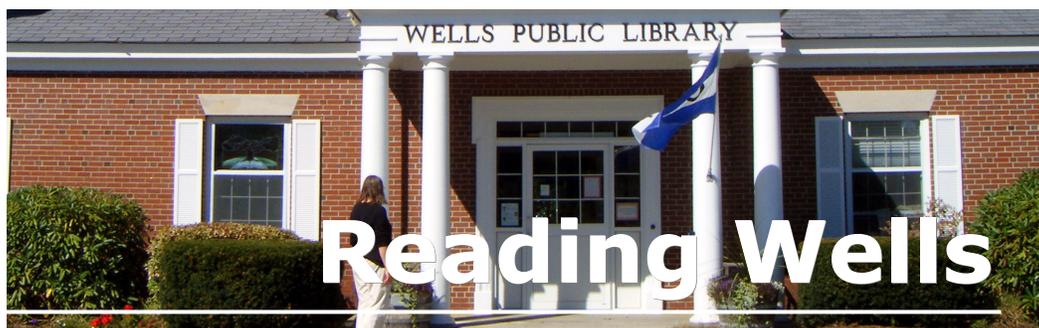


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From the Director

Big things are happening at the library! As many of you have noticed, our expansion is really moving along. We are expecting to have the new addition open to the public sometime this June. You can check out some video tours and construction videos on the campaign website at www.wplgrowingagain.org. I can't stress enough how great all the construction crews have been while we've been working. The only significant interruption we will experience is that the children's room will be **closed** March 26-April 6 to install sprinklers. Programs will resume as normal, but the bulk of the collection will be inaccessible.

One of the areas that I'm most looking forward to in the new addition...isn't in the new addition at all! Thanks to all the space that is being created, our existing meeting room will be open to the public during all open hours. This is great news, as it was used 98 times last year, even with the limited hours.

This winter we also welcomed Sally Whittaker as a regular part-time employee. Sally has been with us as a seasonal employee for about a year. Please give her a warm hello next time you are in.

Looking forward to seeing you all this spring.

Best,
Devin

Weekly Programs

Mother Goose Storytime Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

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

Toddler Storytime Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

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

Lego and Rubik's Cube Club Fridays at 3 p.m.

All ages are invited to build creations with Legos provided by the library. We also have Rubik's cubes on hand with instructions on how to solve it.

French Language Group Thursdays at 6 p.m.

Join us for an informal approach to practicing or re-learning French! We offer activities, questions, and other approaches to practicing the language. We welcome anyone with a French Language interest to participate.

Fiber Arts Group Fridays at 10 a.m.

If you embroider, cross-stitch, weave, quilt - anything! - we welcome you. All ages & levels of ability are encouraged to join us for

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.

Joshua Chamberlain Friday, March 2

Most Mainers are familiar with local Civil War hero, Joshua Chamberlain, but few folks know about his accomplishments after the war. Chamberlain expert, Steve Garrett, will be presenting details of Chamberlain's undertakings after he retired from the Army.

Searching Ancestry.com Friday, April 6

The library provides free access to Ancestry.com's wealth of genealogical information. If you'd like to try it out, but aren't sure where to start, then this is the Lunch and Learn for you! Librarian Andrea Kazilionis will teach attendees how to begin performing genealogical research using Ancestry.com. We'll cover basic techniques, things to look out for, and a few special tips and tricks!

Animal Welfare Society Friday, May 4

The Animal Welfare Society in West Kennebunk has been serving York County as a no-kill shelter since the early 1960s. This May, we welcome AWS to the library to tell us all about the Animal Welfare Society and pet adoption. This program is a must for any animal lover!

Adult Programs

Maple Moon Farm Visit

Friday, March 16 at 12 p.m.

As a follow up to our Maple Sugar and Syrup Lunch and Learn, local farmers Jennifer Schultz and Frank Ferrucci will be welcoming library patrons to their farm in Lebanon, Maine. We'll take a look at their maple taps, sugar house, and get a lesson in how to turn sap into syrup! **PLEASE NOTE: This program is taking place at Maple Moon Farm in Lebanon. You are welcome to join us at the farm, but if you would like to caravan, please arrive at the library no later than 11 a.m.**

Documentary Screening: *The Home Road*

Tuesday, March 20 at 6 p.m.

In 1845, 19-year-old Israel Shevenell left his home in Canada and walked nearly 200 miles to Biddeford, Maine. He found work as a brick maker and is recognized as the city's first permanent French-Canadian settler and French voter. In 2015, his 74-year-old great-grandson, Ray Shevenell, retraced the pioneering journey, walking from Compton, Quebec to Biddeford. Tonya Shevenell tells their stories in her first documentary film, *The Home Road*. Please join the library in welcoming Ray and Tonya Shevenell as they present this remarkable film.

A Celebration of Maine Birds: Photos and Stories from a Birder's Big Year

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

How many species of birds can one see in a year in Maine? Josh Fecteau sought to answer that question in 2017, and in this program he'll share photos and stories that take you on a statewide journey of avian appreciation. Along the way, he'll pass on some of his essential bird seeking strategies, on the off chance that you catch the birding bug!

Chainmail Jewelry

Tuesday, April 24 at 6 p.m.

Do you love the looks you see on each episode of Game of Thrones? Or perhaps you're simply interested in learning a fun and easy technique for crafting dazzling adornments? Come to our Chainmail Bracelets class this April! Local jewelry maker Diane Vollor will be on hand to teach novices how to create a gorgeous chainmail bracelet appropriate for any occasion - fighting dragons or otherwise

Raising Backyard Chickens

Tuesday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m.

The trend of raising chickens has truly taken off, and now you can find out what all the buzz is about! Come listen as local farmers and chicken-raising experts Marilyn and Rick Stanley of Chick Farm discuss all the details you need to know about raising chickens on your own.

Ethel M. Weymouth Art Gallery

April 7, 11 a.m.

Hillary Zayed

Hilary Zayed's work draws inspiration from a holistic approach to healing. Her art is driven by natural and synthetic colors, materials, and beliefs which come together around the common human experience of moving forward through art and writing. After surviving a brain injury, Zayed found meaning in the peaceful process of hand cutting glass, rock, and recycled material to create mosaics. Transforming discarded objects toward a new purpose speaks to Zayed of the powerful reinvention of self through art.

Book Discussion Groups

Second Tuesday of each month at 6:15 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted

March 13 – *Still Life* by Louise Penny

April 10– *Killers of Flower Moon* by David Grann

May 8 – Free Choice Month

Fourth Thursday of each month at 2 p.m.

March 22 – *All is not Forgotten* by Wendy Walker

Children's Programs

Alphabet Party

Thursday, March 22 at 6 p.m.

P is for Party, R is for Read. Coming to the library is just what you need! Have fun with alphabet activities, fill out an alphabet hunt, and look for words you see, read, feel, and even eat! This free event is sponsored by the Friends of the Wells Public Library.

Earth Jams

Wednesday, April 18 at 10:30 a.m.

We are so excited to welcome Matt Loosigian for an Earth Day concert! Matt is a folk singer/guitarist specializing in playful, funny songs about ecology and being green. You'll want to join in as he works his musical magic in this interactive and fun music show.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Thursday, April 19 at 6 p.m.

Ever wonder what happens in the library after dark? Let your stuffed animal find out! Come in for a party with your stuffies and then leave them for a library sleepover. Come back the next day to see pictures of what kind of trouble the animals got into while you were gone!

Dinosaur Party

Thursday, May 24 at 6:00 p.m.

Roar!! Come to the library to celebrate the awesome dinosaur with games, stories, crafts, and contests. Tons of library books to check out as well!

Earth Day Crafts and Scavenger Hunt for Kids

Friday, April 20 at 1:30 p.m.

Stop by the library during school vacation week to make a craft and to scavenge in the sunshine. We will provide the supplies for several Earth Day-related crafts. We will also have an Earth Day-based scavenger hunt with prizes given out upon completion. You won't want to miss this!

Teen Programs

Random Fandom

First Wednesdays of the month at 1:30 p.m.

Each month we celebrate a popular theme geared towards kids in grades 5-8. This spring we will enjoy Pop Tarts, Ready Player One, and Star Wars! Join us as we make crafts, talk about our chosen theme, eat snacks, and play games.

Teen Craft

Second Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

Stop by the library to create a new craft!

This spring we'll be crafting altered thrift art, pipe cleaner ninjas, and Morse code beading.

We provide the supplies, you bring the creativity!

Teen Food Workshop

Third Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

Want to improve your food prep skills? Have some culinary fun and get your snack on! 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 and tools provided. Please inform library staff of any food allergies before participating in this program. This spring we will be making homemade mini pop-tarts, animal faces toast, and watermelon pizza.

Teen Game Tournament

Fourth Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

Drop by the library to participate in our ongoing gaming tournament. Each month, we will have new competitive games for you to try your hand at - from retro board games to Wii marathons to our new Nintendo Switch!

Staff Picks

Looking for a good book? Try some of these favorites from the Wells Public Library Staff: (Synopses from book jackets)

The Archer's Tale by Bernard Cornwell—A brutal raid on the quiet coastal English village of Hookton in 1342 leaves but one survivor: a young archer named Thomas. On this terrible dawn, his purpose becomes clear—to recover a stolen sacred relic and pursue to the ends of the earth the murderous black-clad knight bearing a blue-and-yellow standard, a journey that leads him to the courageous rescue of a beautiful French woman, and sets him on his ultimate quest: the search for the Holy Grail.

March by John Lewis— March is a vivid first-hand account of John Lewis' lifelong struggle for civil and human rights, meditating in the modern age on the distance traveled since the days of Jim Crow and segregation. Rooted in Lewis' personal story, it also reflects on the highs and lows of the broader civil rights movement.

True Crime Addict by James Renner— When an eleven-year-old James Renner fell in love with Amy Mihaljevic, the missing girl seen on posters all over his neighborhood, it was the beginning of a lifelong obsession with true crime. That obsession led James to a successful career as an investigative journalist. It also gave him PTSD. In 2011, James began researching the strange disappearance of Maura Murray, a UMass student who went missing after wrecking her car in rural New Hampshire in 2004. Over the course of his investigation, he uncovers numerous important and shocking new clues about what may have happened to Maura, but also finds himself in increasingly dangerous situations with little regard for his own well-being

The Great Cat Massacre by Robert Darnton—When the apprentices of a Paris printing shop in the 1730s held a series of mock trials and then hanged all the cats they could lay their hands on, why did they find it so hilariously funny that they choked with laughter when they reenacted it in pantomime some twenty times? These are some of the provocative questions Robert Darnton answers in this classic work of European history in what we like to call “The Age of Enlightenment.”

Ready Player One by Ernest Cline—In the year 2045, reality is an ugly place. The only time teenage Wade Watts really feels alive is when he's jacked into the virtual utopia known as the OASIS. Wade's devoted his life to studying the puzzles hidden within this world's digital confines—puzzles that are based on their creator's obsession with the pop culture of decades past and that promise massive power and fortune to whoever can unlock them.

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.

Library Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday:
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.



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