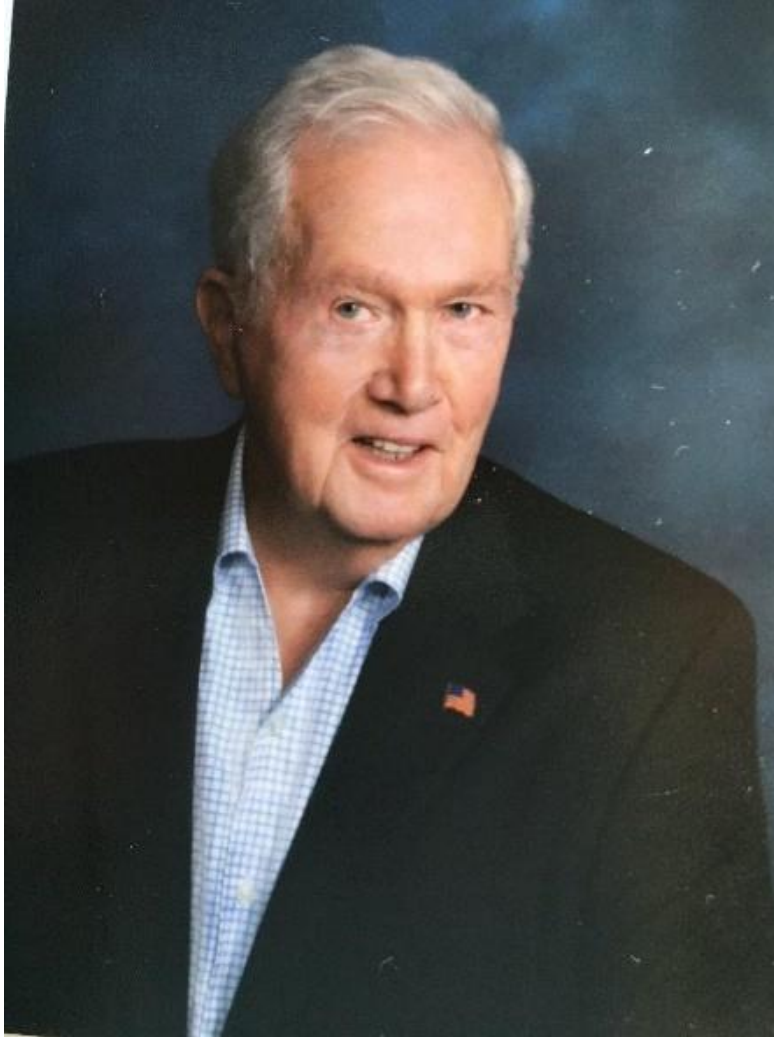


December 2022 Newsletter



**Giving Thanks - Bainbridge Public Library
Legacy Leader, Loyal Moore, Was a Gift to Us All**



With the death of Loyal Moore on October 12, BPL lost a faithful supporter. Together with Marjorie, his wife of 64 years, he gave generously to the library building campaign in the 1990's. Upon Marjorie's death in 2016, and following her wishes, BPL received an additional \$1 million gift.

"There are some people who have a special place in the life of a community and its institutions," said Trese Williamson, BPL board member and chair of the Legacy Committee. "I first met Loyal and Marjorie when working on the building campaign. In addition to their financial contribution, they donated the Bay Otters sculpture by Tony Angell in our Haiku Garden. It turned out that was just the beginning. Loyal remained a stalwart supporter of the Bainbridge Public Library. He was a quiet donor, never seeking the limelight."

Loyal was born on September 17, 1928, in the rural community of Butler, Pennsylvania. Although raised in humble circumstances his parents stressed the importance of giving to one's community. He was a member of the high school jazz band, an accomplished saxophonist and keen bridge player. Toward the end of World War II Loyal was stationed on the island of Guam, purportedly carrying his saxophone with him. His love of music, especially Big Band and Jazz Orchestra, continued throughout his life.

After the war Loyal first attended Allegheny College, where he met fellow student Marjorie, then the University of Pittsburgh where he completed Pharmacy School. He and Marjorie lived in Pennsylvania and Ohio before moving west. After a year in Phoenix they settled on Mercer Island, then Bainbridge Island. In retirement they divided their time between Bainbridge Island and Tucson, a pattern he continued after his wife's passing.

Loyal will be remembered for his love of family, his extended circle of friends, his trustworthiness, and his many kindnesses. As Marjorie's health declined, he was her devoted caregiver.

"Loyal told friends that he'd just been lucky in his life," Trese said. "He believed in working hard, as is evidenced by his favorite book, *Boys in the Boat*, and in helping others. I shall remember him as the consummate

gentleman.

"We've been lucky to have Loyal in our lives here on Bainbridge Island. We thank him for being such a special supporter in the long chain of Islanders who have made this library the heart of our community."

Loyal and Marjorie had two daughters, Nancy, and Susan (who predeceased him), five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Art in the Library!



Brighten your winter days with a playful and totally eclectic collection of art on canvas by CR Rousseau. Rousseau's exhibit, "Reading Between the Lines: A Collection of Random Works" will be on view for the December First Friday Art Walk and throughout the month of December. Join us for our Artist's Reception on Friday, December 2nd from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the library. Come share a glass of wine with us and learn more about Rousseau's adventures in a life in the visual arts.



Gregg Onewein

"We are a gradually changing group of 9 or 10 artists, of all ages, who meet on Friday mornings at Strawberry Hill art center to practice drawing from the unclothed model. We are of varying abilities/ experience and participation is open to all.

Bainbridge Island Parks has been sponsoring this activity for approximately 30 to 35 years that I know of and the group itself is rumored to have started in a participant's home in the mid 1950's! So, we are perhaps pushing 75 years old, as are many of our artists."

"This random assemblage of art is curated from my studio archive, past shows and experiments over the years. I like to show new ways of working, playing with style and form. My work is classically oil, both landscapes and large emotive abstracts.

Today I exhibit primarily in Sausalito and San Francisco, with small shows on Bainbridge. Past show locations include Seattle, Edmonds, Carmel-by-the Sea and Santa Barbara; my work can also be found in private collections internationally."

You can view Caroline's pieces all of December during regular library hours and on the library website, www.bainbridgepubliclibrary.org. A portion of sales is donated back to the library.

As always, thank you for supporting your Bainbridge Public Library and local artists.

~ Linda Meier, art coordinator

What's Up with Facilities?

Happy Holidays, library lovers!

This month's report from Facilities serves two purposes:

First: to inform you of a significant project we expect to take place during the First Quarter of 2023.

What's the project?

These pictures give you a hint: They show the top . . . and the bottom of our hard-working elevator!



Not surprisingly (because of the issue of public safety), our elevator is perhaps the most closely monitored and regulated mechanical system in the building. As such, simply by upgrading the control system, we are required to adjust other elevator-related components and systems to comply with current Washington State Building and Safety Codes. That means upgrading some electrical, and smoke and fire sensing elements, as well as adding a new HVAC unit dedicated to the elevator mechanical room and elevator shaft. All this modernization work adds up . . . bumping us up into the neighborhood of \$200,000! That's real money, folks!

So, purpose #2 in this Facilities article? . . . the pitch!

We remind you that Bainbridge Public Library, the 501c3 not-for-profit organization that owns and maintains the building and grounds, relies solely on the generosity of its patron community and benefactors to finance the never-ending maintenance, repair and needed upgrades to keep our beloved library in tip-top shape. We receive no tax dollars to defray these expenses.

There are many ways to donate to Bainbridge Public Library. Please go to our website (<http://bainbridgepubliclibrary.com/>) to learn more! We appreciate your generosity and give special thanks to you, our donors, at this special time of the year. Happy Holidays!!

PS - Care to learn more about 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.

Showcasing Our Local Authors!

Priscilla Long



Photo by Anne Herman

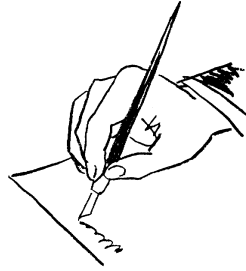
I moved to the Pacific Northwest thirty-four years ago to get an MFA in Creative Writing at UW. I stayed because I love western red cedars, western hemlocks, grand firs, crows, and Steller's jays, salal and kinnikinnik, sword ferns, deer ferns, maidenhair ferns, and because I love coffeeshops and bookstores and the ferry to Bainbridge Island. This is a reading-and-writing region and I love reading and writing. We have our poetry scene, our book groups, our many classes and readings, and our beloved libraries.

I first came to Bainbridge Island as a tourist with Eagle Harbor Books my first stop. I next came to Bainbridge Island as an instructor at Field's End, a project of Bainbridge Public Library, and to present at the Fields' End Writer's Conference, which had the brilliant and kind children's book author George Shannon as MC. Of late I've come over to teach at BARN (Bainbridge Artisan Resource Network), and also, and this is a secret, to sit quietly in the library and read.

I write poetry, fiction, history, science, and creative nonfiction and serve as founding and consulting editor of Historylink.org, the free online encyclopedia of Washington State history. When I served as senior editor, I edited some 6,000 essays on Washington State history, while also researching and writing a few of them myself. Let's just say I'm beginning to feel at home here.

Now comes the shocking news. (Well, it shocks me.) I am about to turn 80! To celebrate this amazing (to me) fact, I wrote *Dancing with the Muse in Old Age*. It's my seventh book. I wrote it because I wanted to enter this new phase of my life pro-actively, supplied with models of productive, creative, engaged, connected old people whose lives are to be deeply envied, and because I want to be fully informed on the science of aging. For instance, we know the brain is plastic and we now learn that it's not cognitive maintenance we need concern ourselves with, it's cognitive development! For

instance, old people tend to be happy. For instance, negative attitudes toward aging spur decline, whereas positive attitudes strongly influence the possibility of an old age of flourishing well-being—whether you are able-bodied or disabled. I wrote *Dancing with the Muse in Old Age* for myself, but also for anyone over the age of 40. I invite you to read it.



Bainbridge is home to many distinguished and hugely popular authors. In this column, we will profile a local author each month. Many will already be favorites, but we may just introduce you to a new author whose profile will send you right to the library to pick up a new read! Happy reading and thank you to Delight Willing for her assistance!

~ Susan Braun

Other local authors' profiles are on the [library's web page](#)



As you receive the "Red Envelope" reminder in your mailbox asking you to support the many nonprofits that serve our community, I would like to thank you on behalf of Bainbridge Public Library for your past generosity. A long chain of dedicated donors built and maintains the beautiful library building and gardens that we all love. It is because of you that we are the "heart of the community." We appreciate and rely upon your continued support.

~ Carol Schuyler, President, Bainbridge Public Library Board of Directors

Bainbridge Public Library proudly participates in One Call for All. Look for your Red Envelope later this month and remember us when you give!
<https://onecallforall.org/bainbridge-public-library/>

You can also give online at www.onecallforall.org.

Have You Seen This Library?



Of course, you have! It is the Joanine Library at the University of Coimbra in Portugal. I included it in the newsletter after visiting it in 2017. But when Bruce White sent this to me after his recent trip to Portugal, I could not resist showing it again. It is one of the five most beautiful libraries in the world! Thanks so much Bruce for reminding me of a truly spectacular trip to this magnificent library.

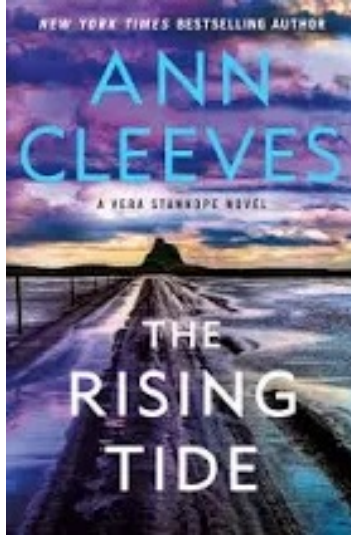
As is clear from the queue to obtain tickets, the Joanine Library (or Biblioteca Joanina in Portuguese), is the most popular tourist site in Coimbra, Portugal. The University of Coimbra was first established in Lisbon in 1290, it went through a number of relocations until moving permanently to Coimbra in 1537. The university is among the oldest universities in continuous operation in the world, the oldest in Portugal, and played an influential role in the development of higher education in the Portuguese-speaking world.[2] In 2013, UNESCO declared the university a World Heritage Site. The Biblioteca Joanina is regularly considered one of the most beautiful libraries in the world.

The library is named after its founder, King John V of Portugal, who began construction on the library in 1717, during the onset of the Age of Enlightenment in Europe. It is home to more than 70,000 volumes, including many priceless historical documents and first editions. It is registered as a National Monument.

An interesting aside: The library is noted as being one of two in the world whose books are protected from insects by the presence of a colony of bats within the library. During the night, the bats consume the insects that appear, eliminating the pests and assisting the maintenance of the stacks. Each night, workers cover the "buffets" with sheets of leather. In the morning, the library is cleaned of bat guano.

If you have a library that you would like to share email [Susan Braun](mailto:Susan.Braun).

Books Worth Sharing!



The Rising Tide
By Ann Cleeves

Every five years since school, a group of friends have been meeting on Holy Island in North Northumberland, celebrating their friendships, and remembering Isobel, a member of their group who died during the first trip. During their tenth celebration one of the group, a media celebrity recently fired for allegations of misconduct, is found hanged. Was it suicide or murder? Vera and her team are called out to investigate. As they work their way through interviews with the friends and neighbors, a complex landscape of guilt, long kept secrets and betrayal is limned, and Vera and her team find themselves in grave danger. Full disclosure, I am a huge fan of Ann Cleeves and this tenth in her Vera series is possibly her best. The story is believable, no action is gratuitous, characters are well drawn, and the mystery plays out with satisfying tension to the very last scene. I loved it!

~ Susan Braun



BPL is looking for volunteers to assist with social media and other fund raising and marketing activities. If you have skills in Facebook, Instagram, fund raising or other marketing areas and would like to increase the library's impact in our community please contact the library at ask@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org. Time commitment is flexible, and creativity is appreciated!

season's greetings

Friends of the Library

Book Sale



The Friends of the Library are having book sales Thursday, December 8, from 12-4; Sunday, December 18, from 12-4; and Thursday, December 29, from 12-4.

To see future sale dates and times check our website at <https://www.bifriends.org> Books are plentiful, and the sale is a great way to support the library. If you have any questions, please sent us a message at books4all@bifriends.org.

Friends of the Library continue to welcome donations of books in clean, undamaged-saleable condition during open library hours. (Damaged books must be recycled at our expense) Small quantities can be left in bins behind the hold shelves on the main floor. Larger quantities should be left inside the Friends door adjacent to the Children's library downstairs. There is a hand truck available. For questions about donations please send us an email. Please do not leave books outside or in the library drop box or request help from the library staff.

Useful Community Links



As a community service for our newsletter readers, we are introducing a list of links to important local resources. We invite our readers to send us additional links to include in this list. If you have a link that you would like to suggest for inclusion, send it to susangb01@aol.com.

- [Bainbridge Community Foundation](#)
- [Bainbridge Island Historical Museum](#)
- [Bainbridge Island Museum of Art](#)
- [Bainbridge Island Native Food Forest Field Guide](#)
- [Bainbridge Island Senior/Community Center](#)
- [Bainbridge Youth Services](#)
- [BARN \(Bainbridge Artisan Resource Network\)](#)
- [Bloedel Reserve](#)
- [Boys and Girls Club of Bainbridge Island](#)

- [Helpline House of Bainbridge Island](#)
- [Housing Resources Bainbridge Island](#)
- [Island Volunteer Caregivers](#)
- [PAWS of Bainbridge Island and North Kitsap](#)
- [Raising Resilience](#)
- [Sustainable Bainbridge](#)

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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