

July 2024 Newsletter



Art in the Library!

Celebrate America's birthday with art instead of fireworks!! Our July artist, Ann-Marie Sargent will host an opening reception for her exhibit, July 7, 5-7PM in the library meeting room.

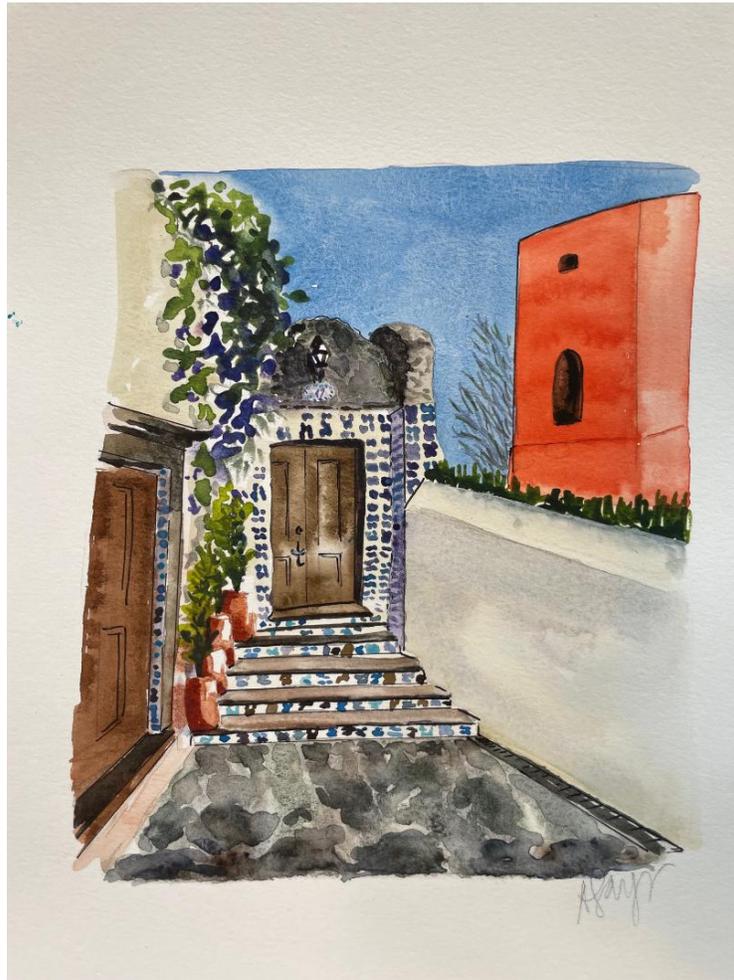


Here is her description of her work:

"Anne-Marie started watercolor painting in her early 40s. After an anniversary trip to Orcas where she tried to paint the cabin and made its roof float over the garden, she started studying drawing, too. She found

Sketchbook Skool online, started keeping sketchbooks and drawing a little bit each day, and began to see more success with her paintings. Anne-Marie particularly enjoys drawing on location, including while commuting, traveling, and around Bainbridge, capturing scenes and memories in a "sketch journal." The paintings on display are scenes she has photographed, places she has visited, and flowers from her garden and neighborhood.

Anne-Marie teaches classes for the Bainbridge Parks Department. Her students appreciate her encouragement and emphasis on the process and pleasure of painting, and not worrying about making "mistakes." She has been impressed with the remarkable talents of so many of her students who have taken on the challenge of enjoying what she has found to be a wonderful way to relax and to relate to the world around us."



You can view this exhibit during regular library hours (unless a program is happening) all month. A portion of sales are donated to the library. www.bainbridgepubliclibrary.org.

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

~ Linda Meier, art coordinator

Facilities Report



In the gardens, the Friday Tidies and our garden crew have been exceedingly busy relocating plants that were along the Madison Ave sidewalk so they would avoid damage during the construction to improve safety along this busy thoroughfare that serves as a major pedestrian and bicycle route to downtown and our large, multi-school complex. In the fall the gardens team plans to add substantial new plantings. This, of course, is in addition to managing the ongoing, seasonal management of the gardens which are currently burgeoning with spring and summer growth!

To fulfill the intention of making the Fern Garden on the eastside of the library property an educational venue as well as enchanting garden to spend time in, garden designer and philanthropist John Van den Meerendonk and his loyal volunteers (John and Kathy) have begun to place clear plastic rods with labels that identify the more than 100 varieties of ferns planted in this renowned garden. Enhance your adventure into horticultural knowledge by learning the names of these magical plants as work your way through the garden!

Enjoy your summer days by spending some time at your library!

~ *Jim McKeever*



Showcasing Our Local Authors - Jon Mooallem



My family and I have lived on Bainbridge for nine years, though my wife grew up on the island, so I visited regularly for many years before that. (I'm not trying to masquerade as some kind of old-timer; I'm just telling you, my story.) The first time I came to Bainbridge, an hour or two after arriving, I was eating noodles at my in-laws' house and saw a bald eagle streak right past the window. I dropped my chopsticks and freaked out. (I'm from New Jersey.) All these years later, I still appreciate bald eagles, but part of me is also like a big whoop.

One evening in August 2005, my brother-in-law and I were walking past Winslow Green, when a person walking a dog approached us from the opposite direction. The dog was a curly haired, grayish-white, medium-sized terrier type of dog. We were in the middle of a conversation and kept walking as normal. But then came a beat of silence, as we both registered what we'd just seen. We turned to each other and went: Wait, did that dog have two sets of eyes? (Paraphrasing.)

Since then, I've often wondered about that dog. Did it have two sets of eyes? (The eyes--since people are often curious about this part--were in sets of two, stacked in parallel, one above the other. Lots of people also ask whether we were on drugs that night. We were not!)

Anyway, it seems to me that a dog with two sets of eyes would have made an impression on many other islanders during its lifetime. Recently, I was thinking about that dog again and finally got up the courage to ask. But I don't really use Facebook and, frankly, I'm afraid of posting anything on the community Facebook page anyway. So, when they asked me to write something for the library newsletter, a plan clicked into place.

Please understand I'm not passing judgment on the dog, and I don't want anything from it or its owners. I just want to know. And I guess I'm willing to suffer through whatever snickering, eye-rolling and dumb and/or hurtful jokes readers of this newsletter might make at my expense in exchange for an opportunity to learn the truth. I am sincere in my curiosity.

You can contact me through my website, jonmooallem.com. While there, you can also learn about my career as a journalist and the three books I've published—which is no doubt what they expected me to write about here, instead of the dog.

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

Go to bainbridgepubliclibrary.org for more info on local authors.

With Each Leaf, a Promise and an Inspiration



Just as tree roots embed themselves in our garden, sustaining life, nurturing growth--the leaves on our Legacy Tree hold out the promise that Bainbridge Public Library will endure into the future. Each leaf represents the pledge of a gift to the BPL from an estate. Each leaf signifies a love of community and the belief that libraries matter.

Please notify us if you have made provisions in your estate plan to leave a legacy gift. If you would like more information about making a legacy gift leave a message at 206-866-1250 or at legacy@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org. Or visit the BPL website,

bainbridgepubliclibrary.org and click on A Lasting Legacy under the Support BPL tab to download a Donor Intention Form. We'd be pleased to thank and honor you now!

Bainbridge Public Library Garden Fund Honoring Special People

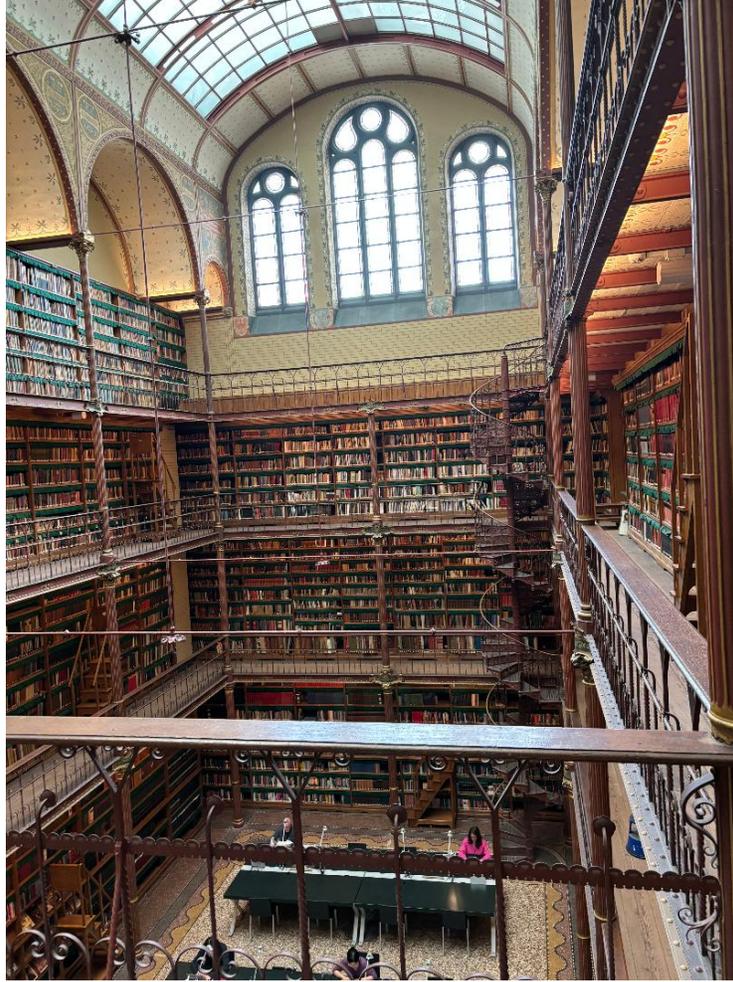


Created by Island artist Dick Strom and erected by volunteers from BPL's Facilities and Garden Committee, the metalwork mural is located near the Legacy Tree on the south side of the library building. Nameplates below the mural will recognize honorees in whose names gifts were made to the fund. The minimum donation for a nameplate is \$500.

For information about making contributions to the BPL Garden Fund, visit our website at bainbridgepubliclibrary.org or leave a contact number at 206-866-1250 (message line).

Thank you for your continued support of our community's library home.

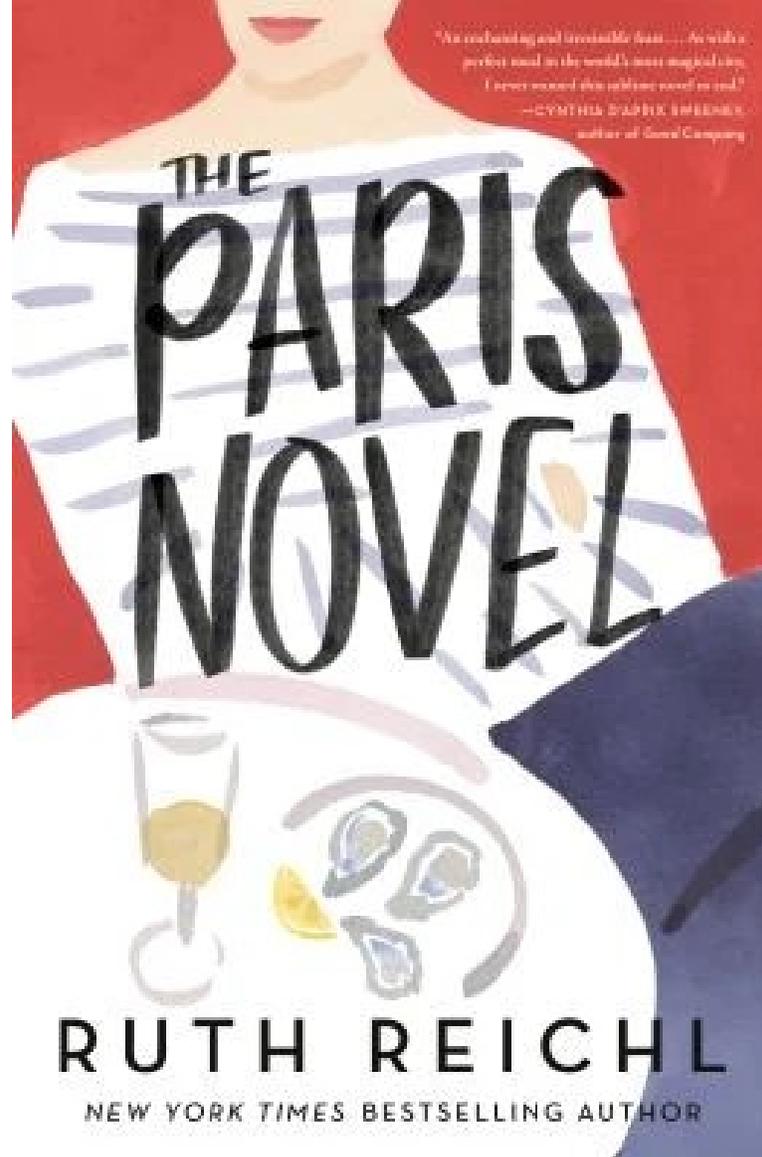
Have You Seen This Library?



It is the Research Library of the Rijksmuseum, the largest and oldest public art history research library in the Netherlands. The library, also known as the Cuypers Library, opened in 1885 jointly with the rest of the Rijksmuseum. It was designed by Pierre Cuypers, a Dutch architect famous for his neo-gothic style. When designing the library, Cuypers strived to create "a space with a sense of grandeur, which appears larger than it is." The reduced size of the support points at the top and the bottom create the illusion of greater height and grant the entire space a loftier appearance, thus achieving Cuypers' objective. The profile of the library collection parallels that of the museum. The online catalogue contains over 400,000 monographs, 3,400 periodicals and 90,000 art sales catalogues.

If you have photos of Libraries or Museums you would like to share, please email [Susan Braun](mailto:Susan.Braun).

Books Worth Sharing



The Paris Novel
By Ruth Reichl

Stella's inheritance from her estranged mother is a bit of money, a one-way plane ticket, and a note telling her to go to Paris. Far out of her comfort zone, she slowly explores this wonderful city, living frugally and cautiously until she meets an octogenarian art collector who takes her under his wing and guides her through the culinary, literary, and artistic delights of Paris. As the weeks unfold, Stella thrives on decadent meals, becomes a regular at the famed Shakespeare & Company bookstore, buys the dress of her dreams, and helps to solve the hundred-year-old mystery of a famous painting. Deeply reminiscent of Reichl's memoir *Save Me the Plums*, Stella's Paris life includes several of Reichl's real-life escapades. This second novel by former NYTimes and Gourmet Magazine editor Ruth Reichl is a charming homage to food, family, and all things French! It is a joyous read.

~ 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



Friends of the Library book sales will be on:

Thursday, July 11, from 12-4, Sunday, July 21, 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 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!

A Special Partnership

- **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.



"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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