



We Give Thanks - To You!

As we start 2023, we'd like to publicly thank all our many donors and supporters who have contributed to Bainbridge Public Library during the past year.

At the center of our community, Bainbridge Public Library is dedicated to the idea that libraries matter. It's your generosity that sustains our library's building and grounds.

On a foundation of volunteer energy and support and in partnership with KRL, Bainbridge Public Library is a vibrant hub dedicated to the joy of reading, the discovery of ideas and the power of information. We're proud to report on the hard work that keeps our library home in tip top shape.

Happy New Year one and all. We hope to see you at the library soon!

Katherine Bolles,
BPL Board President

Art in the Library!

Happy New Year! Start 2023 out with art for your eyes in a creative exhibit by our January artist, Jon Waters. Jon will host a First Friday opening reception for his exhibit titled "Confabulated Plebeians" (full title to be disclosed on opening night) on January 6, from 5-7PM in the library meeting room.

"This revolutionary art incorporates the latest advances in artificial intelligence technology into its creative process, using massive AI models with billions of parameters, diffusion models, and chaotic combinatorials of language to visualize and generate ideas. This approach allows for the continuous refinement and evolution of initial creations, leading to the manifestation of specific goals and concepts of the artist. Sometimes, however, the artist may simply want to see where the AI's creations lead without any specific goal in mind."



"Jon has a natural inclination towards art that explores this and other complex relationships between humanity and technology, as well as the implications of artificial intelligence for consciousness and the nature of existence. His work often engages with themes related to the merging of human and machine, the possibilities of life after death, and the nature of reality itself. In many ways, his art can be seen as a reflection of the profound questions raised by science fiction classics like *The Matrix* and *The Truman Show*, as they explore the idea that we are constantly being watched and controlled by unseen forces."



You can view this exhibit during the month of January during regular library hours and on the library website, www.bainbridgepubliclibrary.org. A portion of sales are donated back to the library.

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

artists.

~ Linda Meier, art coordinator



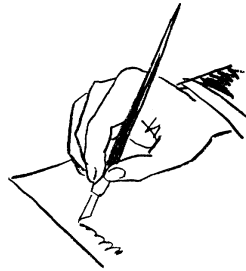
Showcasing Our Local Authors! Ann Lovejoy



In the early 1980s, when the style of most horticultural writing was formal and rather stiff, I was approached by Steve Lorton, then an editor for *Sunset Magazine*. After walking past my tiny Capitol Hill Garden, he suggested that I approach the *Seattle Weekly*, as the editors were looking for a gardening columnist. He also told me "Write just like you talk," and I took that advice. Within a year, I was invited by editors at Sasquatch Books, the *Weekly's* book publishing branch, to submit a collection of 52 essays on gardening. That book, *The Year in Bloom*, won the Governor's Book Award and an invitation to write for the *Seattle PI* and *Horticulture* magazine, among many others.

In 1985, we bought a venerable old farmhouse on Bainbridge with a huge garden, providing me with endless topics for magazine and newspaper

articles and books. Among my favorites were *Fragrance in Bloom*, a handbook on growing scented plants, and the *Fresh from The Garden* cookbook. A contribution to *Gardens of The World*, a companion volume to the PBS series, sent me on a dream trip to England to interview (and stay with!) the most famous gardeners of the day. Some 30 books and countless speaking engagements later, I'm happily retired, writing garden columns for the *Kitsap Sun*, a weekly blog (*Green Gardening with Ann Lovejoy*), and contributing to the Bainbridge Island Senior Community Center's *Splash!* newsletter.



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](#)

Have You Seen This Library?

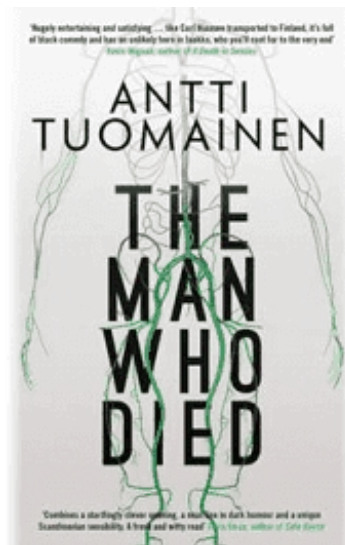


Need a quick charge for your phone? Tablet? Laptop? Pedal away and charge it at the Utrecht Public Library in the Netherlands. Opened in 2020 in a nearly 100 year old building in the city center, this is a warm and inviting space for reading, research and soaking up truly beautiful architecture! Thanks to Brian McKenna!



If you have a library that you would like to share email [Susan Braun](mailto:Susan.Braun@...).

Books Worth Sharing!



The Man Who Died **By Antti Tuomainen**

Scandinavian noir (think Stieg Larsson, Jo Nesbø, Arnaldur Indriðason, Jussi Adler-Olsen) is typically full of harsh language, brooding landscapes, disturbing hyperviolence, multiple violations against humanity, and torturously flawed central characters. But think again! Jaakko Kaunismaa, a 37-year-old mushroom entrepreneur, is told by his doctor that he is dying. His body is full of deadly toxins indicative of slow and intentional poisoning. As he comes to terms with this diagnosis, his life takes several more unexpected turns. As he grapples with his mortality, he is determined to solve this ultimate mystery. Who wants him dead? Why? How did they do it? How long does he have to find out? A significant part of Jaakko's journey is pure comedy; he encounters infidelity, competitors in the mushroom industry who are determined to kill him with giant swords and finds himself in several misadventures involving burying bodies, losing his clothes, and a whole lot more. This is an amazingly funny, tender, poignant, thoughtful, and hugely entertaining story by the award-winning king of Finnish Noir -- easily read in a single sitting!

~ Susan Braun



BPL is looking for volunteers to assist with social media and other fund raising and marketing activities. If you have skills in Facebook, Instagram, fund raising or other marketing areas and would like to increase the library's impact in our community please contact the library at ask@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org. Time commitment is flexible, and creativity is appreciated!



Friends of the Library

Book Sale



The Friends of the Library are having book sales Sunday, January 8, from 12-4; Thursday, January 19, from 12-4; and Sunday, January 29, from 12-4.

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.

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

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 Genealogical Society](#)
- [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 \(Bainbridge Artisan Resource Network\)](#)
- [Bloedel Reserve](#)
- [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](#)
- [Sustainable Bainbridge](#)

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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