

THE FRIENDS OF THE WELFLEET LIBRARIES

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Summer Events

Annual Meeting

Monday, May 6th, 7:00pm
Wellfleet Public Library
Speaker: Candace Perry
Local Playwright



July Book Sale

Sunday, July 14th
9am-1pm
(Rain date July 21st)

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Distinguished Speakers

Thursday, August 15th
7:30pm
Two authors in conversation
Cynthia Zarin
Michael Cunningham
Wellfleet Congregational Church

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The Complete Library
Program Calendar is
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Circulation Desk

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Library Telephone:
508-349-0310

GREETINGS FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

This past holiday season, during a meeting, I got choked up, thanking the Friends of the Wellfleet Library for all that they do to support me, the staff, this Library and its mission. This Library would be a bare-bones operation without the Friends. The Friends provide us with funding for all our children's programming and art supplies. Most of the concerts you see here at the library are brought to you by the Friends. Several lecture series – like our Women in Science Series – are funded by the Friends. Our beloved seed program, with thousands of seed packets distributed each year, providing hundreds of families with sustenance during a time when fresh produce is more expensive than ever, is also sponsored by The Friends. Without these programs and the myriad others that the Friends so generously provide, we would not be able to successfully run this Library.

Throughout this difficult time for libraries across the country, the Friends have been a constant source of support and a cheering section for those of us who work here. We are lucky to have them in our corner! I will always be emotional when thinking of our active and involved Friends group. I thank them from the bottom of my heart. I would also like to thank the amazing staff of the library who have managed to staff the library for more hours than ever before, even while we are short-staffed. Their professionalism and good spirits can always be counted on. The Board of Trustees is a wonderful, trusted group of advisors. But the patrons are always what makes this place special. You all bring this place to life and make coming to work an everyday joy.

Jennifer Wertkin,
Director

••• Library Hours •••

Monday12pm-8pm	Thursday10am-5pm
Tuesday12pm-8pm	Friday10am-5pm
Wednesday12pm-8pm	Saturday10am-5pm
Sunday2pm-5pm (Sunday Hours Nov-April Only)	

SUMMER BOOK SALE - TOWN HALL DRIVEWAY



Sunday, July 14th • 9:00am - 1:00pm

(Rain date July 21th)

Come and choose from among thousands of books of every kind on every subject. All at amazingly low prices. Be sure to stop at our Specials Table, where you'll find one-of-a-kind treasures not available anywhere except at our summer sale.

Enjoy a summer day in the center of town, find books you've been looking for, and discover others you didn't know were available or had even been written.

You can also find great bargains in our year-round sale inside the library. These book sales are the Friends' largest fundraising events, and every single penny goes towards library activities, museum passes, online services like Kanopy, documentary films, and much more.

Help! Girls, boys, women, men. Help us load and unload books at our July sale. Share the joy of making this sale a success.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

Sunday morning, July 14

9:00am – 1:00pm

The Friends of the Wellfleet Libraries Annual Meeting

Join us for the Friends Annual Meeting at the Wellfleet Library on Monday, May 6 at 7:00pm.

The speaker this year will be local playwright Candace Perry. Over 40 of her short plays have been produced in the US and Ireland. Four full length plays have had readings, workshops and productions in New York and at Cape theaters.

Professionally a clinical social worker and community organizer, she began her playwriting career in 1989 at the Provincetown Theatre Company.

Her presentation will be preceded by a short business meeting of the Friends, including the nomination and election of officers.

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE FRIENDS!
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D I S T I N G U I S H E D S P E A K E R S

T W O A U T H O R S I N C O N V E R S A T I O N



On August 15, Cynthia Zarin and Michael Cunningham, writers with long-time Outer-Cape connections, will take the stage in Wellfleet's Congregational Church as our 2024 Distinguished Speakers.

Cynthia Zarin is an award-winning poet, the author of five books of poems, two essay collections, and several books for children. She is a long-time contributor to *The New Yorker*. Her most recent books are *Inverno*, a novel, published in January, and *Next Day: New & Selected Poems*, forthcoming in August.

Michael Cunningham's most recent novel, *Day*, was published in November 2023. Among his other novels are *The Hours*, *Specimen Days*, *By Nightfall*, and *The Snow Queen*. His essays and short stories have appeared in the *New Yorker*, the *Atlantic*, the *Paris Review*, and other publications.



Tickets are \$20 and go on sale July 1 at the Wellfleet Library.

All proceeds directly benefit the Wellfleet Library.

**Mark your calendar: Thursday, August 15, 7:30 pm
Wellfleet Congregational Church • Main Street • Wellfleet**

STAY IN TOUCH

You can reach the Friends via email at: wellfleetlibraryfriends@gmail.com.

We encourage you to provide your email address if you would like to receive frequent updates from the Friends.

For regular communications from the Library about events, do also sign up for the Mermaid Memo on the library website: wellfleetlibrary.org

The Library's telephone number is 508-349-0310.

MUSIC PROGRAMS

Winter Saturdays in the Library meeting room were alive with free concerts of a rich variety of musical styles and genres.

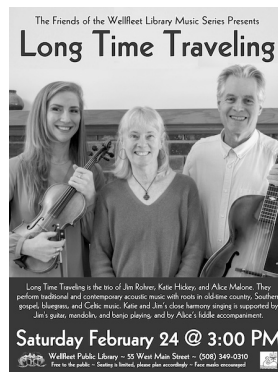
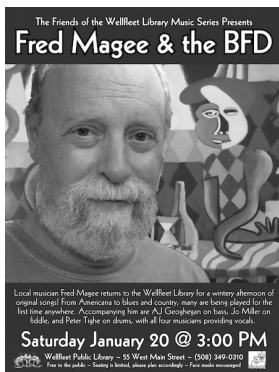
The series began with **Fortunate Daughter**, with Heather Watson and Alex Sesenton, a new duo who gave the enthusiastic audience music from bluegrass and southern rock to classical. Both played guitar.

The Fred Magee Band. Fred Magee on keyboard, A.J. Geoghegan on bass, Jo Miller on fiddle, and Peter Tighe on drums. A quirky and fun program of Fred's original songs from Americana to blues and country.

A Tribute to Irving Berlin. John Murelle with Chris Morris on piano and vocalist Johanna Stipetic, performed Berlin's music. John also gave a visual presentation of Berlin's life and work.

Long Time Traveling. Katie Hickey, Jim Rohrer and Alice Malone performed traditional music that Jim called, "a bunch of old songs." Ballads, gospel songs, bluegrass, and songs written by the Carter family.

Toast and Jam. Playing multiple instruments, Tim Dickey and Julie Charland sang country songs, folk, bluegrass and several original compositions, and were joined by Blake Newman on bass and Alice Malone on fiddle.



The enthusiastic audiences ranged in number from 55 to over 100 with people standing in the hallway to listen. The Friends are happy to present these free concerts. Friends board member Gayle Adams deserves credit for bringing these artists to the library's meeting room every winter.

The Friends will present two music programs this summer. Tom Leidenfrost on June 20, and Robert Markowitz on July 11.

LETTER FROM THE FRIENDS' PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

The Friends of the Wellfleet Library continue to support the work of this wonderful institution, with items as big as our grand piano - which needed rebuilding this winter - and as small as a bag of trail-mix snacks during Trivia Nights, a new and immensely popular event.

Thanks to gifts from generous members of the community, and to all of you who attend our Summer Book Sale and Distinguished Speaker events, we have been able to sustain programs, special materials, and access to online services that expand the reach of the library into the community.

We could not do it without members like you, nor without the ongoing support of the town, and especially without the extraordinary staff of the library who keep this heart of the community beating.



We must mark the loss of one of our special board members on January 28. Dian Reynolds was a Library Trustee and active member of the Friends for many years, well into her 90's. Dian was at every book sale, standing behind the Specials table, with the rare and interesting books she had sorted all fall and winter. We will sorely miss Dian.

Susan Bruce
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WOMEN IN SCIENCE

In March, to celebrate Women's History Month, the Friends sponsored presentations by scientists conducting research in a variety of domains.

Paulette Durazo is a member of the Center for Coastal Studies Marine Entanglement Response Team and a Research Assistant for the Humpback Whale Studies. She described the efforts to prevent the entanglements.

Stephanie Ellis has been connected to wildlife rehabilitation and avian conservation efforts on both coasts. She was the Director of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, CA, and is the Executive Director of Wild Care of Cape Cod.

Sharon Kreamer, a member of the Horseshoe Crab Conservation Association of Cape Cod, has contributed to Horseshoe Crab Science and Conservation Workshops in Hong Kong Korea and Japan. Her topic was The Horseshoe Crab: An Ancient Mariner and Modern Medical Marvel.

Katie Castagno is the director of the Land-Sea Interaction Program at the Center for Coastal Studies in Provincetown, MA. Her research focuses on the intersections among coastal resilience, salt marsh restoration, and sediment transport. Her topic was Duck Harbor and the Herring River: A Geologic Story.



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