



Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, August 23:**  
Friends of the Library Book Sale  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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

**Saturday, September 10:**  
Friends of the Library Book Sale  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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**Library Receives Bainbridge Community Foundation Grant**



Bainbridge Public Library was recently awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Bainbridge Community Foundation through its 2016 Community Grants Cycle. The grant will be used for construction of new booths equipped with sound-canceling technology. These amenities will offer patrons much-needed quiet spaces to work, study and meet in small groups. The Bainbridge Community Foundation achieved an all-time record high of \$243,661 in funding to benefit more than 50 local nonprofits this year through the annual Community Grants Cycle.

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**Refresh, Revitalize, Renovate Update**

Things continue to move along toward the actual start of the Refresh Project. It's definitely getting closer. The many details are nearly finalized, and the board will be meeting soon to review the contractor's plans for approval. We're currently projecting that construction will begin in September. Watch our library's Facebook page as well as this e-newsletter for updates. And, of course, be sure to visit the library often this fall to see the progress firsthand!

**Bold Beauties Shine in Summer By Ann Lovejoy**

In high summer, plants that stand up to heat and drought are stars of the Library borders. The showiest of these are not modern border beauties but old-fashioned perennials that came west with the pioneers. Perhaps the most vivid is a perennial sunflower, Helianthus Lemon Queen.

This Midwestern native reaches 6-8 feet high, topped with sheaves of sparkling, sunny yellow



flowers from midsummer into autumn. It thrives in dry, poor soils and tolerates morning shade, though afternoon shade makes it tipsy. It also flops if fed, but remains sturdily upright in lean soils. Equally tall if softer in coloration is Joe-Pye weed (*Eupatorium* sp.), another bold beauty with forms that range from 2-8 feet high. Though most garden versions hail from the American East, some species range into British Columbia. Ours is the form called

Gateway, a tall and particularly robust form which revels in full sun but tolerates light shade. It does best when it gets a modicum of summer water, but if well mulched (we use coarse bark chips), it takes dry summers in stride. Along the library's parking lot fence, you'll notice a mid-range perennial, *Anemone japonica*. These prolific bloomers pour out cascades of white, pink, or rosy blossoms from midsummer into autumn, scoffing at shade, sun, and poor soil alike. It is worth noting that plants that can thrive in tough conditions can go wild in good ones. Lusty plants like these are best used in large gardens where the will to roam is an asset.

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## 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 Bainbridge Public Library Saturday, Aug. 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and talk with volunteers from the League of Women Voters.

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## Get to Know the Island

Learn more about Bainbridge Island history Wednesday, Aug. 24 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. with Hank Helm, a longtime Bainbridge resident and Executive Director of the Bainbridge Island Historical Museum. Hank will lead a tour through Island history using photos from the museum's archives and his extensive knowledge. The What Do You Know series meeting will be at the library.

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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.

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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.