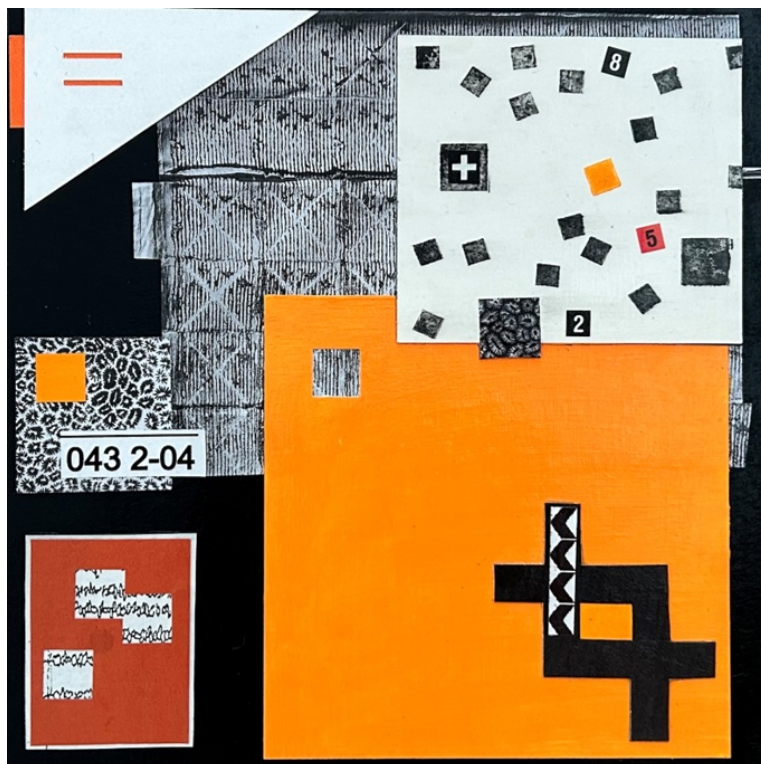


August 2024 Newsletter



Art in the Library!

Continuing to enjoy the warmth of summer, we hope you were able to join West Sound Abstract Artists as they presented their Summer Group Show with an opening reception for First Friday Art Walk on the evening of Friday the 02nd in the library meeting room.



"Tomorrow," LinMara Bluebird

Here is a description of the group and their members: West Sound Abstract Artists began meeting over 8 years ago. We are a group of seven women who are all committed to furthering our skill as abstract artists. We work in a variety of mediums: acrylics, mixed media, and collage. Some of us derive inspiration from the natural world, others from our experiences or memories. Our styles are diverse and evolving.

During monthly meetings we each bring pieces we are working on to discuss strengths and problem areas and explore ways to improve upon our vision of what the piece is intended to convey. We provide each other with support, encouragement, and constructive critique. Additionally, we have inspired each other to expand, explore and experiment with many different techniques and mediums. We enjoy the process of helping and challenging each other to express ourselves artistically and grow as artists. This group show celebrates our diverse visual language as we express ideas, emotions, and observations through different artistic mediums. For more information on each individual artist or for purchasing, please contact the individual artist. Contact information is included below:

- LinMara Bluebird lives on Bainbridge Island and has a lifelong love of paper. (jklmb@earthlink.net)
- JoAnna Caro, a resident of Sequim, WA, took childhood trips to NYC which developed into a passion for geometrics. (dvcaro@aol.com)
- Ann Gagnier lives in Port Ludlow, and her art evolves like a jigsaw with line and color. (jagagnier@wavecable.com)
- Joanie Klorer lives on Bainbridge Island and her paintings reflect memory and identity. (jklmb@earthlink.net)
- Gail Larson, from the Coyle Peninsula, is an acrylic and collage artist who focuses on design, value and movement. (glarsonmcs@icloud.com)
- Georganne Muse, thrilled to be an ex-pat from Texas, lives in Port Ludlow and just wants to paint a pretty picture. (geomuse0927@gmail.com)
- Patricia Webber paints from impressions, intuition, and experiences at her home in the San Juans. (patricia98110@gmail.com)



"Sylvie Loved to Sing," Joanie Klorer

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.

Facilities Report



Whew! Hot enough for you? Happy summer in the great northwest!

First off, a . . . **Shout Out for Help!**

Our BPL Facilities Committee is looking to recruit a person(s) who has knowledge and experience in the current world of adding solar panels to existing buildings. This would include familiarity with local, state, and federal guidelines, incentives, and codes. In addition, this person would be experienced in:

- preparing a project description
- identifying and vetting potential vendors
- issuing and assessing vendor responses
- and representing BPL in the oversight of the project through completion

If you know someone (or are someone 😊) with this experience and skill set, we'd love to hear from you! The wide-open, south- and western-facing roof of the library seems to be a prime location for solar panels; however, the research and assessment process we wish to pursue will provide BPL with the facts we need to ascertain whether to pursue the installation of solar panels at this time.

Please email us at: ask@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org and enter "Solar Panels" in the Subject line.

In Other News

Work on the "Madison Ave Bundle Project" continues to creep closer to the front of the library. At the south end of the block, the forms are in place to begin pouring the new curb and sidewalk. And although the Madison Ave entrance to the library's parking lot is not as easily seen as it is usually, we are thrilled people are finding their way into the library to pursue all their library needs!



Our garden volunteers and landscape contractor have cleaned up the area near the Friday Tidies' shed, removing the large debris pile that periodically occupies that area. Likewise, with an intention of improving library access, we are pursuing the installation of a second handrail on the steps leading to the Children's Library entrance, as well as improving the continuity of the rustic stone stairs there.



We hope you continue to enjoy the summer and all the books you're reading! Don't forget there are cool prizes for people of all ages (kids through seniors!) who complete 10 or 100 hours of reading in the course of the summer! Check in with a library staff member to get all the details. I LOVE the 100-hr Reader t-shirts I've gotten for the last several years. You'll love yours too!



Showcasing Our Local Authors - Joan Piper



When you drive south on Blakely Avenue, past the school and around the bend, the road winds over hilly woods down to sea level. Through the alders you glimpse a quiet harbor, Port Blakely. A huge concrete block mars the

picturesque scene, and a hollow loneliness haunts the cove.

At least that's how I and my narrator in "Ghosts of the South End" experience this part of the island. In my story, published by Oyster Seed Salon in *Stories of Bainbridge Island, Second Edition*, a modern mother reflects on a forgotten Island tragedy. She senses spirits of the past lingering here.

A century ago, the world's largest lumber mill boomed at Port Blakely. In 1906, the town lost dozens of their women and children in the worst maritime accident in Puget Sound. The ferryboat Dix collided with a freighter and sank within minutes. Only one female survived, Alice Simpson.

In "Ghosts" I mix fiction with facts I learned when Director of the Bainbridge Island History Museum. My narrator compares Alice to her daughter, grappling with modern issues of gender. In the 1970s I chronicled the women's movement in San Diego, home of the nation's first Women's Studies program, in my earliest published work, the newsletter "Pandora's Box."

At the San Diego Zoo I found my niche, writing for exhibits. I was happily anonymous when the Wall Street Journal panned my work for using the word "dwarf" in "dwarf mongoose," common name for *Helogale parvula*. The critic had been to Disneyland and conflated his dwarfs. He took offense to my headline "She's the Boss," for matriarchal mongoose society. Too flip maybe, but his reaction proved that I could make people read. Still, I felt the nip of public criticism and feel for the high-profile authors among us.

In 1991 I became Director of Exhibits and Programs at the Museum of Flight. Doug Nathan's workshops on Bainbridge inspired my poems for Exhibition magazine and Poetry Corners. In 1997 Cune Press published personal essay "Worry Seeds" in *An Ear to the Ground*. "Ghosts" is my first published short story. I thank my critique group Sound Writers and UW fiction class for their help.

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.

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?

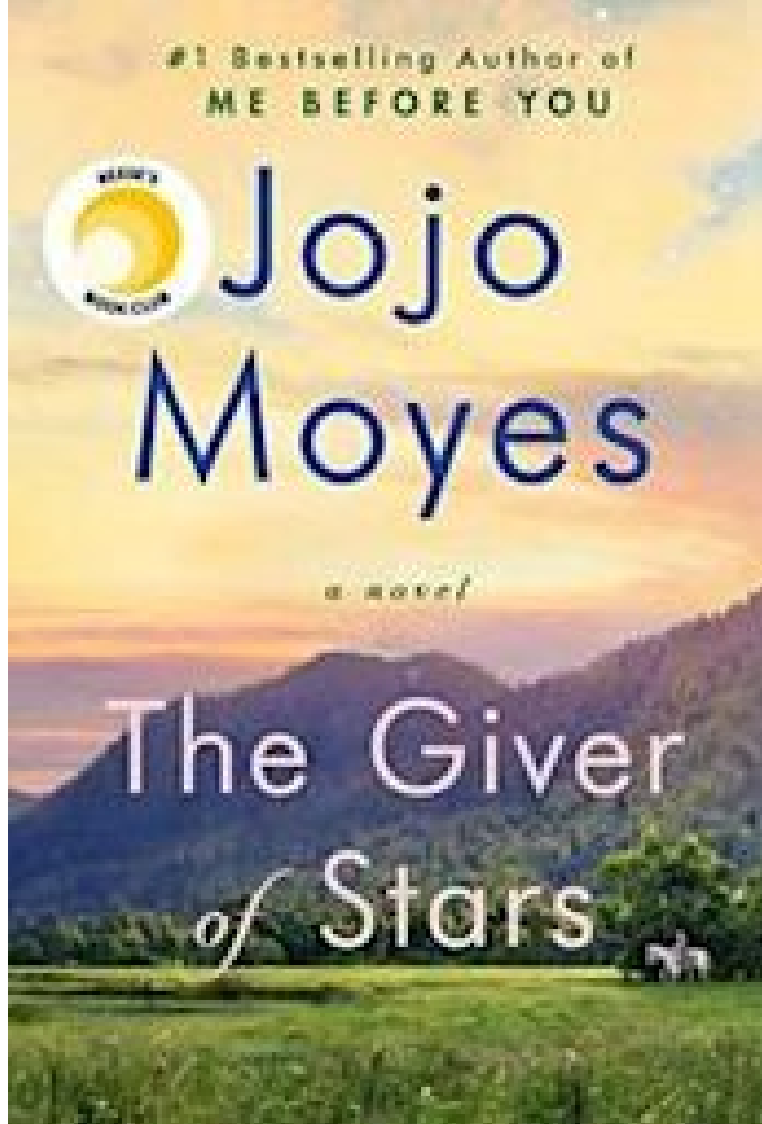


Well, it's not exactly a library, but a bookstore in Kathmandu, Nepal called the [Patan Bookstore](#). According to BPL Newsletter reader Jeanette Franks, it is the oldest bookstore in Kathmandu. A bathroom hides behind the bookcase door!



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

Books Worth Sharing



Giver of Stars
By Jojo Moyes

Looking for a summer read? Look no further! In the depths of the Great Depression, Britisher Alice Wright marries Bennett Van Cleve, the son of a wealthy Kentucky coal mine owner. She is hoping for a fresh start with a wider view of the world, but life in a tiny Kentucky town living with both her husband and his overbearing father is stifling. When she hears of a project to deliver books to rural homes, spearheaded by Eleanor Roosevelt, she signs up eagerly. She teams up with a group of smart, self-sufficient women, led by feisty Margery. They became known as the Packhorse Librarians of Kentucky. They refuse to be cowed by men who view women who read as dangerous and a threat to conservative Christian doctrine. Their story is one of love, loyalty, justice, humanity, and joy. Based on a true story, master novelist Moyes has woven a hugely entertaining tale of friendship, dedication, and the wonder of reading set in one of our country's darkest times.

~ Susan Braun



THE
**BAINBRIDGE
BOOK FESTIVAL**
NEEDS



Organizers will be at Eagle Harbor Book Co on August 14th from noon to 4 pm to answer questions and sign you up as a volunteer to the Bainbridge Book Festival being held on October 4th and 5th, 2024!

August 14th 12pm - 4pm

Eagle Harbor Book Co.
157 Winslow Way E
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Interested but Can't Make It on August 14? Email the festival organizers at volunteers@bainbridgebookfestival.org



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, August 11, from 12-4; Sunday, August 25, 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 send 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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