

October 2023 Newsletter

Art in the Library!



Fall into autumn with our October artist Gregg Onewein who will host his exhibit titled "Paleo-Logic" with a First Friday opening, Friday October 6, 5-7PM in the library meeting room.

Gregg's statement:

"I retired a few years ago after 30 years of teaching history, art, photography and wood shop/boatbuilding at a Seattle public alternative high school. I continue to do many of the same tags now without getting paid... wait a minute! I have been an off and on artist most of my life and hope to provide visual entertainment of a good value. I have done everything from illustration to printmaking to murals. I would be happy to discuss commission work...and I charge less than your plumber."

You can view this exhibit for the month of October during regular library hours.

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

~ Linda Meier, art coordinator



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.



Island Theatre Presents

a two-session (8 hours total)
Ten-Minute Playwriting Workshop
October 1 and October 8
9:00 – 1:00 both days
held at the Bainbridge Public Library

Back by popular demand! Island Theatre is excited to present a ten-minute playwriting course led by professional playwright and teacher Kristina Sutherland Rowell. Kristina taught this course for Island Theatre in 2019 and participants asked us to bring her back for more. So now, with the pandemic behind us, we're doing just that.

This two-session, 8-hour course is for new and seasoned playwrights alike. Students will learn and experiment with the core fundamentals of playwriting while focusing on the ten-minute play format. You'll discuss and debate what makes a "good" ten-minute play. And through a series of timed exercises and

group games, you'll create characters, write dialogue, and share your work out loud in a fast-paced, inclusive, safe, and fun environment. Class size is limited to 15 so that each student receives personal attention.

This course is perfect for anyone who wants to submit a play for Island Theatre's 2024 Ten-Minute Play Festival, learn the fundamentals of playwriting, or brush up their playwriting skills.

Sunday, October 1, 9:00-1:00 AND Sunday, October 8, 9:00-1:00 (8 hours total)

Cost: \$120

Location: Bainbridge Public Library, 1270 Madison Ave N., Bainbridge Island

To register, go to www.islandtheatre.org/writingworkshop2023

About the instructor: Kristina Sutherland Rowell

Kristina is a playwright and teaching artist with over 20 years of professional teaching experience. She has led playwriting courses for adult learners at ACT Theatre, Seattle Repertory Theater, and Macha Monkey Productions and has taught hundreds of beginning to advanced playwriting students. She is the author of several critically acclaimed plays including *With Dignity*, *Thebes* and *Franklin and Figaro*. Her play *Nancy, Frank, and Joe*, co-written with Desiree Prewitt, was nominated for the Steinberg/ATCA New Play Award in 2010.

About Island Theatre. Island Theatre provides high-quality theater in intimate settings for adults who like to think. Our regular schedule includes Island Theatre at the Library— staged dramatic play-readings at the Bainbridge Public Library; Island Theatre at Your House ("YoHo")—potluck play-readings in private homes at which guests are welcome to read a part; and the annual Island Theatre Ten Minute Play Festival, a showcase of original short plays by Kitsap playwrights in live, fully-staged, multi-day performances featuring dozens of local actors and directors.

Run entirely by volunteers, Island Theatre is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization supported by patron donations, the Bainbridge Community Foundation, the City of Bainbridge Island Cultural Fund, Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island, and One Call for All.

More information is at www.IslandTheatre.org.

Coming Soon Bainbridge Public Library Garden Fund



Libraries are repositories of knowledge and places for reflection, connection,

and learning.

In addition, our Bainbridge Public Library is surrounded by a unique landscape that introduces us to the aesthetic of Japanese gardens, the beauty of haiku poetry, the profusion of fern species, and the glory of flowering plants and shrubs.

It is also a home dedicated to stories—the ones written by the authors of the books on its shelves and the personal stories of people who are treasured in our community and who in turn have treasured the Bainbridge Public Library. A long-standing way to pay tribute to these special people has been to make a remembrance gift to BPL in their honor.

This new Garden Fund has been established to make these remembrances visible to our community and help us to care for our lovely library grounds. A gift of \$500 or more to this fund will commission a small plaque placed on an art piece designed and fabricated by local artist and library supporter, Dick Strom. These plaques will hang as lasting tributes—mementos of the ongoing Bainbridge Public Library story.

Watch for this beautiful art piece to be unveiled during October. It will be located near the BPL Legacy Tree. Information about contributing to the Garden Fund will be available at the library or call (206) 866-1250 (message line) and leave your contact number. Thank you for your support of the library gardens.



Your Facilities Team

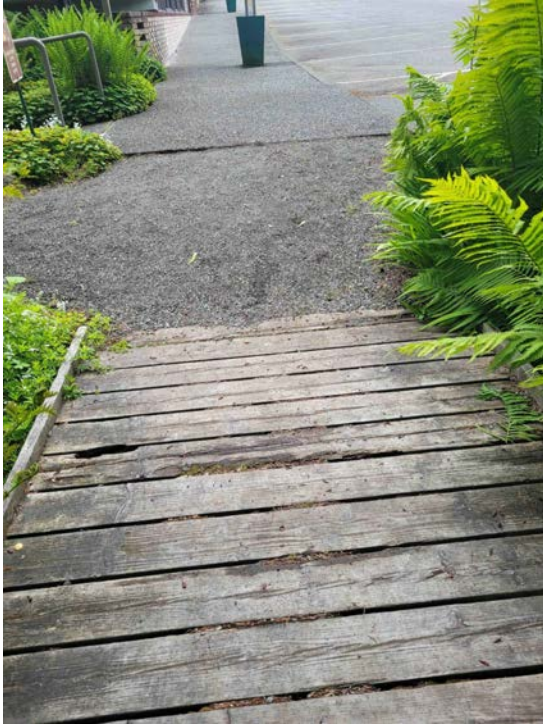
Greetings, Library Lovers!

Taking advantage of the dry weather as we make the slow, but steady march into autumn, our Facilities efforts have focused on the outdoors. Two projects in particular:

Renovate and Resurce the Fern Garden Bridge

Before:

Almost Finished!



BPL is sincerely thankful for the design and generous workmanship of BARN woodworking craftsman, David Grant, on the bridge renovation.

Relocation and Surface Refinishing of Cedar Bench:

Originally installed in the Haiku Garden, it was determined a better location would be in the Fern Garden on the eastside of the library. The bench was relocated and additional work to preserve the top surface of the bench was done by bench-creator, David Kotz.





Again, we can't say it enough . . . thank you to our donors who help make it possible to keep our library the vibrant, comfortable, up-to-date facility we all love, and to all our patrons for their support and patience. And now, here we go into fall! Woo-hoo!

~ *Kip Bankart*

Become a Legacy Circle Member

You 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, 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 to record your pledge.



Showcasing Our Local Authors!

Megan Chance



Megan Chance is the bestselling, critically acclaimed author of several novels. Her novel *Bone River* was an Amazon Book of the Month, *A Drop of Ink* was an Editor's Choice from the Historical Novel Society, and *An Inconvenient Wife* was an IndieNext pick. Critics love the work of Megan Chance. Booklist calls her writing "Provocative and haunting." "Magical," says The Kitsap Sun. "Stellar characterization, terrific dialogue," praises Publishers Weekly. "Impossible to stop reading," raves the Seattle Times. In addition to her historical fiction novels, *A Dangerous Education*, *A Splendid Ruin* (2021), *A Drop of Ink* (2017) *The Visitant* (2015), *Inamorata* (2014), *Bone River* (2012), *City of Ash* (2011), *Prima Donna* (2009), *The Spiritualist* (2008), *An Inconvenient Wife* (2004) and *Susannah Morrow* (2002), Ms. Chance is the author of the young adult *Fianna Trilogy*, short stories, and eight historical romance novels. Her novels have been translated into several different languages. She is also a popular workshop speaker whose speaking credits include the Pacific Northwest Writers Conference, Romance Writers of America National Conference, Edmonds Write on the Sound Conference, the Assistance League, Timberland Regional Libraries, and many others. Ms. Chance was born in Columbus, Ohio, and moved to Washington State as a girl. She is a graduate of Western Washington University. Megan Chance lives in the Pacific Northwest.

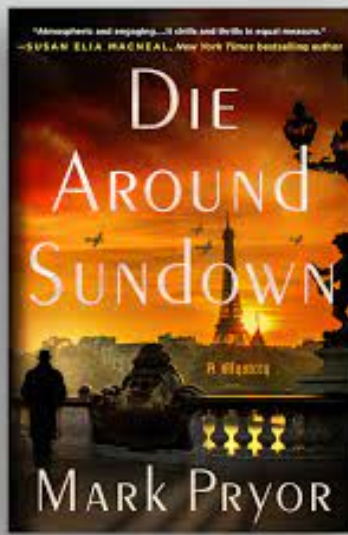


Bainbridge is home to many distinguished and hugely popular authors. In this column, we will profile a local author each month. Many will already be favorites, but we may just introduce you to a new author whose profile will send you right to the library to pick up a new read! Happy reading and thank you to Delight Willing for her assistance!

~ Susan Braun

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

Books Worth Sharing



Die Around Sundown
By Mark Pryor

In German-occupied Paris of 1940, Inspector Henri Lefort has been given just five days to solve the murder of a German major that took place in the Louvre Museum. Blocked from the crime scene as well as access to any real clues, but given a list of German-supplied suspects, Henri must use his wits. He encounters a psychoanalyst trained by Freud and a web of artists, including Pablo Picasso, who know more than they are willing to share. Faced with impossible odds, utterly cruel German officers, and a ticking clock, Lefort's case is atmospheric, engaging and keeps readers of the edge of their seats. Fans of WWII mysteries will find this darkly comic and tightly plotted tale (book one of a new series) full of historical intrigue and wonderful descriptions of Paris.

~ Susan Braun

Have You Seen This Library?



Photo credits Pamela Williams

It is the Camden, Maine Public Library. The first library established in Camden was known as the Federal Society's Library and was started in 1796 with a collection of 200 books. At that time, Camden was a very small town consisting of 15 houses centered around the harbor. The Federal Society's Library operated for 34 years until the books were sold at auction.

Several years later, in 1854, the Ladies' Library Association opened in Mrs. Jesse Hosmer's house on Wood Street. The library later moved to the second floor of the Camden National Bank building and remained at this location until the disastrous fire of 1892 that destroyed the Camden business district.

On March 23, 1896, the citizens of Camden voted to establish a free public library to be known as the Camden Public Library. The proud townspeople of Camden raised the money to build this library through various fundraising efforts. No assistance was provided by library philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. Mary Louise Curtis Bok donated the land for the library in 1916. Parker Morse Hooper and Boston architect Charles G. Loring offered building plans. The cornerstone was laid on August 17, 1927, and the library opened its doors on June 11, 1928, with Miss Katherine W. Harding serving as the first librarian.

In 1996 the library underwent a great expansion under the south lawn. The opening of this Centennial Wing allowed the library to accommodate larger collections and computer-based technology without compromising the scenic or historic value of the original building. Today the library is a true treasure of the coast of Maine and is a testament to the pride and determination of the residents of Camden.

If you have a library you would like to highlight in our newsletter, email [Susan Braun](mailto: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, October 1, from 12-4; Thursday, October 12, from 12-4;
Sunday, October 22, 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 send 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 from the library staff.

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](#)

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

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.
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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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