



Art in the Library!

Since the Grand Old Fourth of July celebration lands on First Friday, our First Friday opening reception will move to Saturday, July 5 (with the rest of Bainbridge galleries downtown). Our July artist, Justin Johnson, will host the reception opening his exhibit titled "Yellowstone" from 5-7PM in the library meeting room.

Justin comments:

My work for this show is a celebration of our wild- uniquely American animals and untamed places they call home. Each oil painting begins before the brush touches canvas: I handcrafted the wood panels and frames to paint on. This show and theme of Yellowstone is inspired by my fascination with our wild places here and how important it is for us to protect and enjoy them. I have visited Yellowstone as a child, and as an adult and feel it is a great way to share a uniquely American experience for this July Art exhibit. Through paint, I hope to honor these wild animals and landscapes- and to invite others to slow down, look closer, and remember what's worth protecting.



You can view this exhibition during the month of July 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

We're Going Solar! (with your help)



The Bainbridge Public Library (BPL) is the non-profit organization that owns, operates, and maintains the library building and grounds. The BPL board leadership recognized an opportunity to leverage the unique design of the library building and its large roof surface to reduce the carbon footprint of the library while maintaining its historic beauty. The BPL board has approved the installation of solar panels on the library roof with the following objectives: reducing energy costs, creating a solar energy educational component, and demonstrating prudent stewardship of this cherished community resource. After an extensive search and vetting process, a vendor has been selected. The decision was based on design, system components, cost, and payback timeline. The project timeline has a target completion date of no later than December 2025. This timeline is critical in order to be eligible to realize government rebate incentives and to lock in materials prices. BPL will be seeking funding from PSE, federal rebates, Rotary, and individual donors to fund the project. We are excited to engage the community and Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island in this innovative project. *To donate to this important community project [click here](#).*

Facilities Report

Another upgrade to the Haiku Garden ... New lighting!

The original pathway lights were installed in 1998 when the garden was created through the generous donation of time, money, expertise, and physical hard work by members of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Community (BIJAC). They have been replaced with handsome lights that fill the garden with a gentle illumination that is in keeping with the intended theme of peace and serenity in the garden. The improved lighting also makes it easier to find one's way through the garden if parked in the north parking lot off High School Rd.

Here are a few pictures of the lights at work in the garden



A Quote for Book Lovers

**Reading makes immigrants of us all - it takes us away from home,
but more important, it finds homes for us everywhere.**
~ Hazel Rochman

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.

Featuring Local Authors - John Fox



Sequestered in his chateau tower, ruminating in his “slippered leisure,” Montaigne crafted personal essays to candidly state his ideas, preferences, dislikes and even his prejudices. “Many things which I would not say in public I say in private and send my most loyal friends to a bookshop to learn my most secret studies or thoughts.”

Montaigne created the personal essay. We’ve all had teachers tell us to “write about what you know,” and I’ve often stumbled when I strayed from that path. “What we write is who we are,” said Henry David Thoreau, who penned millions of journal words to continually become very much himself.

E.B. White, also a master of the personal essay, self-effacingly said “only a person who is congenitally self-centered has the effrontery and the stamina to write essays.” And glad are we that the sweet creator of *Charlotte’s Web*, also wrote personal essays, which he warned is to “expose your private parts without removing your trousers.”

A mythical Little Old Lady has been widely quoted as saying “My goodness, how will I know what I think until I read what I’ve written?” That’s the trouble with writing personal essays: What you thought when you began is so often different when you finish. And if you aren’t overthinking as you putter along, new ideas float unbidden into your meandering consciousness.

“What you write chooses you,” said American playwright Horton Foote, “your living is your preparation for your writing.” Each of us has a story to tell, even if only to an audience of one. What a challenge to craft an essay to first please yourself, then to be able to engage, or to amuse, or to inform others.

Oh my, you have so many memories you would so much like to share with

the eagerly waiting wider world! What an interesting life you've led! Favorite teachers, college flunkouts, lost loves, idiot bosses. Vivid narratives to be sure, but in self-editing I always apply the "Who gives?" test, my teenage son's ever-irreverent challenge to my nuggets of wise advice. No matter how vivid my memories are, how do they contribute to any larger life lessons? What is the point I want to make?

My final editing step always is to ruthlessly apply Rule 13 in Strunk & [E.B.] White's dandy little writing guide, "The Elements of Style." Which is, tersely stated, "Omit needless words." Which I just did. ~ John Fox

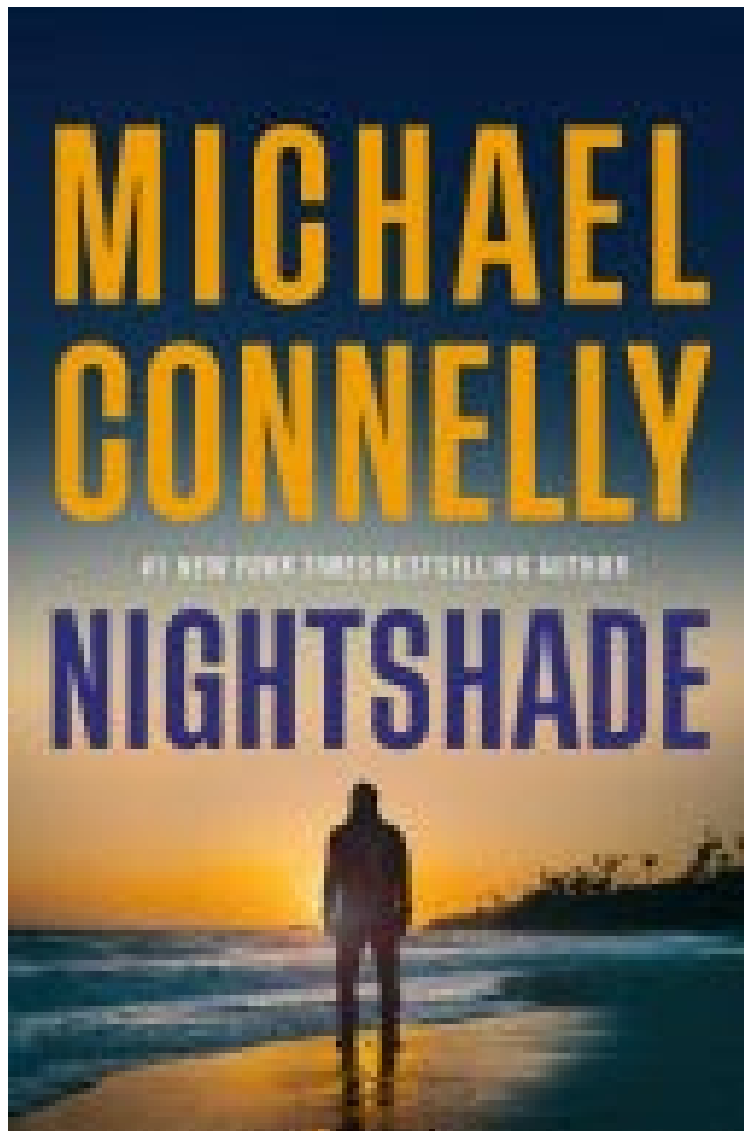
Have You Seen This Library?



Yes, you probably have if you've been to Sitka, Alaska. Sitka Public Library is a public library serving the City and Borough of Sitka since March 20, 1923. It is now tax supported but owes a great debt of gratitude to the Sitka Library Association, whose volunteers provided library service in Sitka for nearly fifty years. The building was built in 1967 with a gift from Theodore Kettleson, a long-time Sitka resident. Additional funds came from the Library Services and Construction Act, and gifts from other generous Sitka citizens. An addition, which more than doubled the library's size, was completed in 1983, and, more recently, an extensive library expansion/remodel broke ground in the fall of 2014, expanding the library by 60 percent. The library was temporarily moved to the old Stratton Library building on the old Sheldon Jackson College campus while work was completed on the building. The expansion was completed in February 2016, and the library reopened at 320 Harbor Drive on February 4, 2016, under the name Sitka Public Library. The community is justifiably proud of its beautiful setting and excellent library service.

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



Nightshade
By Michael Connelly

Murder, kidnapping, poaching and political corruption are at the heart of this latest thriller from master Michael Connelly. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Detective Stilwell has been "exiled" to a low-key post policing rustic Catalina Island, after department politics drove him off a homicide desk. Normally a sleepy assignment, Stilwell gets a call about a body found in the harbor on the same day as a report of poaching on a protected reserve. With his hands full, he crosses all lines of protocol and authority as these cases rapidly begin to merge into one of greed and political malfeasance. He must work with an ex-colleague who wants him off the force and a potentially shady mainland DA to keep his evidence clean and get the bad guys put away. Connelly does a great job of portraying both the beauty and the dark side of Santa Catalina Island, the historical and scenic oasis just 26 miles off Los Angeles.

~ 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 10, from 12-4; Sunday, July 20, from 12-4; Thursday, July 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 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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