BAINBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Community Report 2017 - 2018





President's Message

Bainbridge Public Library is the library that the community built. It belongs to the people of Bainbridge Island, and is maintained by a volunteer board and committee members.

In the past year, the library launched a major renovation, "The Refresh Project," that included the redesign of the first-floor meeting room, change to single service desks both upstairs and downstairs, additional private study spaces, and increased space devoted to reading. During this project, the Library never closed its doors or reduced its hours. Ongoing service to the community was essential. Because of this commitment, Bainbridge Public Library was nominated for the Chamber of Commerce 2017 Nonprofit of the Year.

This year we'll be working with the infrastructure. You have the beautiful surroundings in both the building and the gardens. Now we are making plans to replace the HVAC system. By spring, you will have the perfect temperatures as well as a system in place that will save

your dollars and have less impact on the environment. We will paint all of the building, including the railings, to preserve the weather-impacted exterior, and re-glaze windows to secure them as well. As before, none of this work will close the library.

Bainbridge Public Library is governed by a volunteer board. Members serve for three-year terms. During their terms, they share their experience, expertise, and enthusiasm for the library. They are thoughtful stewards of your donations, meeting current needs and planning for the future. I am honored to be the Board President this year, working with this group of people committed to providing the best possible space for your library service.



As a nonprofit organization, the Bainbridge Public Library is dependent on donations and grants to provide the building and grounds. Kitsap Regional Library provides the library staff, collections, classes, and technology supported by property tax dollars. Bainbridge Public Library and Kitsap Regional Library, working together, bring you the wonderful library you have come to expect. Our doors open the world to you.

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A Unique Partnership

Bainbridge Public Library, a 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.

Thank you for your support.

Looking to the future...

In 2017, an extensive assessment of our library building was performed. As a result, in 2018, we will be replacing our HVAC system with costs estimated to be around \$300,000. In doing so, we will make our heating/cooling system more effective and more energy efficient. In addition, we will have the exterior of the library repaired and repainted. With your generous and continued donations, these ongoing improvements will help us to preserve the integrity of our greatest asset, the Bainbridge Public Library building.

The chart below indicates some of the other findings of the assessment for future capital maintenance and repair.

DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED FREQUENCY	LAST DONE	YEAR NEEDED	ESTIMATED COST
Carpet replacement	10-15 years	2009+-	2019-2024	\$62-77,000
Roof Replacement	20 years	2012	2032	\$85-110,000
HVAC system replacement	15 years	1996/7	2011/12	\$200-350,000
HVAC controls replacement	15 years	1996/7	2011/12	\$35-45,000
Automatic door replacement	8-10 years	2006 & 2016	2016/2026	\$7,000
Furniture replacement	10 years	2017	2027	
Restroom update/refresh	10 years	1996/7	2006	\$10-40,000





First Friday Art Walk at the library features local artists.

On the first Friday of the month, the artists host a reception at the library from 5-7 p.m., an hour earlier than downtown, at which time the public can view the variety of art being exhibited. The exhibit remains in the library for the month. Artists are requested to donate to the library 25% of their sale proceeds. There was a 10-month hiatus on the art exhibits while the library was being refreshed, but they returned in August of last year, and continue through 2018. Here is a sampling of past exhibits.





By Susan Wiersema & Lynnette Sandbloom – featured artists in December 2017



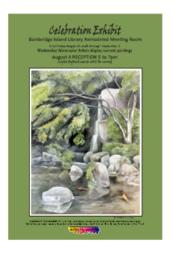
By David Repyak – featured artist in October 2017



By Phil Boren (assisted by daughter, artist Karen Gerstenberger) – featured artist in September 2017



By Araceli Cruz – featured artist in November 2017



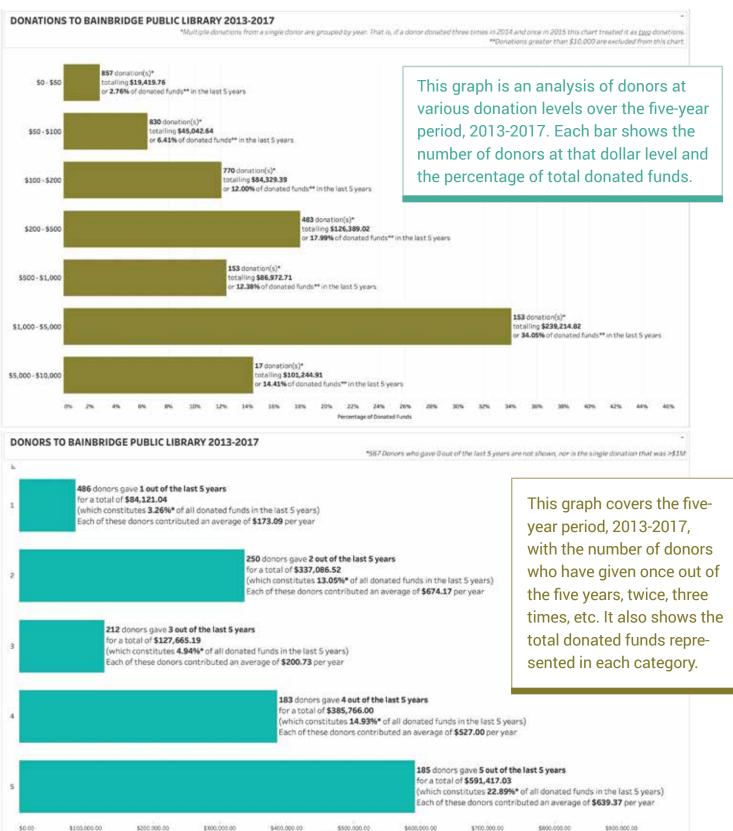
By Wednesday Water Color Group
– featured artists in August 2017

Norimi Kusanagi has donated three pieces of her lovely art that are displayed on a west wall near the back section of the library. She describes these 13" x 16" pieces as follows:

- 1. Japanese maple, pastel, "Washi" Japanese paper
- 2. Hydrangea, pastel
- 3. Japanese Anemone, pastel







Total Denated Funds

Major Donors

- why I give

We asked some of our major donors why they give to the library. Here are their responses:





Jim Beug

The library is an interesting collection of books and I use it extensively. I give to the library because there is a need for support. I tell others to use it! To me it is one of the most important organizations that I give to.

Harry Wetzler

It's a most worthy activity and we derive immense pleasure from our interactions with the library. From day one of my interaction with the library I've been amazed at the breadth of holdings and the ability to obtain wanted books. Compared to other organizations that I support, it occupies a unique niche among those organizations.

Delight Willing

To keep our library home an up-to-date facility that meets our needs, I donate. Like any home, the building needs heat, light, and maintenance, and our donations provide that support. I know how important it is to keep the Bainbridge Public Library as a wonderful community resource.

With gratitude for the support of BPL's donors who enable us to maintain the building and grounds of our wonderful library, we're pleased to share this list. Every effort has been made for accuracy, and we apologize in advance for any omissions or errors. Donors

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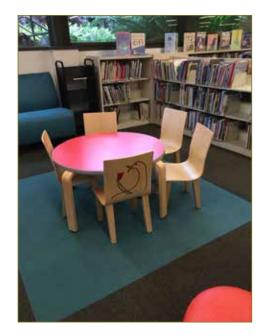
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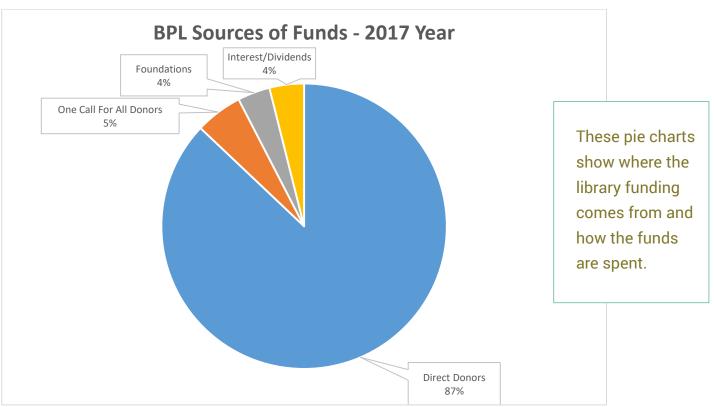
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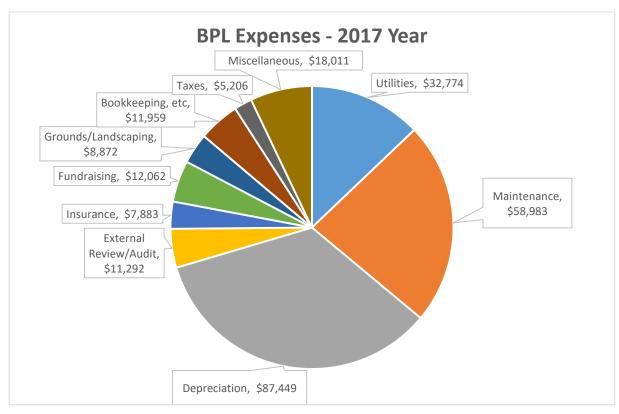
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We thank those who've joined the Legacy Circle by naming the Bainbridge Public Library as a beneficiary in their will or through their estate plan. Legacy Circle members are honored on the Legacy Tree located in the library gardens. Each leaf on the tree is a promise that ensures the future of our library home.

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Book Lovers Night Out

On February 8th, Book Lovers Night Out was the first BPL fundraiser to be held in the newly refreshed meeting room. The evening was a community gathering of local authors, book lovers, library supporters, and Eagle Harbor Books—our partner for the event.





Gourmet appetizers, by Fig and Spice, a delicious dessert, and a variety of beverages for the over-21 crowd were served prior to an entertaining panel discussion moderated by the inimitable **Kevin O'Brien**. He and **Erica Bauermeister, Carol Cassella, and Laurie Frankel** (all members of the Seattle7Writers) shared stories about their own writing and careers, favorite books for book groups, and answered questions from the audience.



Throughout the event, names were drawn for prizes of signed books and gift certificates to the bookstore. After the lively discussion, the books purchased could be signed by the authors.



BPL is grateful to the enthusiastic sell-out crowd of book lovers and library supporters for making our first book lovers fundraiser a huge SUCCESS!







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