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A beloved community treasure, Bainbridge Public Library is supported by generations of Islanders who value having such an important and wonderful resource close by.

Our heartfelt thanks to ALL our donors who made gifts in 2021 – whether in response to one of our fundraising letters or to appeals sent from One Call for All and Kitsap Great Give on our behalf. It takes a village to have our own island library! We are especially grateful to our newest legacy donors who have made provisions for estate gifts to benefit the library. Your support helps us maintain and operate our library home – a vibrant community space for all. Truly, we are the library that Bainbridge built! Thank you for your continued support and partnership in the year to come.

BPL Board members

Consider a Legacy Gift



With each commitment to make a legacy gift, an inscribed leaf is added to the Legacy Tree located in the library garden. We would like to include you, so please notify us if you have 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!

Happy New Year!

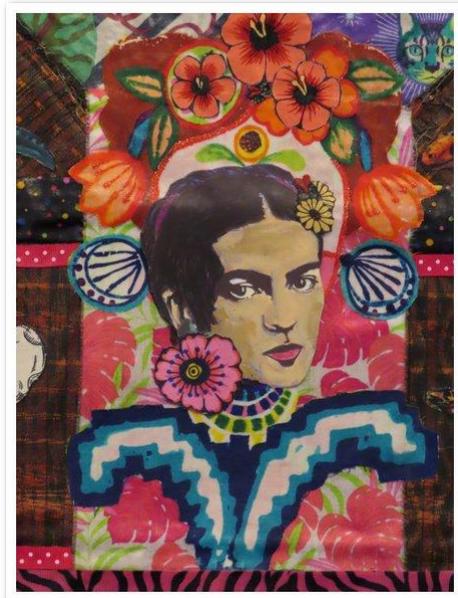
Celebrate the start of 2022 with art and First Friday Art Walk at your Bainbridge Public Library.

Our January artists, Philene Vaivods and Toni Foss, will host an opening reception on Friday, January 7, 5-7 pm for their exhibit titled "Playful Mixed Media and Watercolor Art by Two Bainbridge Island Friends."

ABOUT THE ARTIST... PHILENE VAIVODS

I have always enjoyed color, design, and creative art. As a child, I re-decorated my bedroom and my dollhouses frequently. It was fun dressing my dolls and paper dolls. While in college, majoring in anthropology, I also took classes in design and art history. Those classes have influenced my works. My work also reflects my interest in science, architecture, fashion, and culture. In the past 15 years I have expanded to mixed media. I love to create while listening to classical music. It is interesting to see how shapes become art using varying materials, textures, and colors. The Bainbridge Island art workshops I have taken were extremely helpful for collage design and composition. I enjoy the art community here. It gives me pleasure to see people smile when they view my work. My goal is to create Happy Art!

Frida's Anguish



ABOUT THE ARTIST... TONI FOSS

Toni is originally from South Pasadena, CA. She moved to Bainbridge from Gold Beach, OR. She enjoys watercolor painting, has a vivid imagination, and loves color, which are reflected in her paintings.

Birds Do It!



You can view this exhibit all of January during regular library hours and on the library website, bainbridgepubliclibrary.org.

Masks are currently required while visiting indoor public spaces. As always, thank you for supporting local artists and your Bainbridge Public Library.

(A portion of art sales are donated back to the library.)

~ Linda Meier, art coordinator

What's Up with Facilities?

Happy New Year, Library fans!

We hope everyone managed to create pleasant memories over the holidays to carry with them into the new year and beyond. One thing that lifts my spirit at this time of year is celebrating the Winter Solstice! Though it takes a few weeks to become perceptible, I get a bouncier spring in my step knowing the daylight hours are getting a little longer each day ☺!

The exciting news from the Facilities Team pertains to the Fern Garden gazebo. After carefully considering the proposals we received from numerous contractors, we are happy to announce the Board's decision to move forward with the repair and renovation project with Ponce Excavation Construction & Consulting (PECC). The project timeline is still under consideration, but it is fair to say we will have a renewed gazebo before the end of 2022! This project goes forward with a generous grant from the Bainbridge Community Foundation.

For those who are not familiar with the gazebo, here are some "Before" pictures:



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



Brrr! Will the BPL gardens survive the winter? It depends on the plants. What zone are they? We are Zone 8b but-it depends. Weather is so charismatic. It lures you into absolutes. Sometimes, the weather nosedives below our zones and we feel betrayed. Is that a death sentence for our tender, on the 'edge of the zone' plants? It depends. If the wintry weather is dry, without the benefit of snow, the plants can become desiccated, then it can be a death sentence. If we get the lovely deep snow that blankets the ground, plants can tolerate lower temperatures for a longer period. Like a nice down comforter. Well, that may be a bit of an exaggeration. I always hope for snow. I love the promise of snow. And if it gets down into the teen temperatures, it is best to be philosophical. If we lose a few plants, it is an opportunity to go shopping! To rummage through Bay Hay and Feed's and Bainbridge Gardens' treasures.

I am also reminded of other gardens that have faced debilitating temperatures. About thirty miles off the coast of Penzance are the Isles of Scilly. One of this group of islands is the home to Tresco Abbey Gardens. These islands are blessed with the modifying influence of the Gulf Stream. This allows plants that you usually only see on the slopes of volcanoes in Hawaii to survive in this extraordinary garden. This garden includes banksias, aeoniums, embbothriums, echiums and proteas.



The head gardener Mike Nelhams at the Abbey told of two events in the 20th Century that destroyed the gardens. The temperatures there rarely get below 50 degrees. Storms tore through the island in 1929 and one recent event was in 1987 when freezing weather destroyed 80% of the garden followed by a hurricane in 1990, just as the new plantings began to mature. When asked how they were able to recover, he said they were gifted plants from all over the world. It is always good to have gardening friends but rebuilding a 17-acre garden is truly a wonder.

While I really hope our library gardens survive unscathed, it may benefit us to realize that gardens are about change, opportunity, and renewal. Let Mr. Nelhams give us the courage to rebuild, replant if necessary, and let us not be discouraged. ~Lynn McIntyre

Showcasing Our Local Authors!

Wendy Hinman



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

Wendy Hinman is an adventurer, speaker, and the award-winning author of two books: *Tightwads on the Loose* and *Sea Trials: Around the World with Duct Tape and Bailing Wire*.

Tightwads on the Loose tells the story of her 34,000-mile voyage aboard a 31-foot sailboat with her husband. It has been called a "cult classic," admired for its unaffected style and refreshing humor, and named a Readers Favorite. *Sea Trials* details the harrowing round-the-world voyage of a family who must overcome a shipwreck, gun boats, mines, thieves, scurvy, and hunger to achieve their dream. It is a timeless story of grit and resilience. *Sea Trials* was named a Kirkus best book as well as a Foreword Review best book. As the Kirkus starred review describes, "her engaging narrative succeeds in capturing the thrills and frustrations of this intrepid family. Taking in remarkably far-flung destinations such as Christmas Island and the New Hebrides, this exhilarating book should appeal to any would-be explorer. Highly readable and sufficiently evocative to sense the scent of sea air in the pages." Read the full Kirkus review here: (<https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/wendy-hinman/sea-trials/>)

Hinman is a sought-after speaker who gives entertaining presentations throughout the country at libraries, community centers, and private clubs (as well as online). She writes articles for a variety of publications and reviews books for Foreword Reviews Magazine. She is currently at work on a historical novel. You can find her books at the library and at Eagle Harbor Book Company. For more information, please visit: www.wendyhinman.com.

Other local authors' profiles are on the [library's web page](#)

Have You Seen This Library?

This is the fourth 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 Four - The New York Society Library



The [New York Society Library \(NYSL\)](#) is the oldest cultural institution in New York City, founded in 1754 as a subscription library. During the time when New York was the capital of the United States, it was the de facto Library of Congress. Until the establishment of the New York Public Library in 1895, it functioned as the city's library as well. It has been patronized by a wide variety of literary and political figures, from George Washington to Wendy Wasserstein. Its special collections include books from the libraries of John Winthrop and Lorenzo Da Ponte. Since 1937, the library has been housed in the former John S. Rogers Mansion at 53 East 79th Street, the fifth location in its history. The library's collection of 300,000 volumes includes audio recordings and periodicals, as well as books on a broad range of subjects. It is open to the public for browsing and research but only members may borrow books or use the upper floors. The library is a non-profit organization supported primarily by its membership fees and endowment.

If you have photos and or stories of libraries that you would like to share email [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.

Nearly 20 percent of BPL's budget comes from One Call for All!

Friends of the Library

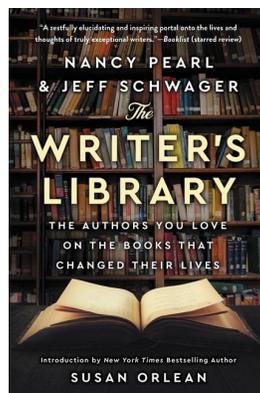
Book Sale



The Friends of the Library are having book sales on Sunday, January 9th, 12-4 pm; Monday, January 17th, 12-4 pm; and Sunday, January 30th, 12-4 pm. 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!



The Writer's Library
By Nancy Pearl and Jeff Schwager

In the foreword to this marvelous collection of interviews, Susan Orlean ponders a Senegalese saying that when someone dies, his or her library has burned. She muses that we are what we read and that what we glean from our lives with books becomes part of who we are for as long as we live. Librarian extraordinaire Nancy Pearl and journalist/playwright/editor Jeff Schwager have gathered interviews with twenty-three of America's most influential and widely read authors, asking them about the books that inspired them to pursue lives of writing. Not surprisingly, several of the authors were book children and have read voraciously all their lives. Many have librarians in their families. All eagerly shared their reading passions with Nancy and Jeff and provided reading lists! I love talking about books and the power of reading, and this eclectic insider's look into the reading lives of writers made me feel as though I were sitting right in the room as the interviews took place.

~ 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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