



## Art in the Library!

Since June is the month of Gemini, the twins, it seems appropriate to offer a "twofer!" Our June artists, Fatima Young, painter and Mary Lou Sanelli, poet, open their exhibit titled **"Visual Memoirs: Paintings & Poetry" June 6, 5-7PM in the library meeting room.**

### About the Artists:

#### Fatima Young

**Artist's Statement:** *"Hiking to breathtaking places inspires me to paint en plein air. With fleeting light, the observations are quick and the actual study fresh, with little detail. The hard part comes when recreating that landscape into a larger format. The hope is to recapture the freshness and rhythm I initially found. In this exhibit one will see both plein air and studio oil paintings"*

**Brief Artist's Bio:** Fatima Young received creative degrees at the F.I.T. and C.W. Post University in New York. This is her 4th year serving on the board of Plein Air Washington Artists. She was one of the early advocates serving on the steering committee for the new Drawing & Painting Studio at BARN on Bainbridge Is. Her work has been shown in these NW venues: Cole Gallery, Karla Matzke Gallery, Scott Milo Gallery, and the American Art Company as well as Bainbridge Island Museum of Art.



**Mary Lou Sanelli**

**Artist's Statement:** *Not too long ago, a dear friend, a visual artist, asked me a question that caused me to take a deep breath and pause: "What does friendship look like to you?" In a way, the poems which will be on display are an effort to answer that question more clearly. Today my answer comes easily: I see laughter. Lots of it. And acceptance of my friend and of myself and a desire to learn from each other."*

**Brief Artist's Bio:** Mary Lou Sanelli is the author of fourteen titles of nonfiction, fiction, memoir, poetry, and a children's title. Her newest, *In So Many Words*, has been nominated for a 2025 PNBA and a 2025 Washington State Book Award. She is a columnist for the *Kitsap Sun & Bainbridge Islander*, contributes to the *Seattle Times* and *Weekend Edition*, NPR, and other publications, and works as a speaker and a master dance teacher.



# AMONG FRIENDS

A  
GOODREADS  
NOTABLE  
BOOK

A memoir of one woman's expectations, disappointments, regrets & discoveries while searching for friends-for-life.



"Jaw-droppingly honest."  
— *The Daily Herald*

MARY LOU SANELLI

Author of *A Woman Writing*

Mary Lou Sanelli will exhibit around 8 of her poems on hanging frames, plus she will be selling/signing her new book.

You can view this exhibition during the month of June 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

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## Facilities Report

Greetings, Library lovers!

We are so happy to introduce the newest addition to the Haiku Garden . . . This superbly crafted bench was created by a group of BARN woodworking students!! BPL (Bainbridge Public Library) is extremely thankful to the founders of BARN (Bainbridge Artisan Resource Network) and their Vision to include community service as a core element in their Mission

Statement. Working together, members of the BPL Facilities team and the BARN Woodworkers Community Liaison settled on the design and size of the bench. Class participants travelled to Edensaw Woods in Port Townsend to hand-pick the rough-sawn Sapele slabs (paid for by BPL) they would work with over the next eight weeks to transform into the wonderfully handsome and comfortable bench now installed in the garden. Do yourself a favor . . . come and enjoy this exquisite addition!



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## A Quote for Book Lovers

**Literature is my utopia. Here I am not disenfranchised. No barrier of the senses shuts me out from the sweet, gracious discourse of my book friends. They talk to me without embarrassment or awkwardness.**

~ Helen Keller

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**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](mailto:legacy@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org). Or visit the BPL website, [bainbridgepubliclibrary.org](http://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!**

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**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](http://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.**

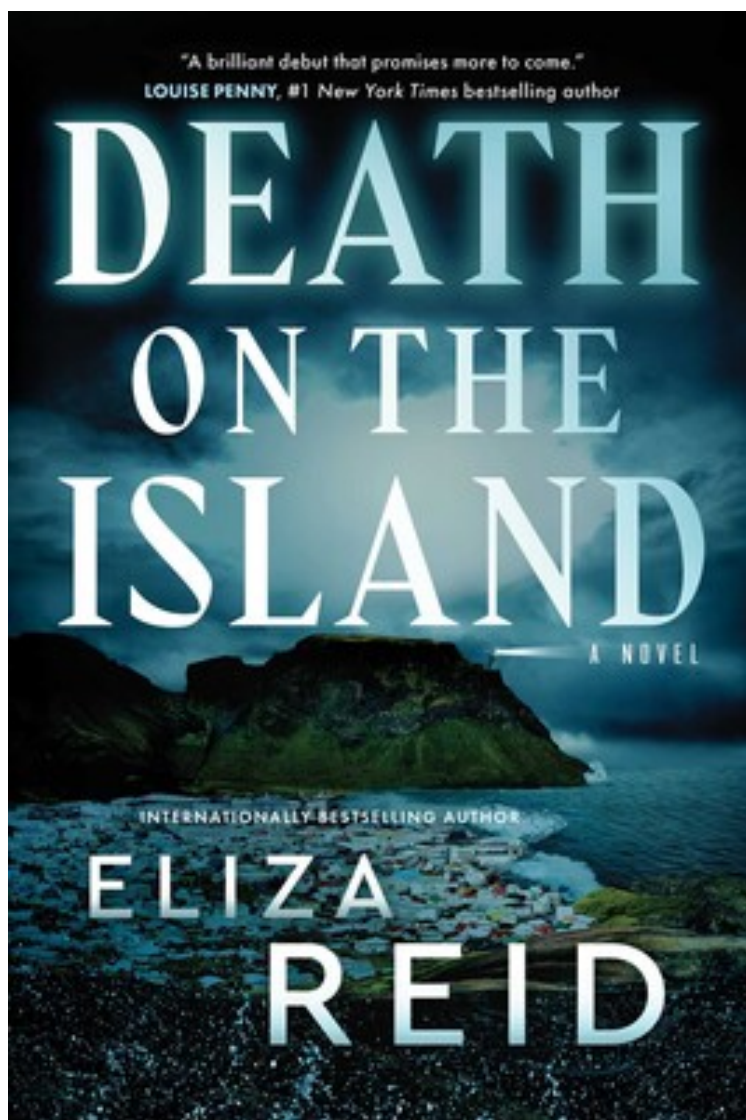
## Have You Seen This Library?



On the edge of Copenhagen Harbor sits The Black Diamond as a beacon of culture. The Black Diamond is Royal Danish Library's cultural center in Copenhagen with lots of events all year round. The Black Diamond opened in 1999 and was built to fit with the original library building from 1906. More than 1,000 students, Copenhageners, tourists, and other curious people visit The Black Diamond every day and make use of the library, cultural activities, café, shop, and meeting rooms. You can visit The Black Diamond for free and everyone is welcome.



## Books Worth Sharing



### **Death on the Island** **By Eliza Reid**

At a posh dinner on an island off the coast of Reykjavik celebrating a local artist, the Canadian Deputy Ambassador drops dead after a post meal toast. As a storm rages outside, Iceland's elite are caught up in a classic locked room mystery. Tensions run high as the sole police officer on duty in the village begins his investigation. Everyone has an agenda and on this tiny island everyone knows or is related to everyone. Who killed the young diplomat? The ambassador arranged the event to further a business venture for Canada, and he secured funding for the artist's exhibition from the local fishery mogul. His wife, Jane, fears that recent disagreements with his deputy may put her husband in the policeman's crosshairs. Will it be up to her to navigate the secrets and relationships within this small community and solve the murder or will the very recent police recruit rise to the occasion? Eliza Reid, Iceland's former First Lady, channels Agatha Christie in this tightly wound and satisfyingly suspenseful whodunit.

~ Susan Braun

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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](mailto:ask@bainbridgepubliclibrary.org). Time commitment is flexible, and creativity is appreciated!

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## Friends of the Library

# Book Sale



Friends of the Library book sales will be on:

**Sunday, June 8, from 12-4; Thursday, June 19, from 12-4; Sunday, June 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](mailto: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.

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## 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](mailto: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!

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## 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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