

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



### Legacy Circle Members - Susan and Kim Bottles

"Among the many losses over the pandemic months was our community's loss of its library; in the sense of the welcoming, open-to-all, beautiful physical place. Yes, our taxes and committed staff allowed many library services to continue on-line, but no toddlers gathered in story circles, no teens played games in the meeting room, no one wandered through the stacks, no students studied quietly alone or in groups, no senior citizen sat to read a magazine. This very public space was built by and is maintained by private donations. We know now more than ever what its loss could mean to our community, so we are happy 'to leave a legacy' to ensure future islanders will enjoy what we do now."

~ Susan and Kim Bottles

**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 record your pledge.

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**Clouds, Camera, Action!**



The beautiful blue sky and clouds that welcome our community, rain, or shine, into the main library entrance will soon be featured as part of a series of video productions documenting major local art pieces in public spaces. The oil painting and cast glass ceiling art at Bainbridge Public Library was created by Gayle Bard and Steven Maslach in 1997 and sponsored by the City of Bainbridge Island 1% for Arts Program.

Arts & Humanities Bainbridge and creative team Mike Seidl and Ron Stewart are pulling together artist interviews and video of each work of art to eventually create an interactive art map of Bainbridge Island. Here are Ron and Mike making movie magic at the library.

Watch for the project to be completed this summer and get ready to follow the map to find and be inspired by some of our amazing local art and artists.



## WELCOME BACK TO THE LIBRARY!

Limited in-library browsing of stacks, checkout items, use public computers, print and FAX, pickup holds, get a new library card.\*

Curbside Pickup of Holds and Book Bundles continue available \*

Meeting Room Reservations - Not available  
Friends of the Library Book Sales - Cancelled

\* Face covering required for all library services

Have you visited the library yet? What a joy to see it reopen! Email your thoughts on bringing the library back into your life [HERE](#). We would love to share them!

## What's Up With Facilities?

Greetings, Library Enthusiasts!

The Facilities volunteers have been quietly “taking care of business” (thank you, Bachman-Turner Overdrive 1974!... I know, I know, it dates me 😊).

In 2020 BPL commissioned a noted, local building inspector to conduct a thorough inspection of our building to help us develop a prioritized list of repairs and maintenance to address in the ongoing care of our building. Although the library is in good shape, there are items that need

our attention (as there are in all our homes). Some can be addressed by our team of volunteers; others need professional attention. We feel good about the progress we're making as we work our way down the list and may highlight additional successes in future reports.

Not related to the recent building inspection, but a project we identified when the exterior of the library was painted in 2017, there are two exterior enclosures that need attention. One houses the trash and recycling totes; the other encloses the buildings' Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC) units. Age and exposure to our fine northwest weather have taken their toll on these wooden structures so we are currently engaged in the effort to correct their shortcomings. In addition, we are adding a screening element behind the Legacy Tree at the south end of the building that will improve the setting for the Tree by blocking the recently installed propane tanks that power the library's emergency generator (installed in 2020). We hope to have the work completed by the end of the year.

~ Kip Bankhart



## The Facilities Committee Needs You!



Are you a licensed electrician? Or someone with project management experience? Maybe a handy person to help with odd jobs? The facilities committee that maintains the library building inside and out could use these specific skills:

- An electrician to perform occasional small additions or modifications that might arise, or to coordinate work of outside contractors.
- A project manager to help with projects like getting the parking lot repaired and sealed.
- Someone to join in with hands-on help as needed in and around the library.

If you'd like to join our team of volunteers on the Bainbridge Public Library's Facilities Committee, please contact Kip Bankart for information about what we do and how you might fit in at [kipbankart@comcast.net](mailto:kipbankart@comcast.net) or by phone 206-931-0693. Have a great June!

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## From the Library Garden



Entering June, one wonders why it still feels like winter, misty and cold. But the weather app assures me that warm weather is on its way. In fact, it might be here by the time you read this. But, in spite of my fleece and quilted vest, the gardens assure me that spring is here.

In the Fern Garden, the fronds are unfurling. In the Mixed Border, the roses are starting to bloom as well as many early spring flowers. In the Haiku Garden, the rhododendrons are blowsy, lush, and overblown with shades of rose to red, though many are fading as spring progresses.





So, if you are at home feeling that spring is slow to arrive, put on your fleece and take a stroll through your library gardens.



On the critter front, this spring has been ripe with reports of cougars, coyotes and the deer browsing through the new fronds. The Western Tanagers, Gold finches, swallows and Black Headed Grosbeaks are back. So, it must be spring!

The newest edition, however, is the rabbit. Now, they are charming- but... they are not the gardeners' friends. We can only wish, and hope, their arrival brings minimal damage to the BPL Gardens. At least they do not leave mounds of dirt like the invisible moles. Even the lowly mole, in all sense of the word, leaves us with an air of mystery. What is going on below our feet? Enjoy them all.

~ Lynn McIntyre

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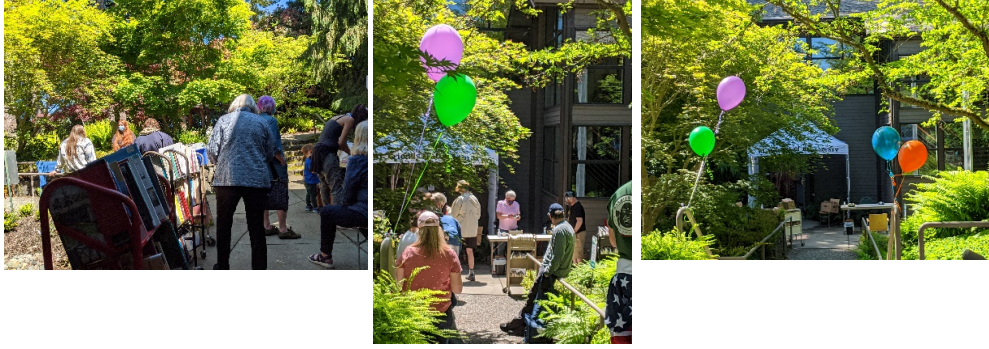
## Friends of the Library

# Book Sale



The Friends of the Library are having a book sale on **Sunday, June 6th, from 1:00-4:00**. If it rains on the 6th, the book sale will be postponed to Sunday, June 13th. The Friends' room will be accessed from its outside entrance. Attendees will be allowed in as the space dictates and must be masked. The time per visit is thirty minutes. Books are plentiful and the

sale is a great way to return to ... and support the library! If you have any questions, just send us an email at [books4all@bifriends.org](mailto:books4all@bifriends.org)



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## Have You Seen This Library?



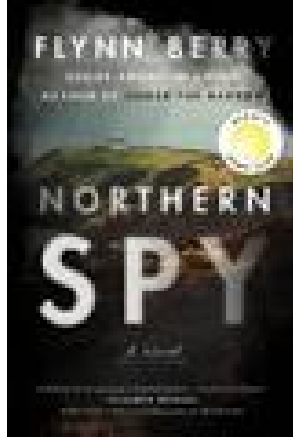
This is Library Hall on Bailey Island, Maine, courtesy of Delight Willing. Her great-grandparents donated the land for the library and her great-grandmother was very instrumental in fund-raising for it. Built in 1911–12, it has been a center of community life on the island since its construction, and is a notable architectural work of the New York City architectural firm Mann & MacNeille. Originally built to house a lending library and social hall, it now only serves the latter function. The hall was built in part to provide a library to the local islanders, who were separated from the nearest library on Orr's Island by a ferry crossing that was not bridged until the construction in 1928 of the Bailey Island Bridge. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on December 31, 2008. Delight says that a favorite family story involves her great-grandmother approaching old Cap'n Sinnet to donate to the library's fund, his response was "Nope. Read'n rots the mind." Thank you for sharing, Delight!

If you have photos and or stories of libraries that you would like to share [email Susan Braun](mailto:susanbraun@bifriends.org).

~ Susan Braun

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## Books Worth Sharing!



**The Northern Spy**  
**By Flynn Berry**

Imagine that the 1998 Good Friday agreement had not happened, and the Troubles continue. Sisters Tessa and Marian Daly live in an IRA hotbed in Belfast, ever watchful for potential violence. Tessa is a single mom and a journalist for the BBC and Marian is a paramedic. When Marian is arrested as an IRA operative, Tessa is horrified, until the day Eamon comes calling and she too is recruited. How can she raise her son while waiting for a call to plant a bomb or assist in a murder? Can she really function as a double agent? Tense, terrifying, and briskly paced, this exceptional addition to the Dublin noir genre deftly combines the emotions of love and motherhood with the desire for peace and stability amidst persistent terrorism.

~ 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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