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Upcoming Events

Saturday, July 9:
Friends of the Library Book Sale
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Thursday, July 14:
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Calling All Artists Ages 10 and Under



The Bainbridge Public Library Art Contest begins July 6. Your best artwork could be featured on the new chairs that are planned as part of the Refresh Project in the children's library. Beginning July 6, you can submit your art on the [entry form here](#). (Or, you can pick up an entry form at the Library).

Big bold lines with minimum color works best. Be sure to turn your drawing in to the library by July 31. The contest is open to children ages 10 and under. Happy drawing!

Find us on

Podcast: Who's on Bainbridge Story Share



Learn about BPL's history through Bainbridge Community Broadcasting's recent Podcast: Who's on Bainbridge: StoryShare: Cindy Harrison and Trese Williamson. Listen as the two women who were instrumental in the library's operation and expansion recall the history of this island treasure: <http://bestofbcb.org/who-030-storyshare-on-bainbridge-library/>

Summer Art Takes a Break

As a reminder, we have suspended our art exhibits until the fall. As the library is not planning

to close during the Refresh Project, 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.

Children Turn Weeds into Fairy Houses By Ann Lovejoy



BPL recently hosted the library's eighth annual Fairy House workshop, a program I developed with Carmine Rau, our beloved Children's Librarian. Each year, several dozen children spend a morning in the library garden creating delightful, imaginative places for tiny people to live, work and play. These programs are run with safety supervision but without adult interference. The childrens' constructions are made entirely of natural materials, from bark and twigs to flowers, leaves, buds and berries. Fairy houses may also incorporate shells, feathers, and even bird's nests, and often turn dreaded weeds such as ivy and bindweed into useful materials. For example, one budding engineer hung a paper raspberry punnet decked with flowers and foliage from a tree branch, a fantastic aerial fairy bedroom swaying gently in the breeze. As part of the program, each child is asked to teach a friend to make fairy houses in a natural environment, perhaps a backyard, a forest, or a beach. What better cure for Nature Deficit Syndrome than such shared outdoor play?

Register to Vote

Have you recently moved and want to make sure your ballot knows where to find you? Never registered to vote and want to know what to do so you can vote in this year's elections? Come to BPL Saturday, July 9, and Saturday, July 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and talk with volunteers from the League of Women Voters.

The Salon: A Forum for Conversation

BPL will host The Salon for men and women who enjoy stimulating conversation and wish to learn from others, Friday, July 22 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Topics will vary, but the mode will be general interest subjects. Free. Discussion will be in the large meeting room.

Volts and Jolts

Electricity is illuminated in a series of shocking experiments presented by Pacific Science at BPL on Thursday, July 14 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Kids can explore the properties of electricity with the Science Center's hair-raising Van de Graaf and Tesla Coil.

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, unique partnership with the Kitsap Regional Library, which contributes tax dollars for library staff, technology, and media collection. But the BPL 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.
