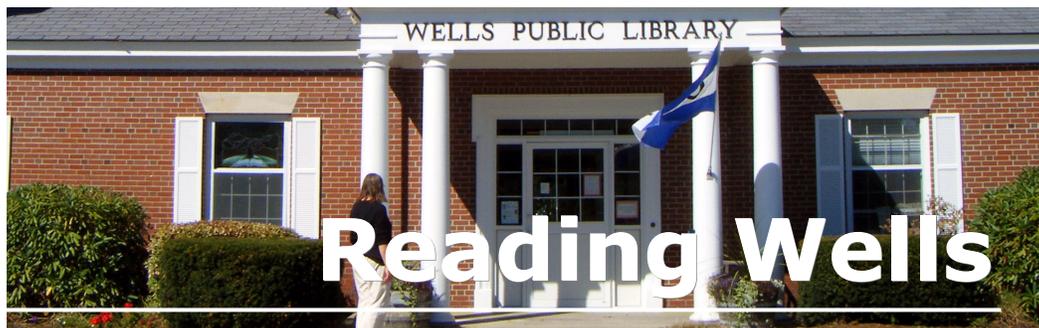


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From the Director

What a winter! Our new addition is well on the way to completion. Summer Village Builders is doing an exceptional job making sure it is a good match with our existing building, and we are hoping to be open to the public next summer. It will have a large community room with after-hours access, a quiet study room, and some administrative space so that our meeting room can be used during all open hours. This spring we'll be swapping our fiction and non-fiction sections, and opening up our periodical seating area/art gallery space. A huge thank you to our many donors and volunteers who have made this happen.

It's a good thing that we're adding more space, because we have a lot of exciting things coming up this winter. The AARP tax crew is coming back and our teen programs on early release day are crazy awesome (I'm not sure Jade will be able to top this fall's unicorn chow event!). The library is also beginning talks with the McArthur Public Library in Biddeford, the Libby Memorial Library in Old Orchard Beach, the Kennebunk Free Library, and the York Public Library to allow you to borrow materials from any of these libraries with your Wells library card.

As always, I look forward to seeing you at the library! Stop by my office with any questions or comments you might have.

Best,
Devin

Weekly Programs

Mother Goose Storytime
Mondays at 10:30 a.m.
December 4 & 11,
weekly beginning January 8

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.
December 5-13,
weekly beginning January 2

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.
December 1-15,
weekly beginning January 5

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.

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.

Cemetery Symbolism and Superstition
Friday, December 1
Roxie Zwicker will discuss cemetery imagery specific to York County, explaining common themes and beliefs.

Essential Oils
Friday, January 5
Come to hear from essential oil expert, Nichole Donovan, about the uses of a variety of essential oils.

Maple Sugar and Syrup
Friday, February 2
Local farmer Frank Ferrucci of Maple Moon Farm will teach us all about maple sugaring and syrup making.

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 ideas, inspiration and lively conversation.

Adult Programs

Holiday Open House

Tuesday, December 5 at 6 p.m.

In addition to holiday refreshments and music, we will also have a gift-wrapping station.

Affordable Care Act Signup

Thursday, December 7 from 2 to 7 p.m.

Representatives from the York County Community Action Corporation will be at the library to assist individuals with selecting and signing up for insurance plans under the Affordable Care Act.

PLEASE NOTE: Appointments are required.

Appointments can be made by calling YCCAC representatives at 207-459-2989 or 207-608-4466.

Meditation Group

Wednesday, December 13 at 12 p.m.

Meditation guru Cindy Simon will be back in Wells for a holiday edition of her meditation group! Suitable for beginners or those who have been practicing meditation for years. Join us as we find peace and calm during the hectic holiday season.

Traditional Matryoshka Nested Doll Making: From Russia to America

Tuesday, January 23 at 6 p.m.

This beautifully illustrated interactive presentation by Marina Forbes will feature the history of Matryoshka nested doll making in Russia. Using a fully illustrated show and numerous exhibits, including examples of her own work and from her extensive collection, Forbes will examine the tapestry of the rich folk tradition and symbolism of the doll's appearance and the interesting link between doll making and other traditional Russian art forms.

Traditional Russian Tea Service

Friday, January 26 at 2:30 p.m.

Russian tea drinking traditions date back centuries and are beautifully unique. Please join us at the library for a very special Russian Tea Service. We'll be using a samovar and dining on traditional Russian tea snacks. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn Russian tea time phrases and discuss Russian culture.

AARP Tax Aide Program

Tuesdays, February 6-April 10 from 1-6 p.m.

Trained AARP Tax Aide volunteers will be here to answer questions and help with electronically filing taxes. They are also available to help with the new Property Tax Fairness Credit, formerly known as the Property Tax and Rent Refund or Circuit Breaker. Please contact the library to find out what to bring.

Valentine's Music by Ray Calabro

Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m.

One of the library's favorite performers, Ray Calabro, will be returning to play us some sweet songs for Valentine's Day! Whether you have a sweetheart or you're flying solo, you'll certainly enjoy Ray's melodious crooning and acoustic guitar.

Ethel M. Weymouth Art Gallery

Please join us for a reception the **first Saturday of each month at 11 a.m.** Refreshments provided.

Saturday, December 2

Photographer LJ Sloss

Saturday January 6

Local Artists Group Show

Book Discussion Groups

Second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 12 – *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles

Jan. 9 – *Beartown* by Fredrik Backman

Feb. 20 – TBD

Fourth Thursday of each month at 2 p.m.

Dec. 28 – *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline

Jan. 25 – *The Rules Do Not Apply* by Ariel Levy

Feb. 22 – *Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier

Children's Programs

Holiday Party

Thursday, December 7 at 6 p.m.

Come in your pajamas and eat cookies while listening to classic holiday stories. Crafts and activities to follow, with a special guest appearance by a holiday favorite!

Train Party

Thursday, January 18 at 6 p.m.

All aboard! All train enthusiasts and their families are invited to celebrate everything the railroad has to offer. We will even have a guest appearance by a real train conductor! Special thanks to Amtrak and the Downeaster for joining us and for helping get this party on the right track!

BJ Hickman Magic Show

Wednesday, February 21 at 10:30 a.m.

Magician BJ Hickman is coming back! Using comedy magic, dazzling deceptions, audience participation and mind reading miracles, the magician's shows are a popular favorite throughout New England. Prepare to be amazed!

Chinese New Year Party

Thursday, February 22 at 6 p.m.

Celebrate the Year of the Dog! Join us as we celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year with crafts, games, and delicacies. Gung Hay Fat Choy!

The Bugmobile Presented by Chewonki

Friday, February 23 at 2 p.m.

Chewonki's Traveling Natural History Program is coming back to the library! Discover if a bug is an insect, if a spider is a bug, among other burning questions. Chewonki's "Bugmobile" transports the world of arthropods - insects and their relatives - into the library using models, costumes, and live specimens. Learn the unique characteristics of different groups of arthropods and their fascinating adaptations essential for survival. All ages are welcome.

Teen Programs

Random Fandom

**First Wednesdays of the month at 1:30 p.m.
December 6, January 3, and February 7**

Each month we celebrate a popular theme geared towards kids in grades 5-8. This winter, we will enjoy all things holiday-related, prepare for the new Maze Runner movie, and go retro! 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.
December 13, January 10, and February 14**

Stop by the library to create a new craft! This winter we will be making mini pinecone holiday trees, learning Kumihimo braiding, and sea glass painting. We provide the supplies, you bring the creativity!

Teen Food Workshop

**Third Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m.
December 20 and January 17**

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 winter we will be making holiday pita trees and Rice Krispie Treat snowmen.

Teen Game Tournament

**Fourth Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m.
January 24 and February 28**

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!



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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. 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.