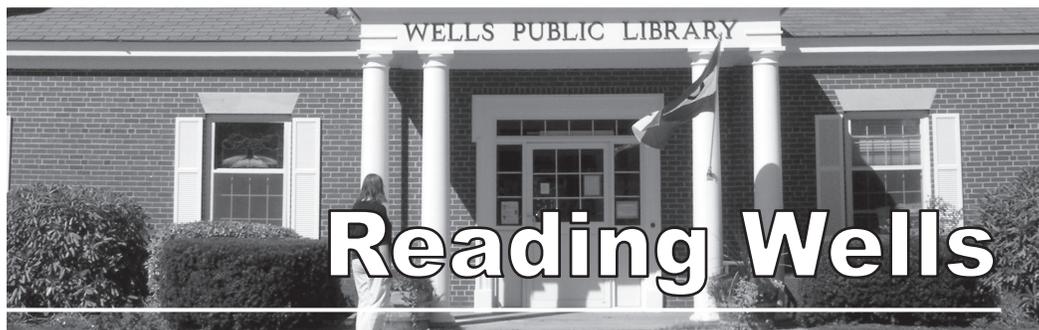


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From the Director

Summer is an awesome time to be a librarian on the coast. There is a constant hum of activity. On a cloudy day I remember taking a stroll through the library to see both puzzle tables in use, all of our newspaper chairs filled, people at almost every table, the computers full, a lively book discussion, and a well attended family program with a local partner happening at the same time. It truly lifts one's spirits to see this sense of place and community being developed around learning, culture, and sharing.

Speaking of busy summers and a sense of a community, I'd like to extend a huge thanks to the Wells Public Library Foundation, Board of Trustees, Friends of the Library, the multitude of donors, the Hall Family Foundation, and the voters of the Town of Wells. The library was able to raise over \$1,000,000 to build a 3,350 square foot addition which the town voted to accept at the annual town meeting. Keep your eyes peeled to watch this beautiful addition go up! We will post photos on the library Facebook page as it happens.

On a more bittersweet note, this summer marks the departure of Jennifer Robinson, a long-time library assistant. In Jennifer's tenure she has selected over 600 books for homebound patrons in Wells. We will certainly miss her, but we welcome Sarah Hamlyn and look forward to her contributions to the team!

Best,
Devin

Please join us for an exciting new program series! We've partnered with the Ogunquit Museum of American Art to offer a four part series of art lectures and art viewing opportunities. Registration is required for the Ogunquit Museum of American Art site visits.

The Friendship of Henry Strater and Ernest Hemingway

Friday, September 1 at 12 p.m.

Ogunquit Museum of American Art Site Visit

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Friday, September 8 at 12 p.m.

Tradition and Excellence: Art and Ogunquit, 1914-1918

Friday, October 6 at 12 p.m.

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Friday, October 13 at 12 p.m.

Fiber Arts Group

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

If you embroider, cross-stitch, weave, quilt, whatever you do - we welcome you! All ages & levels of ability are encouraged to join us for ideas, inspiration and lively conversation.

Conversational French Language Group

Thursdays at 6 p.m.

Join us for an informal approach to practicing or re-learning French! This group will meet weekly on Thursdays to speak French. We will offer some activities, questions, and other approaches to practicing the language, but mostly it will be up to the group to determine what the format will be. We welcome anyone with a French Language interest to participate.

DermaFlash at the Wells Public Library

Wednesday, September 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Representatives from the Cancer Care Center of York County will be at the library with their DermaFlash Skin Analysis Machine. This machine uses black light to magnify the image of your face and highlight any damage caused by the harmful effects of overexposure to the sun's UV rays. Interested individuals are encouraged to drop-in during the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to have their skin examined for sun damage with the DermaFlash machine. Please note: participants must wash off any make-up or sun screen before they use the DermaFlash

ACA Enrollment

November

The Wells Public Library is pleased to partner with Robin Bibber and Celyn Reid of York County Community Action to assist with Affordable Care Act enrollments this November. Stay tuned for more information!

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.

Friendship of Henry Strater and Ernest Hemingway

Friday, September 1

We will be hosting OMAA's art educator for a talk about the museum's exhibit on the friendship between Henry Strater and Ernest Hemingway.

Tradition and Excellence: Art and Ogunquit, 1914-1918

Friday, October 6

We welcome back the art educator from the Ogunquit Museum of American Art. We'll learn about the museum's *Tradition and Excellence* exhibit.

Author Andrew Vietze

Friday, November 3 at 12 p.m.

Andrew Vietze wears many hats. For part of the year, he serves as a Ranger at Baxter State Park. The rest of the year, Andrew spends his time writing. He's penned such works as *Boon Island: A True Story of Mutiny, Shipwreck, and Cannibalism* and *Becoming Teddy Roosevelt: How a Maine Guide Inspired America's 26th President*. His latest work is *White Pine: American History and the Tree that Made a Nation*. This event is a must-see for anyone interested in the outdoors, history, and Maine!

Cemetery Symbolism and Superstition with Roxie Zwicker

Friday, December 1 at 12 p.m.

Roxie Zwicker, founder of New England Curiosities, has been sharing her stories of New England legends and lore since 1993. Her lectures and speaking engagements have captivated guests, business groups and organizations throughout New England. She will discuss cemetery imagery specific to York County, explaining common themes and beliefs.

Documentary Screening: In the Blood

Tuesday, September 5 at 6 p.m.

Maine musician, photographer, and filmmaker Sumner McKane will be at the library to present his exceptional documentary *In the Blood*. The movie vividly brings to life the world of 19th century Maine loggers.

Hike WCC with Maine Guide Linda Grenfell

Thursday, September 21 at 10 a.m.

The Wells Conservation Commission has been working to establish and oversee Town Conservation Lands since 1981. There are currently four parcels of Town Conservation Lands in Wells, and the library will be hosting a nature walk at one of the sites. Please join us as Wells resident and registered Maine Guide, Linda Grenfell, leads us

through nature while highlighting animal tracks, animal habitats, and plant life. **PLEASE NOTE: This program is not being held at the library. Participants are asked to meet in the library parking lot at 10 a.m. for instructions before driving to the hike site.**

End of Life Planning: A Panel Discussion

Tuesday, September 26 at 6 p.m.

End of life planning can be a difficult and emotional time. To help ease some of that frustration and confusion, we will be presenting a panel discussion comprised of representatives from local funeral homes and advocacy groups. Please join us for an evening of information and conversation as we all attempt to unravel the details of end of life planning.

Ray Calabro Music Performance

Tuesday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Wells Public Library favorite Ray Calabro will be back again for an evening of music and fun! Ray's solo acoustic guitar playing and singing combines key elements of folk, blues, jazz, and country.

Representative Bob Foley

Thursday, October 12 at 6 p.m.

Back by popular demand! State Representative Bob Foley will be at the Wells Public Library to answer any and all constituent questions. Please join us for an evening of rousing political discussion – and maybe even a bit of debate!

Oral History Workshop

Tuesday, October 17 at 1 p.m.

Oral Historian extraordinaire, Keith Ludden, will be returning to teach an oral history workshop. If you have any interest in learning how to record the histories of your friends, families, or community members, please join us.

Author Talk: Michelle Souliere of Strange Maine

Monday, October 30 at 2:30 p.m.

Michelle Souliere has been writing about Maine oddities for years in her blog, *Strange Maine*. The owner of the Green Hand Bookshop in Portland, Michelle has compiled her findings into the anthology *Strange Maine: True Tales from the Pine Tree State*. Now, Michelle will share some of her favorite strange-but-true tales!

A Few Seconds with Our Fathers: Songs and Stories of WWII

Tuesday, November 7 at 6 p.m.

Award-winning songwriter Curt Bessette and Jenn Kurtz will be at the Wells Public Library on Tuesday, November 7th at 6 p.m. to present a program honoring World War II veterans through stories and original songs. Also included are popular war-era songs representing a generation's hope for the future. Please join us for this evening of music and remembrance.

Children's Programs

Lego Party

Thursday, September 21 at 6 p.m.

Design, build, and invent with Legos! Join us as builders of all ages are invited to create with Legos and complete challenges. Duplo blocks will be available for the youngest of creators. All blocks will be provided.

Children's Halloween Party

Thursday, October 26 at 6 p.m.

Kids and their families are invited to dress up in costume and come to the library to participate in a spooky scavenger hunt, play ghoulish games, make creepy crafts, and eat festive food. Costume parade for all participants, too!

Weekly Youth Services Programs

Mother Goose Storytime

Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

Children ages 0-24 months and their caregivers are invited to engage in lap activities, rhymes, songs, and fingerplays.

Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

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.

Lego and Rubik's Cube Club

Fridays at 3 p.m.

Participants are encouraged to build master creations with Legos provided by the library. We will take pictures of each design and add them to our online photo album. We also have Rubik's cubes, with instructions on how to solve the Cube.

Teen Programs

Random Fandom

Wednesday, September 6, October 4, November 1 at 2 p.m.

The first Wednesday of every month, we'll be celebrating a new popular theme geared towards kids in grades 5-8. We'll make crafts, eat snacks, play games, and talk all about the theme.

Teen Craft

Wednesday, September 13, October 11, November 8 at 2 p.m.

Stop by the library on the second Wednesday in each month to try out a new craft! We provide the supplies, you bring the creativity!

Teen Food Workshop

Wednesday, September 20, October 18, and November 15 at 2 p.m.

Want to improve your food prep skills? Have some culinary fun and get your snack on after early release during Teen Food Workshop, the third Wednesday of each month. Each workshop will show how to make a cool snack step by step, and then we'll eat what we've made together! All ingredients provided. Please let library staff know of any food allergies before participating in these programs.

Teen Game Tournament

Wednesday, September 27, October 25, and November 29 at 2 p.m.

Need something to do on an early release day? Drop by the library on the last Wednesday of each month to participate in our ongoing gaming tournament. Each month, we will have a new competitive game for you to try your hand at - from retro board games to Wii marathons to lawn games. The top scorer at the end of our chosen game will win a prize!

Young Adult Section Updates

The Wells Public Library Young Adult section has seen some exciting changes so far this year! If you have not come in to visit for a while, please drop by to see our improved, open space. We have some fun new decorations including a YA book clock, word magnet wall, and a themed book display which changes every month. Our YA book shelves, service desk, and table have all been rearranged to maximize space and make it easy to find what you are looking for. Shiny new books are clearly displayed in front of the service desk, where you can often find Jade seated and ready to help you with questions and resources.

To register for programs, please call the library at 207-646-8181.



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Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday: 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.



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. 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.

Library Giving

The Library is fortunate to be supported by the Friends of the Library for programs, and the Wells Public Library Foundation for capital improvement costs. We gladly accept donations for either causes.

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