

Legacy Circle Members - Trese and Frank Williamson



"The Bainbridge Public Library has been a special place for the Williamsons ever since we moved here over 40 years ago. A visit to the library was a treat for our young children and later a welcoming spot for our teenagers to do homework with friends. And, for a family who loved to read, the library never ran out of books. We've been happy to support BPL for these many years. Now we hope that our legacy pledge will help to maintain the Bainbridge Public Library as a favorite Bainbridge Island institution for the families of tomorrow." ~ *Trese and Frank*

You, too, can make a pledge to the future by making a gift to BPL as part of your estate plan and becoming a member 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 record your pledge.

Art in the Library!



Michael Pontieri



Eileen Wold



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Art is Happening...2021

A group of local artists, coordinated by Patrick Gulke, come together to

share their work and their craft. Painting, printmaking, sculpture, quilting will all be on display. This year participants include Jamie Brouwer, Patrick Gulke, Marilyn Gottlieb, Drew Kinninmont, Michael Pontieri, Deborah Rhee, Sara Tuminello, Diane Walker, John Wiens, Susan Wiersema, Eileen Wold, Silas Bryant-Kunz and more...

During the month, some artists will be scheduling in person visits for demonstrations, questions, etc. Watch for postings.

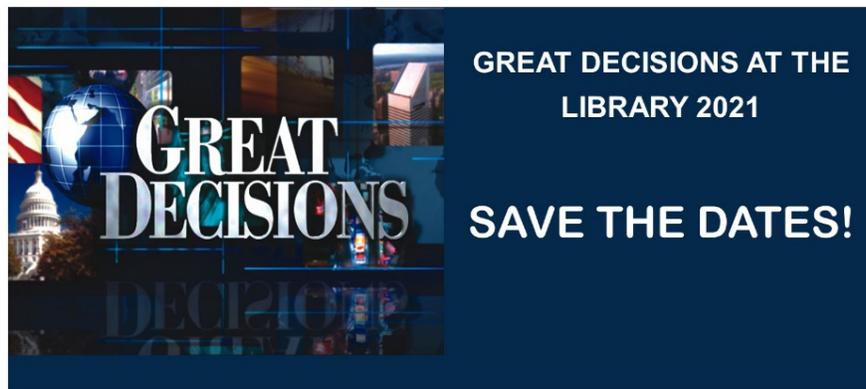
Sadly, our scheduled First Friday reception has been cancelled due to COVID concerns.

At this time, masks are required in public indoor spaces.

You can view more work on the library website, www.bainbridgepubliclibrary.org

As always, thank you for supporting your Bainbridge Public Library and local artists.

~ Linda Meier, Art Coordinator



GREAT DECISIONS AT THE LIBRARY 2021 Save the Dates!

Finally - The 2021 Great Decisions at the Library is in the works. We are planning an abridged, 5-topic series that will begin Saturday, September 11. Bethany Lutheran Church is cautiously optimistic that it will be able to host us inside the church. If not, we will resort to Zoom. **Here's the schedule. Save the dates and keep your fingers crossed!**

September 11. GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS AND U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY. Moderator: William M. Keough, Managing Director, Supply Chain Transportation & Logistics Master's Program at the U.W.

September 18. THE TWO KOREAS. Moderator: Clark Sorensen, Chair, Center for Korea Studies at the U.W. Jackson School.

September 25. BREXIT: TAKING STOCK AND LOOKING AHEAD. Moderator: Steven Pfaff, Center for West European Studies & The EU Center at the U.W. Jackson School.

October 2. RACE TO THE ARCTIC: THE NEW COLD WAR. Moderator: Ellen Ahlness, PhD candidate, U.W. Jackson School Arctic Center

October 9. PERSIAN GULF SECURITY. Moderator: David Fenner, U.W. Jackson School Middle East Center.

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 to be added to the mailing list for ongoing announcements about Great Decisions at the Library.

Great Decisions at the Library is sponsored by the [Bainbridge Public Library](#) with funding support from the [Bainbridge Island Friends of the Library](#) and a generous donation in memory of Louise Brody Weissman.

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GREAT DECISIONS AT THE LIBRARY

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What's Up With Facilities?

Greetings, Library Enthusiasts!

Boy, what a summer! Day after day of warm, sunny weather . . . so conducive to outdoor activities, including grabbing the book, e-book, or audio book you got from our wonderful Bainbridge Library, settling down in a nice shady spot, and immersing yourself in the world of words. 😊 . . . as Martha Stewart says, "It's a good thing!"

The Facilities Team continues to work on the maintenance and repair of our building and grounds. Some minor corrections and adjustments have been made and others are forthcoming. Progress on our two more sizeable projects (mechanical area enclosures and fern garden gazebo repair/renovation) has been slow, in large part because most contractors in the area are swamped with work and cannot commit to additional work any time soon. If you can recommend a contractor who might have time and interest to find out more about these projects, we'd be happy to hear from you or them! (My contact information is listed at the bottom of this article.)

In closing, here are a couple of pictures of the library's fern garden gazebo: one highlights the need for repairs on the eight upright posts; the other, highlighting the beauty and symmetry of the roof framing which, sadly, also needs significant repairs:



PS - Care to join our team of volunteers on the Bainbridge Public Library's Facilities Committee? For information about what we do and how you might fit in, please contact me, Kip Bankart, at kipbankart@comcast.net or by phone 206-931-0693.

From the Library Garden

The best way to gauge the richness and success of a garden, in my

opinion, is through the responses of the native wildlife. We can all enjoy the birds foraging in the gardens but when they choose to make nests in the foliage and the frogs lay their eggs in the pond that, to me, is a sign of a healthy habitat.



(bird nest amid the Phlomis & Phlomis when in flower)

When you walk through the garden, know that the seed heads following the flowers provide food, the pond and raingarden provide water, and the foliage provides the cover for their safety, as they nest or forage for seeds and insects. The varied scope of the three gardens, the Fern Display Garden, the Haiku Garden, and the Mixed Borden weave a tapestry of life and beauty. They also give us all a place of peace- if only for a few moments.

These gardens thrive through the efforts of our volunteers. Being a part of maintaining these gardens is rewarding but, we need additional volunteers. If you can spare a few hours to help, it would be appreciated.

Our **Fall Garden Cleanup** is scheduled from 10:00-12:00 on October 15th. Gather at the Gazebo by the entrance to the Children's Library. John Van den Meerendonk will be there to greet and direct you. Bring gloves, kneeling pad (unless you have hardy knees) and clippers. **AND-** meet some wonderful people.

The October Newsletter will have a reminder and the latest Covid directives regarding masks. Hope to see you there!

~ Lynn McIntyre

Friends of the Library

Book Sale



The Friends of the Library are having book sales on Sunday, September 12, and Sunday September 26 from 12-4. 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. Books are plentiful and the sale is a great way to return to ... and support the library! If you have any questions, just send us an email at books4all@bifriends.org

Friends of the Library continue to welcome donations of books in clean,

undamaged, re-saleable condition during library open hours. (Damaged books just get recycled....at our expense.) Smaller quantities may be deposited in bins behind the hold shelves on the main floor. Larger quantities should be left inside the Friends door adjacent to the children's library downstairs. Friends can assist if present and a hand truck is available. You can also request assistance at www.bifriends.org. Please do not leave donations outside, in the drop box or request staff to assist.

Have You Seen This Library?



Located in Prague, Strahov Library is the largest monastic library in all of Czechoslovakia. It has two lovely baroque halls dating from the 17th and 18th centuries. The Philosophy Hall was built to fit around the carved and gilded walnut shelving that was rescued from another monastery in Bohemia. The lobby outside the hall contains an 18th-century Cabinet of Curiosities displaying the grotesquely shriveled remains of sharks, skates, turtles, and other sea creatures. These flayed and splayed corpses were prepared by sailors, who passed them off to credulous landlubbers as "sea monsters." Lying on a table to the right of the entrance, along with a narwhal tusk, are two long, brown, leathery things – preserved whale penises. The corridor leads to the older but even more beautiful Theology Hall built in 1679. The low, curved ceiling is thickly encrusted in ornate baroque stucco work and decorated with painted cartouches depicting the theme of 'True Wisdom', which was acquired, of course, through piety. Thanks so much to Bruce White for contributing information about this unique library! I've been to Prague twice and have seen the public library, but not this amazing monastic library!

~ Susan Braun

If you have photos and or stories of libraries that you would like to share email [Susan Braun](mailto:Susan.Braun).

Books Worth Sharing!



The Bookseller's Secret *By Michelle Gable*

This charming tale of two authors, eighty years apart is as much an homage to the talents of the real Nancy Mitford and her life working in a bookshop in wartime London as it is the fictional story of young American Katie Cabot, struggling to follow-up her debut bestseller and survive an unraveling romance. Nancy's wit and her irreverent descriptions of her high society London life are delightful and Katie's search for the mysterious missing Mitford manuscript make this story of books, war, and unexpected love a true page-turner.

~ Susan Braun

Useful Community Links

As a community service for our newsletter readers, we are introducing a list of links to important local resources. We invite our readers to send us additional links to include in this list. If you have a link that you would like to suggest for inclusion, send it to susangb01@aol.com.

- [Bainbridge Community Foundation](#)
 - [Bainbridge Island Historical Museum](#)
 - [Bainbridge Island Museum of Art](#)
 - [Bainbridge Island Senior/Community Center](#)
 - [Bainbridge Youth Services](#)
 - [Boys and Girls Club of Bainbridge Island](#)
 - [Helpline House of Bainbridge Island](#)
 - [Housing Resources Bainbridge Island](#)
 - [Island Volunteer Caregivers](#)
 - [PAWS of Bainbridge Island and North Kitsap](#)
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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.
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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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