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Summer 1999

Mark your calendar

These summer and early fall events will appeal to library users of all ages. Unless otherwise indicated, they are held in the library.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Friends of the Library's last book sale of the school year. Books by the bag, only \$3 a sack.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

4 p.m.

Dedication of Barbara Bayley Memorial in library's new fern garden. Friends and family welcome.

SATURDAY, JULY 3

8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Live auction at 11:30
Rotary Auction & Rummage Sale, Woodward middle school.

SUNDAY, JULY 4

Library closed for the holiday.

Join your friends at the Grand Old Fourth parade and booths in downtown Winslow.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Magic Picnic Basket children's hour with Nora Gelineau.
7-8:30 p.m.

Bainbridge Library Book Group.

Remembering Babylon by David Malouf.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Magic Picnic Basket children's program with Eleanor Wheeler.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Magic Picnic Basket program with Peggy Hughes.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

10:30-11:00 a.m. and

1:00-1:30 p.m.

Puppet show by the Kitsap Regional Library Puppeteers.

For youngsters of all ages. Call to reserve a place.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

7-8:30 p.m.

Bainbridge Library Book Group.

The Songlines by Bruce Chatwin.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

7 p.m.

Play reading by Island Theatre.
"Wally's Cafe".

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Labor Day. Library closed all day.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

First fall book sale by Friends of the Library.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Third Annual Library Gala and Jazz Age costume display. Hours to be announced.

ONGOING EVENTS

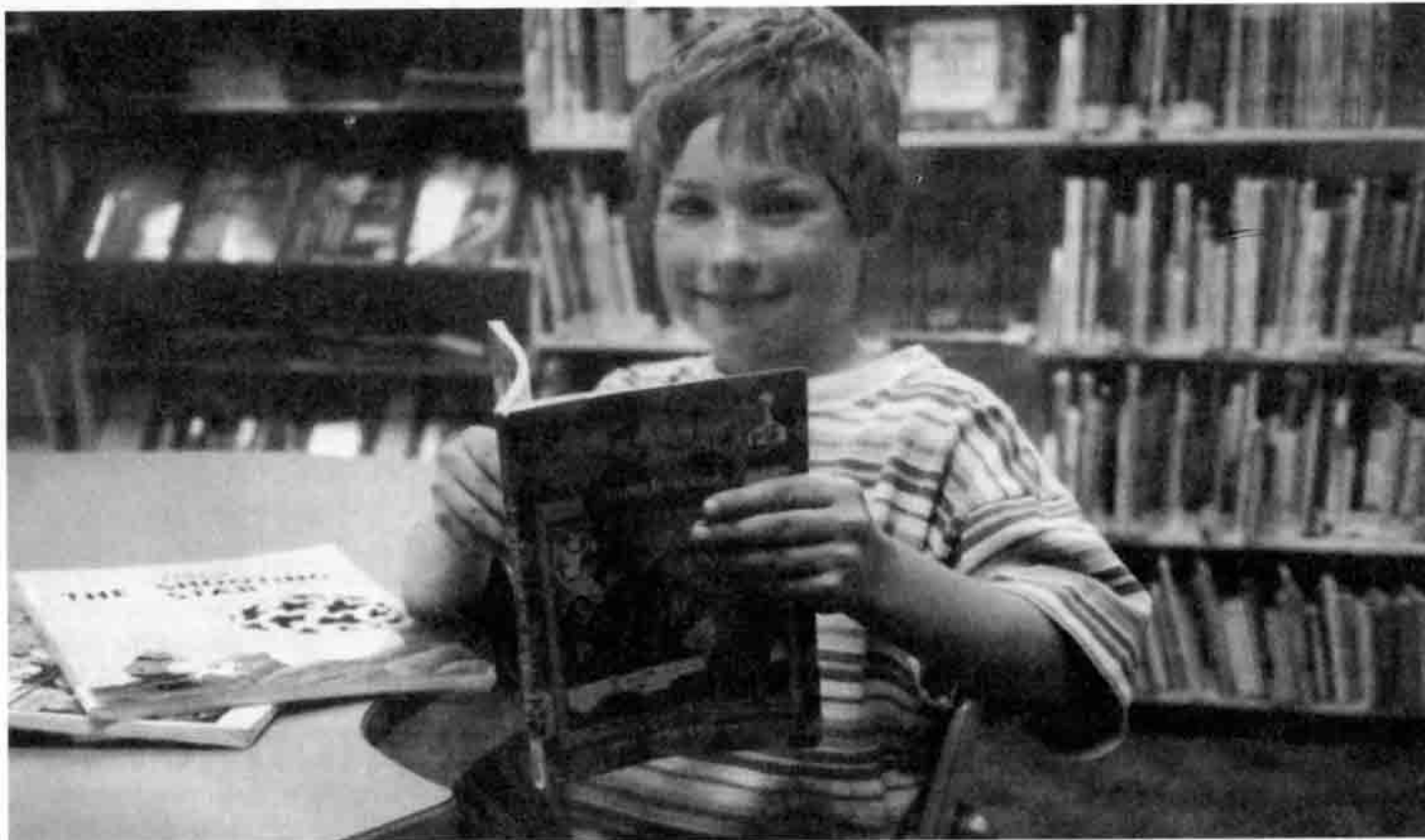
VIP Resource Group.

1-3 p.m.

Second Wednesday, every month except August.

SCOT-FREE Senior Computer Hour.

Every Tuesday, 9-10 a.m.



Thomas Sellers, 7, is ready for children's summer reading program.

'Life Is a Picnic' for young readers

Again this year the Bainbridge Public Library will offer a summer reading program for school-age children.

"Reading Is a Picnic," Kitsap Regional Library's summer '99 program, officially began June 15, and youngsters will be signing up in large numbers during the next week or two. If the enrollment is similar to last year, when over 1,000 children signed up, young people's librarian Peggy Hughes will appreciate volunteer help with the registration from willing parents. (To offer your services talk with Hughes or any librarian on the young people's floor.)

Children of all ages are invited to sign up, read for a total of 10 hours, and choose a free paperback. (The book prizes are made possible by funds from Friends of the Library and the Kitsap Regional Library Foundation.)

Youngsters who can't read qualify by having someone read to them.

The reading program appeals most to second and third graders, said Hughes, but pre-school and kindergarten children and first graders love to join the program and benefit from being read to by parents, grandparents, and older relatives and friends.

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.

They chart their progress by writing their names on cut-out illustrations which are added to the walls in the library.

Along with the reading program Bainbridge children may choose from a variety of "Reading Is a Picnic" programs each Wednesday in July. Each program will be "a basket of fun,"

Hughes said, and may include crafts, music, stories, games, or puppets.

On July 7, from 10:30 to 11:30, Nora Gelineau will present the Magic Picnic Basket.

On July 14, also from 10:30 to 11:30, Eleanor Wheeler will present the program.

July 21, during the same hour, Peggy Hughes will present the program.

On the last Wednesday in July, a puppet show for pre-school and school-age children will be presented by the Kitsap Regional Library Puppeteers. Children should be registered in advance for the puppet show; space fills up fast for this popular annual program. To sign up a youngster, stop at the young people's checkout desk of call 842-4162. The same show will be presented at both 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Fall Gala will focus on Jazz Age

Vintage costumes and music of the Jazz Age will make the September 25 Bainbridge Library Gala a night to remember.

The third library Gala, the last of this century, will turn back the clock to the early 20th century, and feature styles from the '20s and '30s accompanied by toe-tapping jazz. Guests will sip wine and taste hors d'oeuvres by Les Deux Amies, the Island firm that has catered previous library events.

The costumes, which will be displayed in the library's meeting room for a week in late September, will feature two dozen or more evening gowns dating from 1920 to 1940. They're all from the extensive collection — over 360 items — of Islander Neil Vincent, whose gowns and hats have been shown throughout the

Pacific Northwest.

The library show, which Vincent has tentatively titled Fascinat' Rhythm, includes gowns by French and American designers like Molyneux, Vionnet, Jenny, "and a sensational Hattie Carnegie".

Vincent, who has a longstanding interest in archaeology, collects with an eye on both design and historical significance.

"You're looking at history here," he says of his Jazz Age costumes. "And you're getting a show that people haven't seen before."

For more about Vincent's collection, check his address on the Web: vincentcollection.com

The Gala, which is chaired this year by library board members Jane Brand and Judy Karr, will have plenty of music

to accompany the food, wine, and costume display. Jazz Age records from the collection of Don Harrington and live music by a local group (not yet announced) will keep partygoers humming when they're not talking.

This September's event, like previous Galas, will be a fund-raiser for the Bainbridge Public Library, which is not supported by any tax monies. Taxes support the Kitsap Regional Library, which in turns pays librarians' salaries and circulates books and other materials. But the new Bainbridge library building, opened just two years ago, was built entirely from funds donated by local individuals, businesses, and organizations; and operation and maintenance of the new building remains the responsibility of Bainbridge Island residents.

You've asked us how you can help

By VERDA AVERILL

Bainbridge Public Library staff and volunteers hear lots of questions, and sometimes they don't have time to answer them as fully as they like. So we thought it might be helpful if, from time to time, we answered some of those questions in this space. Here's one we like to hear:

Question: I really love the Bainbridge library, and would like to make a donation. How can I go about this?

Answer: There are many ways to give to your local library, and every gift is appreciated. The library building is owned and operated by the people of Bainbridge Island and was built without any tax monies. And no taxes go toward its maintenance and operation, which now costs close to \$100,000 per year. So local donations are not only welcome, they're really essential. Here are a few of the ways you can help:

- Give to Bainbridge Foundation every October
- Turn out for fund-raisers like the recent Laps for the Library and this fall's Gala
- Buy a shelf to commemorate a birthday, graduation, or other special event
- Establish a memorial fund to honor a loved one
- Buy advertising in the Library News
- Buy books at the Friends of the Library book sales
- Donate books and magazines for the Friends sales
- Remember the library when revising your will
- Tax conscious? Consider a charitable trust or give appreciated stock
- Short on cash? Join the library's corps of volunteers

These are just a few of the ways you can help support the library. For more information, talk with branch manager Cindy Harrison or one of your library board members. And look for more information on these gift ideas at the circulation desk in the near future.

Question: I pay taxes every year, and my statement has a line about library taxes. Doesn't this money cover Bainbridge library expenses?

Answer: In a word, no. You pay taxes to Kitsap County for the Kitsap Regional Library, a county-wide system which pays the salaries of librarians and buys and circulates books and other materials. But KRL, unlike many library systems throughout our country, owns no branch library buildings. So Bainbridge Island (like Poulsbo, Kingston, and other nearby communities) has built a citizen-owned, privately funded gem of a library building, and now we must support it ourselves.

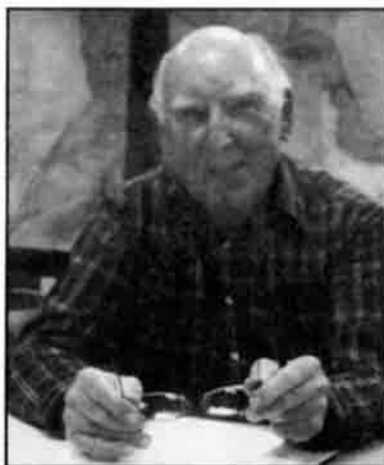
This confusing separation of building and circulating materials is hard for newcomers to understand. There are even plenty of long-time residents who don't get it.

But the fact is, our beautiful new, enlarged building, which contains about twice the floor space it once did, now costs about twice as much to operate — nearly \$100,000 per year. That's why fund-raising opportunities are near and dear to the hearts of all of us who serve on your library board.

If you have a great idea that will help pay the bills (especially the library's whopping \$30,000 power bill) give us a call. Your suggestions are welcome.



Verda Averill, a library board member and editor of the Library News, is a former editor and publisher of the Bainbridge Review



Don Harrington
New board member



Wayne Nakata
Former board member



Steve Larson scrubs moss off a sidewalk at the library during the board's annual clean-up day

Harrington joins library board

The Bainbridge Public Library board of directors welcomed new member Don Harrington at its last meeting.

Harrington, a 10-year resident of Bainbridge Island, fills a vacancy left when Trese Williamson resigned earlier this year to accept a salaried position as community liaison for the Kitsap Regional Library.

Harrington and his wife Jane came to Bainbridge from the East Coast, where he was involved in network advertising production.

Now retired from his challenging career, he's plunged into a variety of volunteer activities.

He works hard for St. Cecilia's Catholic Church and enjoys his involvement in the income-tax service sponsored by the AARP and IRS at the local library. The service is designed to help senior citizens cope with their annual income tax returns, and Harrington says, "It's just wonderful to take

them through the process and have them see it all come together."

Harrington and his wife, Jane, who works at Deschamps Realty, enjoy cruising when they can get away. They have two sons, Tom and Paul.

A former library board member, Wayne Nakata, is back in town after a winter in southern California with his wife, Judy. (Nakata was gone earlier this year when retiring board members were honored for their efforts during the recent library building campaign. The other retiring members were photographed in the last Library News, so Nakata rates a spot in this issue.)

As a board member and worker on the building campaign's major gifts committee, Nakata was instrumental in coordinating donations from members of the Bainbridge Island Japanese-American Community to fund

and create the BIJAC-sponsored Haiku Garden at the library. He served on the board from 1993 through 1997, retiring to enjoy more time traveling with his wife, Judy. (Read more about her activities in a coming issue of this paper.) They remain active library volunteers, however. Wayne helps with the weeding of the Haiku Garden, and Judy donates many of the large bouquets of flowers which make the library building seem more homelike.

Other recent library board activities included a paint-up and clean-up Saturday, June 5. Board members turned out, some with spouses, to clean upholstery, touch up paint, rid sidewalks of moss, and tackle other maintenance chores. Winslow Hardware donated the use of a carpet-and-upholstery scrubbing machine.

Next on the calendar for the all-volunteer board: participation in the annual Rotary Auction and Fourth of July parade.

Speakers named for next year's forum

Four distinguished speakers have agreed to appear at the Bainbridge Public Library in the 1999-2000 season of the Bainbridge Island Speakers Forum.

Mimi Gardner Gates, director of the Seattle Art Museum since 1994, will lead off the series with an October 10 appearance. Gates, a specialist in Chinese art, will explore stunning new discoveries which have affected our understanding of ancient China.

Gary Lagerloef, an oceanographer and co-founder of Earth and Space Research, a non-profit research institution, will talk on recent advances in satellite technology that reveal

new insights about the ocean and its influence on climate, from El Nino to global warming. He's scheduled to appear November 7.

Early in the year 2000, J. Patrick Dobel and John Henry Browne will speak. Dobel is associate dean of the Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs at the University of Washington. He teaches ethics, public management, and leadership courses and has written many articles on public ethics.

John Henry Browne, a Seattle criminal defense attorney, has handled many well-known criminal cases in the Pacific Northwest. His clients have included Ted

Bundy, Benjamin Ng, and Martin Pang. He's also handled the battered-spouse cases of Claudia Thacker and Ivy Kelly. Browne will speak on the status of justice in America.

Dates, prices, and other details of the series will be announced in a brochure to be published in July. Subscribers to the initial speakers' series last year will receive the brochures along with ticket applications. Islanders who missed out on the first year's programs should call the library or Susan Bray to request that their names be added to the mailing list. The series was sold out in about two weeks last year, and tickets are expected to go fast this year.

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Super Susans make a big difference

By VERDA AVERILL

You don't have to be named Susan to volunteer at the library.

But a couple of Susans have contributed many hours of service this past year, with outstanding results.

Susan Bray

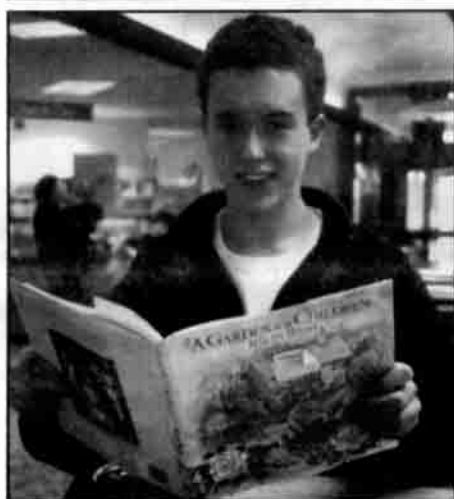
Susan Bray, inspired by programs in Seattle and smaller communities like Sequim, organized the popular Bainbridge Public Library Speakers Forum, which was a sellout in its first year.

"I was tired of commuting to Seattle (for lectures)," she said, "and I thought the world is changing so fast that I'd like to hear about what's going on in the arts and humanities."

Bray talked with friends Louise Mills, Nancy Frey, and Jo Ziegler, and found them all enthusiastic about the idea.

"Cindy (Harrison) said she thought the library could do it," Bray said, and the next step was a presentation to the library board of directors. They liked the idea and gave Bray the go-ahead. The series was sold out within a couple of weeks, and all the speakers drew rave reviews from those lucky enough to get tickets.

Funds raised from the series went to



STUDENT VOLUNTEER C. J. Griffiths, 15, helps out with filing, processing books, writing orders, and working with computers.

buy books, recommended by the speakers, for the permanent Bainbridge collection.

Bray, like the people she's assembled on the forum committee, has a lively interest in the arts and humanities. She grew up in Louisiana, majored in voice at Florida State University, taught history and English, has worked with quadriplegic children in rehabilitation and with gifted students, and has a master's degree in teaching English to speakers of other languages. She's taught refugees from Haiti and Russia as well as Vietnamese and Hmongs.

With her wide-ranging interests, she has sought speakers with expertise in many fields. The one thing they have in common: all are interesting, enthusiastic speakers.

The second year's program of speakers was still being firmed up when I talked with Susan recently. She had just returned from China and was home for a few days, long enough to pack for a trip to Germany with her parents to hear daughter Courtney, an opera singer, perform in Weimar. And a few details about next year's speaker series remained unsettled.

Ticket applications will be mailed soon, however, to last year's forum subscribers and will be available briefly at the library. Since last year's series was a sellout, Islanders interested in the 1999-2000 series would be advised to add their names to the mailing list at the library now.

Bray shares some of her many interests with her husband David, a pathologist (and musician), son Ryan, an accountant, as well as daughter Courtney.

Speakers Forum committee members who have been working with Bray include Bob and Patsy Campbell, Louise Mills, Joanna Newnham, Nan Wooldridge, co-chair Jo Zeigler, Susan Sullivan, Gale Rogers, Paul Darley, Cindy Harrison, and Verda Averill.

Susan Richards

Susan Richards, president of the Friends of the Library, has lived on Bainbridge Island for 22 years, and for 14 years she's been active in the Friends.



Susan Bray and Susan Richards: They make a difference

She was introduced to the Friends by librarian Julie O'Neill (also profiled in this issue). Susan and Julie had grown up in towns next to each other in New Jersey and O'Neill thought Richards would enjoy the Friends. She was right.

Susan Richards, a longtime teacher now serving as a reading specialist at the Bainbridge Learning Center, has always loved books, and both reading and teaching.

"I especially love working with kids, first through eighth graders," she says. And she likes working with those who need some enrichment.

Richards grew up with books, and worked for a while in a Bay Area bookstore.

"We really feel as if we're running a small bookstore here," she says of the Friends sales.

When not teaching or working for the Friends, she enjoys reading and spending time with her family: her physician husband, her daughter Hannah Greenfeld, an industrial engineering student at the University of Washington, and her son Max, a Bainbridge High School student.

As a member of the Friends, she's seen the group's monthly book sales grow and grow, like the library itself.

"When I first came, we thought if we made \$100 on a book sale, it was a success," she laughs. Now the sales

typically bring in \$1200 a month.

The money goes for many special purposes. The local librarians have wish lists for things not covered by Kitsap Regional Library, and the Friends try to provide those items. They also enjoy donating special attractions like the large new saltwater aquarium in the young people's library.

The new building has made the book sales, which are held monthly from September through June, easier for the Friends to manage. In the large Friends area off the young people's library, shelves are arranged by category and shoppers have room to browse. It's a great improvement over the crowded tables in the small meeting room before the library was expanded.

Readers donate books to the sale all year long, and the library staff goes through them before handing them over to the Friends.

"We always appreciate it if people bring us good quality books," Richards says, and out-of-date textbooks are not used.

The last book sale before summer break will be held Saturday, June 26, beginning at 10 a.m. It's a fill-the-bag sale. Buyers are invited to fill grocery-store-sized brown bags for just \$3 each.

After a summer break, the book sales will begin the second Saturday in September.

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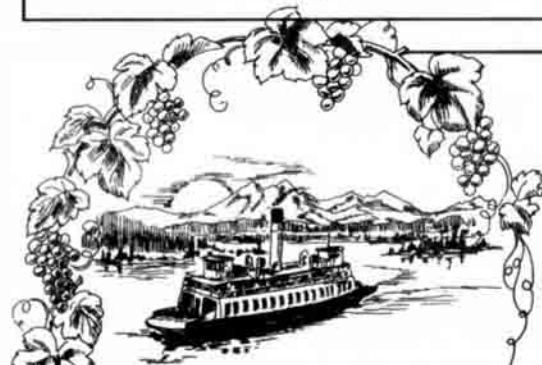
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Good summertime reading at the library

One of the best things about summer is the extra time available for reading. This is the season to immerse yourself in a novel you've always wanted to read, or to let a book become the magic carpet that carries you to farflung destinations.

Here are some summertime reading suggestions from the staff, board, and volunteers of the Bainbridge Public Library.

Catch up on the classics

The Great Gatsby, by F. Scott Fitzgerald, with its warm weather parties on Long Island, is an ideal book for the season. As a chilly antidote, follow up with Jack London's **The Call of the Wild**.

Other time-tested favorites: **Their Eyes Were Watching God**, by Zora Neale

Hurston; **To Kill a Mockingbird**, by Harper Lee; **Kristin Lavransdatter**, by Sigrid Undset; **The Grapes of Wrath**, by John Steinbeck; **My Ántonia**, by Willa Cather; **On the Road**, by Jack Kerouac; and **Zorba the Greek**, by Nikos Kazantzakis.

A science fiction classic is **The Time Machine**, by H. G. Wells; and for mystery buffs there is Wilkie Collins' classic, **The Woman in White**.

Lands away

"There is no frigate like a book / To take us lands away." Whether or not your summer plans include travel, a book can take you anywhere you might want to go.

For example, travel narratives

guaranteed to transport you across the Atlantic include **England As You Like It**, by Susan Allen Toth, and **Under the Tuscan Sun**, by Frances Mayes. **Europe 101: History and Art for the Traveler** is a funny and informative guide that will be enjoyed by stay-at-homes as much as those preparing to travel.

The great outdoors

The long days and fair weather of summer encourage spending time in the out-of-doors. But reading about outdoor adventure and the environment brings its own sense of satisfaction.

Climbing Mount Everest is not everyone's idea of a summer vacation; there's an alternative—read Jon Krakauer's **Into Thin Air** instead. Similarly, curling up with Bill Bryson's hilarious **A Walk in the Woods** is probably lots more fun than actually hiking the 2000-mile Appalachian Trail, as he did.

The Good Rain, by Timothy Egan, is a stimulating tour of our own corner of the continent.

If you'd rather be sailing, you can go aboard with **The Curve of Time**, by M. Wylie Blanchet; **My Old Man and the Sea**, by David and Daniel Hayes; or Sebastian Junger's **The Perfect Storm**.

On the beach (or airplane)

These are the perfect venues for lighter fare from the menu of reading options, as well as those skillfully plotted, can't-put-'em-down mysteries and thrillers.

The Love Letter, by Cathleen Schine, about summer romance in a bookstore, is just plain fun; it's a current movie, but the book (naturally) is much better.

The Best of James Herriott, by an English veterinarian, is both funny and heartwarming. Other recommendations include: **The Last Days of Summer**, by Steve Kluger; **Bridget Jones' Diary**, by Helen Fielding; **Galapagos**, by Kurt Vonnegut; **Walking Across Egypt**, by Clyde Edgerton; and **Evening Class**, by Maeve Binchy.

Mystery and thriller writers usually provide ongoing series to keep their fans

enthralled. Some recommendations: Elmore Leonard, Barbara Neely, Michael Dibdin, Ridley Pearson, Aaron Elkins, and Patricia Cornwall.

Are you listening?

A long-distance car trip. Digging in the garden or washing windows. Working out. All are good summertime opportunities to listen to a book.

The library has a wide variety of books-on-tape, many unabridged. Hearing the voice of author Frank McCourt describe his impoverished childhood in Ireland gives poignancy to the audio version of **Angela's Ashes**.

Look for your favorite book in the online catalog to see if it is available on tape, or choose from the extensive selection available on the audiobook shelves.

For more summer reading suggestions, watch the displays at the library, browse the various online resources, or consult your favorite librarian!

(These summer reading recommendations were compiled by Nancy Olsen, a library volunteer.)

Nancy Pearl's picks

In her visit to the Bainbridge Public Library April 18, Nancy Pearl recommended the following new and not-so-new books:

Balkan Ghosts, by Robert Kaplan

Love Thy Neighbor: A Story of War, by Peter Maass

Last Days of Summer: A Novel, by Steve Kluger

Zarafa: A Giraffe's True Story, by Michael Allin

The Intuitionist, by Colson Whitehead

The County Life, by Rachel Cusk

Titan: The Life of John D. Rockefeller, Sr., by Ron Chernow

(and other books by Ron Chernow)

Lindbergh, by A. Scott Berg

King of the World: The Rise of Muhammed Ali, by David Remnick

Everybody was so Young, by Amada Vaill

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, by J.K. Rowling

Perdido, by Rick Collignon

Flanders: A Novel, by Patricia Anthony

King Leopold's Ghost, by Adam Hochschild



Nancy Pearl

The Hours, by Michael Cunningham

The Funnies, by Jay Robert Lennon

The Reader, by Bernhard Schlink

The Short History of a Prince, by Jane Hamilton



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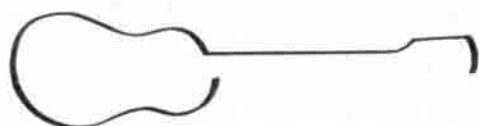
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What's new and noteworthy

Books and cassettes at the library

These reading recommendations come from the staff, board, and volunteers at the Bainbridge Public Library. All are available from the Bainbridge Library, either in the branch collection or from one of the other branches of the Kitsap Regional Library system.

Homestead, by Rosina Lippi (Delphinium, 1998). A novel-in-stories about the lives of several generations of women in a remote village in the Austrian Alps. Beautifully told, full of grace and humanity.

Zarafa: A Giraffe's True Story, by Michael Allin (Walker, 1998). Zarafa is the Arabic word for giraffe, and this well-researched book tells her amazing story in its historical context. In the early 19th century, Zarafa traveled from Egypt to France, walking 500 miles between Marseilles and Paris.

The Ground Beneath Her Feet, by Salman Rushdie (Henry Holt, 1999). This modern retelling of the myth of Orpheus is set against a backdrop of

rock-and-roll and the culture clash of East and West. Wildly imaginative, both erudite and entertaining.

The Hours, by Michael Cunningham (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1998). Three women's lives are linked by their diverse connections to Virginia Woolf's novel *Mrs. Dalloway*. Winner of the Pulitzer prize for fiction.

Spinsters in Jeopardy, by Ngaio Marsh (Aeonian, 1976). By one of the classic writers in the mystery field, this book combines engaging characters, elegant use of language, and an interesting locale. Originally copyrighted in 1953, it also offers insights into how the world has changed.

North to the Night: A Year in the Arctic Ice, by Alvah Simon (McGraw-Hill, 1998). This epic tale of Simon's adventure north of the Arctic Circle in a small boat makes you relive his experiences—the harshness of the blizzards, the struggle for water, the adjustment to solitude, and the beauty and fragility of the Arctic summer.

Includes gorgeous color photographs.

East of the Mountains, by David Guterson (Harcourt Brace, 1999). The eagerly awaited new novel by Bainbridge Island's own David Guterson tells the story of a dying physician who determines to end his life where it began, in the apple country of eastern Washington.

The Year 1000, by Robert Lacey and Danny Danziger (Little, Brown, 1999). A fascinating look at daily life in England at the turn of the first millennium.

The Greatest Generation, by Tom Brokaw (Random House, 1998). Stories of those who came of age during the Great Depression and World War II.

Cat Facts, by Marcus Schneck and Jill Caravan (Barnes & Noble, 1997). For anyone who is "owned by a cat" browsing through this beautiful book will be a real treat.

Hit a Grand Slam, by Alex Rodriguez (Taylor, 1998). This attractively illustrated autobiography of

the Mariner star is sure to appeal to young sports fans. Their parents will appreciate the positive role model that emerges from the pages of this short book.

The Eternal Spring of Mr. Ito, by Sheila Garrigue (Bradbury, 1985). This novel for young readers tells the story of a Scottish girl sent to live with relatives in Vancouver for the duration of World War II. Her friendship with their Japanese gardener and his family is a moving testament to the effects of the war, and the Japanese internment, on the lives of everyone.

Where the Sidewalk Ends and A Light in the Attic, audio cassettes, by Shel Silverstein (Columbia, 1984 and 1985). Commemorate the passing of this wonderful children's poet by listening to him read his best known books.

(These recommendations were compiled by Steve Olsen, library board member.)

Commemorative gifts add to library collections

Families and friends who remember loved ones with gifts to the Bainbridge Public Library know that their gifts are lasting ones which will give pleasure to many for years to come.

So it's not surprising that several library volunteers and staff members are being honored this spring.

A memorial fund for Samuel Smellow, Jr. will be used for equipment and enhancements to help the visually impaired persons who use the library resources. Smellow, who died this spring, was a dedicated library volunteer who taught senior citizens how to use the library computers and a sound engineer who helped out at BPA, Island Theater, Bainbridge High School, and the Bainbridge Dance School.

Barbara Bayley, a beloved Bainbridge librarian who died last winter, will be honored with a sculpture of stones in the library's new fern garden. The noted

Island sculptor Molly Greist is carving the memorial, which will be dedicated Sunday, June 27, at a 4 p.m. service for family, friends, and colleagues. The fern garden itself will be completed later this summer.

Other individuals who will long be remembered because of special gifts to the library include Roger Stouder, a dedicated board member during the recent long building campaign, and Janet West, a former mayor of Bainbridge Island and library board president during the second building phase of the library in 1980.

(Read more about these and other library memorials in future issues of the Library News.)

Many library commemorative gifts honor the living. Plaques on several library shelves are reminders of children's births and graduations, for example.



Samuel Smellow, Jr.



Barbara Bayley

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These books will fill vacation hours

By PEGGY HUGHES
Young people's librarian

Once school's out, you'll have all of July and August to travel, play, relax and read. Before you pack for a day on the beach, a weekend of camping or a cross-country trip to Grandma's, why not stop by the library and gather a stack of books to take along?

We've compiled a list of summer reading fun. Here you'll find camp stories, vacation, island, and tree-house stories. But especially summertime stories. Whatever your summer plans are, be sure to include reading.

Abel's Island, by William Steig. NY: Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 1976. Ages 9-12.

Castaway on an uninhabited island, Abel, a very civilized mouse, finds his resourcefulness and endurance tested to the limit as he struggles to survive and return to his home.

The Camp-Out Mystery, by Gertrude Chandler Warner. Morton Grove, Ill.: Albert Whitman, 1992. Ages 9-12.

While on a camping trip with their grandfather, the Alden children try to find out about the loud music and missing food that threatens to scare away other campers.

Eleven Kids, One Summer, by Ann Martin. NY: Scholastic, 1993. Ages 9-12.

Adventures of a family with 11 children as they summer on the beach at Fire Island.

The Fourth Floor Twins and the Sandcastle Contest, by David Adler. NY: Viking Kestrel, 1988. Ages 4-8.

In an extraordinary day at the beach, after winning a sand castle contest, two sets of twins resolve the mystery of the disappearance of a rich woman's dog.

Fudge-a-mania, by Judy Blume. NY: Dutton, 1990. Ages 9-12.

Pete describes the family vacation in Maine with the Tubmans, highlighted by the antics of his younger brother Fudge.

Gone-Away Lake, by Elizabeth Enright. NY: Harcourt, Brace, 1957. Ages 9-12.

Portia and her cousin Julian discover summer adventure in a hidden colony of forgotten summer houses on the shores of a swampy lake.

The Great Skinner Getaway, by Stephanie Tolan. NY: Four Winds Press, 1987. Ages 9-12.

Fifteen-year-old Jennifer recounts more adventures of the Skinner family as they set off on a vacation across the United States in a motor home.

The Hayloft, by Lisa Peters. NY: Dial, 1995. Ages 4-8.

Two sisters living on a farm enjoy many summer activities—especially spending the night in the hayloft.

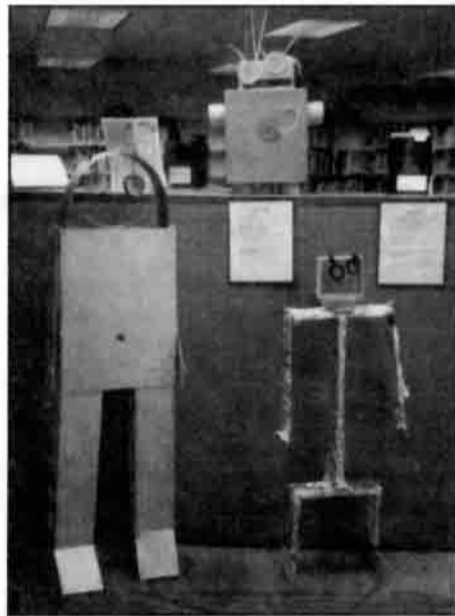
Henry and Mudge in the Green Time, by Cynthia Rylant. NY: Bradbury Press, 1987. Ages 4-8

For Henry and his big dog Mudge, summer means going on a picnic in the park, taking a bath under the garden



Laps winners

Grand prize in the May 18 Laps for the Library went to Scott Sandridge, 10, who won a trip for four to San Diego. Above, Valerie Thompson of The Travel Exchange, which is coordinating plans for the trip, shows him a poster from the San Diego Zoo. Second prize, a package of gifts and game tickets from The Seattle Mariners, was won by Sam Sellers, 9, right.



An exhibit of robots by Island youngsters brightens the young people's library this month.

hose, and going to the top of the big green hill.

Henry Reed's Babysitting Service, by Keith Robertson. NY: Dell, 1966. Ages 9-12.

Back in Grover's Corners, N.J., for the summer, Henry and his partner

Midge establish a baby sitting service and find a disappearing child and a peacock among their charges.

Her Blue Straw Hat, by C.S. Adler. San Diego: Harcourt, Brace, 1997. Ages 9-12.

Having grown to accept and love her stepfather Ben, twelve-year-old Rachel is dismayed when his spoiled daughter joins the family in their beach vacation.

Island of the Blue Dolphins, by Scott O'Dell. NY: Dell, 1960. (pbk) Ages 9-12.

The story of Karana, a 19th century Indian girl who becomes stranded on a

remote island off the California coast.

Mia the Beach Cat, by Wolfram Hanel. NY: North-South Books, 1994. Ages 4-8.

While vacationing at the beach with her parents, Maggie becomes inseparable from a little cat she finds playing in the waves.

Mystery of the Haunted Cabin, by Judy Delton. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1986. Ages 9-12.

Three children spending the summer in an old cottage on a lake try to track down the mystery of a ghost who seems to be haunting the place.

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Meet the staff

O'Neill enjoys playing 'stump the librarian'

Reference librarian Julie O'Neill loves the challenges of her job.

"I take any and all questions," she says, "from a student looking for



Reference librarian Julie O'Neill

information needed in a report to something really complex involving government statistics. . .

"I love playing 'stump the librarian.'"

O'Neill has been in her present position for about three years. She joined the Kitsap Regional Library staff nearly

six years ago, starting as a substitute.

Born in New Jersey, she attended library school at the University of Washington, has been a medical reference librarian, and served as branch manager in a small library in New Jersey.

O'Neill says the computer age has made her job a lot easier.

"We still do some old-fashioned book reference work," she explains, "but we could not do what we do without the Internet and some of our data bases."

Like other Bainbridge librarians, she thoroughly enjoys working in the new building, and can't say enough about the people who staff it.

"It's a privilege to work in this building. . . It's a wonderful building and the staff is outstanding," she says. "Cindy (Harrison, the branch manager) has instilled in the whole staff a real community service attitude."

She finds Bainbridge library users intelligent and interested in a wide variety of subjects.

"I've worked at other places, and you are definitely more challenged here," she says.

Off duty, she enjoys spending time with her family: her husband, a physician; son Griff, a college student; and daughter Megan, a graduate student.

Not surprisingly, she likes to read, especially mysteries and non-fiction. And she enjoys sailing with her husband.

Library stocks variety of newspapers, magazines

By ELEANOR WHEELER
Library staff member

Perhaps the library does not have all the news, but it has access to an incredible variety that should meet your needs.

If you want to enjoy a "real" paper, come in and make yourself at home in our comfortable seating area, and choose from the wide selection of papers we subscribe to. The Bainbridge Review, the Scotch Broom, the Sun, and the Seattle Times are all on our shelves. You can also read today's stories on-line from the Seattle Times, P-I, Sun, New York Times and many other papers, most with on-line archives of past news stories.

If you are looking for business information, you may want to read the Wall Street Journal and Investor's Business Daily. Business information with a local point of view is featured in the Puget Sound and Kitsap Business Journals and the Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce Business News.

For a different perspective, the Sunday edition of the New York Times or the Christian Science Monitor offer in-depth coverage of news of national interest. Back issues are kept as long as space permits.

For times when you are looking for old articles, we offer even more resources.

During the next year, Kitsap Regional Library (KRL) plans to purchase a microfilm reader for the Bainbridge branch, together with the microfilm archives of the Bainbridge Review.

The library also subscribes to an on-line newspaper database. The Washington Newspapers index provides full-text coverage of the major papers from Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane and Vancouver,

as well as the New York Times. It is available at no charge on most of the terminals in the library.

This electronic news service is fully indexed, and allows you to search through several years worth of papers for any subject you specify, and then to read the article.

If you are in a hurry, the clipping service will send the article to your e-mail account so you will be able to read the news at your convenience.

Of course, you can restrict how much news you are searching for. For instance, the computer will limit your search to whatever time frame you specify. There are additional articles filed in the areas of general, health, and business, many with full text. All are indexed so they may be searched to find information that is relevant to your subject.

Do you prefer magazines? The Bainbridge Library subscribes to more than 100 periodicals.

The latest edition is reserved for use in the library, but older issues may be checked out for a period of three weeks. Again, KRL subscribes to an electronic database. As with the old "Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature", the computerized periodical index searches for information on any given subject. It includes at least an abstract and frequently the entire text of the article. Again, e-mail delivery is available.

If your interest is in current events, the Internet is an excellent source of the latest news.

Locally, the Sun and the Seattle-Times/PI offer excellent web pages that give electronic access to many of their popular features. Although the Bainbridge Review does not have a website at this time, you can contact them at bireview@bainbridgeisland.net.

News briefs

JUST IN TIME for summer listening, the young people's library has several new music CD offerings for children. Funded by the Friends of the Library, the new offerings are downstairs in the children's non-print collection.

THE ART of Bob Lucas will remain on library walls for several more weeks. In mid-summer it will be replaced with an exhibit by Mesolini Glass. Included will be glass birdhouses, crescent bowls, and wall art. The rotating art exhibits feature new works by local artists who created pieces for the new wing during the building's expansion.

PARENTING BOOKS and videos are now collected in one handy location downstairs in the young people's area.

LOCAL WRITERS and artists are creating a book on the growth of the library. Barbara Winther is writing the drama, "They Like Noble Causes: A History of the Bainbridge Island Library". Sharon Abrams is coordinating the project.

MICHAEL SCHUYLER of Bainbridge Island was honored in the Global Bangemann Challenge for his work on the Kitsap Regional Library's Linknet system. He won a trip to Sweden for his efforts.

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He'll see you at the Rotary Auction

By VERDA AVERILL

Judd Huney was on hand for the first Rotary Auction. And the second. And the third. . .

Fact is, he's never missed a Bainbridge Rotary Auction. And he'll be there July 3 when the crowds surge in promptly at 8:45 for the 37th Island Rotary Auction and Rummage Sale at Woodward School.

Huney and his wife, Alice, along with longtime friend Lucille Nolta, will be among the scores of Bainbridge Rotarians and spouses and friends staffing the huge event, at which thousands of items change hands and thousands of dollars are raised for worthwhile Island causes.

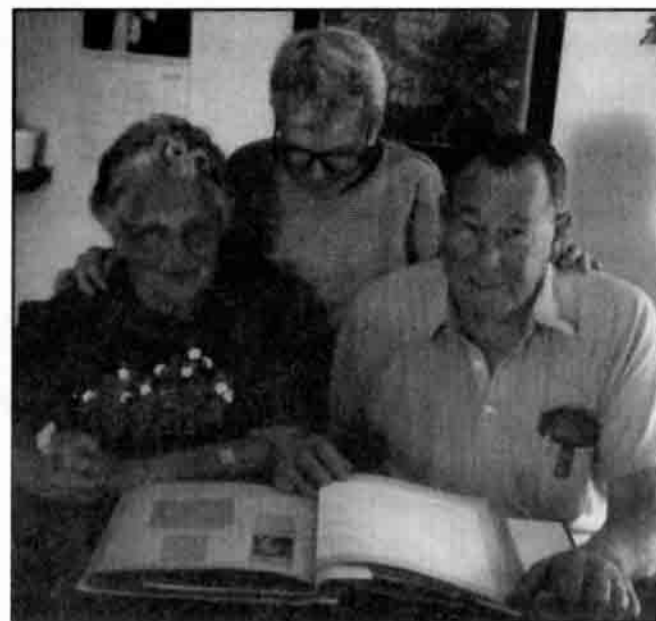
Last week, while he put the finishing touches on some handcrafted furniture he's donating to the auction, Huney recalled some memorable times at past auctions, including the first.

He is today the sole active charter member of the Bainbridge Rotary Club, which was organized in 1947 with 19 members. Other charter members are around, but they no longer participate in Rotary. Huney has been an active Rotarian since the beginning, except for a three-year period when he dropped out. Even then, he turned out to help at the annual auction and rummage sale.

Listening to his stories of early Rotary days is a history lesson for anyone who wasn't here then. He vividly recalls the first Rotary Auction in 1960, when Bainbridge citizens first decided they needed a central library for the Island in Winslow.

They formed a library board and building committee, attorney Edmund Stafford gave some land on the corner of Madison Ave. and High School Road, and a large group of Islanders began collecting donations for the first library building, designed by John Rudolph. They needed \$35,000, a huge sum at the time, and Rotary decided to help the funding along.

They scheduled a daylong public auction for August 13, 1960, at the old Winslow shipyard, with all proceeds to be turned over to the new Bainbridge



Judd Huney finishes a table for the Rotary Auction, above; at right Huney and his wife, Alice, look over old Rotary clippings with Lucille Nolta.

Public Library.

That first sale netted \$5,663.15 for the library, and Rotary Auctions have been bringing in big bucks for the Island ever since.

Huney recalls that the local group had been looking for a way to raise sizable funds for the community, and got the auction idea from Canada, where several Rotary clubs had successfully tried it.

In 1961, he says, the second auction raised about \$3,000 to complete and furnish the library.

And in 1980-81, when the library outgrew its original floor space, Rotary helped out again, with a donation of \$10,000 from Rotary Auction funds.

Few would have guessed in the early days that by the time the library needed

nearly \$2 million for a major expansion in 1996-97, the Rotary Auction would have grown to raise around \$100,000 annually.

The Bainbridge Rotary Club, Huney is pleased to say, contributed \$150,000 to the new library building, all of it from auction and rummage sale proceeds.

The library, of course, is not the only local institution to benefit from Rotary Auctions.

Rotary dollars have paid for playfields and parks and playground equipment, bought an ambulance and lifepacks and other aids for the fire department, and outfitted the high school band in uniforms (with matching funds) when the schools lacked the nearly \$60,000 for the badly needed uniforms.

Rotary members don't like to specify in advance where the year's auction funds will be distributed, Huney says. They prefer to wait and see how much is raised, and where the need is greatest.

This year, while Huney was finishing his furniture for the auction, Alice Huney and Lucille Nolta were looking optimistically toward July 3.

"Think \$110,000," they said with big smiles. "That sounds like a good number, doesn't it?"

Helpful hints for new Auction shoppers

Newcomers to the Island and the annual Rotary Auction are often overwhelmed by the crowds, confusion, and sheer abundance of items. Here are a few tips to make the whole experience easier and more fun:

- **Do arrive early.** Biggest rush is when the gates open at 8:45.
- **For an unobstructed view of the good stuff,** attend the Auction Preview the evening of July 2. Price of admission: \$1 for a raffle ticket (on \$500 worth of groceries).
- **Parking is a challenge. Best bet: park at Bethany Lutheran or Alliance Church or Ordway School,** and take a shuttle bus. You can drive into the schoolyard later to pick up your purchases.

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