

July 2021 Newsletter

Leaf by Leaf, Growing Into the Future...



Legacy Circle Members - Carol and Michael Schuyler

Together Carol and I have been librarians for over 100 years!! It is safe to say books and getting them into the hands of people have been a big part of our lives. We both started our careers at Seattle Public Library, but spent the majority at Kitsap Regional Library, the public library for all of Kitsap County. Bainbridge Public Library itself (BPL), owned and supported by the people of Bainbridge Island, is responsible for the building and grounds. It is supported entirely by donations and book sales. This is not trivial, so we have chosen to support BPL in our estate planning to ensure the building is well-supported into the future.

~ Carol and Michael Schuyler

You, too, can make a pledge to the future by making a gift to BPL as part of your estate plan and becoming a member of the Bainbridge Public Library Legacy Circle. Visit our website, 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 to record your pledge.

Art is Back in the Library!

Celebrate the Fourth of July with the return of First Friday Art Walks and art exhibits at your Bainbridge Public Library!!! Virtual fireworks permitted☐. July artist John Wiens will host an opening reception, Friday, July 2, 5-7PM in the library meeting room for his exhibit, "Organic Lines".



John's description:

The title of this exhibit, "Organic Lines", is inspired by my many hours observing the natural growth the force of movement, and the push back of the static man- made objects. All but two pieces are monoprints which were done in the past three years. The theme of "Organic Lines" stems from my interest in drawing and the many possibilities of line expression. Paul Klee and Wassily Kandinsky have been my inspiration. I feel a bond with them because they both taught at the Bauhaus, and I am a retired architect. As a painter I have done most of my painting outdoors which combines the observation of the remarkable intricacies of vines, branches, flowers with the observation of movement in its many natural forms. It is the expression of these intricacies with lines that intrigue me and leads me to greater experimentation.

The positive marks are with eight-inch-thick wood bars and brushes. The negative marks are made by rubbing ink off the plate with cloth, credit cards, sticks.



And, as a bonus, this month in the display case, Deborah Rhee will present "Tiny Talismans."

Deborah's description:

My tiny talismans began as a project in 2016 when I felt at an all-time low, watching world events unfolding, I felt powerless and wondered what I could do to affect change in a positive direction. A collector had requested a miniature artwork to take on her travels because she felt there was an energy in my work that helped her re-balance. On making that tiny talisman for her, I realized that it is something I have to offer and began leaving miniature artworks in the community for people to randomly find. I hoped they may lift someone's spirits and make them smile. Science says a smile boosts endorphins in the body, and endorphins make us feel good,

so that is where I put my energy. The tiny talismans project continued with a life of its own, other people joined from far and wide creating talismans to share in their own communities so I made a Facebook group, where they could stay in touch with each other and let us know what they were doing. ☐ Anyone interested can join in. All are welcome.
If you care to know more, the Facebook page is Revolution-artwithheart.

Wander about our library gardens to search for and capture your own personal "Tiny Talisman".....
Both exhibits will be available for viewing through the month of July.
Thank you for supporting local artists and your Bainbridge Public Library.
Welcome back and stay safe and healthy.

~ Linda Meier, art coordinator



What's Up With Facilities?

Greetings, Library Enthusiasts!

"And the beat goes on. . ." Facilities volunteers continue to monitor the needs of the building and grounds and address short- and long-term issues as required.

Contractor proposals for the enclosures project mentioned last month have been submitted and will receive a thorough review before a selection is made. We anticipate work to take place towards the end of summer or early autumn.

Very soon we anticipate that KRL will announce expansion of the hours of operation for all nine Branch locations including, of course, our Bainbridge Branch. We look forward to seeing increasing numbers of our community members, from youngsters to seniors and everyone in between. getting to enjoy the many, many services and opportunities offered by the outstanding staff and volunteers who will be welcoming them each day. Plan to have your day include an outing to the library! There is no limit to the world that is available to any curious mind . . . inside or out. I have included a few photos to remind you and your family of the treasured gem that awaits you at the intersection of Madison and High School Rd. It is the library that Bainbridge built!

And hey! . . . Care to join our team of volunteers on the Bainbridge Public Library's Facilities Committee? For information about what we do and how you might fit in, please contact me, Kip Bankart, at kipbankart@comcast.net or by phone 206-931-0693. Have a great July!

~ Kip Bankhart



From the Library Garden



Little of note for July....wait for it.....but.....BPL received a grant for \$10,250 for refurbishing the Hardy Fern Display Garden's 23-year-old Gazebo. We are still a bit short (by \$9,000 for the leaking roof) but the rot in the supports and refurbishing the exterior are covered. This was a critical need noted in last year's building inspection report. Our gazebo was built in 1998 by John Van den Meerendonk who still contributes new species of ferns and his volunteer time to maintaining this lovely garden. It was feared it might implode like the Kingdome after 20 years, but it is history, and an acknowledgement of John's public service will allow it to be revitalized.



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.



Thank you, Bainbridge Community Foundation, for your grant support! And thank you Bainbridge Island for your continued support and generosity.

NEWS FLASH! The Haiku Garden's pond has TADPOLES!



Friends of the Library

Book Sale



The Friends of the Library are having book sales on **Sunday, July 11th at 12:00** and **Sunday, July 25th at 12:00**. 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

Have You Seen This Library?

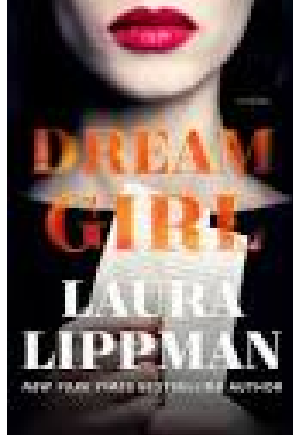


Library Les Méjanes is a public library in Aix-en-Provence, France. It has been around since 1810 but did not occupy its current location in an old match factory until 1989. On the outside are the images of three large books by famous French authors.

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

~ Susan Braun

Books Worth Sharing!



Dream Girl
By Laura Lippman

Bestselling author Gerry Anderson is confined to bed in his Baltimore penthouse, the victim of a careless accident. When he receives a phone call from a voice purporting to be Aubrey, the central character in his latest best-seller, his drug-addled brain spins off into a muddled flashback of his marriages and extra-marital escapades. Aubrey is fiction, so who's on the phone? Could it be Margot, his most recent ex who recently showed up threatening to destroy him with a lurid #MeToo expose? Seizing the moment, Gerry's eavesdropping night nurse sets off a domino effect of jealousy, mayhem, blackmail, and murder. Following her award-winning thriller *Lady in the Lake*, Lippman has created a darkly comic thriller that takes gaslight to new heights and just might trigger a nightmare or two.

~ Susan Braun

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.

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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