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## Mark your calendar

Bainbridge Island library users look forward to some special events during the next few months. Note these dates:

### SATURDAY, JUNE 27

**Books, books, and more books** will be sold at the Rotary Auction, all day, Woodward Middle School.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

**Star Party for children**, first event of summer reading program, 10:30 to 11:30 at the library, with Nora Gelineau, instructor. (Registration in advance, please.)

### SATURDAY, JULY 4

**Library closed** for holiday. Join your friends at the Grand Old Fourth parade.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

**Dragonlore children's program**, 10:30-11:30 at the library, with Peggy Hughes, young people's librarian.

**Science fiction writing group** meets with Ann Lovejoy, 7 p.m. at the library. Initial meeting for teenagers and adults interested in experimenting with science fiction short story writing.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

**Folklore Drama children's hour**, directed by Barbara Winther, 10:30-11:30 at the library.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

**Kids' Web**. Youngsters will get instruction in the net from Eleanor Wheeler and Peggy Hughes. 10:30-11:30 at the library.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

**Puppet show for children**, 10:30-11:30, at the library.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

**Labor Day**. Library closed for holiday.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

**Gala Garden Party**, 5 to 8:30 at the library. Meet your friends at a festive fund-raising event.

**Used-book sale at library**, from 10 to 2. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. First sale of the season.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

**Laps for the Library II**, noon to 2 p.m. at the high school track. Run or walk for fun or fitness — and to raise money for library needs.

## It's your newspaper

You are reading the first issue of the Bainbridge Island Library News.

Produced by members of the library board, staff, and volunteers, this newspaper will come to you as the seasons change. This issue focuses on summer and early fall activities at the library.

The fall edition will be distributed in late September, and deadline for copy is Wednesday, Aug. 26.

The editors welcome your suggestions for Library News features. Would you like more people features? More about special services? Listings of audiovisual materials? All of these are scheduled for future issues.

Just drop off your ideas at the library, any time. Or share them with editor Verda Averill, associate editors Steve Olsen and Peter Harris, branch manager Cindy Harrison, or any board member.

And thanks for reading.



Young people's librarian Peggy Hughes reads to a group of pre-schoolers during a recent story hour. Pre-school story hours, discontinued for the summer, will resume in the fall. Meanwhile, the annual summer reading program for children is now under way. (Photo by Verda Averill)

## Young people travel reading highway

School's out, and young people — and their parents — are looking for projects to fill the kids' long summer days.

One answer for school-age children: the Bainbridge Public Library's summer reading program. Though designed for young readers (second and third graders primarily) the program, "Travel the Reading Highway," will also appeal to pre-schoolers and first graders, says Peggy Hughes, young people's librarian.

"It's designed for those being read to as well as those who can read by themselves," she says.

The rules are simple. Children sign up at the young people's check-out desk on the lower level. They then receive reading logs and are told how to keep track of their reading time. The goal: to read for at least 10 hours this summer.

Children chart their progress by writing their names on cars which are added to the sign-up poster in the library and chug along its highway during the summer. The reading program, which

runs from June 13 to Sept. 16, has its rewards. When youngsters finish their 10 hours of reading they may each:

- Select a paperback book
- Receive a certificate
- Put a sticker on their car on the sign-up poster

— And receive a new reading log to keep track of more reading time. (Those reading more than 10 hours receive additional stickers to put on their cars, but each child can earn only one paperback for the summer.)

Along with the reading project, the library will present a series of special programs for school-age children Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The first program, July 1, will be a Star Party, and youngsters will complete a variety of starry crafts with instruction from Nora Gelineau.

On July 8, Dragonlore is the topic. Librarian Hughes will present stories and activities involving dragons.

July 15, Folklore Drama will give children a chance to do some acting.

Bainbridge Island author Barbara Winther, who has adapted African and Haitian stories for the stage, will read from her books and include members of the audience in dramatization.

On July 22 at Kids' Web, librarians Eleanor Wheeler and Hughes will teach youngsters how to find the information they need using the internet.

And at the last program, July 29, the Kitsap Regional Library Puppeteers will perform "Traveling the Reading Highway," an original script by Carol Gill Schuyler. The show will include references to traditional stories such as The Three Billy Goats Gruff.

Parents are urged to register youngsters for these programs in advance. Space is expected to fill up fast. The first two programs are tentatively scheduled for the children's program room, with the rest in the library's main meeting room.

The popular pre-school story hours held throughout the school year have been discontinued for the summer, but will be resumed sometime in September.

## Gala garden party is set for Sept. 12

Bainbridge Library Board members are planning a garden party for Sept. 12.

The second annual Bainbridge Library Gala, a follow-up to last summer's popular building preview event, is designed to show off the now-mature Haiku Garden, the library's growing art collection, and new features of the building's large computer collection.

The early evening event, tentatively scheduled for 6 to 8:30 p.m., will provide a chance for Islanders to view

the newest library features, chat with friends, taste wines and hors d'oeuvres, listen to fine music — and not so incidentally, to raise funds for ongoing library needs.

(Yes, the building is paid for, but maintenance and other expenses continue.)

Admission will be by donation, which will be partially tax-deductible.

Les Deux Amis, the Island firm that catered last year's gala, will be back. And a committee headed by Jo Schaffer,

Bainbridge Library Board member, is now working out details of the evening. It's planned primarily as a garden event, with a tent for protection in case of rain. But indoor activities will also be included.

Committee members working on the project with Schaffer include Gayle Seyl, Cindy Harrison, Ann Sievertson, Trese Williamson, Stephanie Steele, Dorothy Joslyn, Wayne Nakata, Verda Averill, Cris Beattie, Lyla Doyle, and Nan Wooldridge.

From the boardroom:

# A 'three-legged stool' serves library users

By TOM OLSON  
President, Bainbridge Library Board

It began over 40 years ago, when 60 forward-thinking leaders of our community recognized the need for a first-class library facility on Bainbridge Island. The Island had been served over the years by a small one-room facility and by the periodic visits of the Bookmobile, but we lacked the space for the library services a growing community expected.

Funds were raised, land donated, a non-profit corporation formed and in 1961 a modern new library opened on the corner of High School Road and Madison. The demand for services outgrew the space and again in 1982 a successful community fund-raising drive was mounted to expand the library.

In the early 1990s it became apparent that the library facilities were taxed to the limit and on top of that, becoming a little threadbare. (Bainbridge Island has one of the highest library uses of anywhere in the country. Over 95 percent of the Island residents hold library cards and on the average each cardholder uses the facility once a week.) The board of the corporation undertook an investigation of our needs with the help of experienced consultants. This led to selection of a planning consultant, a fund-raising consultant, architect and contractor. The results of this process and the community's support of it are now evident.

We have one of the finest libraries in the state. It is modern in function and services and graced with art representative of the talents of our community. From the Japanese interpretive garden to the art incorporated into the interior of the building, it has become the place to visit on the Island. As an aside, Carol and I attended a meeting in Billings this spring. An attendee from Ft. Lauderdale, learning we were from Bainbridge Island, said "My next-door neighbor just visited Bainbridge and was taken to see this marvelous library!"

A few words on the "nuts and bolts" of the operation of the library may be helpful.

The library physical plant and grounds are owned and maintained by Bainbridge Public Library, a non-profit corporation. The members of the corporation are all Islanders with an interest in the library.



**Tom Olson, a Seattle attorney, is president of the Bainbridge Island Library Board of Directors. A long-time Island resident, he lives in the Manzanita Bay area with his wife, Carol.**

The corporation is managed by a board of directors of members of our community and supported solely by your gifts made through the Bainbridge Foundation or directly to the corporation.

The Kitsap Regional Library System provides the staff, circulating materials and a wide range of computer services. The City of Bainbridge Island contributes the necessary public services such as water and sewer.

This "three-legged stool" has served us well over the years. We welcome your continued support and encourage you to contact any member of the board of directors should you have questions or concerns about the operation and maintenance of our library.

# Volunteers make a difference



**Dianne Knodel and Claude Keckler are just two of the many volunteers who contribute to the Bainbridge Library's successful programs. Along with Stan Weigman they were honored at a recent Kitsap Regional Library Board meeting. (Verda Averill photo)**

By VERDA AVERILL

"I can help" reads the lapel badge Dianne Knodel wears in the library. And she can.

As one of more than 30 dedicated Bainbridge Public Library volunteers, Knodel spends 25 hours a week — sometimes more — working one on one with library users who want to learn computer skills.

She teaches computer novices how to use the electronic card catalogue, the WorldWide Web and, of course, E-mail.

And she loves doing it, especially when her students know little or nothing about computers.

**"My favorite person to work with is the one who has absolutely no knowledge about them," she says with a smile.**

Age doesn't matter. The beginning computer user may be a young adult or a retired person. Two of her favorite pupils, says Dianne, are 82 years old. (Both, incidentally, volunteer in the library in other areas.)

Knodel brings more than enthusiasm to her volunteer work. A wife and mother of three adult children, all of them involved with computers, she is a former teacher with a lifelong interest in libraries. As a student at Ball State University in Indiana, she worked in the school library.

And she likes working with people, including the physically challenged. One of her favorite

success stories concerns a hearing-impaired person who exclaimed with delight after mastering computer skills, "Do you realize for the first time I can see what I'm supposed to hear?"

**She is also delighted to see the ways in which computer skills can forge strong bonds between older adults and their grandchildren.**

"Today, it sometimes seems kids and their grandparents know less and less about each other. But the youngsters have access to computers, and they are so impressed when their grandparents develop these skills and send them E-mail," she says. "I just love seeing the spark in the grandparents' eyes as they take hold of these new skills."

Knodel works in a series of one-hour appointments, always one on one. She starts out teaching the card catalogue and registering the student for E-mail, and "by the third hour we're cruising the web."

Her classes are so popular she's often booked weeks ahead. So persons seeking her help should sign up at the library reference desk and expect to wait two or three weeks for an opening.

## Three honored

Knodel is just one of three Bainbridge Island volunteers honored for exceptional service at a recent Kitsap Regional Library Board meeting.

**Stan Wiegman, who has led weekend computer**

training sessions, and Claude Keckler, who volunteers in other areas as well as computers, were cited along with Knodel for the Bainbridge computer-training program.

They have been asked to help staffs and volunteers of other Kitsap libraries set up a similar county-wide program.

Knodel is enthusiastic about the idea.

"What good are those wonderful machines if people don't know how to use them?" she says.

## You can help

Knodel and Shirley Howe share the job of coordinating volunteer activities within the Bainbridge library.

Not all volunteers can spend as much time at the library as they do, but willing helpers are always needed — for as much or as little time as they can spend.

Outside, volunteers supervised by garden authority Ann Lovejoy care for the recently-planted library grounds. Regular garden volunteers include Linda Atwood, Eileen Cudlipp, Elizabeth Dequine, Tracy Dickerson, Barbara Garfield, Jana Jackson, Nina McCormic, Barbra Saxe, and Susan Wallace.

**More volunteers would be welcome in several areas, says Cindy Harrison, branch manager.**

People are needed to adopt bookshelves (gardening, biography, etc.) and keep specific collections clean and in good order; — to package audio tapes for the shelves; — to take on the library archives and organize material into scrapbooks in an orderly fashion; — to keep magazines and newspapers in good order; — to review incoming donations of books and audio-visual materials; — to become part of the landscape care team coordinated by Ann Lovejoy.

"Volunteers are one of the reasons our library works so well," adds Dianne Knodel.

"If the staff had to stop and do all the things the volunteers do... well, they just wouldn't have the time."

# What it's all about: books

By LIBRARY STAFF  
and board members

Readers love to recommend books to other readers, and the professional staff, volunteers, and members of the board of Bainbridge Public Library are no exception. We're eager to share some discoveries among the many new books recently published, as well as some older volumes we think others would enjoy if given the chance.

We hope to make this a regular feature, and to include more examples of non-print media available at the library in future issues.

## Adult fiction

*Cloudsplitter*, by Russell Banks (HarperCollins, 1998). A monumental historical novel about the abolitionist John Brown, told from the point of view of his son.

*The Flower in the Skull*, by Kathleen Alcal (Chronicle, 1998). Set in the Texas-Mexico border region in the late 19th century, this is a sequel to the award-winning *Spirits of the Ordinary*. Alcal is a Bainbridge Island author.

*A Patchwork Planet*, by Anne Tyler (Knopf, 1998).

Fans of Tyler's quirky, character-driven novels will not be disappointed by this tale of a onetime juvenile delinquent and family black sheep who earns a living doing odds jobs for the elderly.

*The Short History of a Prince*, by Jane Hamilton (Random House, 1998). A gay man returns to his Midwestern roots seeking to make peace with himself and his past. This is an affirming story of the power of friendship and family ties.

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The Bainbridge Island Library News is published every quarter by the Bainbridge Library Board, a non-profit organization, and distributed to all Island residents and library users. Verda Averill is editor; Peter Harris and Steve Olsen are associate editors.

Board members are: Tom Olson, president; Richard Blumenthal, Jo Schaffer, Gayle Seyl, Don Yockey, Verda Averill, Mary Ann Campbell, Peter Harris, Judy Karr, Pat Putman, Jane Brand, Diane Hamilton, Steve Olsen, and Marty Sievertson.

# Who's who on your library staff

(First in a series on the Bainbridge Library staff)

Cindy Harrison, branch manager of the Bainbridge library, supervises 22 librarians who keep the library open 55 hours a week.

She took on this big job in 1990, after working on a health project for the Kitsap Regional Library, as interim branch manager at Silverdale, and as the librarian for pre-schools and daycare centers throughout the county.

She trained for the job as an English major at Kalamazoo College in Michigan and received a master of library science degree from Western Michigan University.

With her husband David, Harrison first moved to Bainbridge Island 25 years ago. Today the pair have two sons, Jordan, almost 21, a senior at Stanford University, and Ben, 17, who will be a senior at Bainbridge High School.

As branch manager, she puts in long hours supervising activities at the Bainbridge library building and working

with the Kitsap Regional Library Board and the local Bainbridge Island Library Board.

When she gets some time for herself and her family, Harrison (named Cynthia but usually called Cindy) enjoys being out in her garden, birdwatching with her mother-in-law, and exploring the Northwest. She likes theater and art and riding her new bike. And she's an enthusiastic member of the Bainbridge Chorale.

She's seen a lot of changes in her years as a librarian and, while books remain the heart of the library, she feels electronic developments are becoming more and more important. She applauds the work of Bainbridge volunteers who are teaching library users to scan the electronic library catalogue, use E-mail, and cruise the Internet.

"Books are wonderful," she says, "but there are so many things that are much easier to find on the Internet.

"She cites the case of a library user who needed to



Cindy Harrison (above) is branch manager of the Bainbridge Island Library. Chelsea Siler and Jeanette Fiess (right) are pages. (Verda Averill photo)

locate the words to Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" — and found them quickly via the Internet.

Harrison would really rather talk about her outstanding library staff than about herself. She's particularly impressed with the work done this past year by two library pages, Chelsea Siler and Jeanette Fiess, both 18. The two graduating high school seniors competed for their paying jobs with several older applicants and have done an outstanding job, says Harrison.



They've also maintained high scholastic averages, graduating with honors, and will attend college in the fall. Siler at the University of Washington and Fiess as a National Merit Scholar at Whitman College.

As pages the young women are responsible for putting materials back on the shelves in proper order, booting up computers, helping with the closing of the library, and helping out at the circulation

desk during staff breaks, among other duties.

Off duty they both have a variety of interests. Chelsea likes hiking, camping, photography, and swing dancing. Jeanette enjoys needlework (both crochet and needlepoint) and aikido.

The two pages are enjoying their library work and agree it's helped them in their studies.

Would they like to pursue library careers in the future?

"It's a possibility... at least as a college job," says Chelsea.

## Expanded Bainbridge Library continues to grow

By STEVE OLSEN

Nearly a year has passed since the grand opening of the new Bainbridge Public Library. By now, most of us have gotten used to the new building's refreshingly uncluttered interior, its allowance for the latest in technology, and its complement of wonderful works of public art. We might even be wondering how staff and patrons managed for so long in the old library.

The Bainbridge Public Library now houses nearly 62,000 cataloged items — books, tapes, magazines, etc. Some 3200 items were added to

the collection in the first three months of 1998 alone. And more and more Islanders are apparently finding out how fast and easy it is to request an item from other branches in the Kitsap Regional Library system, with its 400,000 items.

In 1997, Islanders checked out a total of over 338,000 books and other items and requested 37,000 holds.

Rapid access to library information, whether it is a periodical article on a new company, or the holdings of other libraries in the region, depends these days on many well-functioning computer terminals. In mid-May,

Bainbridge was upgraded to 23 computer terminals, many with enhanced graphic capabilities.

However, about half of the terminals will remain text-oriented, which some patrons find faster or easier to use. Islander Michael Schuyler directs the Kitsap Regional Library's computer department, and notes that the new Bainbridge library building was a joy to wire for the added computers and remains flexible for future computer needs. Plans are for Bainbridge to have 31 public access terminals by the end of 1998.

Access to information sources outside the conven-

tional library world is another area in which the Bainbridge Public Library, is growing and evolving. The graphically-oriented computers now allow full access (via the Netscape browser) to the Internet and the

WorldWide Web, with four terminals specifically programmed for children's use. Combining this with the other facilities of the Linknet system, Islanders have a formidable set of information tools available.

## Gifts that keep on giving

Here's a suggestion for Islanders looking for lasting gifts for graduates, fathers, and others this summer.

You can honor a loved one or a family by "buying" a special shelf for just \$250, says Pat Putman, library board member. An engraved name plaque will be permanently attached to a shelf on the library's main floor, and the funds will help the library meet its ever-increasing expense and endowment needs.

A display near the main desk gives details of the bookshelf project. The bookshelves, like other donations to the library, are tax-deductible and may be charged to Visa or MasterCard if you wish.

## All about books

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**The Sparrow**, by Mary Doria Russell (Villard, 1996). When music is heard from outer space, a Jesuit party is sent to make first contact, providing a fascinating but uncomfortable chance to view a new culture and the way that misunderstandings are sure to arise.

**A Widow for One Year**, by John Irving (Random House, 1998). In a novel some readers are saying is his best since *The World According to Garp*, Irving comically peoples a world with writers, editors, and publicists, exploring their sexual and artistic choices.

### Adult nonfiction

**The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to his White Mother**, by James McBride (Riverhead, 1996). A portrait of a bi-racial family during the civil rights era.

**Data Smog: Surviving the Information Glut**, by David Shenk (Harper, 1997). Feeling overwhelmed by the flood of information — much of it contradictory — that is available today? This book helps put the contemporary "information glut" into perspective.

**Hastened to the Grave: The Gypsy Murder Investigation**, by Jack Olsen (St. Martin's, 1998). The newest in Islander Olsen's prodigious career of true-crime reportage and analysis documents a series of poisonings of elderly men in San Francisco.

**Running in the Family**, by Michael Ondaatje (Vintage, 1993). For those who would like to see the complex individual behind The English Patient, this memoir provides powerful images of Ondaatje's exotic homeland, Sri Lanka,

with a fascinating cast of characters from his family.

**A Match to the Heart**, by Gretel Ehrlich (Pantheon, 1994). Ehrlich combines memories of a devastating physical trauma and an intense scientific curiosity in her story of survival after being struck by lightning.

### For young readers

**Catherine, Called Birdy**, by Karen Cushman (Clarion, 1994). In this fictional diary of a 13-year old girl during the Middle Ages, Catherine has an "attitude," attempting to avoid marriage and respectability as long as possible — often with humorous results.

**Ghost Canoe**, by Will Hobbs (William Morrow, 1997). In this suspenseful historical novel set on the rugged coast of Washington, a 14-year-old boy discovers a

vital clue to Spanish treasure while fishing with the Makah.

**The Stray**, by Dick King-Smith (Crown, 1996). Mary Poppins meets the Boxcar Children! When 75-year old Henny runs away from an old people's home, she meets five children and their parents who welcome her into their family.

**The View from Saturday**, by E.L. Konigsburg (Atheneum, 1996). In this Newberry Award winner, four students develop a special bond with each other and with their paraplegic teacher, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in an academic competition.

### Audio-visual

**Pepys' Diary**, narrated by Kenneth Branagh (High Bridge Audio, 1996; 6 cassettes).

Political intrigue, wran-

gling over military expenditures, questionable liaisons with the office help — no this is not the morally debased 1990s, it is 17th-century London. This famous diary is a remarkably honest record of Pepys' times including vivid descriptions of the Great Fire and the scourge of the plague.

## Library hours

**The Bainbridge library is open daily except holidays:**  
**Mon. - Wed. 10 to 8:30**  
**Tues. - Thurs. - Fri. - Sat. 10 to 5:30**  
**Sunday 1 to 5**

# A lot of otters and lots of fun

Art lovers, naturalists, and youngsters of all ages gathered May 17 to dedicate the newest addition to the Bainbridge Public Library art collection.

Bay Otters, a sculpture by renowned Seattle artist and naturalist Tony Angell, was donated by Loyal and Marj Moore, who were present to unveil the work and greet Angell and his family.

Also on hand for the May celebration of otters was Bainbridge artist Barbara Helen Berger, whose latest book, "A Lot of Otters," has received rave reviews and won the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association's 1998 Children's Book Award.

Both Angell and Berger talked to the crowd, which included many children, about our Pacific Northwest otters, explaining the differences between bay otters and river otters. Berger also read her book to a meeting room full of youngsters.

Library board president Tom Olson welcomed the crowd and Bainbridge artist Michele Van Slyke introduced Angell.

The playful, naturalistic Angell otters are now at home in the library's haiku garden. A collection of Berger's paintings of magical animals — "Seen in the mind, they are also part of nature," she says — is on display in the library until mid-August.

The library art committee, chaired by Betsy Lawrence and Judy Karr, planned the sculpture dedication. Members of the committee include past chairman Don Yockey, librarian Cindy Harrison, Jo Ziegler, Janet Brookes, Joanna Newnham, Ann Sievertson, Verda Averill, and Michele Van Slyke, consultant.



**Artist Tony Angell looks on as his Bay Otters sculpture is unveiled; later, Devon Leigh Hamblett, 4, gets acquainted with one of the otters.** (Photos by Cynthia Sears and Sue Hysten)



## Laps for Library back by demand

*"If you build it, they will come"*

—Field of Dreams

Two years ago Laps for the Library helped to build the new addition to the Bainbridge Public Library. And Bainbridge Islanders are indeed coming to the building, in record numbers.

To help maintain the high quality of the facility and to provide an endowment for future funding, the Bainbridge Island Library Board plans the return of a classic: Laps for the Library II.

Scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 4, the event will follow the format so overwhelmingly popular the first time around: participants will solicit pledges from friends, neighbors, and co-workers, based on the number of times they circle the high school track during the two-hour period from noon to 2 p.m.

Organizers plan an expanded menu of prizes, including colorful T-shirts for all registrants achieving a certain level of donations. They also anticipate grand prizes similar to those on the previous occasion: a complete Disneyland trip package for four for the youth (18 or under) raising the most money, and a weekend at The Inn at Semiahmoo for

the top adult fund-raiser. Other incentive prizes will be awarded for the second, third, fourth, and fifth-place fundraisers in each category.

In addition, every entrant will receive a ticket to enter the drawing for a number of random prizes.

The first time around, more than 100 participants raised over \$13,000 for the library building. The spirit was captured by young participants like Brendan O'Leary, then a fifth grader at Blakely, who had a Hershey track workout that morning, then stayed to complete more than 10 miles.

Lee Maloney won the Disneyland trip, which was donated by The Travel Exchange, while Scott Sandridge was runner-up in the youth division. Local builder Ted Fairbank won the weekend at The Inn at Semiahmoo. Fairbank also notched the highest number of laps, turning 54, for a total of 11.5 miles, just over a 6:00 per mile pace.

But it wasn't necessary to push yourself to have fun. Most of the participants took frequent breaks to enjoy refreshments, then resumed their jaunts around the track.

Event director Jim Whiting, a long-

time runner and editor of Northwest Runner magazine for more than 17 years, says "I am delighted to be able to help maintain one of the most heavily-used Bainbridge institutions. Our family uses the library constantly. Everyone on the committee was pleased with the way the event turned out the first time, and we believe that it will be even more successful this time around."

Though the majority of entrants last time were young people, committee members emphasize that this is an event for everyone.

"The average adult could easily walk six miles in two hours," they point out, "and that is 24 laps. If they can get \$10 a lap, that would be nearly \$250 to help out the library."

Organizers anticipate having complete information and pledge materials available by early- to mid-August. In the event of inclement weather on the day of the event, it will be rescheduled for the following weekend.

Volunteers are needed to help with the overall planning of the event, with prize procurement, and with many tasks on the day of the laps. To volunteer, call Whiting at 780-5664.

## Library to offer speakers forum

What do Norm Rice, John Paul Jones, Andrew Ward, and William Reinhardt have in common?

All are scheduled participants in the inaugural season of the Bainbridge Library Speakers Forum which will run from October to next May. Lectures will take place at the Bainbridge Public Library on four Sunday afternoons from 4 to 6.

Norm Rice, former mayor of Seattle, is a popular public speaker. Architect John Paul Jones has designed zoos and the new Native American Museum at the Smithsonian Institution. Bainbridge resident Andrew Ward is a writer and commentator on National Public Radio. Dr. William Reinhardt, professor of chemistry at the University of Washington, is just returning from a year on the faculty of Harvard; his topic will be "The Chaos Theory."

Only 100 tickets will be available, because of limited space. A season ticket for all four events is just \$25. Exact dates and topics will be announced later. Tickets will be available at various locations on the Island. Watch for a flyer announcing details.

The Speakers Forum has been organized by several library supporters to provide community education and some financial support for the library. Surplus funds from ticket sales will be used to acquire library materials relating to the speakers' topics.

Committee members are: Susan Bray, Janet West, Louise Mills, Jo Ziegler, Joanna Newnham, Paul Darley, Gale Rogers, Barbara Winther, Nan Wooldridge, Harriet Alexander, and Cynthia Harrison.

## Got a computer and modem?

— Then you have a 24-hour library —

By ELEANOR WHEELER

Library staff member

Have you ever wished that the library would be open 24 hours a day? If you have a computer with a modem, we are. Just tell your computer to get in touch with our computer by dialing 8420197 (set the display properties to VT-100 and log in as "guest" if you don't have a Linknet account).

Browse through our datalogue or check your own library record. Place a reserve on the materials you want, and they will be ready for you to pick up here as soon as possible. If you need to renew any items, you can do this on-line. Kitsap Regional Library has been a leader in providing electronic access, and your KRL library card lets you take full advantage of this.

When you dial in, a free Linknet account

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gives you access to the WorldWide Web (text only, sorry no graphics). It also includes free e-mail and our magazine index. Some of the magazines even include the full text of the articles.

If you don't have a Linknet account, you can sign up on-line (8420197) or from our computers at the library. Help is available! If you have a question or two, just ask our staff. If you feel you need someone to take more time getting you started, one of our volunteers will tutor you (by appointment, please).

To explore the Internet, complete with graphics, come in to the library. We have public-access computers so everyone can have access to the World Wide Web. Whether you want to find a specific site or just surf, you can do it at the Bainbridge Library.

Some of our computers are focused on sites of special interest to children. Many

adults also enjoy this section, so it is offered on all of the computers which have Internet access. Computers are a shared resource, so please understand that you may be asked to limit your time.

When you are on the web, visit the Bainbridge site. If you are using an account with graphics (such as AOL or an independent service provider) our home page will be graphical. Start with Kitsap Regional Library, choose "branches" twice, then "Bainbridge". The address (URL) for KRL is [www.kitsap.lib.wa.us](http://www.kitsap.lib.wa.us).

This is the same page that comes up when you choose the World Wide Web from a library terminal. You may also visit us directly at [www.kitsap.lib.wa.us/branches/bainbridge/bitext.html](http://www.kitsap.lib.wa.us/branches/bainbridge/bitext.html).

We try to include items of local interest, so please tell us what you would like to see.