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Saturday, June 11:
Friends of the Library Book Sale
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Summer Art Goes on Vacation



Summer greetings from Art Coordinator Linda Meier: I have good news and bad news....first the good news. You may know that your Bainbridge Public Library is embarking on a "Refresh" remodel project and a large portion involves our meeting room and art display space. Thanks to generous assistance from the Friends of the Library and a wonderful grant from Rotary, as well as responsible financial caretaking of funds by your library board of directors, this project is almost pre-paid and will start soon. Construction does not mix well with art displays and thus we have suspended our exhibits until the fall when hopefully we can resume in September.

As the library is not planning to close during this process, you can watch the progress as the magic happens. Meanwhile, enjoy First Friday Art Walks in downtown Winslow and look for art in nature all around us.

Refresh, Revitalize, Renovate!

In case you didn't see the post on the BI Library Facebook page, or missed the article in the Review about the Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island's gift to BPL, they have once again shown their support for our library with a very generous donation to the Refresh Project! This donation will fund the majority of the expansion plans for the meeting room on the main floor.

The very first Rotary Auction in 1960 was held to raise money to buy land for the library facility on Madison Avenue. Their support continued through the years, and then 20 years ago they donated toward the major expansion of the library. Their latest donation to our Refresh Project continues a much-appreciated and longstanding relationship between the library and Rotary.

Plans continue to move forward for the Refresh Project targeted to begin this summer.

BPL Garden Notes By Ann Lovejoy



Each summer, the library gardens are graced with the white, honey-scented blossoms that deck a number of graceful evergreen trees planted around the grounds. These handsome creatures are Eucryphias, a small family native to Chile, Tasmania, and south-east Australia. At one time, the library had an extensive collection of Eucryphias, but most are fairly tender, as we discovered after several hard winters.

The survivors include two hybrids, Nymansay and Rostrevor, both small, columnar trees that come alive each summer when bees enjoy the large, cupped flowers. A bee-created cross between Tasmanian *E. glutinosa* AGM and *E. lucida* that was found in an Irish garden, heavy blooming Rostrevor has smaller leaves and blossoms than Nymansay (which was bred in 1915), which has the showiest flowers in the family. Eucryphias usually bloom from late summer to autumn, but thanks to this year's unusual weather, they are starting early, like so many other plants!

Community Conversations

Kitsap Regional Library will be hosting a series of community conversations across the county this month. Based on a program developed by the American Library Association titled Libraries Transform Communities, each conversation is designed to lead a group to a set of actionable recommendations about community needs. There has been a lot of excitement so far about this initiative among community partners. To date, conversations have been set up with Office XPats, the Waterfront Park Community Center (Parks and Rec), and the library's Teen Advisory Group. In addition, on June 11, the library will be hosting a conversation (open to everyone) from 10 a.m. to noon in the meeting room. Gather with your neighbors to identify and talk about shared aspirations and how to make them a reality - together.

Books: New and Used Selections Available

The Bainbridge Island Friends of the Library book sales offer gently used books, CDs DVDs, audiobooks and magazines to support the Friends, who in turn reinvest in the library through endowment gifts, programming and special events, magazine subscriptions, the aquarium in the Children's Library and much more.

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Did You Know...



Our library is a successful public-private partnership. Kitsap Regional Library contributes tax dollars for library staff, technology and media collection. But the Bainbridge Public Library itself is an independent, all-volunteer 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization that owns, maintains and manages the building and its grounds - solely through private donations. Your contributions sustain the library as a community-owned Island treasure.
