

# Walpole Town Library

## June 2022 Newsletter

### June Programs

#### Special Events:

**Great Decisions Discussion Group:** Monday, 6/6, 6 pm Main Library.

#### **Check 'Em Out Book Discussion**

**Group:** Saturday, 6/11, 9 am, Main Library.

**Trustees Meeting:** Tuesday, 6/14, 4:30 pm, Main Library.

**Social Justice Group:** Wednesday, 6/15, 6:30 pm, Main Library.

**Summer Reading Program Begins!** Saturday, 6/18. Stop in the library to pick up your reading trackers.

**Bee Keeping with Ross Conrad:** Saturday, 6/18, 11 am, Main Library.

**Geocaching:** June 18-July 30. See details at right.

**Wild Encounters, Tiny Creatures:** Tuesday, 6/21, 1 pm, Walpole Town Hall.

**Friends of the Library:** Tuesday, 6/21, 5 pm, Main Library.

**Read with Toby the Dog:** Fridays, 6/24-7/29, 3-4 pm, Main Library. Call the library for a 15 minute appointment.

#### On-Going Adult Programs:

**Books & Friends:** Mondays 2-3 pm, North Walpole Branch.

**Crafternoon:** Second Friday of the month 1:30 pm, Main Library.

**Knitting Group:** Mondays 1-3 pm, Main Library.

**Library Book Club:** Last Thursday of the month 12 noon, Main Library.

#### On-Going Kids and Family Programs:

**Story Walk:** Distant Hill Nature Trail, dawn to dusk every day. New stories monthly.

**Drop-In Code Club:** Tuesdays 3:30-4:30 pm, North Walpole Branch. Wednesdays 3:30-4:30 pm, Main Library

**Story Time:** Wednesdays 10 am and 5:30 pm. Out behind the Main Library, **weather permitting**. Bring a blanket to sit on. We'll meet inside if the weather is bad.

**Wiggle Time:** Mondays 10 am. Out behind the Main Library, **weather permitting**. Bring a blanket to sit on. We'll meet inside if the weather is bad.

### Summer Reading Preview

#### June 18 through July 30

This year's theme is Oceans of Possibilities and wow do we have a summer of exploration planned for adults, teens, kids and families!

Here's just a sneak peek some of the things we have planned:

Raffle prizes for adults

Brag tags for kids

Tiny Creatures with Wildlife Encounters

Geocaching

Reading with Toby the dog

Ice Cream Social

Weekly programs with The Grafton Nature Museum.

And more.....stay tuned! Check out our website or follow us on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube for all the details!

### Geocaching with the Library

Join us between June 18 and July 30 for Geocaching! What is geocaching? Geocaching is a type of scavenger hunt using GPS coordinates on your phone and clues to find specific locations. The library's geocaching adventure is an entertaining way to explore local summer activities. Find them all in one day or spread out the fun over many days. All locations are easily accessible. To join the fun visit our website or the library to get your coordinates and get started!

### Friends of the Library Plant Sale

The annual library plant sale will be different this year. The sale is taking place throughout the growing season and will be housed at the Walpole Reuse Center. Please check out our inventory of plants (and books) anytime you are at the Recycling Center. The hours there are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 8 am to 4 pm. If you have plants that you would like to donate to the library plant sale, please contact us at 603-439-7778. If you need help digging plants to donate let us know. Please do not drop off plants at the Reuse Center without talking with us first. Thank you so much for supporting the Walpole Library. ~Jana Sellarole

### New Passes for Arts and Entertainment

In addition to the numerous passes the library has to local and regional museums we are pleased to add 2 new passes for Arts and Entertainment. Passes are available for The Wild Goose Players and The Bandwagon Summer Series. Both companies are a part of Next Stage Arts Project. Please contact the library for more details.

## Non-Fiction Book Spotlight

### **Forest Walking Discovering the Trees and Woodlands of North America by Peter Wohlleben & Jane Billinghamurst**

With Forest Walking, German forester Peter Wohlleben teams up with his longtime editor, Jane Billinghamurst, as the two write their first book together, and the result is nothing short of spectacular. Together, they will teach you how to listen to what the forest is saying, no matter where you live or which trees you plan to visit next.

When you walk in the woods, do you use all five senses to explore your surroundings? For most of us, the answer is no—but when we do engage all our senses, a walk in the woods can go from pleasant to immersive and restorative. Forest Walking teaches you how to get the most out of your next adventure by becoming a forest detective, decoding nature's signs and awakening to the ancient past and thrilling present of the ecosystem around you.

Throughout Forest Walking, the authors share experiences and observations from visiting forests across North America: from the rainforests and redwoods of the west coast to the towering white pines of the east, and down to the cypress swamps of the south and up to the boreal forests of the north.

## Fiction Book Spotlight

### **Probably Ruby by Lisa Bird-Wilson**

This is the story of a woman in search of herself, in every sense. When we first meet Ruby, a Métis woman in her thirties, her life is spinning out of control. She's angling to sleep with her counselor while also rekindling an old relationship she knows will only bring more heartache. But as we soon learn, Ruby's story is far more complex than even she can imagine.

Given up for adoption as an infant, Ruby is raised by a white couple who understand little of her Indigenous heritage. This is the great mystery that hovers over Ruby's life—who her people are and how to reconcile what is missing. As the novel spans time and multiple points of view, we meet the people connected to Ruby: her birth parents and grandparents; her adoptive parents; the men and women Ruby has been romantically involved with; a beloved uncle; and Ruby's children. Taken together, these characters form a kaleidoscope of stories, giving Ruby's life dignity and meaning.

Probably Ruby is a dazzling novel about a bold, unapologetic woman taking control of her life and story, and marks the debut of a major new voice in Indigenous fiction.

### **Main Library**

48 Main St  
Walpole, NH 03608  
603.756.9806  
Monday 10 am to 7 pm  
Tuesday 1 to 6 pm  
Wednesday 10 am to 7 pm  
Thursday 1 to 6 pm  
Friday 1 to 6 pm  
Saturday 9 am to 1 pm



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## Get to Know Our Staff

Each month we'll ask a staff member these five questions to get to know them better.

### **Carolyn Norback, Library Assistant**

#### **1. What does your family look like?**

My family looks like this; Mom, Dad, #1 sister, Patricia Mary (my maternal grandmother's name was Mary), #2 sister, Roberta Ann (my paternal grandmother's name was Annie, #1 brother, Robert Patrice, #3 sister, Lori Jean. Plus lots of cousins, aunts and uncles! I am 1/4 Blackfoot Native American. I traveled up and down the East Coast with my husband, who was St. Regis Mohawk, to Pow Wows and other native gatherings.

#### **2. What's the last book you read?**

Death of the Black Widow by James Patterson.

#### **3. What 3 things would you bring to a deserted island?**

Deck of playing cards, good book, another good book.

#### **4. If you could travel anywhere where would you go?**

Ireland

#### **5. What was your first job?**

Babysitting

## New Trees in Front of the Library

Both of our new shade trees are in the Umaceae (Elm) family. (Yes, plants belong to families!) One is a disease-resistant elm, bred from the elms which survived Dutch Elm Disease, and the other is a Zelkova (Zel-KOH-va). They are both vase shaped and will grow to 50--60'. We planted them between the street and the sidewalk because multiple studies show that trees right next to a road will slow traffic. (What more important place in the village for slowing traffic than where the young and the elderly are constantly crossing?) Also, with the increasing heat, trees can shade pavement so that it does not absorb heat by day and give it off by night.

The trees formerly here were killed by the trunks being weed-whacked. Therefore, we will be keeping the immediate area mulched and putting a guard around the base of the trees, and staking them until they are established.

Many thanks to all of you who have so enthusiastically supported this project!

### **North Walpole Branch Library**

70 Church St  
North Walpole, NH 03609  
603.445.5153  
Monday 1-4 pm  
Tuesday 3-7 pm  
Friday 9 am to 1 pm  
Saturday 9 am to 1 pm