

May 2025 Newsletter



Art in the Library!

The days are longer, the flowers are blooming, and we are planting our gardens.... all normal for May. Our May artist, Chris Demarest, reminds us of what is not normal with his exhibit titled NIDOTO NAI YONI: "let it not happen again". First Friday opening reception, May 2, 5-7PM in the library meeting room.



Chris's statement:

On February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law the forceful removal of all Japanese Americans on the west coast to concentration camps from California to Arkansas. Two-thirds were U.S. citizens. Here on Bainbridge Island, 272 residents were taken from their homes.

In 2002 a plaque was placed at the Japanese American Exclusion Memorial with the words: Nidoto Nai Yoni: "Let it not happen again." With the return of Donald J. Trump to the White House we are, in fact, seeing it happen again. These portraits are a statement against the current administration's attempt to erase our history; we will not forget the contributions of women and people of color in uniform.

This exhibit represents a collection of paintings done as part of my World War Two Portrait Tour (2011-2017).

You can view this exhibition during the month of May 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

Chiming in from Facilities!

Good news for Library lovers!

This spectacular Spring display is beginning to unfold in our treasured Haiku Garden! Come spend some time with the azaleas and rhodies while listening to the peaceful sound of a gentle waterfall.

Ahhhhhhhh . . . now doesn't that feel better?



Donor Party 2025

Many thanks to our loyal and generous donors!

On March 30th we gathered to celebrate and thank our generous donors with food and drink and a wonderful presentation of Martha Bayley's Books Too Good To Miss. Her books were: Three Days in June by Anne Tyler, Memorial

Days: a Memoir by Geraldine Brooks, Tartufo by Kira Jane Buxton, Cabin: Off the Grid Adventures with a Clueless Craftsman by Patrick Hutchison, Orbital by Samantha Harvey, and Raising Hare: a Memoir by Chloe Dalton. Please become a donor and join us next year!



A Quote for Book Lovers

A room without books is like a body without a soul.
~ Cicero

Celebrating Local Authors - Tom Kelly



Fifty years ago, The Seattle Times sports editor plucked me off the Santa Monica Pier with an offer to work on his night desk. The section had not had personnel opening in six years, but the man needed bodies. The Kingdome was nearly finished, the Seahawks had just landed, and the Mariners were on the way.

For an astonishing \$383 a week, plus a \$5 premium for working at night, I jumped at the opportunity. My signing bonus was an apple and a road map because he "had a drawer full of applicants from around the country."

Shortly after my rainy arrival, one of the reporters became sick and I was sent to cover one of the more memorable events of my life – the boys Class 2A basketball tournament at the University of Puget Sound Fieldhouse.

It was four days of too-salty popcorn, off-key bands in ancient uniforms, cold hotdogs, buzzer-beating shots, broken hearts, impossible deadlines, legendary old-timers, proud administrators, and sugar-crazed kids who could not believe they were excused from school to attend the celebration of basketball.

It was heaven . . . in a loud, sauna of a building that rocked to its limits when the entire town of North Bend watched its crazy, mixed-up Mount Si Wildcats finally turn back the scrappy Highclimbers from Shelton, 51-48, in the event of the year for the two communities.

In the years since that tournament, I covered the Seattle Sonics 1979 capture of the NBA championship, witnessed a young Michael Jordan dismantle Georgetown in New Orleans in the 1982 NCAA final; sat five rows off the floor as Jim Valvano danced around "The Pit" in Albuquerque looking for someone to hug after his North Carolina Wolfpack upset Houston; then nearly fell out of my chair in Rupp Arena when a young shooter named Harold Jensen put on an absolute clinic that propelled underdog Villanova to a 66-64 national title over Georgetown on April Fool's Day 1985 in what many observers call the biggest title upset in college basketball history.

While those hoop moments were clearly remarkable, no feeling can compare to seeing *local* youngsters experience the delicious excitement of having a connection to a one-school supportive community in a state championship tournament.

Its energy is genuine, its passion irrepressible. It is a tangible, basic attachment that a kid, even at the end of the bench, can take with her for the rest of her life. And, critically, this comes without the jaded cloud brought by big-time endorsements or long-term television contracts.

For better or worse, state tournaments often define lives, especially in a small town, and always – always – produce memories that outlast playing days. Just ask any member of the 1999 Bainbridge girls title team – the last high-school title in the Kingdome.

They vividly remember the bouncing bedlam on the ferry returning from the championship game after the Second Mate announced: "Ladies and gentlemen, now enter the galley, please welcome your 1999 state

champions!

That is why, after eight non-fiction books about second homes, mortgage banking and senior living, I chose the one high-school community, state tournament, small-town hero as the backdrop in my *Ernie Creekmore* murder-mystery series. (Unlike the Bainbridge girls, no player goes missing off a late-night ferry).

More murder mysteries are in the way, including a 1959 Hollywood noir, *The Legend of Larchmont*.

Cold Crossover is T.R. Kelly's first step into fiction and the initial offering in the Ernie Creekmore series. The second book, **Cold Broker**, is followed by **Cold Wonderland**. The books feature a longtime high school basketball coach who calls upon his years of experience, resources, and small-town logic to help his fishing buddy and the county's chief criminal investigator solve murder mysteries. The books contain basketball and murder and much more. They are about boys and men, sons and parents, and the confusions of love when we are no longer young.

COLD WONDERLAND is the third book in T.R. Kelly's Ernie Creekmore series featuring the adventures of a legendary high school basketball coach turned real estate agent and amateur sleuth.

The first book, **COLD CROSSOVER**, introduces us to Ernie who gets word that his former star player—Linnbert "Cheese" Oliver—has gone missing from a late-night ferry boat. The second book, **COLD BROKER** (rewritten and previously published as *Hovering Above a Homicide*), finds Ernie trying to solve the murder of a "helicopter" parent whose body is discovered in a vacant home for sale.

T.R. (Tom) served *The Seattle Times* readers for 20 years, first as a sportswriter and later as real estate reporter, columnist, and editor. His weekly features appeared in a variety of newspapers including the *Miami Herald*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Portland Oregonian*, *Louisville Courier-Journal*, *Tacoma News Tribune*, and *Spokane Spokesman-Review* plus hundreds of websites.

His ground-breaking book *How a Second Home Can Be Your Best Investment* (McGraw-Hill, written with economist John Tuccillo) showed consumers and professionals how one additional piece of real estate could serve as an investment, recreation, and retirement property over time. His other books include *Real Estate Boomers and Beyond: Exploring the Costs, Choices and Changes of Your Next Move* (Dearborn-Kaplan); *The New Reverse Mortgage Formula* (John Wiley & Sons); *Cashing In on a Second Home in Mexico* (Crabman 350 Publishing, written with Mitch Creekmore), *Cashing In on a Second Home in Central America* (Crabman Publishing, written with Mitch Creekmore and Jeff Hornberger), and *Bargains Beyond the Border* (Crabman Publishing).

Tom's award-winning radio show "Real Estate Today" aired for 26 years on KIRO, the CBS affiliate in Seattle. The program has also been syndicated in 40 domestic markets and to 450 stations in 160 foreign countries via Armed Forces Radio. Tom and his wife, Jodi, have four grown children.

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.

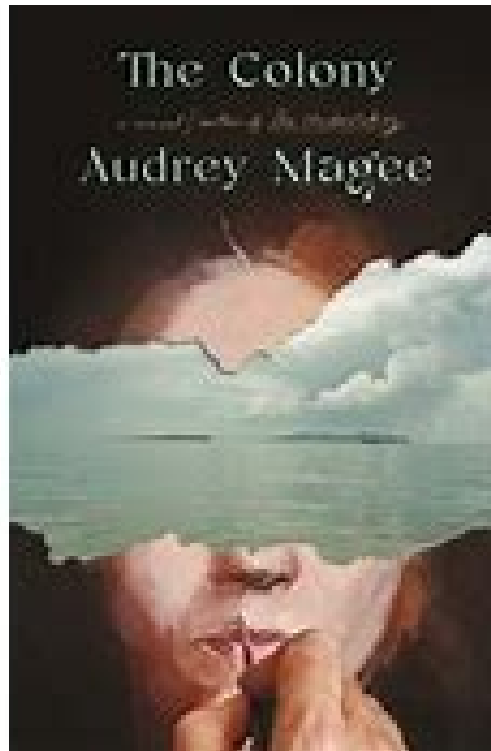
Have You Seen This Library?



It is the Kailua-Kona Public Library! Designed by architect George Iwasaki, the library opened on a leap day – Feb. 29, 1992. It is the second largest and second busiest library on the island of Hawaii. It has a drive-through bookdrop and won an exemplary architectural design award from the Commission on Persons with Disabilities. Thanks to John Fossett for this month's library photo!

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

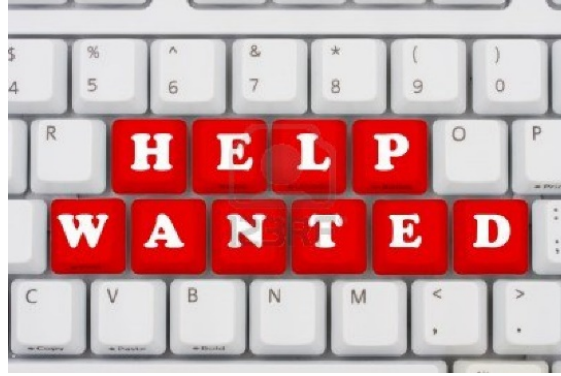
Books Worth Sharing



The Colony **By Audrey Magee**

In 1979, as the Troubles rage over Ireland, two outsiders travel to a small island off the west coast with individual agendas, despite what it may cost the islanders. One is an English painter in search of inspiration, the other a Frenchman who comes to study the language of the residents. The Frenchman is fiercely protective of their isolation and deems it essential to explore his theories of language preservation and identity. But the people who live on this rock—three miles long and half a mile wide—have their own views on what is being recorded, what is being taken, and what ought to be given in return. Over the summer, as violence erupts not far away, the residents wrestle with their concerns over the future of their independence, the value of their isolation and the cost of seething imperialism. Magee's novel is a wonderful portrait of character and place and an all too contemporary look at the value and cost of freedom.

~ 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, May 8, from 12-4; Sunday, May 18, from 12-4; Thursday, May 29, 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!

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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