



The Library That Bainbridge Built

You've probably heard this phrase in the past. It clearly describes the relationship between our library and us, the island community. The ownership and upkeep of our library building and grounds rely completely on donations from supporters. Each year the library's board of directors is tasked with raising the money needed to keep the building in good repair, maintain the lovely gardens and grounds surrounding the library, and ensure that lights and heat stay on. This wouldn't be possible without your continued commitment to the library, and for this we thank you! As we begin a new year, we'd like to take this opportunity to let the island community know that during 2016 the library continued to serve as an active and valued space for everyone. We enter into this New Year with deep-felt appreciation to you all!



Upcoming Events

Friday, January 8:

First Friday Art Walk
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Saturday, January 9:

Friends of the Library Book Sale
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Thursday, January 14:

Friends of the Library Book Sale
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Tuesday, January 26:

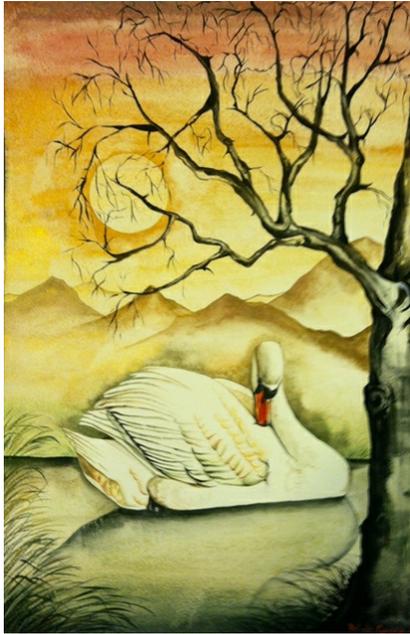
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[>> Click here for more event information](#)



First* Friday Art Walk: Dr. Stephen Hubbard and Deliah Wuamett

Friday, January 8, 6 - 8 p.m.



Please join us for this month's First Friday Art Walk reception at the library for an exhibit of works by Dr. Stephen Hubbard and Deliah Wuamett. Stephen and Deliah are a father/daughter duo who share a passion for the arts. A professional watercolor artist, Deliah lives in Port Orchard, and teaches painting and creates wall murals and furniture designs on commission. Her father, Stephen, a retired cardiologist and lifelong artist, will be showing his photography that documents nature and his travels around the world.

As always, this First Friday event is free to the public and held in the library's large meeting room. Light refreshments will be served.

** Please note that January's First Friday Art Walk is actually Jan. 8 because of the New Year Holiday*

BASE Lecture: Corporate Sustainability at Starbucks

Friday, January 15, 5:30 p.m.

BASE Building A Sustainable Economy

The first BASE (Building a Sustainable Economy) lecture of 2016 takes a deeper look at Starbucks' corporate sustainability program. Please join us Friday, January 15 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the library to hear Jim Hanna, Director of Environmental Affairs at Starbucks Coffee, discuss his company's environmental record.

The BASE Lecture Series has been developed in partnership with Bainbridge Graduate Institute, Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce, Sustainable Bainbridge, Yes Magazine, Kitsap Regional Library and the Bainbridge Public Library.

Friends of the Library Book Sales Continue in 2016

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 much more.

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Refresh, Revitalize, Renovate!

As announced last month, the library is planning to refresh some of our space in 2016. One area that

will be affected is the large meeting room on the first floor. The plan is to open it up and connect to the rest of the library by replacing the solid wall with a sliding glass door. This will allow increased seating capacity of the meeting room from approximately 80 to 132 seats. Windows will be added to the north wall to increase natural lighting and views of the haiku garden. New chairs and tables will be purchased to furnish this larger space.

Due to very careful stewardship of the library's reserve fund, the board is able to commit to finance almost three-quarters of the cost of the project from this fund. That leaves a shortfall that they're currently addressing. If you're interested in helping with this project either financially - click [here](#) to donate & specify it is for the Refresh project - or by volunteering, please let us know.

Did You Know...



Our library is a successful public-private partnership. Kitsap Regional Library contributes tax dollars for library staff, technology, and the 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.
