being and inner peace. All skill levels are welcome.

Ethel M. Weymouth Art Gallery Openings

Please join us the **first Saturday of each month at 11 a.m.** for these opening receptions. Refreshments will be provided, and the artists will be available to answer questions.

September 3: Hilary Zayed, watercolors/pastels/mosaics

October 1: Mark Jacobson, machine embroidery photography

November 5: Cliff Jenkins, paintings

*All programs sponsored in whole or in part by the Friends of the Wells Public Library.
To register for programs, please call the library at 207-646-8181.*

Adult Programs

Lunch and Learn

Join us on the **first Friday of each month at 12 p.m.** for our Lunch and Learn Series. All are welcome to bring lunch, and the library will provide light refreshments.

The Grand Canyon September 2

Seasoned hiker and former science professor Rick Jurgen spends summers in Maine and winters hiking in the Grand Canyon. Come to hear stories and see slides of his many years of expeditions down into the bottom of the Canyon.

The Road to Santiago with Jim and Lee Anderson October 7

Amateur photographers and world travelers Jim and Lee Anderson return to share photos and stories from their trip along the Camino de Santiago in Spain. Since the Middle Ages, travelers from around the globe have trekked this famous route as a religious pilgrimage and to develop their spiritual growth. Come to learn more about this famous route!

Put Your Garden to Bed November 4

Master Gardener Jolene Staruch will be joining us to answer any of your gardening questions. She will also give tips on putting the garden to bed: ways to get rid of the mess, how to clean up what's left, and what to pack away in order to make sure everything is ready when you need it.

“World in Your Library” Program Series, a Partnership with the Kennebunk Free Library

We are thrilled to host four notable scholars, in conjunction with the Kennebunk Free Library, to speak on different topics affecting our world today. Please join us for programs happening at both locations!

Tuesday, September 13 at 6 p.m. at the Kennebunk Free Library

“Globalization and Outsourcing: The Cost of Cheap Labor in China” presented by Hong Zhang

Tuesday, September 20 at 6 p.m. at the Wells Public Library

“U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East Since 2001” presented by Eric Hooglund

Tuesday, October 4 at 6 p.m. at the Kennebunk Free Library

“The Syrian Crisis: Isis and Refugees” presented by Scott Erb

Tuesday, October 18 at 6 p.m. at the Wells Public Library

“Introduction to Buddhism” presented by with Dana Sawyer

Shakespeare, The Zany Majestic Bard with David Greenham

Monday, September 26 at 12:30 p.m.

In collaboration with the Maine Humanities Council and Wells High School, the Wells Public Library will offer a one hour program about William Shakespeare from renowned actor David Greenham. He promises to make Shakespeare interesting and fun for everyone! The performance is open to all members of the community, while the freshman English classes will all be attending.

This program that will be held at the Wells High School Auditorium, located at 200 Sanford Road.

An Evening with Stuart Kestenbaum, Maine’s Poet Laureate

Tuesday, September 27 at 6 p.m.

We are very excited to bring Maine’s newly chosen Poet Laureate, Stuart Kestenbaum, to the library! Join us as we listen to Kestenbaum read his poetry and speak about his writing. Don’t miss the chance to hear this amazingly talented poet from Maine.

Needle Felting Owls with Danielle Bonney Thursday, October 6 at 2:30 p.m.

Back by popular demand! Needle felting is a process using barbed needles to interlock wool fibers to form a more condensed material. Local needle felter Danielle Bonney will teach us how to make cute owls using this technique. Materials are provided. Open to ages 8 and up. **Registration is required as space is limited.**

Celebrate Veteran’s Day with Maine Musician Don Campbell

Tuesday, November 8 at 6 p.m.

Come honor our veterans with a patriotic concert performed by Don Campbell, one of Maine’s most acclaimed musicians and vocalists! Campbell has performed all over Southern Maine, and we are privileged to be added to his roster.

Marketplace Healthcare Enrollment Tuesday, October 25 from 6-7 p.m. Thursday, November 10 from 2-7 p.m.

Healthcare Navigators, Robin Hewitt-Bibber of York County Community Action and Celyn Reed of Nasson Health Care will help people enroll or re-enroll in the Obamacare Health Insurance Marketplace healthcare plans. **Appointments are required.** Paperwork is required, so please come in to the library to find out what you need to bring.

Children's Programs

Storytimes

Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. beginning September 6

Ages 2-5 years old and their caregivers are invited to meet us on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday mornings for stories, songs, and movement, all followed by a craft.

Mother Goose Storytime

Mondays at 10:30 a.m. beginning September 12

Join us for Mother Goose Mondays! Children ages 0-24 months and their caregivers are invited to engage in lap activities, rhymes, songs, and fingerplays.

Teen Events

Teen Crafternoon

Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

September 14, October 19, November 9

Stop by the library one Wednesday in each month to try out a new craft! This fall, we'll be marbling paper, decorating devices/notebooks with contact paper, and making soap. We provide the supplies, you bring the creativity!

Teen Advisory Board

Wednesday, September 21 at 1:30 p.m.

Ever wanted to pick the theme for a teen event at the library? How about choose the movies we show at the library? Then be sure to come to the first Teen Advisory Board meeting! We'll discuss planning new events, prepare materials for upcoming projects, and pick movies to show during the fall.

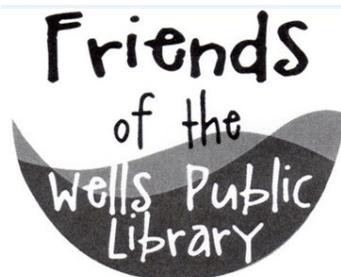
Teen Movie Matinee

Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

September 28, October 26, and November 30

Need something to do on an early release day? Stop by the library on the last Wednesday of each month to watch a movie! Have fun hanging out with friends, eating popcorn, and enjoying the show.

The staff at the library would like to send out a special thank you to the Friends of the Wells Public Library. Without all of your amazing fundraising, we would not be able to provide the programs we do. We are so grateful for all you do!



Family Programs

Pirate Party

Thursday, September 22 at 6 p.m.

Ahoy, matesys! Pirates of all ages and their families are invited to have a swashbuckling good time with treats, games, and crafts. Be prepared to walk the plank if you can't make it!

Fall Scavenger Hunt

Thursday, October 13 from 1-5 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of fun! At the top of every hour, we will read aloud stories about the season. After stories, kids will receive a scavenger hunt that will include fall items and hidden treasure. Lists will be available all afternoon and small prizes will be awarded to those who complete them.

Pumpkin Decorating

Friday, October 14 at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Who doesn't love decorating pumpkins at this time of year? Stop by the library and pick out a pumpkin to design any way you like. We will be hosting two sessions of this fun event: 10:30 a.m. for the younger ages and 2 p.m. for grade school and above. We will also have seasonal treats for all to enjoy.

Children's Halloween Party

Thursday, October 27 at 6 p.m.

Kids and their families are invited to dress up in costume and come to the library to hear spooky stories, play ghoulish games, make creepy crafts, and eat festive food. Come for trick or treating in the library, too!

UnBirthday Party

Thursday, November 17 at 6 p.m.

A very Merry UnBirthday to you! All ages of unbirthday celebrators and their families are invited to an evening of crafts, games, and maybe even a few surprises. Join us for a mixed-up, twisted, crazy celebration!

For more information regarding adult programs, please contact Kristi Bryant at kbryant@wellstown.org.

For more information regarding children's and family programs, please contact Allison Herman at aherman@wellstown.org.

For more information regarding teen programs, please contact Jade Austin at jaustin@wellstown.org.



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For Your Information:

Library Cards

A Wells Public Library card is available free to **legal residents and/or property owners** of Wells, Ogunquit, Kennebunk, and Kennebunkport. A legal resident is defined as someone who *is registered to vote in Maine, has a valid Maine driver's license, or has registered one's motor vehicles in Maine*. Library cards are also available free of charge to Town of Wells employees, faculty of the Wells-Ogunquit Consolidated School District, faculty and students at York County Community College, and employees of other educational and community service agencies located in Wells.

To Obtain a Resident Library Card:

Applicants must present proof of residence, property ownership, school attendance, or employment at the time of registration for a card as well as verification of mailing address.

Non-Resident Library Cards

may be purchased for a fee of \$20/year or \$10/3 months.

Once you have your library card it is important to **bring it every time you come to the library** in order to check out materials.

Mailing Your Books Back?

We recommend that you insure all items being mailed back to us, in case the item is lost or damaged in transit.

Need to Use a Computer?

The library has 9 computers for public access to the Internet and Microsoft Office products. If you don't have a library card, please stop at the Patron Services desk to pick up a guest pass. Users are allowed 30 minutes per session, with the option of another 30 minute session per day. Printing is \$.15/page for black and white copies, \$.50/page for color copies.

If you have your own device (laptop, tablet, smartphone), you may access the library's wireless signal anywhere in the building. Printing is available on many wireless devices.

Please check our website or stop by the library for information about any additions or cancellations to these programs.