
Leaf by leaf, growing into the future...



Legacy Circle Member - Dr. Sylvia Broady



From the moment she learned to read, Sylvia loved books. She shared her books, enjoyed talking about books, and encouraged everyone she knew to read. And read more! She chaired the University of Alaska-Anchorage's department of Journalism and Public Communications and taught there for several decades. Wherever she lived – from the Midwest to Alaska to Bainbridge Island - she supported her local library. When she passed away in April 2021, she left a bequest to Bainbridge Public Library to carry on her legacy of love for libraries. Through financial support like Dr. Broady's, we can be assured that the Bainbridge Public Library will continue to serve this community. Islanders, even those yet to be born, will always find a home here.



With each commitment to make a legacy gift, an inscribed leaf is added to the Legacy Tree located in the library garden.

We'd like to include you, so please notify us if you've made provisions in your estate plan to leave a legacy gift.

But if you haven't yet made that move and would like more information, you can leave a message at 206-866-1250 or at legacy@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org. You can also visit the website, bainbridgepubliclibrary.org. Click on *A Lasting Legacy* under the *Support BPL* tab to download a Legacy Leaf Form.

It would give us enormous pleasure to thank and to honor you now.

Art in the Library!



November art at the library

In the darkening days of late fall, our November artist, Joanne Onorato will treat you to a colorful exhibit titled "From Billboards to Bainbridge".

Here is Joanne's artist statement:

"I stayed on the NYC subway while in High School because the next stop was the Guggenheim museum. It was there that I fell in love with Picasso, Klee, Dali and Modigliani. The Museum of Modern Art was my next love and fueled my fascination of Warhol, Chuck Close, Matisse, Klee, Van Gogh, and Chagall to name a few. I then moved on to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, astonished by the Renaissance works, Rembrandt, Vermeer, and Sargent.

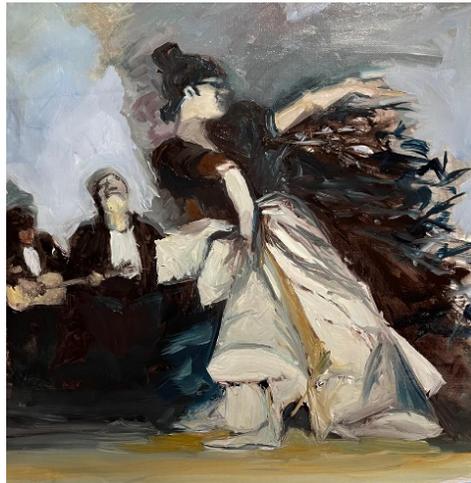
My Uncle Mio brought me to the billboard shop of Foster & Kleizer in Maspeth, Queens when I was about 12 years old. He told me, "You're gonna be a billboard painter someday." The idea stuck, though I was

resistant because it was "commercial art." Then I spent 5 years of college, boat building School, Art Students League, NYC, Santa Monica College, and photo realism school through the Billboard union.

Fast forward to... I needed a job! I applied and got into Foster & Kliezer as an apprentice. I loved it. Later, after transferring to their LA shop, the world went digital, and I left billboards. I was crushed. Then I discovered James Rosenquist, the billboard painter. I shared his vision. He painted products and people in a consumer world, but it was never about product. Painting for the sake of painting!

So, who am I? I am Joanne Lucille Rosemary Onorato. I am my big loving New York Italian family and I am their stories. I am the world of food, places, forests, organic gardens, politics, feminism, an advocate for clean air and energy – a Bainbridge Islander. I entered the world of Winslow Art Center owned by Martha Jordan. Located on Winslow Way on Bainbridge Island, WA. A new world opened to me as I took art classes and workshops with a talented group of fine artists from all over the world. I met my people – fellow artists from all walks of life and art. I joined PAWA, Pacific Art West Association, and went out and painted Battle Point Park, Mt. Rainier, Mt. Baker, Blakely Harbor....

My work speaks of nature, of joy, of memories, of people. I am evolving through the past and present. Each stroke in my painting is a moment. I hope you will join me on my journey."



You can view this exhibit during the month of November during regular library hours and on the library website, www.bainbridgepubliclibrary.org.

Currently masks are required in indoor public spaces.

As always, thank you for supporting your Bainbridge Public Library and local artists. (A portion of art sales are donated back to the library.)

~ Linda Meier, Art Coordinator

What's Up With Facilities?

Greetings, Library fans!

We've just celebrated the SPOOKIEST day of the year! Which means we're getting close to the end of Daylight Savings Time with shorter, darker days, longer nights (great for reading ☺!), leaves dropping everywhere, cooler temperatures . . . you know, "the Dark, Wet Season." We find ourselves scurrying like the squirrels around us to prepare for winter. We do all the usual things: keep raking up leaves (who knew there were so many leaves??!); cleaning gutters, downspouts, and storm drains; washing windows; performing annual building and grounds inspections; and making sure our heating and air ventilation systems are

in tip-top shape for the rigors of winter. Essentially, we're doing the same thing at the library most of us do, to some degree, at home sweet home. We work to keep the library in good shape so that EVERYONE in the community, and our many visitors, can enjoy all the benefits of a free public library, with its unencumbered access to information and entertainment.

So the next time you're in the library using a computer, or settled into a comfy chair reading a newspaper, or working on a "community jigsaw puzzle," or checking out a movie to watch with the family, or snuggled into a booth with your favorite new read . . . take a moment to think of, and thank, all the wise and wonderful members of Bainbridge Island who've had the foresight, persistence and commitment to create, expand and maintain this island treasure, the Bainbridge Public Library.



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.

Showcasing Our Local Authors!

Bainbridge is home to many distinguished and hugely popular authors. In this new column, we will profile a local author each month. Many will already be favorites, but we may just introduce you to a new author whose profile will send you right to the library to pick up a new read! Happy reading and thank you to Delight Willing for her assistance!
~Susan Braun

Kathleen Alcalá



Kathleen Alcalá is the author of six books, including the story collection Mrs. Vargas and the Dead Naturalist, three novels, - Spirits of the Ordinary, The Flower in the Skull, and Treasures in Heaven, a collection of essays called The Desert Remembers My Name and The Deepest Roots: Find Food and Community on a Pacific Northwest Island. The Seattle

Times says that "Alcalá's life work has been an ongoing act of translation—not only between languages, but also between cultures. She has been building prismatic bridges not just between the Mexican and American cultures, but also across divides of gender, generation, religion, and ethnicity." Ursula K. LeGuin said of Kathleen's first collection, "This is a book of wonders. Each story unfolds with humor and simplicity and perfect naturalness into something original and totally unpredictable. The kingdoms of Borges and García Marquez lie just over the horizon, but this landscape of desert towns and dreaming hearts ... is Alcalá-land. It lies just across the border between Mexico and California, across the border between the living and the dead, across all the borders – a true new world."

In 2009 Kathleen was named an Island Treasure by the Bainbridge Island community. Read more about Kathleen here!
Other local authors are profiled on the Library's web page

Have You Seen This Library?

This is the second in a series of photo essays on the libraries of New York, collected by Kevin Manion, the new co-chair of the BPL CoFun Committee. We thank him for sharing his photography and fun facts about the many libraries of the great City of New York!

Chapter One - the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Library



When I lived in New York (up until 2013), the building that housed the large circulating collection at the corner of Fifth Avenue and 40th Street was called simply "the Mid-Manhattan Library," and was housed in a tired building that was in dire need of a refresh. Then, along came the Stavros Niarchos Foundation and the building was turned into a state-of-the-art library with a modern and welcoming airy feel. In addition to serving the vibrant mid-town community, the library can boast one of the best (free) views in the city.

From the Library web site:

The library is delighted to welcome you to the all-new Stavros Niarchos Foundation Library (SNFL), following a full-scale renovation that transformed NYPL's largest circulating branch into the library that New Yorkers need and deserve.

Visitors are now welcome to explore and use nearly all of the building's services and resources, including unlimited browsing, seating, computer access, the free publicly accessible rooftop terrace, and more. In-person programs and classes will begin to return this summer and expand over the coming months. <https://www.nypl.org/locations/snfl>



On a recent trip, I took a trek up to the rooftop terrace with some friends (several of which are librarians in New York), and we took in the scene. This was our second visit, our first thwarted by a storm that included lightning and an immediate clearing of the rooftop terrace by library security!

In addition to views of the neighboring Landmark NYPL Stephen A. Schwarzman Building Beaux Arts building at 42nd Street, visitors can take in the breathtaking architecture from a new vista, notably of The Knox Building (now an HSBC branch) – a gorgeous Beaux Arts building and location of “Knox the Hat Maker – Hat Maker to Presidents” which provided hats to US Presidents.

~ Kevin Manion



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



Bainbridge Public Library proudly participates in One Call for All. Look for your Red Envelope later this month and remember us when you give! (<https://onecallforall.org/bainbridge-public-library/>)

You can also give online at www.onecallforall.org.

Friends of the Library

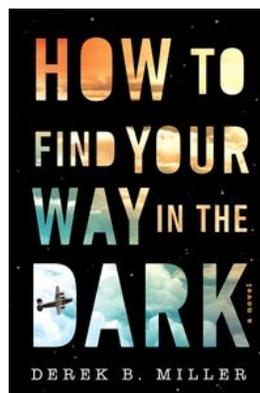
Book Sale



The Friends of the Library are having book sales on Sunday, November 7, 12-4; Thursday, November 11, 12-4; Sunday, November 28, 12-4; Sunday, December 5, 12-4; and Sunday, December 19, 12-4. The Friends' room can be accessed from its outside entrance. Attendees will be allowed in as space allows and must be masked. The time per visit is thirty minutes. Books are plentiful and the sale is a wonderful way to give back to ... and support the library! If you have any questions, please 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.

Books Worth Sharing!



How to Find Your Way in the Dark **By Derek Miller**

In this prequel to Miller's superb *Norwegian by Night*, we meet Sheldon Horowitz at age twelve, recovering from the murder of his father and adapting to life with his Uncle Nate and two teenage cousins. It's 1938 and Sheldon is consumed with desire for vengeance for his father's death. As he lurches toward adulthood with his best friend, Lenny, he encounters comedians in the Catskills, mafia hitmen, wacky accordion players, and a burning desire to defend his country. If you loved *Norwegian by Night* and *American by Day*, Miller's third book featuring Sheldon Horowitz will make you laugh out loud and wipe away tears as you share the coming of

age of this stunningly crafted character. Norwegian By Night is one of my all-time favorite novels and How to Find Your Way in the Dark just might be a close second.

~ 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 Native Food Forest Field Guide](#)
- [Bainbridge Island Senior/Community Center](#)
- [Bainbridge Youth Services](#)
- [BARN \(Bainbridge Artisan Resource Network\)](#)
- [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](#)

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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