

November 2023 Newsletter

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Looks like a few of our dates were wrong and the "Art in the Library!" section was missing! Please accept our apologies for these omissions.

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## Art in the Library!



The Strawberry Hill Art Group (SHAG) is back with a group exhibition "From Our Studios and more..." to lighten the dark days of November. Join them for a First Friday opening reception, **November 3rd, 5-7PM** in the library meeting room with refreshments, live music, and selected pieces for First Friday only to entice you.

Participants:

Gregg Onewein  
Margaret Wright-Niemann  
Thea Peterson  
Darryl Anderson  
Bill Fulton  
Susan Arens  
Leah Werner  
Gigi Godfrey

Allison Kettering



Marina Worsley  
Jamie Brouwer  
Connie Everett  
Suzanne Schumacher  
Thomas Duncan  
Alicia Van Thiel.



As always, thank you for supporting your Bainbridge Public Library and local artists.

~ Linda Meier, art coordinator



Bainbridge Public Library proudly participates in One Call for All. Look for your Red Envelope later this month and remember us when you give!  
(<https://onecallforall.org/bainbridge-public-library/>)  
You can also give online at [www.onecallforall.org](http://www.onecallforall.org).



## Another Addition to Our Bainbridge Public Library Gardens



We are pleased to present a new art piece introducing the Bainbridge Public Library Garden Fund. Created by Island artist Dick Strom and erected by volunteers from BPL's Facilities and Garden Committee, the metalwork mural is located near the Legacy Tree on the south side of the library building. Nameplates below the mural will recognize honorees in whose names gifts were made to the fund. The minimum donation for a nameplate is \$500. For information about making contributions to the BPL Garden Fund, visit our website at [bainbridgepubliclibrary.org](http://bainbridgepubliclibrary.org) or leave a contact number at 206-866-1250(message line). Thank you for your continued support of our community's library home.





# Your Facilities Team

Greetings, Library Lovers!

Taking advantage of the dry weather as we make the slow, but steady march into autumn, our Facilities efforts have focused on the outdoors. Two projects in particular:

## Renovate and Resurce the Fern Garden Bridge



Several significant BPL Gardens projects have come to fruition in October, thanks to your volunteers from the Facilities Committee (Kip Bankart, Jim Fox, and me), our wonderful Garden Leads Ann Lovejoy, John van den Meerandonk and Ian Bentryn, our hard-working volunteer 'Friday Tidies', and the crew from Olympic Landscaping.

The lovely BPL Garden Fund artwork, designed and fabricated by Dick Strom, a long-time BPL supporter, is now installed on the wall facing the main parking lot. As of this writing, three donations have been acknowledged with plaques, with two more plaques still to be mounted. BPL appreciates those contributions to funding the work of making our gardens a joy to behold.

David Grant, from BARN, has graciously volunteered his time and expertise to rebuild the wooden bridge over the swale in the fern garden, now complete. It will be long-lasting and well-used.

Jeremy Lorch, of Monkey Wrench Fabrication has similarly volunteered his time and expertise to craft attractive and very solid metal catchment vessels to anchor the rain leaders on the north side of the library. They too will be long-lasting.

Inside the Library, the neon 'Open' sign in the north window has been repaired and is now functioning again, and we have re-hung the (quite heavy!) front door.

Looking forward, the Garden Leads are starting to plan how to refresh and revision part of the Haiku Garden where a tree is ailing. They will determine what to plant to replace the trees alongside the Children's Library that are dropping fruit on the roof which clog our gutters. They will also rearrange the area near the compost bins and garden shed to make it even more usable for our very active garden activities. At the same time, the gardens will be put to bed for the winter, as we await the blooms of spring.

~ Jim McKeever, BPL Board Member and Gardens Liaison

Again, we cannot say it enough . . . thank you to our donors who help make it possible to keep our library the vibrant, comfortable, up-to-date facility we all love, and to all our patrons for their support and patience. Woo-hoo!

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## Become a Legacy Circle Member

**You can make a pledge to the future by making a gift to BPL as part of your estate plan and becoming a member of the Bainbridge Public Library Legacy Circle.** Visit our website, [bainbridgepubliclibrary.org](http://bainbridgepubliclibrary.org), and click on A Lasting Legacy under the Support BPL tab to learn more about putting your leaf on the Library's Legacy Tree. You can leave a message at (206) 866-1250 or email us at [legacy@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org](mailto:legacy@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org) to record your pledge.



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## Showcasing Our Local Authors!

### Michele Bombardier



Bainbridge Island Poet Laureate Michele Bombardier, both poet and speech language pathologist, considers herself both artist and mechanic with language and communication as her medium. She has worked as a SLP for over 35 years and is passionate about facilitating connection through language. Her book of poetry *What We Do* (Aldrich Press, 2018) has been



met with great acclaim and her poetry and book reviews can be found in numerous literary journals. Michele is also founder of Fishplatepoetry, a social purpose organization that offers workshops and retreats for writers while raising funds for humanitarian relief. Michele has a small clinic on Bainbridge Island where she works as an SLP with all ages and has an impressive collection of matchbox trucks. She lives with her family under giant fir and cedar trees.

~ Attribution - Arts and Humanities Bainbridge

Poem provided by Michele Bombardier:

*my grandsons*

*spinning in their joy*

universe  
keep them turning                    turning  
black blurs against the window  
of the world  
for they are beautiful  
and there is trouble coming  
round and round and round

*Lucille Clifton*

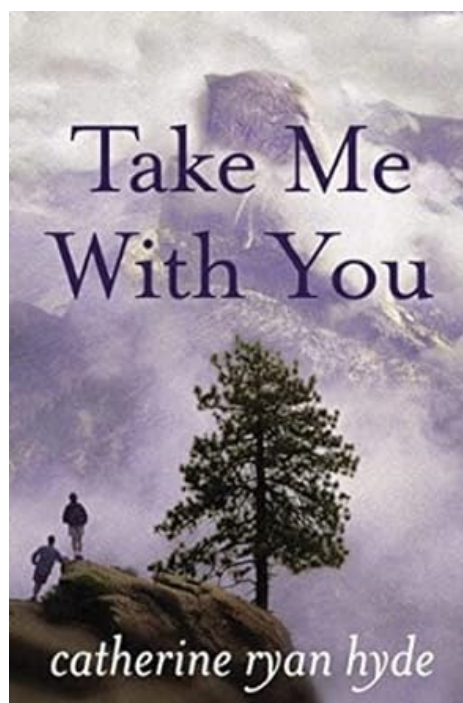
Bainbridge is home to many distinguished and hugely popular authors. In this column, we will profile a local author each month. Many will already be favorites, but we may just introduce you to a new author whose profile will send you right to the library to pick up a new read! Happy reading and thank you to Delight Willing for her assistance!

~ Susan Braun

Other local authors' profiles are on the [library's web page](#)

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## Books Worth Sharing



**Take Me With You**  
**By Catherine Ryan Hyde**

On his way to Yellowstone to go camping with his dog, Woody, and to scatter a few of his late son's ashes, August's RV breaks down. Stranded in a tiny desert town and captive of a curmudgeonly mechanic, August frets that he will not have enough money to make it to the park on what he has saved as a high school science teacher. Then mechanic Wes makes August an offer he cannot refuse. Take the trip and take his two boys along and he will not charge August for the work. The boys, 12-year-old Seth, and Henry, 7, will go into the foster system if Wes, who is scheduled to serve 90 days in jail, can't find an alternative. Initially skeptical, August relents, and what follows becomes a lifelong bond among a recovering alcoholic, a wise young boy who has been forced to play the grown-up since his mom walked out, and sweet but silent Henry. This could be just another sappy coming of age story – but it is not! Author Hyde's clear-eyed, unapologetic prose brings out every dimension of each of these damaged and problematic characters. This is a feel-good story that leaves the reader with some hope for humanity – something we all need.

~ Susan Braun

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## Have You Seen These *Museums*?



Photo credits Pamela Williams

Thank you to Trese Willamson for sharing this link to a marvelous article about "[10 Museums for Book Lovers.](#)" What a treat!

If you have photos of Libraries *or* Museums you would like to share, please email [Susan Braun](mailto:Susan Braun).



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BPL is looking for volunteers to assist with social media and other fund raising and marketing activities. If you have skills in Facebook, Instagram, fund raising or other marketing areas and would like to increase the library's impact in our community please contact the library at [ask@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org](mailto:ask@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org). Time commitment is flexible, and creativity



is appreciated!

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## Friends of the Library

# Book Sale



The Friends of the Library are having book sales:

**Sunday, November 5, from 12-4; Thursday, November 16, from 12-4;  
Sunday, November 26, from 12-4.**

To see future sale dates and times check our website at <https://www.bifriends.org> Books are plentiful, and the sale is a great way to support the library. If you have any questions, please sent us a message at [books4all@bifriends.org](mailto:books4all@bifriends.org).

Friends of the Library continue to welcome donations of books in clean, undamaged-saleable condition during open library hours. (Damaged books must be recycled at our expense) Small quantities can be left in bins behind the hold shelves on the main floor. Larger quantities should be left inside the Friends door adjacent to the Children's library downstairs. There is a hand truck available. For questions about donations please send us an email. Please do not leave books outside or in the library drop box or request help from the library staff.

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## Useful Community Links



As a community service for our newsletter readers, we are introducing a list of links to important local resources. We invite our readers to send us additional links to include in this list. If you have a link that you would like to suggest for inclusion, send it to [susangb01@aol.com](mailto:susangb01@aol.com).

- [Bainbridge Community Foundation](#)
- [Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society](#)
- [Bainbridge Island Historical Museum](#)
- [Bainbridge Island Museum of Art](#)
- [Bainbridge Island Native Food Forest Field Guide](#)
- [Bainbridge Island Senior/Community Center](#)



- [Bainbridge Youth Services](#)
- [BARN \(Bainbridge Artisan Resource Network\)](#)
- [Bloedel Reserve](#)
- [Boys and Girls Club of Bainbridge Island](#)
- [Helpline House of Bainbridge Island](#)
- [Housing Resources Bainbridge Island](#)
- [Island Volunteer Caregivers](#)
- [PAWS of Bainbridge Island and North Kitsap](#)
- [Raising Resilience](#)
- [Sustainable Bainbridge](#)

But wait! There's more! Do you know about [Bainbridge Island Resource Directory \(BIRD\)](#)? It is another great source for valuable community resources!

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## Did You Know?

- **Bainbridge Public Library**, a separate nonprofit organization, owns, operates, and maintains the Library building and grounds through community donations and grants.
- **Kitsap Regional Library** provides the library staff, collection, classes, and a virtual library at [KRL.org](#) with funding from property tax revenues.
- **Together** we provide the quality library our community wants and has come to expect.

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## Be safe... Be well!



*"A library is a cross between an emergency exit, a life-raft and a festival—a cathedral of the mind; hospital of the soul; theme park of the imagination." ~ Caitlin Moran*

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