

June 2022 Newsletter

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## Summer is Coming - Help Our Library Bloom - Become A Legacy Donor!



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](mailto:legacy@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org). You can also visit the website, [bainbridgepubliclibrary.org](http://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.



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## Art in the Library!



Summer comes to the island.... and ferries are the featured image for our June artist, David Repyak who will host an opening reception for his exhibit titled "Transportation Connection", First Friday, June 3, 5-7PM in the library meeting room. The Art Exhibit features abstract oil paintings and landscape watercolors by Artist Educator, David Repyak, of [SHINEArtAcademy.com](http://SHINEArtAcademy.com)



This new series of paintings illustrates how we live, work, and play while aboard the WA State ferry transportation system. Also on exhibit are watercolor landscape paintings of scenes in and around the local harbors of Bainbridge Island.

You can view this exhibit all of June during regular library hours and on the library website, [www.bainbridgepubliclibrary.org](http://www.bainbridgepubliclibrary.org). And as always, thank you for supporting your Bainbridge Public Library and local artists. (A portion of sales is donated back to the library.)

~ Linda Meier, art coordinator

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## What's Up with Facilities?

Stealing an oft-heard phrase from the start of many events . . . **"AND THEY'RE OFF!!!"**

We are thrilled to share pictures of two major projects now in progress on the library grounds:

**THE FERN GARDEN GAZEBO - REPAIR AND RENOVATION**



The old, failing cedar shake shingles have been removed. A new plywood underlayment will be added on top of the existing layer; then a layer of tar paper followed by new, fire-resistant composite shingles. It will keep us dry for years to come!

We have eliminated the weather-damaged bottoms of the eight supporting posts, and, after treating the bottoms of the posts to extend their lives, filled the void with concrete piers, faced with river rock. There is still finish work to be completed that will really show off the colors of the rocks!

### **New, Expanded Mechanical Enclosures**

#### **...For Trash, Recycle, and Yard Waste**

The old weather-damaged enclosure on the south end of the building has been removed and will be replaced with two new enclosures that will accommodate all the totes and allow more efficient management of these containers.



#### **...For The Building's Heating and Cooling Equipment (HVAC)**

The old, weather-worn enclosure encircling the HVAC equipment on the east side of the building has been removed and is being replaced with a slightly expanded enclosure to include the emergency generator we added three years ago.



All the new enclosures incorporate design and construction techniques that will promote long-term viability in our northwestern Washington climate. Swing by to watch the progress on these much-needed improvements on our library facilities!

Care to learn more about 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](mailto:kipbankart@comcast.net) or by phone 206-931-0693.

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## Showcasing Our Local Authors! Dylan Tomine



*I've always been a huge library fan, with fond memories of riding my bike several times a week to the Public Library in Corvallis, Oregon, where I grew up. I checked out and returned so many books, I'd need to go home after school first to pick up the previous week's haul of books, then peddle downtown to the library. Rain or shine, the library was like an oasis to me, a place where I could dive into all kinds of stories and information and be so absorbed I'd often lose all track of time. So being included here is a real treat.*

*One of the truly fun experiences of publishing my first book, Closer to the Ground (which takes place here on Bainbridge) was going to the Bainbridge library with my kids and seeing it on the shelf there. Felt like I'd truly "made it."*

*My new book, Headwaters: The Adventures, Obsession and Evolution of a Fly Fisherman, just came out and I'm in the process now of promotion and publicity—as much as the pandemic world will allow. I'm really excited about this book. It started out as a simple collection of previously published fly fishing stories and fish-conservation essays, but early on, I realized that if the stories were arranged in chronological order, and if I boosted it with some new stories, it could show a kind of arc in consciousness over a 20-year writing career and a lifetime (so far) of fishing experiences. So I hope that comes through—how an angler's priorities, writing style and thinking change over time.*

*Of course, there's the issue of looking at stories I wrote decades ago and thinking, "Oh man, this is terrible!" So I worked long hours with a sympathetic editor to figure out how to best clean up the stories, make them better, without changing the style or the subject matter too much.*

*Thanks so much for reading this, and if you think of it, check out Closer to the Ground or Headwaters. I hope you like 'em!*

Bainbridge is home to many distinguished and hugely popular authors. In this 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

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

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## Have You Seen This Library?

This is the ninth 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 Nine - Jefferson Market Library



One of the great landmarks of the West Village, the [Jefferson Market Library](#), part of NYPL, is instantly recognizable by its gothic clock tower, gables, and embellishments. Originally a courthouse, the Jefferson Market Library has served the Greenwich Village community for over fifty years. The building, a New York City landmark, was designed by architects Frederick Clark Withers and Calvert Vaux (who also assisted in the design of Central Park) in a Victorian Gothic style. It was erected (along with an adjacent prison and market) during the years 1875-1877 and cost the city almost \$360,000. What the city got for its money, in addition to an architectural gem (it was voted one of the ten most beautiful buildings in America by a poll of architects in the 1880s) was a civil court (on the second floor, where the Adult Reading Room is now) and a police court (now the first-floor Children's Room). The beautiful brick-arched basement (now the Reference Room) was used as a holding area for prisoners on their way to jail or trial.

Scattered about the building were offices and chambers and looming above it all was - and is - the tower. A hundred feet above the ground, the firewatcher's balcony once commanded an uninterrupted view of Greenwich Village. The bell which summoned volunteer firefighters still hangs in the tower. It was opened as a branch of NYPL in 1967. The building has been the object of enormous preservation efforts over the years and is often mistaken for a church. Look closely, though, and you will see that the decorative art portrays scenes not from the Bible, but from Shakespeare instead.

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

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The CoFun Committee of BPL is looking for volunteers to assist with social media. If you have skills in Facebook and Instagram and would like to increase the library's impact in our community please contact Kevin Manion [kpmanion@gmail.com](mailto:kpmanion@gmail.com) or Brian McKenna [brian.emckenna@comcast.net](mailto:brian.emckenna@comcast.net). Time commitment is flexible, and creativity is greatly appreciated!

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## Friends of the Library

# Book Sale



The Friends of the Library are having book sales Sunday June 5 from 12-4, Thursday June 16 from 12-4, and Sunday June 26 from 1-4. To see future sale dates and times check our website at <https://www.bifriends.org> Books are plentiful, and the sale is a great way to support the library. If you have any questions, please sent us a message at [books4all@bifriends.org](mailto:books4all@bifriends.org).

Friends of the Library continue to welcome donations of books in clean, undamaged-saleable condition during open library hours. (Damaged books must be recycled at our expense) Small quantities can be left 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. There is a hand truck available. For questions about donations please send us an email. Please do not leave books outside or in the library drop box or request help from the library staff.

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## Books Worth Sharing!



**1979**  
**By Val McDermid**

McDermid's "pandemic novel" (written during lockdown) is the first in a new series starring Allie Burns, a journalist fresh out of college and struggling to make a name for herself on the staff of a Glasgow daily. She is struggling with the prejudices of the times. She is not seen as a hard-core journalist or a peer to her fellows. But her boss values her good instincts and she is lucky to have befriended a fellow reporter, Danny Sullivan. Together Danny and Allie work on two criminal cases that could make their careers. One involves financial misdeeds and Danny's brother and the other an attempt to involve the IRA in a plot against the Scottish move for independence. McDermid does a wonderful job of recreating the tenor of the time while introducing a new character with brains and grit. More Allie Burns please!

~ Susan Braun

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# 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](mailto: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](#)
- [Raising Resilience](#)

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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](http://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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