



#### Upcoming Events

**Friday, February 5:**

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

**Saturday, February 13:**

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

**Tuesday, February 23:**

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

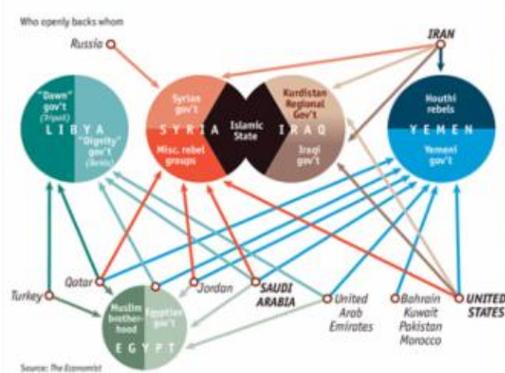
[>>> Click here for more event information](#)

### **First Friday Art Walk: Diane Walker's Friday, February 5, 5 - 7 p.m.**

This month at the library, Diane Walker will be exhibiting her colorful, acrylic paintings, opening with a First Friday Art Walk reception on February 5, 5 - 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Diane is clearly an "island girl", having lived on Shaw, Orcas and San Juan before landing on Bainbridge in 2001.

Though well known locally for her photography, Diane Walker discovered the joys of acrylic painting about four years ago. Since then her abstract paintings have appeared in numerous juried shows throughout the Pacific Northwest, including the EAFA Gallery at the Seattle Design Center, the Edmonds Art Festival; the Kitsap Arts and Crafts Festival, the Mercer Island Arts Festival, and the Montlake Arts Festival.

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.



**GREAT DECISIONS**  
AT THE LIBRARY

# Middle East ALLIANCES

MODERATOR: PAULA HOLMES-EBER, AFFILIATE PROFESSOR

Saturday, February 6, 2016 9:30am

Bethany Lutheran Church, 7968 Finch Rd NE

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## Great Decisions at the Library/ Library U

Saturdays, February 6 - 27

9:30 - 11 a.m. at the Bethany Lutheran Church (7968 Finch Road NE, Bainbridge Island)

Our very popular discussion series Great Decisions at the Library/Library U continues throughout February. Since last month, the community has come together to learn about and weigh in on eight of the most important foreign policy issues facing the United States today. Upcoming topics include: Middle East Alliances (Feb. 6), The United Nations Post-2015 (Feb. 13), The Future of Kurdistan (Feb. 20), and The Politics of Climate Change (Feb. 27). The lively discussions take place from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Saturday mornings in the Bethany Lutheran Church. All events are free, with donations appreciated. Refreshments are provided.

Now in its eleventh year, Great Decisions at the Library is part of a nation-wide, non-partisan program of the Foreign Policy Association intended to broaden public involvement in foreign affairs. While enjoying coffee and pastries, Great Decisions at the Library participants first view a 30-minute Foreign Policy Association DVD on the topic under consideration and then engage in a discussion lead by an informed moderator.

Now part of Library U, the Bainbridge Public Library's lifelong learning program, Great Decisions at the Library is sponsored by the Kitsap Regional Library with funding support from the Bainbridge Island Friends of the Library and a generous donation in memory of Louise Brody Weissman.

For additional reading and more information please [click here](#).

## BASE Lecture: Corporate Sustainability at Starbucks

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

**BASE**  
Building  
A Sustainable  
Economy

This month's BASE (Building a Sustainable Economy) lecture explores successful green building projects. Please join us Friday, February 12 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the library to hear our panel of speakers, including Molly McCabe, President of HaydenTanner, Kimberly Lewis, Senior VP at U.S. Green Building Council, and Tadashi Shiga Owner of Evergreen Certified.

The BASE Lecture Series has been developed in partnership with Pinchot University, Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce, Sustainable Bainbridge, Yes Magazine, and the Bainbridge Public Library. This event is free. [Register here](#)

Refresh, Revitalize, Renovate!

The library will be undergoing some exciting changes this year, including opening and connecting the large meeting room to the main floor. Another area that will undergo some improvements during the refresh project will be the main floor of the library. This will include replacing worn furniture; providing flexible spaces for multiple uses, and soft seating in the Young Adult Area; relocating periodical shelving, the Laptop Bar, carrels, and computer stations; purchasing new moveable shelving for A/V materials and new books; and adding charging stations.

We shared with you last month that the board is able to finance almost three-quarters of the cost of this project from the reserve fund. That leaves a shortfall that they continue to address. 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.

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## Find the Perfect Gift for Your Valentine at the Friends of the Library Book Sales

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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## 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.

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