

### THE LIBRARY PAGE

The monthly newsletter by The Friends of the Blue Hill Public Library

#### **WHO WE ARE**

The Friends of the Blue Hill Library is a volunteer group that raises funds for a variety of library purposes not covered by the library's operating budget.

#### WHAT WE DO

We fund: New York Times subscriptions, Must See Movie Series, Play Readings, Opera Previews, Great Decisions Series, Children's Programs, Literacy Programs, purchases of digital media, furniture, a/v equipment, staff appreciation gifts, scholarships for staff and volunteer development, and more!

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#### Letter From the President

I write this sitting on my front stoop (a holdover from my days of living in a city row house in Philadelphia where that's how we visited with our neighbors) and hearing in the distance both halyards clanking against their masts and the GSA band playing in the Memorial Day parade. Many think of Memorial Day as the official welcome to summer. It can't get any better than this! In a moment, I will find places in my rural Maine garden for the plants I purchased at one of the other official Blue Hill welcomes to summer—the Library's community-run plant sale. I came home with a variety of new and trusted treasures. I'm particularly excited to see what emerges from the heirloom varieties of geraniums scented in lemon and lavender and a "mystery" tomato plant I found.

Speaking of the plant sale, I hope you were able to join us on Saturday, May 23. Despite the blustery wind and return-to-winter temperatures, we had a terrific turnout and a grand success. We raised over \$10,000 between the plants, silent auction, books, and baked goods. Huge thanks to Lynn Cheney and Clifton Page, the tireless engines who make this event happen. Many thanks also to the many, many volunteers who pitch in to help in myriad ways, to all those who donated plants, silent auction items, and baked goods as well as to those who turned the Library lawn into a beautiful market place, staffed sales tables, provided expert garden advice, and then cleared everything away as if a hundred or more people hadn't just trampled all over the space for 3 hours.

All of the funds you helped us raise will augment the programs the Library offers throughout the year. Check the Library's website and sign up for the weekly email news to keep abreast of the programs scheduled.

We will have special events this summer to celebrate the Library's 75<sup>th</sup> year in its current location. This summer, as she does every year, Pat Horton has engaging children's programs lined up that will appeal to all ages. Some are new offerings and some are tried-and-true favorites, featuring music, art, and, of course, books, including a return of the popular Leaping Literacy course. There will be plenty for adults as well – author readings, discussion groups, films, knit-ins, Paint the Peninsula, and more. Do mark your calendar for **Paint the Peninsula** on July 18. Look for more details to follow and contact Margret Baldwin at the Library if you would like to paint a piece to be included in the show.

Leslie Goode, President, Friends of the Blue Hill Public Library

#### Book Nook Book Sales

Saturday, June 6 9am – 2pm

In the Book Nook Blue Hill Public Library

"Stock-up-for-Summer"

## 1/2 PRICE SPECIALS

fiction
children's books
health and well being
also
coffee table books
and...

Library discard CDs, DVDs and Audio Books just **50¢** 

Many thanks to our donors for providing the diverse and quality books that we can offer at our book sales. Proceeds from the book sales enable the Friends to support the library and its patrons with programming and materials.

#### Children's Corner

Pat Horton, Youth Services: phorton@bhpl.net

Anyone who has seen me drinking coffee lately here at the library will have noticed my new mug. It is a Cat In The Hat mug with the quote "It's fun to have fun. But you have to know how." Dr. Seuss. This is formally going to be my new motto and I am starting with the summer reading program. The theme this year is Every Hero Has a Story which lends itself to lots of fun programming ideas. We kick-off with a party on Saturday, June 20 featuring singer, songwriter and recording artist Judy Pancoast. Her creative songs with catchy melodies delight the young and the young at heart, as evidenced by the 2011 Grammy Award nomination for Best Children's Album for her one-of-a-kind CD, Weird Things Are Everywhere! Such fun!

Each Saturday during the program we will have **Super Hero Saturday** with local heroes and other inspiring activities and guests. **Mad Science of Maine** is coming to present a fun program demonstrating some of the coolest super powers of all time. Behind every super power, there is SCIENCE! Throughout the show they will experiment with some cool tools from their Mad Science utility belt, using parabolic ears and laser modulators to show that the human powers of perception are greatly expanded by science. In addition to the summer reading program events, the Kneisel Hall Children's concerts will return on Wednesday afternoons. The regular Tuesday morning preschool storytime, Wednesday morning playgroup and monthly LEGO Club will continue throughout the summer. And as usual, I never pass up an opportunity which might come my way to add to the calendar of fun events! Check for additions often.

Thanks to all the Friends of the Library for your continuing support of Youth Services programming throughout the year. I appreciate it and so do the hundreds of lucky participants in the dozens of events you help sponsor each year.

If I was a book, I would like to be a library book, so I would be taken home by all different sorts of kids.

-Cornelia Funke

#### New on the Shelves

#### Nonfiction

Graeber, David, The Utopia of Rules: On Technology, Stupidity, and the Secret Joys of Bureaucracy Stiglitz, Joseph E., The Great Divide: Unequal Societies and What We Can Do about Them

Hsu, Huan, The Porcelain Thief: Searching the Middle Kingdom for Buried China

Sehat, David, The Jefferson Rule: How the Founding Fathers Became Infallible and Our Politics Inflexible

Quartz, Steven, Cool: How the Brain's Hidden Quest for Cool Drives Our Economy and Shapes Our

Leach, Penelope, When Parents Part: How Mothers and Fathers Can Help Their Children Deal with Separation and Divorce

Levitt, Steven D., When to Rob a Bank: ...and 131 More Warped Suggestions and Well-Intended Rants Ellis, Joseph J., The Quartet: Orchestrating the Second

American Revolution, 1783-1789 Alexander, Becky, Natural History: The Ultimate Visual Guide to Everything on Earth

Hargrove, John, Beneath the Surface: Killer Whales, Seaworld, and the Truth Beyond Blackfish

Sonnenburg, Justin, The Good Gut: Taking Control of Your Weight, Your Mood, and Your Long-Term Health

Northrup, Christiane, Goddesses Never Age: The Secret Prescription for Radiance, Vitality, and Well-Being

Nagoski, Emily, Come as You Are: The Surprising New Science That Will Transform Your Sex Life

Dean, Margaret Lazarus, Leaving Orbit: Notes from the Last Days of American Spaceflight

Yafa, Stephen, Grain of Truth: The Real Case for and Against Wheat and Gluten

Graham, Chris, The Chicken Keeper's Problem Solver: 100 Common Problems Explored and Explained

Ahnert, Petra, Beeswax Alchemy: How to Make Your Own Soap, Candles, Balms, Creams, and Salves from the Hive

Scaravella, Jody, Nonna's House: Cooking and Reminiscing with the Italian Grandmothers of Enoteca Maria

Kim, Emily, Maangchi's Real Korean Cooking: Authentic Dishes for the Home Cook

Bloomfield, April, A Girl and Her Greens: Hearty Meals from the Garden

Ekrem, Erica, Bound: Over 20 Artful Handmade Books Herzog, Amy, Knit Wear Love: Foolproof Instructions for Knitting Your Best-Fitting Sweaters Ever in the Styles You Love to Wear

Goldsmith, Becky, The Quilter's Practical Guide to Color: Includes 10 Skill-Building Projects

Rvan, Janice Zeller, The Modern Medallion Workbook: 11 Ouilt Projects to Make, Mix & Match

Beall, Jade, The Bodies of Mothers: A Beautiful Body

Barberie, Peter, Paul Strand: Master of Modern **Photography** 

Pardlo, Gregory, Digest

Aston, Felicity, Alone in Antarctica: The First Woman to Ski Solo Across the Southern Ice

Downie, David, A Passion for Paris: Romanticism and Romance in the City of Light

Ureneck, Lou, The Great Fire: One American's Mission to Rescue Victims of the 20th Century's First Genocide

Bregman, Ahron, Cursed Victory: A History of Israel and the Occupied Territories, 1967 to the Present Ferling, John, Whirlwind: The American Revolution

and the War That Won It

Kelman, Ari, Battle Lines: A Graphic History of the Civil War

Burns, Eric, 1920: The Year That Made the Decade Roar

Brower, Kate Andersen, The Residence: Inside the Private World of the White House

#### **Biography**

Andalibian, Rahimeh, The Rose Hotel: A Memoir of Secrets, Loss, and Love from Iran to America Brands, H. W., Reagan: The Life

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Cohen, Cole, Head Case: My Brain and Other Wonders Hemming, Henry, The Ingenious Mr. Pyke: Inventor, Fugitive, Spy

Key, Harrison Scott, The World's Largest Man: A Memoir

Leader, Zachary, The Life of Saul Bellow: To Fame and Fortune, 1915-1964

Longerich, Peter, Goebbels: A Biography Mann, Lucas, Lord Fear: A Memoir

Mann, Sally, Hold Still: A Memoir with Photographs Martelle, Scott, The Madman and the Assassin:

The Strange Life of Boston Corbett, the Man Who Killed John Wilkes Booth

Mitchell, George, The Negotiator: A Memoir Morell, Michael, The Great War of Our Time: The CIA's Fight Against Terrorism--From Al Qa'ida to Isis

Nelson, Maggie, The Argonauts Sacks, Oliver, On the Move: A Life Szwed, John, Billie Holiday: The Musician and the Myth

#### **Fiction**

Abbott, Megan, The Fever Acampora, Lauren, The Wonder Garden Acevedo, Chantel, The Distant Marvels Barker, Clive, The Scarlet Gospels Bender, Karen, Refund: Stories Boyle, Gerry, Once Burned: A Jack McMorrow Mysterv Chanter, Catherine, The Well Chaudhuri, Amit, Odysseus Abroad Child, Lincoln, The Forgotten Room Clarke, Richard A., Pinnacle Event Cohen, Stuart Archer, This Is How It Really Sounds Deaver, Jeffery, Solitude Creek

Enright, Anne, The Green Road

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#### **New on the Shelves**

Hillerman, Anne, Rock with Wings
Johnson, Craig, Dry Bones
Knight, Renee, Disclaimer
Lescroart, John, The Fall
Lynch, Paul, The Black Snow
Miller, Jason, Down Don't Bother Me
Mills, Magnus, The Maintenance of Headway
Mitzner, Adam, Losing Faith
Mosley, Walter, And Sometimes I Wonder about You
Oates, Joyce Carol, Jack of Spades: A Tale of Suspense
Palaia, Marian, The Given World

Parry, Leslie, Church of Marvels
Patterson, James, 14th Deadly Sin
Roberts, Nora, The Liar
Roe, Andrew, The Miracle Girl
Smith, Lachlan, Fox Is Framed
Stephenson, Neal, Seveneves
Sweazy, Larry D., See Also Murder: A Marjorie
Trumaine Mystery
Thayer, Nancy, The Guest Cottage
Wilson, Robert Charles, The Affinities
Winspear, Jacqueline, A Dangerous Place

#### **Must See Movies**

#### Anastasia (1956)



#### Thursday, June 11, 2015 7:00 pm, Howard Room

Starring: Ingrid Bergman, Yul Brynner, Helen Hayes

**Director:** Anatole Lityak **Running Time:** 105 minutes **Academy Award Winner 1956** 

**Story Line:** An opportunistic Russian businessman tries to pass a mysterious impostor as the Grand Duchess Anastasia of Russia. But she is so convincing in her performance that even the biggest skeptics believe her. She herself begins to believe. What is real and what is hoax? Magnificent story, cast, and direction.

#### **Play Reading**

#### Dogg's Hamlet and Cahoot's Macbeth (two one act plays)



Wednesday, June 17, 2015 6:30 pm

Playwright: Tom Stoppard

**Story Line:** In Dogg's Hamlet, a troupe of English schoolboys (played by adults) speak in a mock language called "Dogg." This hilarious language babbles along until the schoolboys, who are studying Shakespeare's "foreign" language, present an incredibly funny 15 minute version of Hamlet and then encore with a two-minute version! Cahoot's Macbeth, dedicated to dissident Czech dramatist Pavel Kohout, is about a performance of Macbeth he and his friends once staged in a living room since the government banned public performances. The action shifts between the bare stage and the

police inquiry. The murder and intrigue of Shakespeare's play are juxtaposed with the Czech political harassment. The two parts must be performed together and may not be done with any other play. (Samuel French)

"The language and the laughter are contagious...Lewis Carroll would have been at home." —The New York Times "A blend of comic nonsense and astringent political satire." —Christian Science Monitor

#### From the Director's Desk

Rich Boulet, Library Director: rboulet@bhpl.net

**Sustainability news:** We received some great news recently. BHPL was awarded a grant to help convert our lighting to primarily LED fixtures from the Grants to Green Maine program, a partnership between the Maine Development Foundation's Maine Downtown Center, Efficiency Maine and the Maine Community Foundation. The Grants to Green Maine program was created to help Maine's downtown historic facilities that are owned or operated by nonprofits make sustainability improvements without compromising the historic character of these important landmarks.



Regular readers may recall that BHPL was awarded funding through this same program to conduct a thorough audit of the library's physical plant. That audit identified *energy conservation measures*, or ECM's, that could lower the library's environmental footprint and save substantial money in the long run.

The most received in this program is to implement some of the ECMs recommended in the audit. The awarded funds are phase 1 in an overall process that we hope will also address ECM's in the HVAC system (cooling and some heat distribution issues) as well as very minor additional insulation/building envelope improvements. BHPL did extensive insulation work in 2012, so many weatherization issues were addressed before this audit. It is estimated that the library would save about \$9,000 annually in heating fuel and electricity costs if we are able to implement all of the currently recommended changes.

It's exciting to continue down the path of sustainability that BHPL embarked upon initially in 2007 when the library board adopted a policy on green maintenance and renovation, followed by installation of a grantfunded automated wood pellet heating system in 2010, weatherization in 2012, and this current project, which began last year.

**Mango and Freegal:** On April 15<sup>th</sup> BHPL launched Mango Languages, an online language learning platform, and added the streaming option to Freegal Music. The start has been very good so far. For Freegal, 137 patrons have streamed 1,227 songs and downloaded 783, which is far more than typical use in the past. In Mango Languages, 43 language learning sessions have been hosted, 22 in French (merveilleux!), 4 in Italian (eccellente!), 3 in Pirate (ahoy, mateys!), 3 in something called "Wine and Cheese" (meh) and single uses in German, Spanish, Farsi, and Arabic. If you need help getting started with any of these digital library options, either on your own computer/device, or on one of BHPL's, stop by any time.

**Thanks to FOL:** Before signing off for the month I want to send a special thank you to the friends of the Library. Last month they made a gift to Leaping Literacy, a summer literacy reading camp for young readers organized by Union 93 in partnership with the Blue Hill Public Library, and that gift really made this important program possible (look for more information soon in the Weekly Packet and elsewhere, or call Pat Horton at the library).

Another gift recently made by the Friends was funding for some very handy welcome-to-BHPL brochures. (Actually, in all truth, the gift was made <u>last</u> year, but yours truly just recently got around to finalizing the design). When a patron signs up to use the library, we used to give them LOTS of information, some of it verbal and some of it in writing on various cards. These small folders organize all of that written information into one place, and help to promote all of our services. Thanks, Friends, for making both of these possible.

As always, it's my pleasure to serve as your library director, and to hear any of your thoughts about BHPL. Feel free to drop me a line, <a href="mailto:rboulet@bhpl.net">rboulet@bhpl.net</a>, or stop by for a chat anytime.

Do you have feedback or ideas about this newsletter?

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# **JUNE 2015**

It was long in coming, but the summer season officially arrived with the library's Annual Plant Sale! Check out the Library's many summer activities or check out a new book to read in your hammock or favorite Adirondack chair.

# IN THIS EDITION

Join fellow movie lovers for **Anastasia**, and read along with play readers for **Dogg's Hamlet and Cahoot's Macbeth**. June's **book sale** takes place Saturday, June 6, where you can stock up for summer with a **1/2 Price Sale**. Youth Services will host songwriter and recording artist **Judy Pancoast** on Saturday, June 20 to kick off the Summer Reading Program. **Kneisel Hall Children's concerts** will return on Wednesday afternoons. And, as always, you'll find the most recent list of **New Titles**!



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#### **HOURS**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,

and Friday: 9am – 6pm Thursday: 9am – 8pm Saturday: 9am – 5pm

#### **Book Nook Book Sales:**

First Saturday of the month, 9am – 2pm