

April 2024 Newsletter



Art in the Library!

April showers bring May flowers but wait....first there is always art!!
First Friday, April 5, 5-7PM in the library meeting room will open a group student show titled "The Artist's Process". Come meet the artists and enjoy the reception.

Students of Gigi Godfrey participating:

Kirsten Zawoysky
Dayle Houk
Kathy Levine
Pat Buhite
Renee Shepherd
Roberta Marshall
Kristine Kelleher
Susanne Bardelson
Dianne Lauer
Lisa Rogers
Ellen Toby
Jin Miller



Pat Buhite



Kristine Kelleher

You can view this exhibit during regular library hours (unless a program is happening) all month. A portion of sales are donated to the library.
www.bainbridgepubliclibrary.org.

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

~ Linda Meier, art coordinator



Give where you live!

Let's make the 11th Annual Kitsap Great Give the biggest yet by supporting your favorite causes and help strengthen, unite, and empower our community. Kitsap Great Give aims to raise \$2 million during the 2024 campaign to support this wonderful community we all call home.

[Click here to donate to Bainbridge Public Library](#)

Early Giving begins April 1st!

FACILITIES REPORT



Good news! It won't be long before this spectacular scene will be greeting visitors into the beautiful Haiku Garden! Spring is springing!!

The Sliding Art Walls Are Sliding!

The newly renovated sliding art panel walls in the meeting room have been re-installed. Equipped with new wheels to ride on the new tracks, and with the new imbedded handholds at each edge of the panel, they now glide smoothly and can be maneuvered much more easily! With minor tweaking to complete the project, we'll soon check it off our list of 2024 Projects . . . Yea!

The Gardens

Step into our gardens on Friday mornings and you'll not only hear the buzz and hum of bees gathering nectar and pollen from the early-blooming trees, shrubs and flowers, you'll hear the sound of the intrepid Friday Tidy volunteer corps as they enjoy each other's company while weeding, pruning, and tending to the needs of our beautiful gardens. If it looks like fun to you, just ask one of the volunteers how to get started. If nothing else, let them know you appreciate their efforts!

Speaking of Volunteers

Of course, we love to identify the projects we're working on or completing, but at this point we'll take the opportunity to put out a call to any of you library lovers who'd like information about volunteering to participate on the BPL Facilities Committee. Our Committee's focus is to oversee the maintenance and well-being of the building and grounds. Through our monthly meetings, we work closely with our Facilities Department partners at Kitsap Regional Library to identify specific repairs and maintenance items to address in the short term, as well as to plan for and schedule the bigger, periodic routines that assure our building, its systems, and the grounds surrounding them, remain in the great shape our community loves and appreciates. It also works to make sure what BPL imagines for the future of the Bainbridge Library is planned to complement what KRL identifies in its vision for the future. We of course want to make sure our facility is or will be ready to house the library of the evolving 21st century. Although our increasingly digital world has changed some aspects of what may have been considered the "traditional" library, one thing hasn't changed: a library is a gathering place for members of the community of ALL ages; to access information, entertainment, adventure, science, and much, much more.

If making sure our library is ready to house the ever-evolving library of the future, sounds like something you might like to get more information about,

please to contact me, Kip Bankart (Co-Chair of the BPL Facilities Committee) at kipbankart@comcast.net or by phone at 206-931-0693. Enjoy the Spring!

With each leaf, a promise and an inspiration



Just as tree roots embed themselves in our garden, sustaining life, nurturing growth--the leaves on our Legacy Tree hold out the promise that Bainbridge Public Library will endure into the future. Each leaf represents the pledge of a gift to the BPL from an estate. Each leaf signifies a love of community and the belief that libraries matter. Blossoming together, all these leaves reflect individual's values, inspire others and will keep our library home strong--with open doors to all.

Please notify us if you have made provisions in your estate plan to leave a legacy gift. If you would like more information about making a legacy gift leave a message at 206-866-1250 or at legacy@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org. Or visit the BPL website, bainbridgepubliclibrary.org and click on A Lasting Legacy under the Support BPL tab to download a Donor Intention Form. We'd be pleased to thank and honor you now!

**Bainbridge Public Library Garden Fund
Honoring Special People**



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 or leave a contact number at 206-866-1250 (message line).

Thank you for your continued support of our community's library home.

Book Lovers Day Out

EAGLE HARBOR BOOK CO. and BAINBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY
present

Books available for sale at the event!!

BOOK Lovers DAY OUT!

Win Prizes!

SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH
3:00 - 5:00PM

Sample Treats!

Bainbridge Public Library
1270 Madison Ave N. Bainbridge Island. WA 98110

Our annual booklovers event is back! Random House Publishing Reps, Katie Mehan and Colleen Conway Ramos, reveal their lists of recently released books that your community book group will want to read. Event is free, but tickets required. Don't delay, space is limited!

Scan here for tickets or use link below!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-book-party-tickets-810490387567?aff=oddtcreator>

In case you missed our celebration of books, book clubs and the joy of reading held on Sunday, March 10th, here are the books that Katie Mehan

and Colleen Conway Ramos from Random House Publishing shared with the group. Thanks to the COFUN committee for providing wonderful food and beverages and to Eagle Harbor Book Company for providing copies of the books for purchase. Watch for the announcement of next year's Book Lovers event!

Katie's List

There, There – Tommy Orange
Cutting for Stone – Abraham Verghese
The Snakehead – Patrick Radden Keefe
Whalebone Theatre – Joanna Quinn
Never Whistle at Night – Shane Hawk and Theodore C. Van Last Jr
Sacred Nature – Karen Armstrong
Stay True – Hua Hsu
Signal Fires – Dan Shapiro
Bad Cree – Jessica Johns
The Most Fun We Had - Claire Lombardo
Swimmers – Julie Otsuka
Marriage Portrait – Maggie O'Farrell
Mermaid of Black Conch – Monique Roffey
A Spell of Good Things – Ayobami Adebayo
American Mermaid – Julia Langbein
Symphony of Secrets – Brendan Slocumb
Until August – Gabriel Garcia Marquez
James – Percival Everett
Lessons in Chemistry (Spec. Edition) -
Bonnie Garmus
Backyard Bird Chronicles – Amy Tan

Colleen's List

Entangled Life – Merlin Sheldrake
The Maid – Nita Prose
Lone Women – Victor LaValle
Say You'll Be Mine – Naina Kumar
An Immense World – Ed Young
Lucy By the Sea – Elizabeth Strout
White Cat, Black Dog – Kelly Link
Things We Lost In the Fire – Marianna Enriquez
Mad Honey – Jodi Picoult & Jennifer Finney Boylan
Mother Daughter Traitor Spy – Susan Elia MacNeal
All Good People Here – Ashley Flowers
Bandit Queens – Parini Shroff
Emily Wilde's Encyclopedia of Faries – Heather Fawsett
Demon of Unrest – Erik Larson
The Paris Novel – Ruth Reichl
A Place in the World – Frances Mayes
Solito – Javier Zamora
The Frame-Up – Gwenda Bond
Morningside – Tea Obreht
There's Always This Year – Hanif Abdurraqib

Have You Seen This Library?



It is the Orcas Island Public Library. The Orcas Island Public Library has existed since 1988 as a tax-supported institution. However, the public has had access to a library on the island since the Madrona Club made its collection of 175 volumes available in 1909.

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

Books Worth Sharing

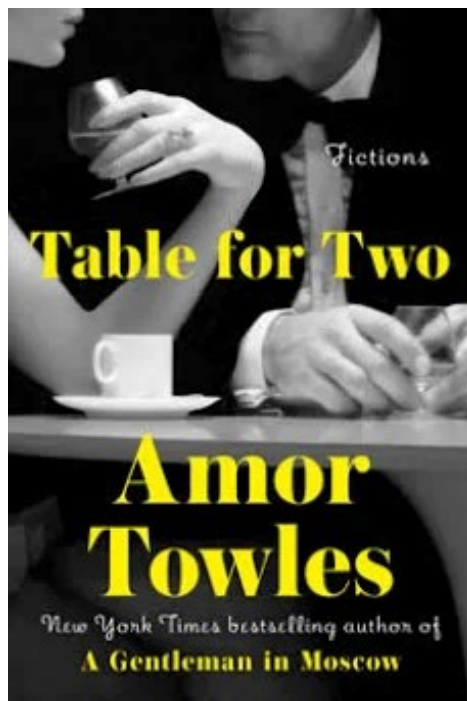


Table for Two
By Amor Towles

A young Russian entrepreneur, an aspiring author turned forger, a husband's secret hobby, a Carnegie Hall bootlegger, and a novella of old Hollywood feature in this collection of richly crafted stories from the master novelist of *A Gentleman in Moscow* and *The Lincoln Highway*. In "The Ballad of Timothy Touchett," a bookseller persuades a starving young novelist to forge an author's signature on a first edition, increasing its value at auction. This becomes a lucrative gig for the young novelist until he forges one too many and is caught in the act. Each tale turns on a quirk of the human condition and provides the reader with a satisfying surprise ending, like a treat with an afternoon tea. Not all novelists are good short story writers, but Towles excels with this collection. Readers unfamiliar with his novels will love these examples of his shorter fiction and they will be pure catnip to his legions of fans.

~ Susan Braun



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. Time commitment is flexible, and creativity is appreciated!

Friends of the Library

Book Sale



Friends of the Library book sales will be on:

Thursday, April 4, from 12-4 Sunday, April 14, from 12-4, Sunday, April 28, 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.

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.

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.

- [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!

A Special Partnership

- **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.



"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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