



## Library U Offers Local Talks



Happy Autumn! Library U's fall offering is a continuation of military historian Larry Kerr's award-winning series on U.S. military engagements. World War II - The American Experience in the Pacific will take place Nov. 5, 12 and 19 at Bethany Lutheran Church, 7968 Finch Rd NW. Stay tuned for details. Our plans to offer a program to help us make sense of the surreal landscape of this year's presidential election didn't work out. A good resource, however, is the popular U.W. lecture series by David Domke, [America in Transformation: 2016 and the Presidency](#). Although the series is sold out, you can stream or download most of the lectures from the website.

Library U also recommends Love in a Time of Fear: Muslims and Christians as Neighbors, a community conversation at Bethany Lutheran Church on Saturday, Oct. 22 from noon to 2 p.m. The event is co-sponsored by Bethany Lutheran Church, the Bainbridge Island-North Kitsap Interfaith Council, and Neighbors in Faith, an organization of the Northwest Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Participating in the conversation will be a Muslim Imam, an American woman who converted to Islam, and a Lutheran Pastor who founded Neighbors in Faith. If you have wanted to hear American Muslims and to ask them questions about their faith or current issues in our community and country, this is your opportunity. Lunch is included. Please RSVP to [info@bethanyofbainbridge.com](mailto:info@bethanyofbainbridge.com).

## Artist in Residence Now through November: WWII Portrait Journey, an Odyssey Across America



Just a reminder that Bainbridge Public Library visitors will be able to watch best-selling illustrator Chris Demarest paint now through Nov. 30. The Kitsap Regional Library is hosting this Artist in Residence program, the first of its kind for our county library system. Meanwhile all other monthly Art Walk artist exhibits have been moved into next year. We will keep you updated on progress. We appreciate your patience and your support of local artists and your Bainbridge Public Library.

Watch Chris at the Bainbridge Library on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. this month and November as he paints a portrait or bring your own WWII photo or memory to share.

## Refresh, Revitalize, Renovate Update

We're almost there! The Board hopes to sign the contract in the next month that will give the go ahead for the remodel to begin. Many people are scrambling behind the scenes in order to have the work start before the end of the year. Thanks for your patience

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### Upcoming Events

**Thursday, October 13:**  
Friends of the Library Book Sale  
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**Tuesday, October 25:**  
Friends of the Library Book Sale  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Thursday, November 3:**  
Friends of the Library Book Sale  
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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

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in awaiting more definite news and action. We'll be sure to keep you posted.

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## Garden Volunteers Needed by Ann Lovejoy



After many years of caring for the library's beautiful Haiku Garden, longtime volunteer extraordinaire Wayne Nakata is stepping down. Wayne is a do-everything kind of guy, so we are imagining that it will take a team to replace him. If you especially appreciate the quiet serenity of the Haiku Garden, please consider stepping up. While we know that nobody can take Wayne's place, the Haiku Garden could very much benefit from the loving ministrations of new volunteers.

You won't need to do pruning, as that is still being done by Doug Tanaka and his apprentices, but the garden would benefit greatly from some regular care. With regular, light grooming, this traditional style garden will retain its special grace and elegance for years to come.

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## Speaking of Gardens...



One of the most special qualities of the Bainbridge Public Library, in addition to the building and what's inside, is what surrounds it. More than an acre of greenery and flowers in three gardens encircles the Bainbridge Library. Each garden has its own distinct Pacific

Northwest personality and has been created and cared for by special volunteers.

Every spring, the glorious pink canopy of cherry blossoms arches over the tranquil Garden of Haiku garden. When the library expanded in 1997, the Bainbridge Japanese community led by Junkoh Harui created the tranquil space of flagstones, boulders, benches, waterfall, trees and shrubs on the west side of the building. Wayne Nakata and Doug Tanaka, along with others, have overseen this serene, maturing garden so enjoyed by the many islanders and visitors who stroll through daily.

From the northeast, you come across a soft, earthen path that winds beneath 100-year old Douglas firs. It's peaceful to meander through the shaded half-acre of native plants to the artistic gazebo, a favorite spot where you see people of all ages sitting amid the artistry of builder and Fern Garden founder, John van den Meerendonk.

From the west or north, you'll be greeted by a profusion of trees, shrubs, flowers, ground covers - all brought to us for decades by the amazing army of "Friday Tidies", guided by Northwest garden guru Ann Lovejoy. These skilled, dedicated volunteers weed, mulch, plant, prune and otherwise nurture the kaleidoscope of color, texture, and year-round sustainable beauty that softens the edges of our library property. And near the compost bins in the back, there's a seed bank, part of a new national library

movement that makes seed swapping available to a whole community.

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## Friends of the Library Book Sale



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.

A reminder that it's not just BUYING books that makes our book sales successful. It's getting enough books to sell. It all starts with the generosity of Islanders donating books, magazines, CDs and music to our Friends of the Library group. Items can be dropped off on the lower level to the Friends' room (to the south of the children's area, anytime the library is open.

Mark your calendar for book sales at Bainbridge Public Library:

- Thursday, Oct. 13, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 25, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 3, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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## One Call For All Campaign Under Way



Bainbridge Public Library is one of more than 85 nonprofit organizations receiving funding through One Call For All. This island-wide charitable giving program begins each year in October and ends on Dec. 31. Please

remember the library in your One Call giving choices. Our library is a successful, unique partnership with the Kitsap Regional Library system, which contributes tax dollars for library staff, technology and media collection. But the 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.

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