

“Summer reading goes well with lemonade, ice-cream, beaches and tree houses– but in a pinch, all you really need is a good book. And maybe some suntan lotion. “

-Mark Teague, author and illustrator

Newsletter Summer 2015

Your Library By the Numbers

This numerical snapshot shows that 2014 was a good year for the Library, with the following increases:

Circulation of items by youth (0-18 years): +15%
Circulation of items by adults: +45% (really!)
Circulation overall: +28%

Number of new patrons: 197
Number of patron visits: 19,556

Number of items available for borrowing: 26,000
(Roughly, 23,000 print items, 2000 movies, 1000 audiobooks).
Number of downloadable ebooks available: 7,514
Number of downloadable audiobooks available for borrowing: 4,863

The Library is very healthy, thanks to all the support from Waldoboro’s citizens. Your ‘yes’ vote on June 9 will help ensure a strong 2015 for the Library!

Thank you!

Upgrade to Fiber

The Library received word recently that MSLN (Maine School and Library Network) will be changing its internet transport provider from Fairpoint to Maine Fiber Company. They are shooting to have the work done between now and July 1. The size of the bandwidth will increase from its current 20 Mb/s to 1 Gb/s. Hang on to your hats!

Bob Butler and John Lawrence deserve the credit and thanks for this upgrade. They alerted us to the fiber’s existence and potential, so we were able to make the request to MSLN for the upgrade. Having live fiber here has potential for other businesses in town and is good news for Waldoboro!

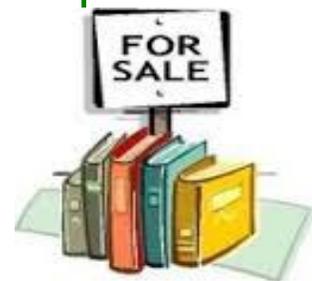


Visit www.waldoborolibrary.org for the latest word on Library happenings.



WPL BOOK AND PLANT SALE WALDOBORO DAY, JUNE 20

8 AM to 2 PM in the driveway of the Customs House/former library.
Gently used books for all ages and interests at bargain prices!
Popular perennials for your garden.
All proceeds benefit the library!



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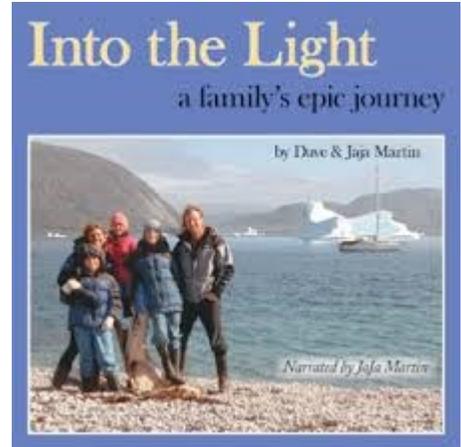
Hours: Monday & Thursday: 12-7
Tuesday & Sunday: Closed
Wednesday & Friday: 10-5
Saturday: 9-1

Friends of the Waldoboro Public Library

REMAINING PROGRAMS IN 2015 SPEAKERS SERIES

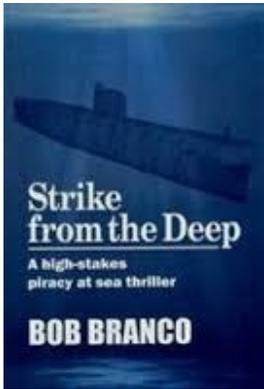
TUES., SEPT. 15, at 7:00 PM: **Jaja Martin** will recall life with her husband and children aboard a 33-foot sailboat in the northernmost reaches of the globe as depicted in her book, *Into The Light*.

The annual dinner/meeting of The Friends of the Library will precede the program at 5:30 PM.



TUES., OCT. 27, at 7:00 PM: **Bob Branco** will discuss his thriller, *Strike From The Deep*, about the high-stakes game of fighting piracy at sea.

All programs are held at the library and are free and open to the public.



JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AND BECOME A FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY!

Membership forms are available at the library. Renewal memberships will be sent in the mail soon. Dues are nominal; your support of the library is priceless!!

June Program- "Pedaling from Amsterdam to Bruges: Bicycle Culture in the Low Countries"

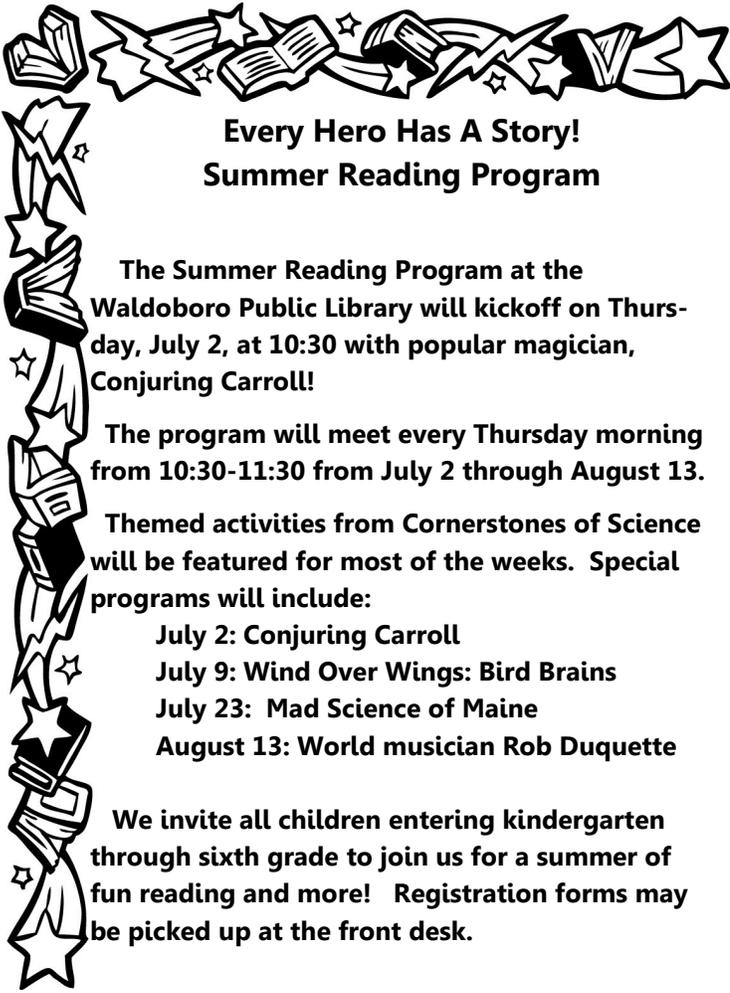
The delight and ease of riding in the Netherlands led couple Carolyn Bryant and Donald Sarles to undertake a two-week bike-and-barge tour, during which they and six other American and Canadian cyclists pedaled from Amsterdam to Bruges, a distance of about 300 miles. Led by Dutch guides, the group covered 30 to 40 miles a day, with meals and sleeping accommodation on a barge owned by an American company, Bike-Barge Holland. Carolyn will present an illustrated description of their trip, and will discuss aspects of bicycle culture in the Netherlands and Belgium. This program will be **Wednesday, June 17, at 7:00.**



Book Group meets the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and always welcomes new members. Now reading *Elizabeth is Missing* by Emma Healey for June 22.

Our Volunteer Extraordinaire, **Connie Hammermeister**, will be stepping down from many posts as she begins a new life adventure away from the Library. We recognize and appreciate all she and her husband, Tom, have done for us. They were a driving force in the building of the new library- Connie finding funding, Tom being general contractor as well as building a good deal of the furnishings, donating all of his labor. Connie has led our story hours for years, served as a trustee, is president of the Friends, and co-organizes the Speaker Series with Nancy Lipper. She's been a fundraising dynamo, organizing silent auctions, bake sales, book fairs, raffles, etc. She's truly committed to the Library inside, where she staffs the circulation desk, and out, where she weeds, digs, plants, and rakes. When she says, "Let me know if I can help with that", she really means it and follows through.

We wish Connie and Tom all the very best and thank them from our hearts for all they have done.



Every Hero Has A Story! Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Program at the Waldoboro Public Library will kickoff on Thursday, July 2, at 10:30 with popular magician, **Conjuring Carroll!**

The program will meet every Thursday morning from 10:30-11:30 from July 2 through August 13.

Themed activities from **Cornerstones of Science** will be featured for most of the weeks. **Special programs will include:**

- July 2: Conjuring Carroll**
- July 9: Wind Over Wings: Bird Brains**
- July 23: Mad Science of Maine**
- August 13: World musician Rob Duquette**

We invite all children entering kindergarten through sixth grade to join us for a summer of fun reading and more! **Registration forms may be picked up at the front desk.**

Story Hour– Wednesday mornings at 10:15. Story Hour will be taking August off, but will resume in September with a new reader. Thanks to Miss Connie for all her years of stories and crafts!

Book Nook– Fridays at 3:30 through the school year. It will begin again mid-September; look for the announcement.

Midcoast Music Together– For babies through age 6 years. Mondays at 11:00: June 1 and 29, July 27, and August 31. Fall dates TBD.



Connor Benner, one of the six bike winners last summer.

Bikes For Books– King Solomon’s Lodge of Masons of Waldoboro is once again partnering with the Library to offer kids a chance to win one of six bikes. For every five picture books or two chapter books read, the reader receives a raffle ticket toward a bike. The more one reads, the better the chance of winning. Thanks to these sponsors for providing bikes this year: **Camden National Bank, The Jojoba Company, Tom Durkee and Son Plumbing and Heating, and Lou Abbotoni, CPA.**

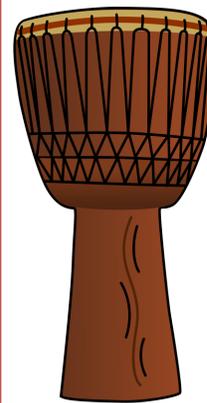
The Masons could always use sponsors to keep this program going. If interested in being a sponsor, please visit the Library website for more information: www.waldoborolibrary.org.

Two young readers enjoying a Story Walk at Cider Hill Farm.

Look for the Library’s Story Walks most weeks during the Farmers’ Market on Wednesday afternoons this summer.



Special Waldoboro Day Event



West African master drummer Jordan Benissan will share his knowledge about the history, culture and customs of African drumming, followed by a participatory session of drumming. This program begins at 1:00 on June 20, Waldoboro Day, at the Library.

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Paint the Town will be August 1 with a new open air venue right in the Village! Keep an eye out for details in the papers.

Upcoming Artists of the Month:

June and July– Joyce Steel
August– Krisanne Baker
September and October– Audrey Bechler
November and December– Georges Valley Quilters

This spring, the **Waldoboro Lions' Club** presented the Library with a gift of \$500 to purchase materials for those in the community who are vision-impaired, a gift they plan to continue in future years. This money will be split between the purchase of audiobooks and large-print books.

Many thanks to the Lions for their generosity!

Thanks to **Heritage Landscaping** for the mulch and weeding that keep the Library gardens looking great.

A Summer Reading Program (of sorts) For Adults



Help us choose the winner of adult literary fiction. Read the three finalists for the **Maine Readers' Choice Award** over the summer, and vote for your favorite in September.

The finalists are:

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

Euphoria by Lily King

Redeployment by Phil Klay

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