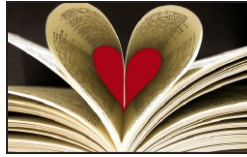


February 2021 Newsletter

---



## **Save the Date! - February 18th, 2021 Booklover's Night Out (In!) A Virtual Authors Extravaganza**

Love Reading and Libraries? Then join Bainbridge Public Library on February 18th at 6:30 pm for the 4th annual Book Lover's Night Out/In!

Pull up a comfy chair, pour yourself your favorite libation and be prepared to be entertained by a stimulating panel of local authors who have donated their time to help demonstrate that a wonderful library, freely available to all of us, is a center of our community—a refuge, a solace, an escape, and a laboratory for learning and fun.

Our 2021 panel, moderated by George Shannon, a favorite children's storyteller and librarian, will feature Wendy Hinman, who lived her swashbuckling tale *Sea Trials: Around the World with Duct Tape and Bailing Wire*; Nancy Horan, famed historical fiction author of *Loving Frank* and *Under the Wide and Starry Sky*; Kevin O'Brien, best-selling author whose gripping suspense novels like *The Night She Disappeared* will haunt you; and Susan Wiggs, beloved author whose latest book, *The Lost and Found Bookshop* answers the question, "If you had to start over, what would you do and who would you be?". This group of talented writers promises to bring you an evening of interesting conversation, lots of laughter, the inspiration to read more, perhaps to write more and a plea to support your local library!

Register in advance for this webinar: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_rdg19SPBQAOr\\_mu7Rf4Now](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rdg19SPBQAOr_mu7Rf4Now)

Books by these authors may be ordered from Eagle Harbor Book Company at [www.eagleharborbooks.com](http://www.eagleharborbooks.com)

---

## **Leaf by Leaf, Growing Into the Future...**



## Legacy Circle Members - Lois and Rich Reitz

For Lois, it is a love story – a marriage that brought her to Bainbridge and a devotion to libraries that brought her to the boards of both the Friends of the Library and the Bainbridge Public Library. For Rich, it is that the library is an important focal point for all ages and a valuable resource for all. For both of us, we can think of few better ways to contribute to the welfare of our Island than by leaving a portion of our estate to BPL.

**You, too, can make a pledge to the future by becoming members of the Bainbridge Public Library Legacy Circle.** Visit our website, [bainbridgepubliclibrary.org](http://bainbridgepubliclibrary.org), and click on A Lasting Legacy under the Support BPL tab to learn more about putting **your** leaf on the Library's Legacy Tree. You can leave a message at 206-866-1250 or email us at [legacy@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org](mailto:legacy@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org) to make your pledge.

**GREAT DECISIONS AT THE LIBRARY 2021**

**POSTPONED!**

In the meantime, here are the **2021 topics**. If you know of a local expert on any of the topics, please contact us at [GreatDecisionsBainbridge@gmail.com](mailto:GreatDecisionsBainbridge@gmail.com).

- Global Supply Chains and U.S National Security
- The Future of Persian Gulf security
- Brexit: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead
- The Coldest War: Toward a Return to Great Power Competition in the Arctic?
- China and Africa
- The Two Koreas
- The World Health Organization's Response to Covid-19

- The End of Globalization?

You can purchase the **2021 Great Decisions Briefing Book** from the [Foreign Policy Association](#). Click [here](#) for information on a new eBook availability.

Email [GreatDecisionsBainbridge@gmail.com](mailto:GreatDecisionsBainbridge@gmail.com) to be added to the mailing list for ongoing announcements about Great Decisions at the Library.

---

## From the Library Garden



### **Ann Lovejoy and the Bainbridge Public Library Gardens**

I first met Ann Lovejoy some 30 plus years ago when I worked at the Bloedel Reserve and we were both volunteering for the Bainbridge in Bloom. Ann had already established quite the reputation for her garden writing and her prolific plant and gardening knowledge. Recently, I googled books written by Ann through the years and came up with 32 books published. Prolific and utterly amazing. Ann also wrote many gardening articles for publications such as Horticulture and Fine Gardening magazines and was the garden column writer for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. She continues her writing today where we can read her weekly column on sustainable gardening in the community newspaper, the Bainbridge Islander. Ann has volunteered on Community Garden Projects all over the Island and the Bainbridge Library Gardens have been fortunate to be the main recipient of her volunteer work. Ann lamented the condition and lack of landscaping around the newly enlarged and remodeled Library building except for the beautiful Japanese Haiku Garden that was installed in time to celebrate the opening of the new Library on July 7th, 1997. So, in 1998, Ann found volunteers, mostly from public gardening classes she taught through the Parks and Recreation Department, to start the Friday Tidy group that transformed the Library grounds into the splendid Mixed Perennial Borders that we see today. All the plants were donated from nurseries and individuals. Some years later when the Library doubled the parking area on the south side of the grounds, Ann and the Friday Tidies installed the landscaping there. As all gardeners know, a garden is never static and in constant need of maintenance and editing and through these past 23 years, on every Friday morning, you will find Ann and the

committed garden volunteers, the Friday Tidies, keeping this Island treasure beautiful. Through the years the number of garden volunteers has diminished, so new garden volunteers are always needed. Join a great and enthusiastic group of avid gardeners in caring for these beautiful gardens that surround the library. You will learn, benefit, and enjoy the company of the Islands most knowledgeable and dedicated gardeners.

~ John van den Meerendonk.

---

## Friends of the Library



During the time the library is not open to the public, the Friends of the Library are unable to hold our normal book sales. However, our "Buy a Bag of Books" plan is in full swing! Books are packed by FOL volunteers into a paper shopping bag and sealed by taping or stapling the bag closed with the genre contents written on the outside. The bags of books are available for pickup Monday through Saturday, 10 AM to 1 PM. They are located under the awning by the Children's Library entrance. Access is from the Children's Library parking lot facing High School Rd. Each bag of books is priced at \$5.

You can pay online by clicking [here](#) and making a donation to the Bainbridge Friends of the Library for the number of bags you want to purchase. Leave a note with the online donation indicating when you would like to pickup your bag(s). The bag(s) will be waiting with your name written on it. You can also just drop by and select one or more bags and pay in cash or by check. If you pay online, you can leave a note requesting a specific genre if you wish. Your custom selection will be waiting with your name on the bag. Pre selected bags are labeled by genre and available on the cart outside.

Also, magazines are being accepted again!....any flavor, any year!

If you have any questions, just send us an email at [books4all@bifriends.org](mailto:books4all@bifriends.org)

---

## What's Up With Facilities?

The focus for the Facilities folks continues to be to prepare for projects we plan to implement as the winter weather gives way to spring. Understandably, with the interior of the library restricted to library staff only, we are addressing outdoor projects. Several projects are in the queue, but soon the community can expect to see activity in the lovely Haiku Garden on the west side of the building. As with any structures that exists in our punishing northwest climate, the gates that have welcomed visitors into the garden since 1998, are reaching the end of their heroic

service.



They will soon be replaced with super-handsome arches specifically designed and created by an all-volunteer crew of skilled craft persons in the woodshop at BARN (Bainbridge Artisan Resource Network). Installation of the impressive arches will be undertaken by an all-volunteer crew and will incorporate locally designed and fabricated anchoring brackets to secure the arches in place.

Stay tuned as we unveil additional projects that will address needed repairs and maintenance of our beloved library and the grounds that surround it!

---

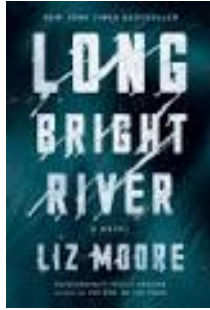
## Have You Seen This Library?



This is the **National Library of the Faroe Islands** (Faroese: *Føroya Landsbókasavn*) located in Torshavn and built in 1979. Begun in 1828, the National Library of the Faroe Islands acquired its own building in 1830. There are 18 municipal libraries and 13 school libraries to date. The Faroe Islands is a self-governing country within the Kingdom of Denmark. It is both a public and a research library. The library houses the largest collection of works written in Faroese, works written by Faroese in other languages or translated by them, and works written about the Faroe Islands.

---

# Books Worth Sharing!



## **Long Bright River** *By Liz Moore*

Estranged sisters Mickey and Kacey were raised by their angry and embittered grandmother in a suburb of Philadelphia after the death of their mother from a drug overdose. Once very close, the sisters' lives took very divergent paths as teenagers. Mickey befriended a cop in her afterschool care program and went straight into her career as a cop as soon as she could. Kacey became a victim of Philadelphia's opioid crisis, living on the streets and blaming her fate on her dead mother. The two could not be more different. When a string of murders coincides with Kacey's disappearance from her favorite street corner, Mickey becomes obsessed with finding her. Mickey's day job as a cop runs off the rails and her life as a single mom begins to suffer. Her focus slips and navigating her beat in a neighborhood riddled with addiction, crime, danger, and corruption nearly sends her off a cliff. This propulsive police procedural is as thoughtful and complex as any I've read in a long time. The layers of family drama, police corruption and addictive behavior are peeled away so delicately and painfully that I had to remind myself to breathe while reading. Small wonder Barack Obama listed it as one of his favorite reads of 2020. It's a must for anyone who likes Tana French, Ken Bruen, Dennis Lehane or Lisa Scottoline.

---

## Did You Know?

- **Bainbridge Public Library**, a separate nonprofit organization, owns, operates, and maintains the Library building and grounds through community donations and grants.
- **Kitsap Regional Library** provides the library staff, collection, classes, and a virtual library at KRL.org with funding from property tax revenues.
- **Together** we provide the quality library our community wants and has come to expect.

---

## Be safe... Be well!



*"A library is a cross between an emergency exit, a life-raft and a*

*festival—a cathedral of the mind; hospital of the soul; theme park of the imagination.” ~ Caitlin Moran*

Find us on 

