



Art in the Library!

The light is slowly coming back, the groundhog may or may not see his shadow but YOU can bask in the creative photography of our February artist, Kate Deveaux who will host an opening reception for her exhibit "Fluid Time" on First Friday, February 3, 5-7PM in the library meeting room.



Kate studied photography at Arizona State University. While there, she created mostly black and white landscapes in the beautiful Arizona light. Because she wanted to combine her love of hiking and landscape, she began photographing people in their environments who lived at high altitudes, and then continued photographing portraits at lower altitudes here on Bainbridge Island, a place she has lovingly called home for over twenty years. Her love of portrait and landscape are combined in her art photography. Spaces that evoke a sense of history and timelessness are themes that are woven throughout and are present in her series entitled "Timeless/Less Time" and even in her somewhat autobiographical body of work entitled "Life in the Middle of Middle Gray." Two pieces of work are from her Book Arts series and also have a historical context, one looking at the past, and the other looking forward into the future. New work revolves around fluid fleeting time.

Artist Statement:

"As an avid backpacker with an overabundance of wanderlust, I loved traveling the world taking pictures of pristine landscapes. Nature was awe-inspiring. There was a time in my life when I felt more comfortable sleeping under the stars than at home in my bed. As the years passed, I realized humanity touches us everywhere, in all corners of the earth, even in the Himalayas. At the same time, I realized that nature

and beauty are everywhere, in everything, in the most□mundane to the most exquisite. Every day I feel grateful for my life here□on Bainbridge, for my children and friends, and for the beauty found□everywhere."



You can view this exhibit during the month of February during regular library hours and on the library website, www.bainbridgepubliclibrary.org. A portion of sales are donated back to the library.

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

~ Linda Meier, art coordinator

Legacy Circle Member - Jeanette Franks



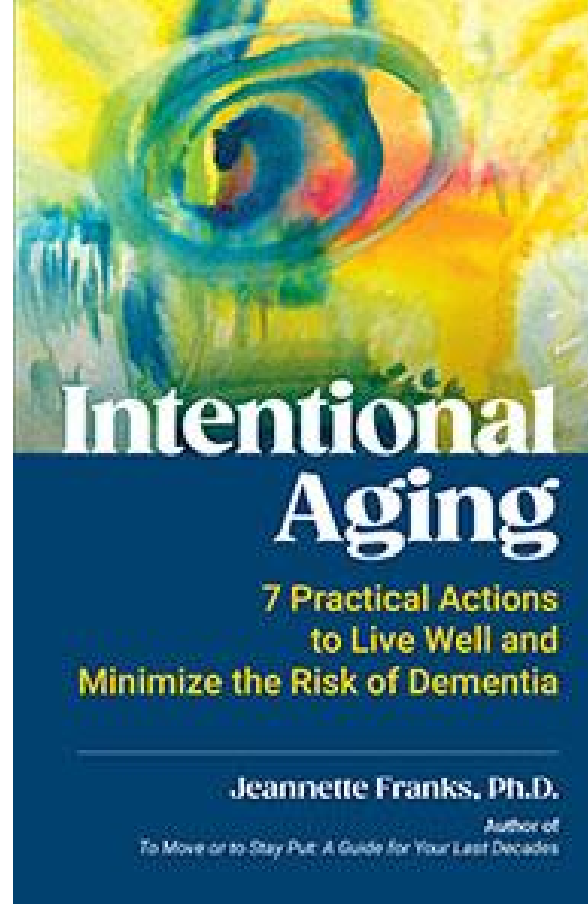
Photo by Joel Sackett

“What gives your life meaning?” asks Jeannette Franks in *Intentional Aging* her third book on the lifestyle choices older people face. The question is not just answered in the last chapter of the book – “action and activism that can reach beyond our lifetime” -- but in her own decision to designate the Bainbridge Public Library in her estate: “The library is in my will because a well-supported library helps a community become smarter and stronger.”

“One of the issues I care about most is the climate catastrophe, a situation that inevitably will fall to the next generation to figure out.” With that she points to BPL in the late afternoon. “That’s where our teenagers hang out, where they’re exposed to reliable information, where they are growing and learning.” The Bainbridge Public Library, she explains, serves as a community center, an art center, as “an integral part of this well-functioning community.”

Jeannette’s commitment to libraries began in Bellevue where she landed her first job, earning \$1/hour to shelve books. Fast forward to the University of Washington where she earned a PhD in Social Work, specializing in gerontology. A book soon followed, *Retirement Options: The Statewide Guide to Independent and Assisted Living Communities*. A few years later, a second book, *To Move or to Stay Put*.

“The mission of my books is to improve quality of life. I share that goal with the Bainbridge Public Library.”



With each commitment to make a legacy gift, an inscribed leaf is added to the Legacy Tree located in the library garden. We would like to include you, so please notify us if you have made provisions in your estate plan to leave a legacy gift. But if you haven't yet made that move and would like more information, you can leave a message at 206-866-1250 or at legacy@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org. You can also visit the website, bainbridgepubliclibrary.org. Click on A Lasting Legacy under the Support BPL tab to [download a Legacy Leaf Form](#).

It would give us enormous pleasure to thank and to honor you now.



What's Up with Facilities?



In the name of safety... Bainbridge Public Library's main entrance can be a pretty busy place, with cars, bicycles and pedestrians all funneled into a relatively small space.

People leaving the main (south) parking lot with their newly checked out books or media, may be in a hurry to get home to start reading, so a new 'PED XING' sign was installed by the wonderful KITSAP Regional Library maintenance staff. The new sign, adjacent to the main entrance, is to warn cars exiting the parking lot of the hard-to-see walking path from the sidewalk to the crosswalk in front of the library door.

~ Kip Bankart and Jim Fox



There are many ways to donate to Bainbridge Public Library. Please go to our

website (<http://bainbridgepubliclibrary.com/>) to learn more!

PS - 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.

Showcasing Our Local Authors! David Guterson



I'm a library lover and have been for as far back as I remember.

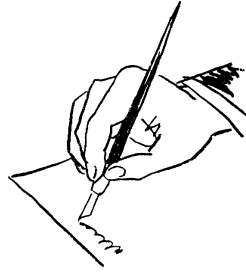
As a child it seemed to me that the library was holy. I opened the door on a hushed world of reverence for preserved wisdom and knowledge. I never sat in a chair as a child at the library. I sat on my knees like a worshipper, instinctively, inspired by the dignified atmosphere and by all those books waiting to be opened.

Like a lot of people, I was all over the place as a teenager. And yet as soon as I pushed through the door to a library the feeling of hushed respect welled up again, overwhelming my rabid adolescent mania. It was a respite--like finding a wayfarer's chapel.

In college the library was my monkish second home. I studied there for long hours, and when I needed a break wandered the stacks. The books were starting to look a little different now. They felt earthly. They had been written by human beings, one at a time, one sentence at a time, and stood alongside a thousand, thousand others in three dimensions. The holiness of the word touched the ground now. It was my turn.

I might not have written any books at all if it wasn't for libraries--and for the particular way libraries are put together, their conventions, their demands on conduct, the statement they make about our inner and shared lives. And so, eventually--about 20 years ago now--I joined the library board here on the island with a view toward contributing what I could toward maintaining and sustaining an institution critical to our well-being as a community. And to its future.

There are a lot of ways to give to your library. One thing you can give is yourself!



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](#)

Have You Seen This Library?



It is the Helsinki Public Library! Two steel arches span over 100 meters to create a fully enclosed, column-free public entrance space for this astonishingly lovely public library; the timber facade is clad with 33-millimeter-thick Finnish spruce planks. There are all manner of curious, Alice in Wonderland-esque places to sit — or indeed, lie down — while leafing through a book. Since opening in December 2018, Oodi library in Helsinki, Finland, has begun to write a new chapter in the history of public space. Much more than a repository for books, it is an alternative working and learning space, a cultural and community center, and a platform for democracy and citizen initiatives. Anyone can enter and use the facilities, many of which are free, without needing to provide ID. Among the vast number of amenities, the library includes 3D printers, laser cutters and equipment to digitally sculpt wood. For the full description of this marvelous library [Click here](#). Thanks to Zach Anderson!



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

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Ten-Minute Play festival

Call for Entries!

2023
Island Theatre 10th Annual

Ten-Minute Play Festival

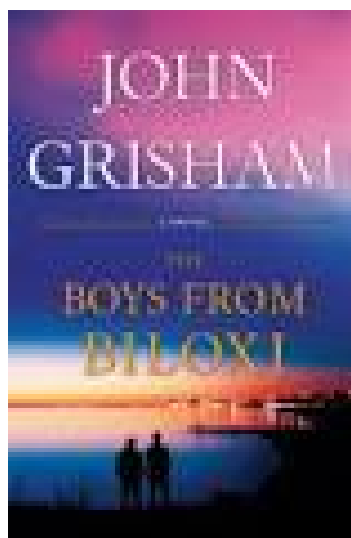
This Year's Writing Theme:
"TABOO"

Extended Deadline:
March 1, 2023

Submit at:
islandtheatre.org

Sometimes referred to as "The Best Damn Theatre Company in the World," Island Theatre is on Bainbridge Island, in Washington's Puget Sound. Founded in 1999, it provides high quality theatre for mature audiences. It goes for the provocative stuff, the plays not being done elsewhere. Plays that are smart, electrifying, questioning, heart wrenching, surprising...and usually very funny. Run entirely by Community Foundation, the City of Bainbridge Island Cultural Foundation and One Call For All. We bring literature to life!

Books Worth Sharing!



Boys from Biloxi
By John Grisham

Keith and Hugh are the focus of this multigenerational thriller set in the Croatian community of Biloxi, a town where booze, prostitution and gambling flourished through prohibition, hurricanes and attempts at cultural renovation. Friends from childhood in the 1960s, Keith and Hugh followed very different paths as adults – Hugh became a wealthy casino boss and Keith a district attorney, determined to buck the system and clean up the town after hurricane Camille devastated the Mississippi coast. Predictably, their lives are on a collision course as the town struggles to recover and insurance companies jockey to dodge payments. Ticking all the boxes of Grisham’s usual cast of bad guys, this is nonetheless a satisfying and entertaining mix of courtroom and crime.

~ 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!

Friends of the Library

Book Sale



The Friends of the Library are having book sales Thursday, February 9, from 12-4 and Sunday, February 19, 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 Genealogical Society](#)
- [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.
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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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