

# THE FRIENDS OF THE WELLFLEET LIBRARY

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## GREETINGS FRIENDS!

This has been an eventful year at the Wellfleet Public Library. After opening our building again for browsing, we finally resumed a full programming schedule. It was so exciting to once again have our meeting room full of music, lectures, art exhibits, book talks, classes, movies, and children’s programming. Not to mention trivia nights, soup cookoffs, and live animals!

When we opened up the meeting room, people did not just trickle into these events – they came in droves. It was clear that this was the kind of connection that people had been missing. Our Library was coming alive again and it was truly exciting. I watched as people smiled and greeted one another. As they participated in lectures or tapped their feet in time with the music. I heard repeatedly how much this type of gathering had been missed during the pandemic. I remain thankful that we can bring people together for this sort of meaningful connection. I am grateful to the Friends, as they support the bulk of our programming. Without that funding, we would not be able to provide the public with this necessary lifeline – a lifeline that is not to be taken for granted.

With the help of the Friends, we also gave away *thousands* of seed packets this year. I think back to my first year as Director, (eight years ago), and the small Seed Library that started back then. It has grown into quite an operation, with so many new gardeners minted over the years who now feed their families with bountiful harvests sprung from our seeds. It has given me so much joy to watch this program flourish over the years. We love it when you bring us your photos or tag us on social media. It lets us see the result of a project that has so much meaning for us.

This year, we are working on our next strategic plan. We recently held some focus groups and we are putting out a survey (please watch our website for more information). Your input is critical to the future of this library. This Library belongs to the public and we are setting the Library’s next set of priorities based upon the public’s needs, interests, and ideas.

The Friends of the Library make my job a joy! I thank them for all of the energy they put into just loving the Library and creating so many opportunities for us. Thank you to the Board of Trustees, who spend so much time helping me navigate the pressures of my job. To the amazing and dedicated staff – I could not function without you. And to the patrons – you ARE the Wellfleet Public Library. We wouldn’t have it any other way.

All my best to you,  
Jennifer Wertkin,  
Director

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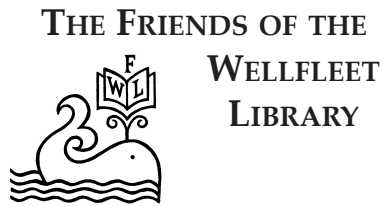
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## THE DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER - NINA TOTENBERG



We are pleased to announce that the Friends' Distinguished Speaker will be Nina Totenberg, NPR's award-winning legal affairs correspondent. Her coverage of the Supreme Court has won her widespread recognition. She has been honored seven times by the American Bar Association for continued excellence in legal reporting. Her newest book is *Dinners with Ruth: A Memoir on the Power of Friendships* based on her decades-long friendship with Ruth Bader Ginsberg.

Her talk will be on August 10, at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20, and go on sale July 1 at the library. All proceeds go to The Friends of the Wellfleet Library. Our Distinguished Speakers are not paid.

**Mark your calendar: Tuesday, August 10, 7:30 pm • Wellfleet Congregational Church**

## SUMMER BOOK SALE - TOWN HALL DRIVEWAY

The Friends will hold another huge book sale on July 16 (rain date July 23) 9:00am to 1:00pm at the Town Hall driveway.

Come and choose from thousands of books of every kind on every possible 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 annual summer sales.



High quality book donations may be dropped off at the Transfer Station Tuesdays 11:00 – 12:00 or in the small shed behind the library.

Help! Yes, we need help loading, unloading, and delivering these thousands of books. Girls, boys, women, men – ask at the library to volunteer and share the joy of making these sales so successful.

**Mark Your Calendar**

**SUNDAY, JULY 16**

**9AM – 1PM**

Book sorting in winter at the Wellfleet Transfer Station book shed: Chris Schwartz, Ginie Page, Doug Sparrow, Susan Bruce, Pat Bartlett