



Art in the Library!

Autumn leaves falling by our windows, the return of NW drizzle and there is always art!

Our October artist, Michael Pontieri hosts an opening reception to his solo exhibition titled **"The Real-Life Paintings of a Reluctant Robot Trainer"** for First Friday Art Walk, October 4, 5-7PM in the library meeting room. Here is the artist's statement in his own words:

"Painting is dead. I must have heard that sometime in the eighties when I was in college but being a painter, I must have ignored it, put it in the back of my head. It had died in the sixty's or maybe the early 70's. It was replaced by shocking one liners contained in an array of monofilament or sometimes an old dirty sock and later just by ideas uncontained by form. I heard it again sometime in the last decade uttered online by a disgruntled painter loosely associated with another painter that I was loosely associated with, and I thought well, maybe that is so but I have a lot of canvas, paint, material for stretcher bars and frames, and even monofilament. There is also a certain momentum to it. Now there is a resurgence if not a resuscitation or resurrection of not exactly painting, yet of images of paintings that robots like, if that is the word, to mash up and recombine like a cyber truck running over a seven fingered toddler with shark teeth."



Rider in the Rain



A Day in the Forum

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



Bainbridge Public Library proudly participates in One Call for All. Look for your Red Envelope later this month and remember us when you give!

Facilities Report

First Up – Solar Research

A big Thank You! to those who responded to our “Shout-Out for Help” regarding our investigation into the feasibility of installing solar panels on the library’s roof! Members of our Facilities Team attended the Electrification Expo on September 14th at Woodward Middle School to learn what we could from solar experts as well as community members who have had first-hand experience with the process. We found the Expo to be a valuable source of information as well as an opportunity to initiate further discussions with those in the field. Our team continues its research into this intriguing opportunity!

Signs Refreshed!

We recruited local artist, Molly Brahmer, to refresh the paint on several of the library’s entry points; specifically, the wooden sign leading to the Children’s Library, and the two etched boulders at the Madison Ave and High School Rd entrances to the library’s parking lots.





A Shout-Out for Help (take two!)

Our BPL Facilities Committee is looking to recruit a person(s) who has knowledge and experience in the current world of adding solar panels to existing buildings. This would include familiarity with local, state, and federal guidelines, incentives, and codes. They will work with the members of the Facilities Committee to:

- prepare a project description.
- identify and vet potential vendors.
- assess vendor responses.
- oversee the project through completion.

If you know someone (or are someone 😊) with this experience and would like to participate in this exciting opportunity, we'd love to hear from you! The wide-open, south- and western-facing roofs of the library seem to be prime locations for solar panels; however, the research and assessment process we plan to pursue will provide BPL with the facts we need to ascertain whether to pursue the installation of solar panels at this time.

Please email us at: ask@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org and enter "Solar Panels" in the Subject line.

In closing, we hope you enjoy our glorious October weather with a walk in the library gardens, pausing to enjoy the sight and sound of the serene Haiku Garden water feature.

Showcasing Our Local Authors - David Perry



David Perry grew up in Tacoma, graduating in 1977 from Stadium HS, and earned a bachelor's degree at Pacific Lutheran University and master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Chicago Divinity School. He first visited Bainbridge Island in the 1970s to visit relatives, and moved here in 2019 to work at Eagle Harbor Book Co. He enjoys hiking in the Gazzam Lake Nature Preserve and playing trumpet in the Bainbridge Symphony Orchestra.

Dr. Perry taught philosophical ethics for 24 years at undergraduate and graduate schools, including Seattle University, Santa Clara University, the U.S. Army War College, and Davidson College where he also directed an ethics center. He is the author of over fifty articles on ethical issues in business, medicine, war, and foreign intelligence operations. He published a book entitled *Partly Cloudy: Ethics in War, Espionage, Covert Action, and Interrogation* (2009, 2016), available at <https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781442262034/Partly-Cloudy-Ethics-in-War-Espionage-Covert-Action-and-Interrogation-Second-Edition>.

Dr. Perry is the founding director of the Practical Ethics Institute on Bainbridge Island, <https://practicaethicsinstitute.com/>, and hosts an occasional podcast at <https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/practicaethics>. Episodes have explored: ethical and legal aspects of abortion; in-vitro fertilization and genetic testing; God and the soul; ethics and war in Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Hindu and Buddhist traditions; critical thinking; artificial intelligence; bigotry and aggressive violence; Russia's war in Ukraine; human rights in U.S. foreign policy; animal welfare; and whether any ethical principles are objectively true or absolute.

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.



ISLAND THEATRE PRESENTS

a two-session (8 hours total)
Ten-Minute Playwriting Workshop
October 6 and October 20
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 Catherine Rush. 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. A series of prompts, each designed to unlock the creative writer within, will support you in your journey toward creating specific, colorful characters, unique and engaging circumstances, and compelling, insightful stories. In our second class there will be time to discuss what you have been creating in the interim and any problems or concerns that have arisen. You will be given the opportunity to have fellow writers read your work aloud and the option to receive feedback if you so desire.

Class size is limited to ten so that each student receives personal attention. This course is perfect for anyone who wants to submit a play for Island Theatre's 2025 Ten-Minute Play Festival, learn the fundamentals of playwriting, or brush up their playwriting skills.

Sunday, October 6, 9:00-1:00 AND Sunday, October 20, 9:00-1:00 (8 hours total) Cost: \$200. Location: Bainbridge Public Library, 1270 Madison Ave N., Bainbridge Island

To register, go to <https://www.islandtheatre.org/writingworkshop>

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.



Events will be held at the Rowing Center, Senior Center and BIMA

www.Bainbridgebookfestival.org

Have You Seen This Library?



This is the public Library in Labrador City, Newfoundland. Newfoundland & Labrador Public Libraries (NLPL) has been an integral part of the province of Newfoundland and Labrador since its inception in 1935. It is part of a network of ninety-four public libraries in communities large and small throughout the province. These libraries are organized into four divisions – Western Newfoundland & Labrador Division, Central Division, Eastern Division and Provincial Resource Division (St John's Public Libraries). Provincial Administration's headquarters are in Stephenville, NL.

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

Fall Strolls at Bloedel Reserve

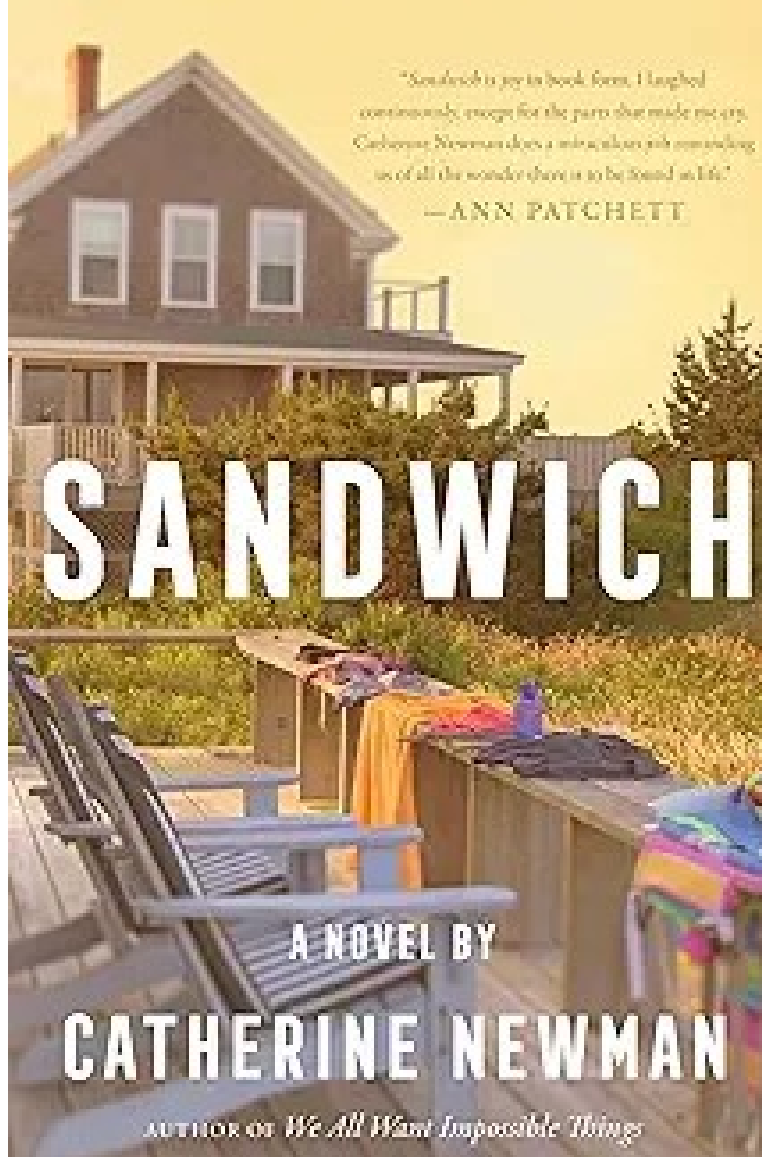


BLOEDEL RESERVE

Registration is open for the Fall Strolls for Well-Being Program at Bloedel Reserve! It is a complimentary seasonal program that supports connection with nature through a series of twelve self-guided walks. Orientations start in mid-September and participants receive a 6-month free membership to Bloedel and a beautiful wire-bound journal with inspiring quotes and maps of the walks.

To sign up, click here: <https://bloedelreserve.org/strolls-for-well-being/>
Questions? Please contact Robin Gaphni at rgaphni@bloedelreserve.org

Books Worth Sharing

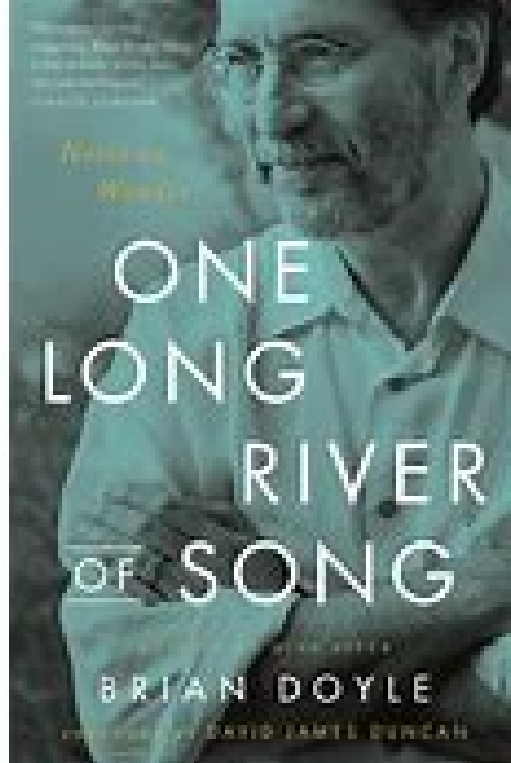


Sandwich
By Catherine Newman

Summer may be over, but this beach read is a must! For twenty years Rocky and her family have vacationed in a modest cottage on Cape Cod. This year promises to be no different, with half-grown children, aging parents, and their cat Chicken. But as we all know, nothing remains the same, and this year Rocky is awash in menopausal madness and her children are teetering on the brink of adulthood. One night at dinner, family history is revealed, and Rocky realizes that her own secrets can no longer be hidden from the people she loves. Reliving both the tenderness and sorrow of a handful of long-ago summers makes this year's time together just that much more meaningful. Ann Patchett calls *Sandwich* "joy in book form." It is poignant, funny, tender, and wonderfully readable!

~ Susan Braun

...and a shout out to all banned books and all libraries!



One Long River of Song
By Brian Doyle

This is a compilation of the author Brian Doyle's essays assembled as a tribute to him. There is one about libraries that is so expressive and touched my heart. It is from the book *One Long River of Song* and the essay is called *An Leabharlann* (The Library in Gaelic.) It is on page 140 if you are inspired to look for it. Doyle writes that library is a "holy word, a sacred word, a crucial word. Your library is where the community stores its treasures. It is the house that imagination built. It is where all the stories that matter are gathered together and celebrated and shared. It is exactly like a church; it seems to me. People come to it communally for something that is deep and ancient and important beyond an easy explanation. Who you are as a town is in the library. It is why when you want to destroy a place you burn down the library. People who fear freedom fear libraries. The urge to ban a book is always an urge to put imagination in jail. . . So, a library is a shout of defiance too, if you think about it. . . A fist against the dark."

I would add that the library is a responsibility as well--to defend with our dollars, to patronize with our frequent presence and to celebrate for its beauty, its amazing trove of varied content and its ever-open doors. I urge everyone to support our library. Raise your fist!

~ *Trese Williamson*



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, October 10, from 12-4; Sunday, October 20, from 12-4;
Thursday, October 31, 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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