

Leaf by Leaf, Growing Into the Future...



Legacy Circle Member - Deborah Cheadle

As many aspects of our world are changing so rapidly, I sometimes feel I am being tossed and dragged in a moving current. Bainbridge Public Library is a stabilizing anchor, a calm pool outside that current; a refuge free of commercialization; a repository of ideas we can share in our search for common ground; and a symbol of community, of human interaction and connection.

~ *Deborah Cheadle*

You, too, can make a pledge to the future by becoming members of the Bainbridge Public Library Legacy Circle. Visit our website, 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 to make your pledge.

What's Up With Facilities?

Spring, Spring, Spring! What a glorious time of the year! . . . As we continue to tick "To Do" items off our never-ending list!

First up . . . quite literally . . . was the installation of our two new Torii Arches that welcome visitors into the lovely Haiku Garden along the west

side of the library. Led by David Grant, the handsome arches were designed and built by a team of volunteers at the BARN woodworking shop. On March 26 and 27th, volunteers assembled the arches (which are held together with pegs, no screws!) and placed them onto the custom-fabricated stainless steel anchoring brackets which were donated by island artisan Jeremy Loerch of Alchemy Industrial Arts. BIG thank- yous to ALL the volunteers who made this dream come true!

~ Kip Bankhart

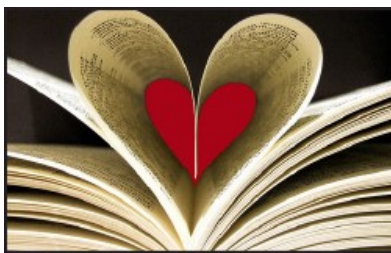


Thanks to the donors who gave to BPL during Kitsap Great Give! We raised about \$2800 that will go toward the ongoing repairs and upgrades to the library building - inside and outside. Since we depend solely on the generosity of our donors for funding these projects, we are profoundly grateful for your continued support! Thank You!!

From the Library Garden



The latest addition to the Haiku Garden is a lovely donation of a Tsukubai from Joan Hammond and David Hays. In Japan, a tsukubai is a washbasin provided at the entrance to a holy place for visitors to purify themselves by the ritual washing of hands and rinsing of the mouth. This type of ritual cleansing is the custom for guests attending a tea ceremony. (Wikipedia) This piece is unique with an aura of age and tradition. While we will not be using it in tea ceremonies, we can enjoy its beauty in its new setting. Ian Bentryn, the Haiku Garden Lead, has placed it to the left of the pond. Please stop by to see it.



**Oh my! If you missed Booklovers Night
Out (IN!) Our Virtual Authors
Extravaganza held on February 18th
you can [click here](#) to view the
recording!
Stay tuned for info on next year's
event!**

Books by these authors may be ordered from Eagle Harbor Book Company at www.eagleharborbooks.com

Friends of the Library

Book Sale



The Friends of the Library are having a book sale on Sunday, May 16th, from 1:00-4:00. The Friends' room will be accessed from its outside entrance. Attendees will be allowed in as the space dictates and must be masked. The time per visit is thirty minutes.

If you have any questions, just send us an email at books4all@bifriends.org

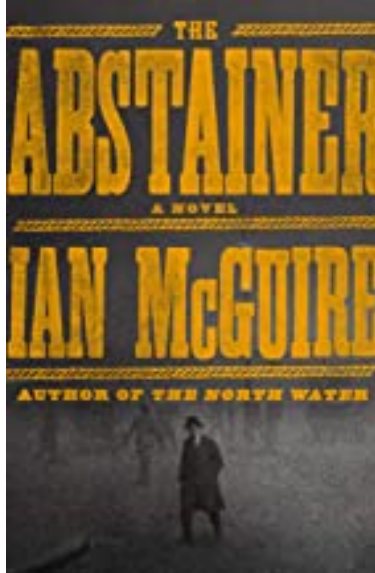
Have You Seen This Library?



This elegant building on a hilly street is the Chinatown Branch Library (Him Mark Lai Branch) of San Francisco Public Library, built in 1921 by architect G. Albert Lansburgh. It is a Carnegie library originally named the North Beach Branch, later renamed honoring Him Mark Lai, the internationally-known local Chinese American historian who specialized in research on the experiences of Chinese in America. It is the sixth of seven Carnegie libraries in the SFPL system. Located in Chinatown on Powell Street near Washington and houses special collections of history, art and literature of the Chinese community in San Francisco. In 1991, public and private funds were obtained for a major renovation and expansion of the library, including seismic retrofitting and it was expanded to twice its original size with a community meeting room and story-room for programs and special events. The Grand Reopening of the Chinatown Branch Library was held on June 15, 1996. It is now undergoing further renovation to improve energy efficiency.

~ Susan Braun

Books Worth Sharing!



The Abstainer
By Ian McGuire

It is 1867, the American Civil War is over and the Fenian uprising in Ireland is straining for freedom from England. Stephen Doyle, an Irish American veteran of the Civil War, fuels his appetite for adrenaline by joining the Fenian Brotherhood as a spy in Manchester, England. James O'Connell, an Irish Head Constable bearing a load of grief, heads to Manchester as well to start a fresh life and assist the local police in their hunt for Fenians. When O'Connell's American nephew shows up begging for a bed and a job, he sets off a chain of events that link all three within the intense bloody construct of rebellion at a time when war is a running street fight, spies are lurking everywhere, and public hangings are commonplace. This is a tightly wound historical tale full of the grit and grime of industrial England that is bleeding Ireland dry and setting the stage for the rebellion of the next century. More a noir thriller than historical fiction, it is driven by a thirst for retribution and freedom.

~ Susan Braun

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

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