



## Art in the Library!



"In like a lion, out like a lamb" they say, but you can be "At Play" with our March artist, Martha Rogers who will host a First Friday opening reception for her exhibit, Friday, March 3, 5-7PM in the library meeting room.

Here is what Martha says about her work:  
"Time together at play invigorates us." Anita Kunz

I am especially drawn to children playing and can watch their antics for hours. Children seem to have endless amounts of energy, optimism and creativity. To me play is invigorant and much more than exercise; it's exploring, discovering, make believing and even risk taking. Whether it's playing with a sibling, school friend, favorite pet or in a backyard tree it's time spent discovering the world around us. The rewards of play with one another cannot be replaced by a video game or zoom call. I had a very happy childhood growing up with my three siblings in Toronto, Canada. We lived across the street from a large park whose eastern edge gave way to an expansive ravine with an abandoned quarry and brickworks. We would often escape together early in the morning to explore this park and ravine only to return in time for dinner. Drawing and painting children at play invigorates me. It's a way to reconnect with my childhood. I certainly hope in looking at these paintings you too can connect with your inner child and find joy. "We

don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing." George Bernard Shaw



You can view this exhibit during the month of March during regular library hours and on the library website, [www.bainbridgepubliclibrary.org](http://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

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**From an Anonymous Legacy Circle Member**



“ I began reading at four in a budget-stretched home with few books. I tried to decipher cereal boxes, wrappers, anything with print. Finally, my mother took my brother and me to a magical building of rooms, the walls lined with shelves, the shelves jammed with books, even a special section with books for children. All were free to read, even to bring home. My mind exploded. I was hooked on libraries.

That was 70 years ago. Today, library services go well beyond books and offer something for everyone. Libraries have adapted to and embraced technology. They have evolved into dynamic community hubs of programs, events, and resources. They have responded to community needs. For example, in 2002, the Bainbridge Public Library nurtured a new organization, Field’s End, that years later became the BARN Writers’ Community. ”

**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](http://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](mailto:legacy@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org) to record your pledge.

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## What's Up with Facilities?

~ We're Lighting It Up at the Library! ~

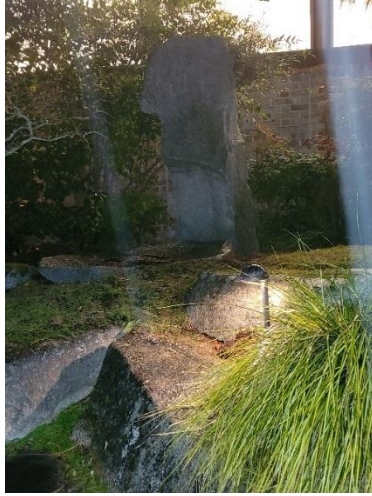
Greetings, Library Lovers!

Several of the projects the Facilities Team (consisting of BPL volunteers and KRL staff members) has engaged in recently have addressed improvements in the exterior lighting around our building. The following pictures and descriptions identify some of these projects:

**Nighttime lighting to highlight and honor:**



Our national flag, so it can fly 24/7



Subtle lighting in the Haiku Garden



Legacy Tree honoring donors naming BPL in their estates.

**Lighting to improve visibility and safety:**



Main entry and parking lot



Children's Library entrance



Garden pathway

**Happy Spring (almost) The days are getting longer so we must be getting there!**

There are many ways to donate to Bainbridge Public Library. Please go to our website (<http://bainbridgepubliclibrary.com/>) to learn more!

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](mailto:kipbankart@comcast.net) or by phone 206-931-0693.



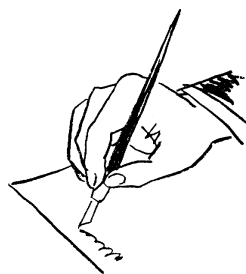
**Showcasing Our Local Authors!  
Margaret Millmore**



I grew up in Southern California and moved to San Francisco in the early 1990s with (my then boyfriend, now husband of 30+ years), Bryan. Although I had a successful career in the commercial real estate industry, I decided to resign in 2007 and pursue a lifelong dream of writing. Since that time, I have written seven supernatural fiction books and one time-travel book. My favorite of these is my Ghost Killer Series (What Haunts Me – Book 1, The Edge of the Cemetery – Book 2, and What Hunts Me – Book 3). The Ghost Killer series was inspired by a dream my husband had. When he told me about his dream, I was in the throes of finishing up my novel, *The Dragonfly Door*, so I filed it away for later. Over the course of the next several months, the idea simmered and developed in my subconscious and when I sat down to write the first book, it practically wrote itself.

By 2015, “big city life” was beginning to sour at a rapid pace, and we began to look for a more tranquil place to call home. On our first visit to Bainbridge Island in late 2016, we knew we’d found our forever home, less than a year later we made the move. Before, during and after the move, I had been working on the third Ghost Killer book and by the time it was finished, I was a bit burned out on novel writing, so I decided to start a blog about Bainbridge (not just to learn more about the island, but to meet new people as well). It began as a hobby, but within a year it had begun to grow, and has been growing exponentially ever since. In early 2021, long-time islander, Kevin Dwyer joined the blog as my co-writer. Today *The Island Wanderer Blog* publishes three to seven articles per week covering everything from events, features on businesses, artists of every genre, interesting people, organizations and much more. In addition to the blog, I write a monthly artist feature for AHB’s *Currents Online*.

Someday I hope to continue writing the Ghost Killer series, but for now I’m loving all the amazing people and things that I learn about every day writing *The Island Wanderer*.



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?



It is the Nightingale Branch Library in New Zealand! The first library in Tāhunanui was housed in a cupboard at the back of the Town Hall when Tāhunanui was administered by a Town Board. By the 1930's it was apparent that, due to a growing population, this arrangement was inadequate. When Nellie Nightingale died in July 1943 she left funding for 'a library and rest room' to be known as 'Nightingale Library Memorial' to be erected in Tāhunanui. It was not until 1978 that sufficient funds from the bequest had grown to build the library. Thanks to Librarian John Fossett for sharing the sights of his New Zealand trip with us!

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

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## Books Worth Sharing!



**Snow**  
**By John Banville**

Detective Inspector St. John Strafford has been summoned from Dublin to Ballyglass House, home to the aristocratic Osbornes, in County Wexford to investigate a murder. The local priest has been found in the library, stabbed

and castrated. It is 1957 and Ireland is still ruled by the Vatican's iron will, so the Archbishop is understandably anxious to keep the matter out of the press ...and the courts if possible. That DI Strafford is a Protestant, raised in an equivalently grand house, is not lost on anyone, so any local with any information is not eager to share. The Osbornes are a powerful, secretive bunch, and their relationship to the late priest is circumspect, mostly involving horses and riding to hounds. The priest was a bit of a social climber, enjoying the status of association with the local aristocrats. But the Osbornes are not what they seem. As Strafford proceeds, he learns that the second Mrs. Osborne is under the constant "care" of the local doctor, the kids are unsupervised, and the patriarch is clueless. The housekeeper appears to be running the show. So who killed the priest and why was he at Ballyglass House that fateful night? Snow has all the trappings of the classic country house murder and Irish mystery master Banville is at his best as he weaves modern touches into this deeply atmospheric tale, both eerie and chucklingly humorous. If you're not a fan of Banville already, you soon will be. He's a highly accomplished writer with a prodigious backlist.

~ 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](mailto:ask@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org). Time commitment is flexible, and creativity is appreciated!

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## Friends of the Library

# Book Sale



The Friends of the Library are having book sales Sunday, March 5, from 12-4; Thursday, March 16, from 12-4; and Sunday, March 26, 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](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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## 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 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](#)

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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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