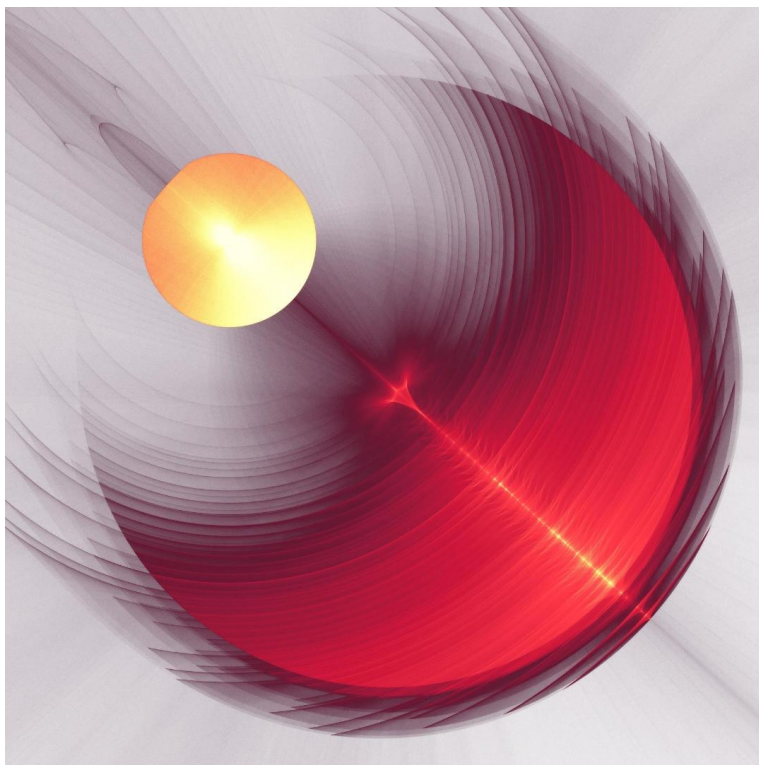


June 2024 Newsletter



Art in the Library!

"June is busting out all over".....with art! Celebrate the month with our June artist, Francene Levinson, opening her exhibit titled "Paper, Plastic and Pixels ", First Friday, June 7 , 5-7 PM in the library meeting room.



Here is the artist's description of her work:

"As an artistic individual, I continually find it satisfying to create color, form, and composition with nontraditional art materials such as: pixels, paper, and plastic. Our environment, politics, and human experience are important sources of inspiration for my art. Now, as a Techspressionist artist, I use my laptop and printer as my art studio. This technology allows me to express my inspired thoughts and emotions in the moment.

Since I enjoy creative challenges, multi-modular paper sculpture evolved naturally from my previous skills as a stone sculptor. I find that paper has great strength in multi-modular numbers and an architectural beauty that deserves to be explored and shared. Because I care about our environment, I have created sculptures with transformed recycled materials such as cardboard boxes, plastic food containers, plastic bags, and hot glue. I thoroughly enjoy changing pixels, paper, and plastic from mundane to magnificent."



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

**Annual Donor Party Celebrates
Generous Supporters**



Martha Bayley

Generous supporters were honored Sunday, April 28th at Bainbridge Public Library's annual donor appreciation event. BPL board president, Denton Kiehle welcomed the many partygoers who came out to enjoy brunch nibbles, special beverages, and the always popular program, Books Too Good to Miss, presented by BPL's favorite book reviewer, Martha Bayley.

Denton reminded the crowd that our beautiful library depends on dedicated donors to be the library home that our community treasures. He saluted donors, volunteers, board of directors and committee members for their hard work and generosity.

Some guests even went home with a special raffle surprise. Martha Bayley was presented with a commemorative art piece Reading Hands, fabricated by local artist Michelle Van Slyke for the 1997 library renovation, in thanks for her many years as a featured guest at these library donor events.

Please come see what's happening at the library, meet our many new KRL staff members, and take home a copy of BPL's Annual Report. We are hoping you'll choose to become a contributor too and join us at next year's donor party. We look forward to welcoming you!

~ Trese Williamson

Facilities Report

We hope you've been by the library recently to catch the rhodies and azaleas putting on their spectacular displays!

And if you've been on Madison Ave recently (between Wyatt and Hwy 305), you've seen the road construction taking place that will facilitate safer travel for bikers and pedestrians.

What we want the community to know is that portions of the library's

gardens (closest to the Madison Ave sidewalk) will be undergoing some modification to facilitate the construction. We have already begun relocating some plants to other areas of the gardens, and soon there will be stretches of the orange, plastic barrier fencing installed to protect some of the larger plants.

As any gardener will tell you, adapting to change is an ongoing joy and challenge. Our loyal volunteers and professional crew have embraced the needed modifications as positive "opportunities" to enhance and improve our lovely gardens.

Where some of the plantings have already been cleared:



We hope you enjoy the days and nights of the slow dance into summer!

~ Kip Bankart



Showcasing Our Local Authors - Florence Klein



Meet Florence Klein, a remarkable woman whose life journey traverses the tumultuous landscape of the Second World War, shaping her into a resilient trailblazer for generations to come. From her formative years, Florence exuded a determination that defied the norms of her time. As a child, she recognized the need to seize control of her destiny, a resolve that propelled her through seven decades of unwavering purpose and passion.

Adorned in her signature impeccable attire, Florence learned early on the importance of keeping her hat on—both figuratively and literally—as she fearlessly navigated the predominantly male spheres of finance, real estate, and business. Amidst the demands of career and family, she never wavered in pursuing her dreams, no matter how audacious they seemed.

Beyond her professional pursuits, Florence epitomized the spirit of service, dedicating herself to volunteering in state and federal prisons across the United States. From assisting prisoners in Pennsylvania with their probation and visiting the notorious ADX maximum-security prison in Colorado, her encounters with some of society's most infamous figures, including the

Boston Marathon bomber and the Oklahoma City bomber, underscored her commitment to rehabilitation and compassion.

In this candid memoir, Florence extends her wisdom to a new generation, offering invaluable insights into living a life of courage, purpose, and inclusivity in an often perplexing and harsh world. Her story serves as a beacon of hope, demonstrating that everyone possesses the potential to blaze trails and inspire others.

Trails that went from breaking barriers as one of Philadelphia's first female stockbrokers to spearheading the transformation of old factory buildings into historic condos as America's inaugural woman real estate developer.

Her altruism also knew no bounds, as evidenced by her creation of one of the earliest websites aimed at assisting seniors in need with Silver Planet.

Despite the passage of time, "Under the Hat" serves as a testament to the enduring power of self-discovery and resilience. It wasn't until the age of eighty-two that she truly embraced her identity — a poignant reminder that it's never too late to embrace one's true self and make a lasting impact on the world.



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

Go to bainbridgepubliclibrary.org for more info on local authors.

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.

Have You Seen This Library?





It is the Robinson Public Library in Armagh, Northern Ireland. Founded in 1771, Archbishop Richard Robinson founded it to display his own library and make it available for public use. It is the oldest public library in Northern Ireland. It houses 42,000 volumes as well as maps, sculpture, and paintings. In a prominent glass cabinet is Jonathan Swift's personal copy of *Gulliver's Travels*, 1726, with corrections in his own hand. Since 1771 it has housed the books shelved by size, with the largest books on lower shelves to better distribute weight in this second-floor library. Above the main door, carved in Greek is the library's motto "the healing place of the soul." It is a unique record of the cultural and social history of 18th century Ireland, reflecting the changing intellectual climate of Europe since 1500. The head librarian lives in the building with his wife and two small children!

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

Own a Bit of Bainbridge Public Library History!

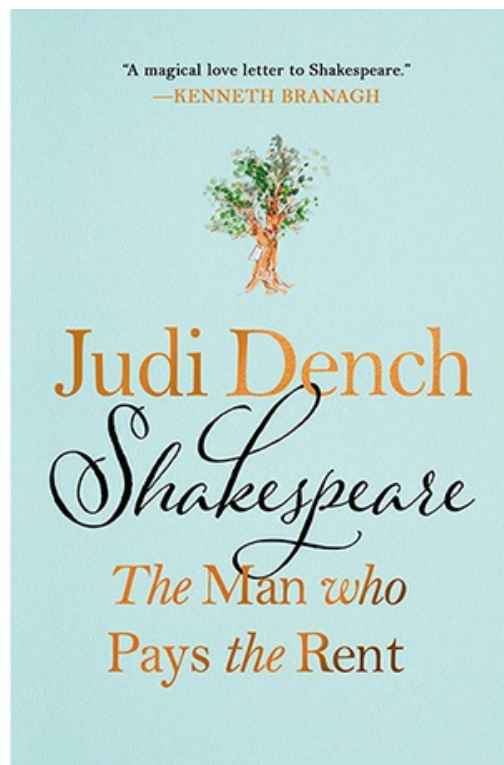


The year was 1997. A two-year project of a major remodel of the library was

nearly complete. But something still wasn't quite right. Under the new design, the backs of the computer monitors were facing the public. Younger folks may not remember a time when computer monitors protruded but such was the case, and the BPL Board of Directors determined a fix needed to be found. Island artist Michelle Van Slyke came up with the perfect design and was commissioned to create 10 of the simple but stunning and effective "Reading Hands."

Now that the computer monitors are flat, no camouflage is needed! With the artist's blessing, the "Reading Hands" metal sculptures are available at the Friends of the Library book sales, beginning in May. The purchase price is \$100, with all proceeds benefiting the Bainbridge Public Library. (Reminder: FOL accepts cash or checks only.)

Books Worth Sharing



Shakespeare - The Man Who Pays the Rent **By Judi Dench**

Dame Judi Dench is one of the most celebrated actors of our time. In addition to BAFTAs, an Academy Award, and numerous Oliviers, she has received an OBE, a DBE, and a Companion of Honour. Full disclosure, I am a huge fan of Ms. Dench and would happily pay to hear her read the phone book! In this latest memoir, she regales us with backstage tidbits, on-stage hilarity, and thoughtful musings about the parts she has played in over twenty of Shakespeare's plays over her seven decades in the theatre. Interspersed with vignettes on audiences, critics, company spirit and rehearsal room etiquette, she serves up priceless revelations on everything from the craft of speaking in verse to her personal interpretations of some of Shakespeare's most famous scenes. The book is written in conversation with Brendan O'Hea, theater director and an Associate Artist at Shakespeare's Globe and its breezy style makes the reader feel that you are sitting at a kitchen table listening to two old friends swapping stories. You need not be a Shakespeare scholar to appreciate the deftness with which Ms. Dench discusses the characters she has played. Her sense of humor and hilarious anecdotes make her retellings of Shakespeare's stories fabulously entertaining. So much more than just another theatrical memoir, *Shakespeare - the man who pays the*

rent is a joy to read.

~ 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:

Sunday, June 9, from 12-4, Thursday, June 20, from 12-4, Sunday, June 30, 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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