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## Leaf by Leaf, Growing Into the Future...



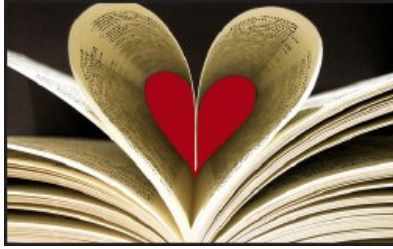
### Legacy Circle Member - Hilary Hilscher

The door of every library opens magically to a new, bigger world. New ideas, new people, new places, new adventures! When I was little, of course this world was made of books. Then came magazines, cassette tapes, videos, disks, and computers. When I moved to Bainbridge in 1998, I found this same magical world, vibrant and welcoming, at the corner of Madison and High School Road. I was honored to serve on the Bainbridge Public Library Board, to support the Friends of the Library book sales, and to help organize the Legacy Circle to help assure the future of this wonderful island treasure. Please consider joining me in leaving a gift to the library in your will or estate so that tomorrow's islanders, too, can open that door to new worlds.

~ Hilary Hilscher

**You, too, can make a pledge to the future by becoming members of the Bainbridge Public Library Legacy Circle.** Visit our website, [bainbridgepubliclibrary.org](http://bainbridgepubliclibrary.org), and click on A Lasting Legacy under the Support BPL tab to learn more about putting **your** leaf on the Library's Legacy Tree. You can leave a message at 206-866-1250 or email us at [legacy@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org](mailto:legacy@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org) to make your pledge.

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**If you missed Booklovers Night Out (IN!) Our Virtual Authors Extravaganza held on February 18th you can [click here](#) to view the recording! Stay tuned for info on next year's event!**

Books by these authors may be ordered from Eagle Harbor Book Company at [www.eagleharborbooks.com](http://www.eagleharborbooks.com)



In the meantime, here are the **2021 topics**. If you know of a local expert on any of the topics, please contact us at [GreatDecisionsBainbridge@gmail.com](mailto:GreatDecisionsBainbridge@gmail.com).

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## From the Library Garden

To conjure up an image of a garden, I tend to think flowers, (annuals and perennials) or trees (maples, dogwoods, perhaps larch or pines). But every memorable garden needs additional elements, such as paths, water features, garden art, and mysterious nooks. It is these elements that frame the plantings and add to their complexity.



The library gardens house them all. As you follow the path through the Haiku Garden, the sound of rushing water captures our attention as it drops off the rocks into the pond. Along the path, the bronze otters and Haiku stones also capture our attention.



But in the Fern Display Garden, the mood is contemplative. You can sit on garden benches or in the gazebo and read or just relax and enjoy the moment. A towering snag of a lightning-struck conifer captures our attention and on closer look, a dark recess at its base seizes our imagination. A seasonal stream from the gazebo to the road hosts giant ferns. In the late winter and early spring, the fronds unfurl in the watercourse and lend interest to the rainy days.



Also, within the fern garden, by the entrance to the Children's Library, is a statuary that intrigues and captivates. A carved stone depicts an impressive owl and another sculpture, buried in the ferns, depicts a mysterious image that leads each viewer to one's own interpretation.

Each of these elements is as integral for a captivating garden as the rhododendrons that bloom in spring, the roses and perennials in the Mixed Border Garden, or the more than sixty different types of ferns in the Fern Display Garden. It is like a concert that requires more than just an oboe to make the symphony. As the garden starts to wake up, appreciate the early hellebores that are now in bloom- but also note all the other aspects that make it so magical.

~ Lynn McIntyre

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## Friends of the Library



During the time the library is not open to the public, the Friends of the Library are unable to hold our normal book sales. However, our "Buy a Bag of Books" plan is in full swing! Books are packed by FOL volunteers into a paper shopping bag and sealed by taping or stapling the bag closed with the genre contents written on the outside. The bags of books are available for pickup Monday through Saturday, 10 AM to 1 PM. They are located under the awning by the Children's Library entrance. Access is from the Children's Library parking lot facing High School Rd. Each bag of books is priced at \$5.

You can pay online by clicking [here](#) and making a donation to the Bainbridge Friends of the Library for the number of bags you want to purchase. Leave a note with the online donation indicating when you would like to pickup your bag(s). The bag(s) will be waiting with your name written on it. You can also just drop by and select one or more bags and pay in cash or by check. If you pay online, you can leave a note requesting a

specific genre if you wish. Your custom selection will be waiting with your name on the bag. Pre selected bags are labeled by genre and available on the cart outside.

Also, magazines are being accepted again!....any flavor, any year!

If you have any questions, just send us an email at [books4all@bifriends.org](mailto:books4all@bifriends.org)

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## What's Up With Facilities?

Greetings library lovers! Happy early Spring! I LOVE that the daffodils and other early announcers of Spring have emerged to give us the signal to "Rise, shine, and get busy!!" ...And that's exactly what the Facilities volunteers are doing!

If you've been to the library gardens recently, you've seen the start of "Spring cleanup," that annual exercise dedicated gardeners have been just itching to dive into for weeks! So, if you're a gardener who doesn't have a garden to tend, or who's looking to join other volunteers to help maintain the wonderful gardens and grounds surrounding the library, think about joining the ranks of the beloved Friday Tidy group; under the skillful guidance of Ann Lovejoy since the late 1990s, they've been shaping, developing, and maintaining the grounds we're all so proud of.

Last month we mentioned the new entry arches for the Haiku Garden. We plan to begin installation activity this month! Sorry, we're not providing any early sneak peeks of the arches, but I can assure you, you won't be able to miss 'em! 😊

Another outdoor project we're focused on is the repair and maintenance of our wonderful hand-crafted wood gazebo in the fern garden on the east side of the library. It's withstood almost a quarter century of punishing northwest weather and now it's time to ready it for its next 25 years! Repairs to the bottoms of the large support posts and a new roof are in our plans.



And lastly, in December we installed three specially-designed and fabricated "rain leaders" that carry rain water from our roof gutters to the ground below. Two of the rain leaders deposit their water into large ceramic pots that slow the water's journey to a large catch basin. The third rain leader deposits its rain into a large catch basin and from there it's pumped up to a rain garden feature in the fern garden, allowing some of the water to percolate into the soil to refresh the aquifer.

~ Kip Bankart

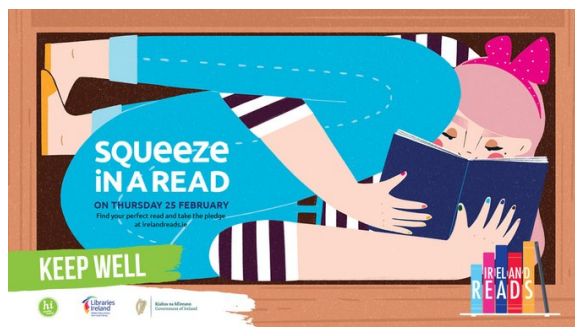
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# Have You Seen This Library?

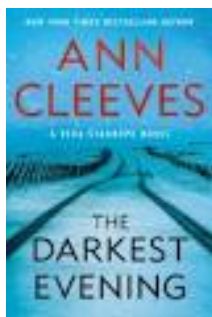


With an homage to St. Patrick, this is the main library, located in the city center of Galway, Ireland, but rather than bore you with historical details, this is what libraries in Ireland are doing during the pandemic shutdown...

~ Susan Braun



## Books Worth Sharing!



### **The Darkest Evening** *By Ann Cleeves*

Driving home on a snowy night, Vera sees a car that has skidded off the road and stops to help. There is no driver, but a cry from the back seat reveals a toddler in a car seat. Momentarily disoriented in the storm, she fetches the toddler from the car then realizes she is near Brockburn, the stately home of her late father's estranged family. Not wanting to open old wounds, but feeling she has no choice, she drives up to the great house and presents herself and the child. A great party is underway and it's clear she is an inconvenience, but her cousins have no choice but to invite her in. It is not until the next morning that the body of a young woman, presumably the child's mother, is found in the snow nearby. Disregarding any thoughts of conflicts of interest, Vera calls in her team and the race to find a murderer is afoot! The fractious Stanhope family is suspicious of Vera's

motives, the neighboring village is rife with gossip and perhaps another murder. Vera is in her element and her team is hot on the heels of a killer. With homage to Robert Frost, she has stopped by woods on a snowy evening, has miles to go before she sleeps, and promises to keep! This is Ann Cleeves at her absolute best. If you are not a fan already, fasten your seatbelt for a most satisfying ride that will leave you craving more of Vera Stanhope's adventures. Watch the interview with Ann Cleeves from the Sno-Isle Public Library here  
<https://www.sno-isle.org/blogs/post/open-book-ann-cleeves/>

~ Susan Braun

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## Did You Know?

- **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.

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## Be safe... Be well!



*"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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