

April 2023 Newsletter

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## Art in the Library!

April brings a completely different presentation for our library art. Matthew Inman of The Oatmeal will offer his exhibit titled "I'm a cartoonist. I live on Bainbridge Island. I hate Frog Rock." for your enjoyment and conversation. First Friday opening reception on April 7, 5-7PM for art, games, puzzles, doodles and some Q and A.



**Show Description:** I've been publishing comics on my website since 2009. Every few years, I compile these comics into books, such as the #1 *New York Times* Bestselling book *How to tell if your cat is plotting to kill you.* I also make card games, such as *Exploding Kittens* and *Throw Throw Burrito.* Right now, I'm making an animated TV series at Netflix.



The exhibit will be available for viewing during regular library hours all of April.....but without the games, doodles, puzzles and Matthew in person!

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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## Legacy Circle Members Kami Amestoy Lee and Margot Amestoy Antinoja



One of our earliest memories of growing up in Los Angeles – and certainly one of the most treasured – was our weekly trip to the Palms Library. Compared to libraries today, it was small and dark. The children’s section was on the left and my sister and I were allowed to take out 10 books a week. How we looked forward to library day when we’d stop on the way home from school and be allowed to read and browse until we’d chosen the week’s supply of books. Margot and I both started reading at an early age and quickly moved to the adult, i.e. no pictures, book section. East of the Sun and West of the Moon and The Blue Fairy Tale Book were favorites, along with the Greek and Roman myths. To this day, both of us are avid readers and a trip to the library – or the local bookstore – remains a treat.

Our mother, Helen Monnette Amestoy, was a voracious reader and always had a book by her bedside and a different one in her purse. She read whenever she could steal a moment - while the gas station attendant was filling the tank, or she was waiting in line at the bank. While we were in high school, she went back to school and was a graduate of UCLA's first library school class.

Her career spanned 25 years with the Los Angeles County Public Library, the last 22 as Senior Librarian in Charge of one of the branch libraries. On her retirement she was honored formally with a congressional salute and a commendation from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors recognizing her as a model and inspiration, an outstanding community leader, who was professionally distinguished at the state and national level and honored to be named as the Los Angeles County Public "Librarian of the Year."

When we think of Momie, as we called her, we think of books and vice versa, so leaving a growing legacy to the Bainbridge Library was an obvious and pleasurable way to honor her memory.

**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?



Greetings, Library Lovers!

Despite the absence of photos this month, your Facilities Committee is working hard to nail down the schedule of several projects that will occur this

year. Our goal is to minimize the disruption to our patrons and the KRL staff who do such a great job providing the library services we all appreciate so much. We will try to coordinate the projects, where possible, to take place simultaneously.

Items on our list include:

- Updating the elevator control systems
- Updating the smoke and fire detection panel
- Refreshing the main floor meeting room (Fresh paint; upgrade the art display system)
- Seal and re-line the parking lots

We will surely report the schedule of events as they become clear. And as always, we appreciate the support and patience of you, our fellow library lovers!

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.

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## Showcasing Our Local Authors! Paul Merriman



We are fortunate to have Paul Merriman, a nationally recognized authority on personal finance, live and teach on Bainbridge Island. Paul has written a number of books on personal financial management, and he's had a PBS special "Financial Fitness after 50." He continues his efforts in financial education. Here on our island, he has given several different series of courses, and his next one runs from March 30 through April. To continue his commitment to sharing his knowledge about finance, Paul offers us free copies of his "We're Talking Millions."

### **"How investing really works:**

Most people I talk to about investing think the results they get will depend on the market. Mostly, they are wrong.

Sure, the market will make a difference. But your ultimate results will depend mostly on what you do and what you don't do.

Your habits and the way you manage your emotions and expectations are the key.

The most successful investors I know make it a point of pride to regularly save money and spend less than they could spend. They don't expect miraculous stock-market returns to make up for their own lack of planning or discipline.

They are careful to ignore the constant messages from Wall Street and the financial media suggesting that financial nirvana is right over the horizon if you only have the right stock, the right fund, the right manager.

Perhaps most powerful of all, successful investors understand some grade-school math: The sooner you start saving money, the better your results will be.

When I talk to people who want to improve their investment returns, here are four of the things I recommend most often. Each one is what I call a million-dollar decision.

ONE: Reduce your routine investment expenses. This is easy (see #3 below) and guaranteed to improve your return.

TWO: Reduce your taxes. For many people, this is also easy (see #3 below). And this is guaranteed to leave more of your returns for you.

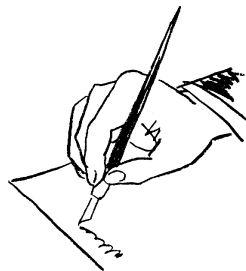
THREE: Ditch actively managed funds and instead invest in low-cost index funds. This lets you inexpensively and easily own a slice of everything that's in "the market."

FOUR: Add equities. Replacing even 10% of your portfolio with a small-cap value fund can boost your lifetime return by \$1 million or more – especially if you start early.

You'll find these and other million-dollar ideas in **We're Talking Millions! 12 Simple Ways to Supercharge Your Retirement.** [Get your free copy.](#)

*Here's another excellent idea: Sign up for this year's [Financial Education Series](#) sponsored by the Bainbridge Community Foundation, starting March 30."*

~ Paul Merriman



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?



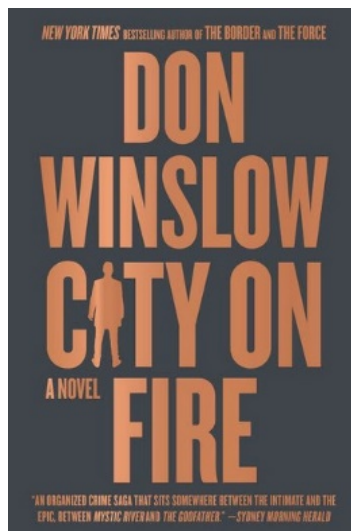
It is the main library of Oslo Public Library! The library originally opened on 12 January 1785 following an endowment from Carl Deichman, who also bequeathed 7,000 books and 150 manuscripts which formed the basis of the library's collection. The library's new main building, Deichman Bjørvika, is in the Bjørvika district of Oslo, next to the Opera and the new Munch Museum, part of the Fjord City renewal project. It was designed by architectural firms Lundhagem and Atelier Oslo. Deichman Bjørvika opened to the public on 18 June 2020. Deichman Bjørvika has won several awards, including the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions / Systematic Public Library of the Year award. The building will also hold manuscripts contributed to the Future Library project, among them texts by Margaret Atwood and David Mitchell.

It employs over 300 people, and the public library system has over 20 branches throughout the city. Registered users may use the library every day, even when it is not staffed, from 7am to 11pm. It is also possible to borrow and return books when the library is not staffed. One of the most prized books in the library's collection is the Vulgate bible of Aslak Bolt (1430–1450), Norway's only preserved liturgical handwritten manuscript from medieval times. The book itself is estimated to have been written around 1250.

If you have a library that you would like to share email [Susan Braun](mailto:Susan.Braun@oslo.kommune.no).

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## Books Worth Sharing!



**City on Fire**  
**By Don Winslow**

Do you miss The Sopranos? The Godfather? Read everything by Dennis Lehane, Elmore Leonard, James Elroy? If so, you've got to read *City on Fire*. Set in Providence, R.I and environs, it is the story of the Murphys and the Morettis, who own the area and mostly maintain a delicate balance of making money and keeping the peace until a beautiful woman changes everything. First in a new trilogy, it is a "masterwork of mob fiction." Gritty, compelling, and full of richly layered characters whose relationships are taut and fragile. Those characters who manage to survive this book promise to carry the story forward with intensity and high drama.

~ 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 Thursday, April 6, from 12-4; Sunday, April 16, from 12-4; and Sunday, April 30, 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](#)

But wait! There's more! Do you know about [Bainbridge Island Resource Directory \(BIRD\)](#)? It is another great source for valuable community resources!

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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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