



# 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

We held the Friends of the Library annual meeting last month, which always sounds like a bigger event than it is. The Friends is such a congenial and well-functioning group that those meetings feel like a pro forma continuation and celebration of a year's worth of good work and good cheer. Our super organized Treasurer, Marjorie Yesley, informed us that we have approximately \$15,000 in our checking account, a remarkable sum raised primarily from book sale purchases and your generous contributions. The equally good news is that we will use those funds throughout the year to support and enhance our wonderful library.

To begin good use of those funds, we will throw the **Friends of the Library Holiday Party** on Saturday, December 19 from 2:30-5:30. We will have the usual fabulous entertainment for all ages, including songs and stories with Noel Paul Stoney, our own award-winning GSA High Five combo, magic tricks and giggles for kids of all ages with Norm Ng (a performance *and* a workshop), the not-to-be missed command performance return of Michael Donahue and friends staged reading of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" (complete with the not-to-be missed tile fireplace set), more singing with Ella Capella and the grand finale group caroling led by Holly Bartlett Weinberg on the piano. Revel in all these holiday festivities plus delicious homemade goodies and the best crowd ever. This party is one of our ways to thank and welcome all of you for making the library a vibrant and special place all year.

In keeping with the library's community outreach, we will again collect toys to donate to the Tree of Life and the Emmaus Shelter. To help brighten the season for some of our neighbors, please bring wrapped toys (indicating appropriate age and gender on the package) and put them under the library's tree at the party or any time during Library hours before December 19.

And, as always, we welcome donation of treats to serve at the party. Bring cookies, sweets, savories, or anything in

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# *Book Nook Book Sales*

## **Announcing 2 Book Sales in December!!**

Dec. 5th and 19th  
9:00 – 2:00

In the Book Nook  
Blue Hill Public Library

**Featuring books for and  
about the Holidays  
Including CDs and  
DVDs**

**Books make great gifts  
And, we offer *quality used  
books* for everyone on  
your list:**

**The cooks, the poets, the  
historians, the artisans.....  
The READERS of all ages**

Most books are still just  
\$1 or \$2 AND check out or  
**monthly 1/2 price  
specials!**

Remember, paperbacks are  
on sale whenever the library  
is open!

The book sales are brought  
to you by the Friends of the  
Library and by the generous  
donors who supply the qual-  
ity books that are offered!  
Proceeds enable the Friends  
to sponsor many programs  
for adults and children, spe-  
cial events for the communi-  
ty, and special needs for the  
library.



## Curlew raffle

*to support FOL and the Library*

Local artist Jerry Cumbo has generously donated two of his beautiful, hand-carved curlew sculptures as a fundraiser to support the library. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20, and are available at the main circulation desk. 100% of the proceeds will support the Friends of the Library, and two lucky winners will take home a beautiful work of local art.



between with you to the party, or drop them off any time on December 19. Most important, join us to celebrate this beautiful time of year and beautiful community at the library on December 19 from 2:30-5:30. Please note the Library will close at 2pm on December 19 to prepare for the party.

If you have not joined or renewed your Friends

of the library annual \$10 membership, please go to the library website or use the form enclosed with this newsletter to do so.

Thanks for a wonderful year. I look forward to seeing you at the party!

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

## From the Director's Desk

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Rich Boulet, Library Director: rboulet@bhpl.net

### *Thanks given*

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To be perfectly honest with you, I probably worry about more things than I need to (but maybe don't tell my wife that I admitted that!). Recently our new Youth Services Librarian, Libby Edwardson, joined not only our staff, but our community, having made the 1,200 mile trek from Appalachia to Blue Hill with her six children, two dogs and two cats, but minus the family support system she enjoyed before her move. Libby's husband and mother were initially unable to make the move with her, so she has found herself in Blue Hill, juggling all of the transitional details of integrating her children into schools, working full-time at the library, getting to know her new community, plus domestic responsibilities, etc., etc.

In my opinion, bringing a new person not just to a new job—and a key one at that—but to an entirely new community comes with some unwritten responsibilities. As that person's primary contact in a new place, you want to make sure that they fit in with the rest of the staff, know what options are available to them, that they get a good community orientation, know where to buy groceries, and most importantly that they have a strong chance of actually LIKING where they have arrived. You also hope that the community takes notice and is

welcoming to new staff members.

At this time of year when we take stock of what we have to be grateful for, I am so pleased to be a member of the Blue Hill community because, among many other reasons, it has been so welcoming to Libby and her family. Before she arrived, various people generously offered their knowledge of everything from daycare options to available housing to the inner workings of Acadia National Park (Libby's husband is an employee of the Park Service and awaits a pending transfer to Acadia). Then, on her first day on the job, the Friends of the Library welcomed Libby and her family with a gorgeous basket of gifts representing the finest that our community offers: from Lucy's Granola, to homemade pies and jams, a book for every member of her family, an apron with one of those beautiful Jane Croser maps of the peninsula silkscreened on it, and much more. As if that were not enough, one generous person, aware that Libby has a very full plate during the time of transition, has organized a meal train where various people have signed up to deliver homemade dinners to Libby's house just about every day well into December. The welcome that Libby and her family has received has really made me proud of our community.

Like I said above, I probably worry about more than I really need to, especially in a community like Blue Hill.

# New on the Shelves

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## Nonfiction

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Bauer, Susan Wise, *The Well-Educated Mind: A Guide to the Classical Education You Never Had (Updated, Expanded)*

Brotherton, Rob, *Suspicious Minds: Why We Believe Conspiracy Theories*

Nuzzi, Gianluigi, *Merchants in the Temple: Inside Pope Francis's Secret Battle Against Corruption in the Vatican*

Pritchard, Forrest, *Growing Tomorrow: A Farm-To-Table Journey in Photos and Recipes: Behind the Scenes with 18 Extraordinary Sustainable Farmers Who Are Changing the World*

Schiff, Stacy, *The Witches: Salem, 1692*

Koppel, Ted, *Lights Out: A Cyberattack, a Nation Unprepared, Surviving the Aftermath*

Burke, Jason, *The New Threat: The Past, Present, and Future of Islamic Militancy*

Goulding, Matt, *Rice, Noodle, Fish: Deep Travels Through Japan's Food Culture*

Cheever, Susan, *Drinking in America: Our Secret History*

Wojtech, Michael, *Bark: A Field Guide to Trees of the Northeast*

Moon, Allison, *Girl Sex 101*

DeVita, Vincent, *The Death of Cancer: After Fifty Years on the Front Lines of Medicine, a Pioneering Oncologist Reveals Why the War on Cancer Is Winnable*

Johnson, Samantha, *How to Build Chicken Coops: Everything You Need to Know*

Hill, Louella, *Kitchen Creamery: Making Yogurt, Butter & Cheese at Home*

Bittman, Mark, *Mark Bittman's Kitchen Matrix: More Than 700 Simple Recipes and Techniques to Mix and Match for Endless Possibilities*

Davis, Michelle, *Thug Kitchen: Eat Like You Give a F\*ck*

Anthony, Michael, *V Is for Vegetables: Inspired Recipes & Techniques for Home Cooks—From Artichokes to Zucchini*

DK Publishing, *Handmade Interiors*

Hurley, Katie, *The Happy Kid Handbook: How to Raise Joyful Children in a Stressful World*

Flint, India, *Second Skin: Choosing and Caring for Textiles and Clothing*

Brumfield, William Craft, *Architecture at the End of the Earth: Photographing the Russian North*

Lane, Barbara Miller, *Houses for a New World: Builders and Buyers in American Suburbs, 1945-1965*

Kuper, Peter, *Ruins*

Nicholas, Kristin, *Crafting a Colorful Home: A Room-By-Room Guide to Personalizing Your Space with Color*

Thomson, David, *How to Watch a Movie*

Nesteroff, Kliph, *The Comedians: Drunks, Thieves, Scoundrels, and the History of American Comedy*

Seibert, Brian, *What the Eye Hears: A History of Tap Dancing*

Sneddon, Robert, *The Phantom Punch: The Story Behind Boxing's Most Controversial Bout*

Robinson, Marilynne, *The Givenness of Things: Essays*

Service, Robert, *The End of the Cold War: 1985-1991*

Kershaw, Ian, *To Hell and Back: Europe 1914-1949*

Taylor, Frederick, *Coventry: November 14, 1940*

Beevor, Antony, *Ardennes 1944: The Battle of the Bulge*

Beck, Derek, *Igniting the American Revolution: 1773-1775*

Lipman, Andrew, *The Saltwater Frontier: Indians and the Contest for the American Coast*

## Biography

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Angell, Roger, *This Old Man: All in Pieces*

Brown, Theresa, *The Shift: One Nurse, Twelve Hours, Four Patients' Lives*

Carmon, Irin, *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg*

Damrosch, Leo, *Eternity's Sunrise: The Imaginative World of William Blake*

de Waal, Edmund, *The White Road: Journey Into an Obsession*

Gans, David, *This Is All a Dream We Dreamed: An Oral History of the Grateful Dead*

MacMillan, Margaret, *History's People: Personalities and the Past*

Nabokov, Vladimir, *Letters to Vera*

Nutt, Amy Ellis, *Becoming Nicole: The Transformation of an American Family*

Twain, Mark, *Autobiography of Mark Twain, Volume 3: The Complete and Authoritative Edition*

Unger, Harlow Giles, *Henry Clay: America's Greatest Statesman*

## Fiction

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Abulhawa, Susan, *The Blue Between Sky and Water*  
Albom, Mitch, *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto*  
Andrew, Sally, *Recipes for Love and Murder*  
Atkinson, Rick, *The Liberation Trilogy Boxed Set: Liberation Trilogy Boxed Set*  
Backman, Fredrik, *A Man Called Ove*  
Baldacci, David, *The Guilty*  
Bell, Matt, *Scrapper*  
Bialosky, Jill, *The Prize*  
Clark, Mary Higgins, *All Dressed in White*  
Connelly, Michael, *The Crossing*  
Copperman, E. J., *The Question of the Unfamiliar Husband*  
Crais, Robert, *The Promise*  
Critchley, Simon, *Memory Theater*  
De Gramont, Nina, *The Last September*  
DiSilverio, Laura, *The Reckoning Stones: A Novel of Suspense*  
Eco, Umberto, *Numero Zero*  
Evanovich, Janet, *Tricky Twenty-Two*  
Ferris, Joshua, *To Rise Again at a Decent Hour*  
Flynn, Vince, *The Survivor*  
George, Elizabeth, *A Banquet of Consequences*  
Gerritsen, Tess, *Playing with Fire*  
Haas, Derek, *A Different Lie*  
Hijuelos, Oscar, *Twain & Stanley Enter Paradise*  
Hillerman, Anne, *Spider Woman's Daughter*

Holland, Noy, *Bird*  
Kellerman, Faye, *The Theory of Death*  
Kellerman, Jonathan, *The Golem of Paris*  
Kirk, David, *Sword of Honor*  
Leckie, Ann, *Ancillary Mercy*  
Macomber, Debbie, *Dashing Through the Snow: A Christmas Novel*  
Maitland, Barry, *Crucifixion Creek: A Belltree Mystery*  
McCarry, Charles, *The Mulberry Bush*  
Meno, Joe, *Marvel and a Wonder*  
Minier, Bernard, *The Circle*  
Modiano, Patrick, *Paris Nocturne*  
Ohlsson, Kristina, *Hostage*  
Park, Tony, *Ivory*  
Patterson, James, *Cross Justice*  
Perry, Anne, A *Christmas Escape*  
Preston, Douglas, *Crimson Shore*  
Ray, Shann, *American Copper*  
Rendell, Ruth, *Dark Corners*  
Rothschild, Hannah, *The Improbability of Love*  
Ryan, Hank Phillippi, *What You See*  
Sala, Toni, *The Boys*  
Sanders, Ben, *American Blood*  
Scottoline, Lisa, *Corrupted*  
Witting, Amy, *Isobel on the Way to the Corner Shop*

Check out Julie P. Nicholson's  
*The Rock, The Prince,  
& the Mermaid*  
(how the tides came into being)

## Must See Movies

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### *The Grand Illusion* (1937)

Thursday, December 10, 2015 7:00 pm, Howard Room

**Story Line:** Jean Renoir's pacifist masterpiece stars Jean Gabin as a French World War I POW held by a German captain played by Erich von Stroheim. The Grand Illusion is one of the greatest anti-war films ever made. It is also a rousing prison-escape adventure and an outstanding example of the 1930's poetic realistic movement.*comedy.*

## Play Reading

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### *Anton Chekov's Uncle Vanya*

Wednesday, December 16, 2015, 6:30 pm

**Story line:** Uncle Vanya deals with wasted lives. Chekov's characters are consumed with lethargy, boredom, and regret over their unsatisfactory lives. They bemoan their old age, mourn the years that they have wasted in drudgery, pine over lost loves, and muse bitterly over what might have been if their lots had been different. They thus suffer from a sense of loss without knowing exactly what has been forfeited. Throughout the play, their private reflections burst through the surface of the everyday, giving way to torrents of unhappy introspection.

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Just as a dancer, turning and turning,  
may fill the dusty light with the soft swirl  
of her flying skirts, our weeping willow—  
now old and broken, creaking in the breeze—  
turns slowly, slowly in the winter sun,  
sweeping the rusty roof of the barn  
with the pale blue lacework of her shadow.

— Ted Kooser, Winter Morning Walks

## IN THIS EDITION

A **Curllew Raffle** will be held to support the Friends of the Library. The annual **holiday open house** is coming Saturday, December 19. Mark your calendars. Rich welcomes the new Children's Librarian **Libby Edvardson**. And the usual listing of **New Titles**. This month's movie screening is **The Grand Illusion** and the play reading is Anton Chekov's **Uncle Vanya**. December sees not one, but **TWO book sales**: December 5th and December 19th.



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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



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