

# BAINBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

2019 - 2020 Community Report



# President's Message

**Bainbridge Public Library** is the Library that our community built and continues to support. It is unique because it is a 501(c)(3) that belongs to the people of Bainbridge Island. As a non-profit, Bainbridge Public Library depends on donations and grants to provide funds for maintaining the building and grounds. We have a partnership with Kitsap Regional Library, which is a property tax-supported institution, that provides the staff, collections, classes, programs, and technology. Working together, we bring you the wonderful library that you have come to expect.

Bainbridge Public Library is governed by a volunteer Board whose members contribute their experience, expertise, and love for the Library. They are thoughtful stewards of your donations as they meet the current needs and plan for the future. I am honored to be the President of this Board, working with this group of people who are committed to providing the best possible space for your library needs.

This year, we have worked to eradicate dry rot in the eaves of the older part of the building and re-glazed the stairwell windows. We have been working with gutters and downspouts to redirect the water coming off the roof. We now have a back-up generator for pumps protecting us from flooding. A new sound system has been installed in the meeting room. And special attention has been paid to the gardens, replacing diseased trees, mapping irrigation systems, and increasing safety to the parking lot exits. Our fern garden is nationally renowned.

In addition to the Board, we have 194 adults actively volunteering for the Library, sorting and selling books in their role of "Friends of the Library," maintaining the gardens as "Friday Tidies," shelving materials and straightening the shelves. We also have six teens who help with programs. In 2019, these wonderful people volunteered 8,568 hours valued at over \$338,000. To quote one of our librarians, "Volunteers quite literally have made this Library what it is, a cherished Island institution."

As we look back on our past year, we are happy with all that has been accomplished thanks to the ongoing commitment of our volunteers and donors.



*Carol Schuyler - 2020 Board President*

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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.*



# Art Walk

**The First Friday Art Walk at the library features local artists** who host an artist's reception from 5-7 p.m. This is an hour earlier than the downtown Art Walk locations so the public can view the variety of art being exhibited. Each month the exhibit remains in the library for that month, with the library receiving a donation of 25 percent of art sales proceeds.

*Here's a sampling of past exhibits...*



May, 2019 - Joan Clark, "People and Animals"



June, 2019 - Gigi Godfrey, "Mischief and Craft"



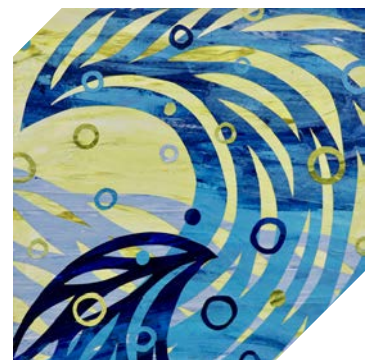
August, 2019 - Paul Brians and Cameron Snow, "The Art of Natural Bainbridge"



July, 2019 - Joanie Klorer, "Where I Come From: Memory and Place"



October, 2019 - Fatima Young, "Capturing the Moment: A Plein Air Passion"



April, 2019 - Cynthia Lait, "A Celebration of Ocean, Earth and Sky"

# BI Friends of the Library

With thanks to generous donors of books and money and a band of enthusiastic, faithful volunteers, in 2019 Friends of the Bainbridge Library (BI FOL) contributed \$76,000 to the Bainbridge Island Public Library.

These funds went directly into a Friends of the Library Endowment, fulfilling a critical need as the library building, garden and parking areas are entirely dependent on community donations for maintenance, repair, utilities, and capital additions. (Tax dollars pay for staff and books in an arrangement made with the Kitsap Regional Library more than 50 years ago.)

BI Friends of the Library established its Endowment in 2007 with accumulated book sale proceeds of \$100,000. With exception of the recent Refresh Project, every month since Friends has transferred approximately \$5,000 to the Endowment. Successful book sales plus donations through One Call for All allowed us to increase that amount several times this past year.

In addition to contributions toward the Endowment, Friends provided support to programs for children, teens and adults. We also contributed to the children's summer reading program, the children's story time, and maintenance of the aquarium in the children's area. There's more: Friends provided partial support to the popular Great Decisions program put on by Library U and contributed books to a Free Little Library at the Municipal Court.

Current board members are Linda Meier, president; Kathy Bolles, vice president; Charles Browne, treasurer; Carol Schuyler, secretary, and members Becky Donegan, Barbara Erickson, Willow Follett, Loanne Harmeling, Lois Reitz, Rebecca Robins, and Charlene Selvar.



*Our wish and expectation  
are that the Endowment  
will one day provide a  
source of secure income  
for BPL.*



# Donors and Lovers of the Library

## Why I Give...

*"Our family has always supported the library because we feel it is at the heart of a thriving community. Free access to information and technology builds strong citizens and promotes the concept of a just society."*

*-- Joanne Ellis*

Last spring the kids of Winslow Co-housing on Bainbridge Island organized a **Bike-a-thon** to raise money for the Library. Twelve children, ages 3-15, **raised \$365** and a group of them proudly presented it to the BPL board president in March.



The kids in the **Children's Library** were asked, "Grab a heart and write or draw what you love about the library! Tape yours on our **'I love the Library'** display board when you're done."

**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.**

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# Looking to the Future...

The BPL Facilities Committee (FC) is gearing up once again to tackle projects big and small over this next year. We've identified and prioritized several dozen projects, developed a calendar and budget, and are already underway to keep our Island gem a safe, clean, and attractive destination for the tens of thousands who visit our library every year.

## **Some, but not all, of our projects include:**

- asphalt repair
- parking lot redesign study
- replace failed double pane windows
- exterior lighting repairs and upgrades
- complete roof gutters and downspout repairs
- rebuild Japanese garden gates/fence/benches
- wheelchair accessible catalog station
- repair or replace the fences enclosing our HVAC mechanical equipment and our trash & recycling totes

We're estimating a total cost of \$100,000 - \$125,000 to accomplish these and numerous other tasks this year. We couldn't do any of this without a dedicated group of volunteers, and the generous support of our donors.

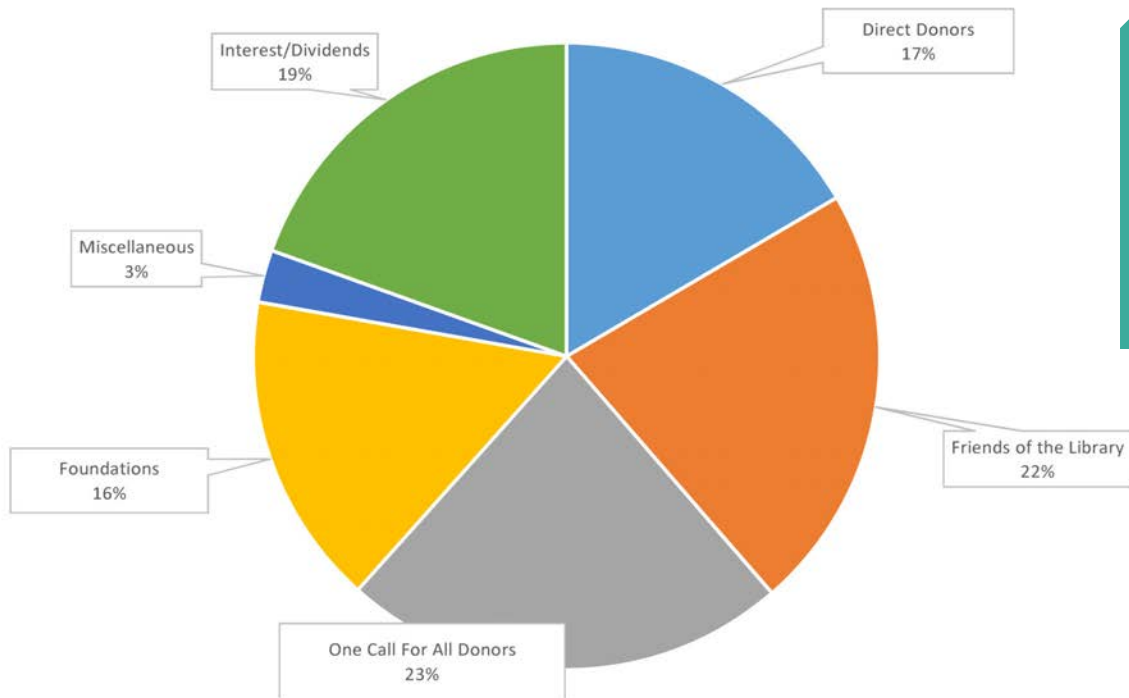




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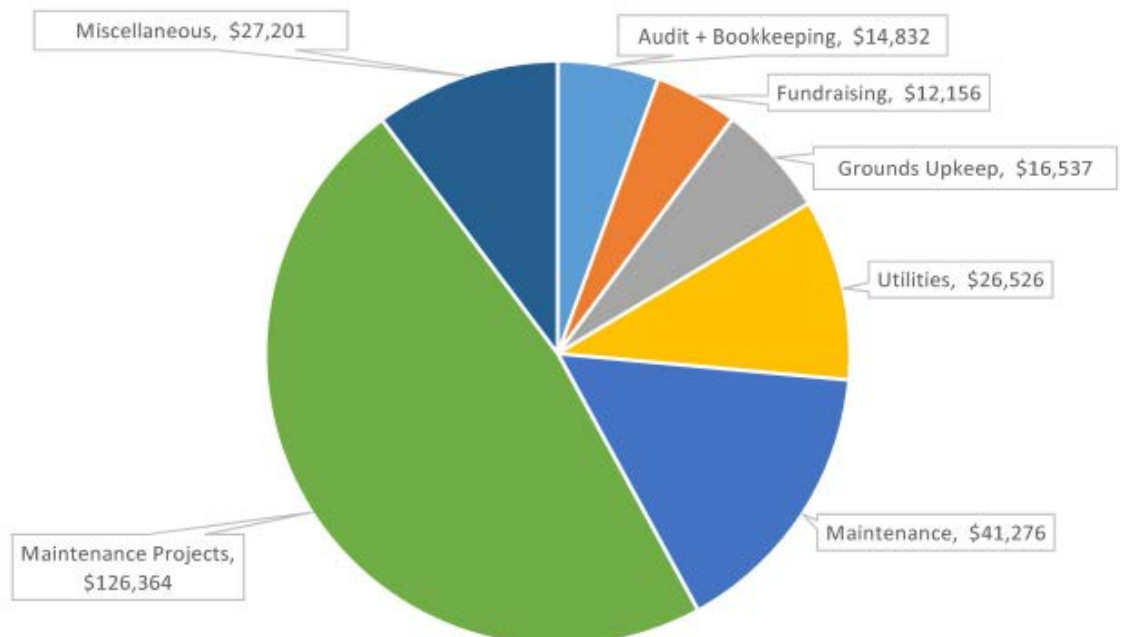
## Summary of Sources & Use of Funds 2019

BPL Sources of Funds - 2019 Year



These pie charts show where the library funding comes from and how the funds are spent.

BPL Library Expenses - 2019 Year



# Legacy Circle Members

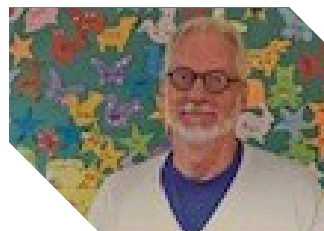
*Create a Lasting Legacy with a Bequest to the Library that Bainbridge Built.*

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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*If you've named Bainbridge Public Library in your estate plan or would like more information, please contact us at [legacy@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org](mailto:legacy@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org) or leave a message at 206-866-1250.*

# BPL Events 2019-2020

## Book Lover's Night Out

The 3rd annual BLNO event took place on Thursday, February 13th and featured a panel of NW authors. Appetizers, desserts, and beverages were available for the over-21 crowd prior to the panel discussion with the authors. Their books were available for purchase, thanks to Eagle Harbor Books, and could be signed by the author.



## Garth Stein Book Signing & Movie Screening



This sold-out event was held on Wednesday, August 14th at Bainbridge Cinemas to benefit BPL. "The Art of Racing in the Rain," Garth Stein's book made into a movie, was introduced by the author followed by a Q&A after the show. Garth was available before and after the movie to sign his books.

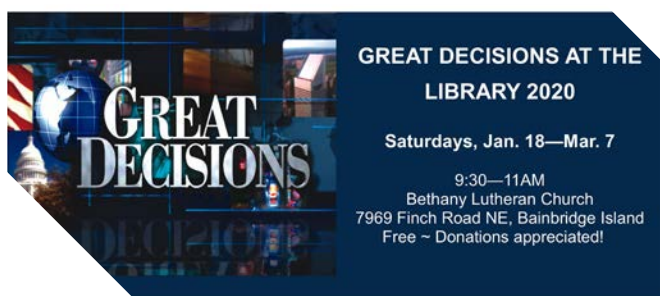


## Fall Into The Garden

This presentation featuring Garden Gurus Ann Lovejoy, John van den Meerendonk, John Barutt, and Charles Schafer was held Wednesday, October 23rd at Eagle Harbor Book Store. A percentage of all sales during this event benefitted BPL. Q&A included topics about gardening, ferns, composting, and beekeeping.



## Great Decisions at the Library



This series is sponsored by the Bainbridge Public Library with funding support from the Bainbridge Island Friends of the Library and a generous donation in memory of Louise Brody Weissman. Discussions are led by experts in their field on Saturdays, January – mid-March at Bethany Lutheran Church. It's free to the public, donations are appreciated.

## Library U

Library U held its 2019 fall humanities series in October at Bainbridge Public Library. The three engaging conversations on important issues facing Americans today were led by experts from the Humanities Washington Speakers Bureau. It was free to the public and refreshments were provided.





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