



Art in the Library!

April really starts to feel like spring at last and our April artist, David Repyak, will be in the spring of things with his exhibit titled "Our Natural Environment" hosting an opening reception for First Friday Art Walk, April 4, 5-7PM in the library meeting room.

David Repyak's personal goal as an artist is to lift the human spirit and inspire feelings of awe and wonder at the beauty of our natural environment. His work is rooted firmly in nature and actively leans into the abstract. With an intense dose of positive energy, motion and emotion, David Repyak's oil and watercolor paintings capture a profound sense of color, light, and the essence of the moment.

David Repyak is an artist educator with SHINEArtAcademy.com. His goal is to design and execute a positive, educational, and creative experience for students and the local community. He believes with more attention placed on process than on product, student artwork will lift the soul and inspire an understanding of life. He integrates art into core academic curriculum to strengthen learning across multiple disciplines, to build students' self-esteem, and offer a constructive means of visual expression. David holds a K-8 Certification from WA State, a Montessori Elementary Credential, and a BFA. He teaches plein air painting, after school art enrichment, and guides homeschooled students. SHINEArtAcademy grows Creativity, Confidence, and Community. LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!



You can view this exhibition during the month of April during regular library hours (unless a meeting happens).
As always, thank you for supporting local artists and your Bainbridge Public Library.

~ Linda Meier, art coordinator

Facilities Report

Greetings, Library Lovers!

Last month's article provided a "Sneak Peek" of the VERY handsome new bench that's coming to the Haiku Garden. This month we, like Mother Nature herself, are providing some enticing, early spring, "Sneak Peek" photos of the emerging growth and tantalizing blooms that foretell the colorful bounty of abundance our community enjoys throughout the year in the gardens surrounding the library.

Additionally, we are pleased to announce the completion of the repair of the hearing assist Hearing Loop in the large upstairs meeting room. The service interruption had gone undetected for a period of time, and when finally discovered, proved difficult to trouble shoot. Eventually the cause of the failure was identified, and a repair completed. So, community members whose hearing aids are equipped with telecoils, may benefit from improved volume and clarity when speakers utilize our system's microphone. Community members without telecoil-equipped hearing aids may ask to borrow the system's Hearing Loop-compatible headsets that may provide enhanced range and volume of the speaker's presentation. Yay!

And that's not all! We are in the process of installing a second system in the meeting room to accommodate people with hearing difficulties. With the dizzying advances in technology, there are hearing aids that connect via an app to the user's mobile phone; the app in the mobile phone picks up the surrounding sound, filters it, and passes it along to the hearing aid in the user's ear. It's an exciting enhancement we will soon be offering!

Enjoy a few photos taken on March 14th in the library's gardens. "Springs a comin'!"







A Quote for Book Lovers

Language is the soul of intellect, and reading is the essential process by which that intellect is cultivated beyond the commonplace experiences of everyday life.

~ Charles Scribner (1821-1871)

Celebrating Local Authors



Laurie Frankel is the New York Times bestselling, award-winning author of five novels, including *This Is How It Always Is*, *One Two Three*, and her latest, *Family Family*, now out in paperback. Her writing has also appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, *The Washington Post*, *Poets & Writers*, *Publisher's Weekly*, and other publications. She is the recipient of the Washington State Book Award and the Endeavor Award. Her novels have been translated into more than twenty-five languages and been optioned for film and TV. A former college professor, she now writes full-time in Seattle, Washington where she lives with her family and makes good soup. And website link: <https://www.lauriefrankel.net/>

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.

Island Theatre at the Library presents:

THE HALF-LIFE OF MARIE CURIE

By Lauren Gunderson

April 19 + 20
 7:00 Saturday
 3:00 Matinee Sunday
 Bainbridge Island Library

Your donations make this production possible! Thank you in advance!

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www.islandtheatre.org

Island Theatre presents "The Half-Life of Marie Curie," an intimate play about friendship and physics, feminism and fate, heartbreak, honesty, and bravery.

In 1912, shortly after Curie won the Nobel Prize for her discovery of radium and polonium, French paparazzi uncovered her secret love affair with a married physicist. The ensuing scandal all but erased her achievements from public memory and threatened her career. Demoralized and lambasted as a "foreign" Jewish temptress, Marie agrees to join her friend and colleague Hertha Ayrton, an electromechanical engineer and suffragette, at her summer home in England. "The Half-Life of Marie Curie" explores the powerful friendship of these two brilliant women, both of whom are mothers, widows, and fearless champions of scientific inquiry. "The Half-Life of Marie Curie" is directed by Tracy Dickerson and features Nora Harrison as Marie Curie and Ruth Bookwalter as Hertha Ayrton.

The performances take place at the Bainbridge Public Library on Saturday, April 19 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, April 20 at 3:00 pm. No reservations are necessary. The play is recommended for high school age and up. Donations are deeply appreciated as they enable us to stage these productions.

"A frisky, feminist crowd-pleaser" — Time Out New York

"It's rare to classify a show as both fun and educational, but Lauren Gunderson's *THE HALF-LIFE OF MARIE CURIE* is just that—a 90-minute slice of history brimming with wit and wisdom, powered by two turn-of-the-20th-century female STEM stars." — New York Stage Review.

More information is available at islandtheatre.org

Have You Seen This Library?



It is the Beach Library in Albena, Bulgaria!

The Black Sea is the resting place for over 25 rivers, flowing from just as many countries. It has over 11 names, depending on which coastline you are viewing from, and its brackish waters are home to countless shipwrecks, myths and fairy tales. Some modern archaeologists argue it is the final resting place of the real Atlantis. The ancient Greeks believed it to be the entrance to the kingdom of the dead. The islands that bedeck the surface of the water are sanctuaries for unique fauna and flora that can be found hardly anywhere else on Earth. In short, it is a place of incredible stories, where cultures flow past and through each other.

Along the Bulgarian coast, Albena is a vacation town, a spritely mix of beach umbrellas, pool floaties and green forests, a stark contrast to the dark and foreboding reputation of the Black Sea along which it resides. Albena sought to capitalize on its myth-like reputation by creating a cache of international stories, resting right in the sand.

The Bulgarian name for the Albena beach library translates into English as 'bookcrossing,' that is, a kind of crossroads where people from across the world leave their stories and pick up ones they may have never heard before. Like much of Albena's surrounding architecture, it's simple, arguably brutalist. It is not florid or showy, but invitingly efficient and helpful. If you forgot your beach book, don't worry: the beach library has everything you need.

German architect Herman Kompernas was hired to design the structure – a simple set of white wooden shelves, weather treated to withstand the many

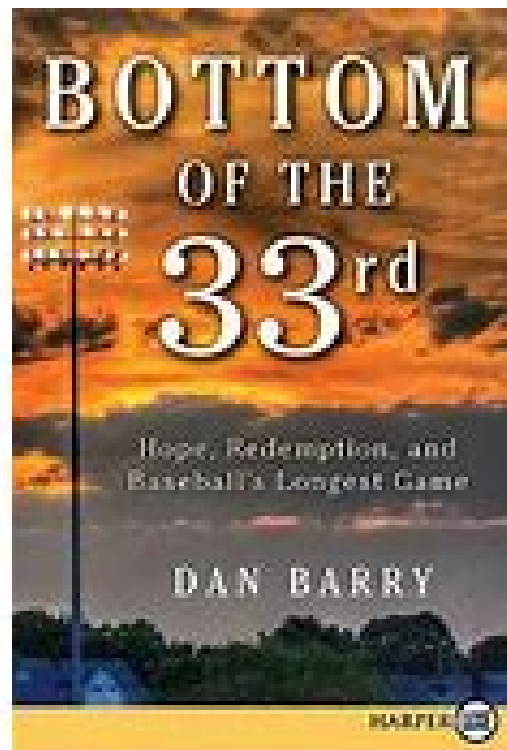
moods of the Black Sea's atmospheres. "We found a material that is very resistant to sun and water" said Kompernas in 2013. "We chose a sort of pallet construction for under the library to make it very stable against the wind."

The shelves rest right in the sand, staring out into the expanse of the ocean, awaiting whatever Albena's transient crowd of beachcombers might bring its way. The shelves were initially loaded with a mix of thrillers, adventures, memoirs, children's books, detective stories and romances. However, over time, the genres and languages have expanded, as visitors are encouraged to leave their own books behind as well. Currently, over 6000 books rest on the shelves in over 15 languages (maybe more, depending on who the sea has washed up that morning). Vinyl shields are dropped down over the shelves like curtains during the rainy season, to prevent damage to the books. The library is tended by a small group of beach librarians, whose job it is to keep things organized. Like any library, they do encourage you to bring back your book after you've finished. The library is located on the beach in front of Hotel Kaliakra (9620 Albena, Bulgaria). The library has no postal address or phone number, but it is kept alive by Albena Resort, which can be found at Albena.bg.

There are three libraries now on the beach in Albena, but the original is still in front of Hotel Kaliakra.

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

Books Worth Sharing



Bottom of the 33rd **By Dan Barry**

In honor of baseball season, I am sharing Dan Barry's wonderful 2011 book about the longest baseball game in history. On April 18, 1981, the International League game between the Rochester Red Wings and the Pawtucket Red Sox was tied two all at 3:30 a.m. in the 31st inning. In baseball you win, or you lose, so baseball players play baseball until the call and the signal of the final out. So, for eight hours the players played, the announcer announced, and the sportswriter with hopes of journalistic fame

took notes, as an increasingly sleepy knot of devoted fans stayed in the stands. You would think a book about a single game of baseball would be a bore, but Dan Barry teases every nuance out of his writerly toolkit to tell this spellbinding and totally charming tale. It's the story of perseverance and ambition, endurance and dreams, small town life, and every minor-leaguer's greatest hope. It is a meditation on America's favorite pastime that is not to be missed.

~ 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:

Sunday, April 6, from 12-4; Thursday, April 17, from 12-4; Sunday, April 27, 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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