



# 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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Photo by Ann Berleant, Weekly Packet

Michael Donahue dresses the part for the raffle drawing of two hand-carved curlews by Jerry Cumbo during the Last Night celebration at the library. With Michael is Leslie Goode, President of the Friends of the Library.

## Letter From the President

The library buzzed with fun activities through the holidays and strong usage throughout 2015.

Crowds of happy partygoers joined us for the annual holiday party in December to share music, magic, and theater of several varieties, along with lots of good food and piles of gifts for local children stashed under the tree. One of my favorite tasks as President of the Friends is bringing the wrapped gifts donated by our patrons to the Tree of Life and Emmaus Shelter. The outpouring of grace and gratitude in both giving and receiving harkens the best of the holiday spirit and of this community. Thanks for coming out to celebrate with us and creating warmth all around for the holiday season.

We had more fun at the library on New Year's Eve as a host for several Last Night activities, including the much anticipated announcement of who won our raffle. Local artist Jerry Cumbo very generously donated two of his beautiful hand-carved birds to the library, with a request that they be the prizes for a raffle fundraiser. We sold nearly 200 tickets in

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# *Book Nook Book Sales*

*Love a Good Book?*

## **BOOK SALE**

Saturday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>

9:00 – 2:00

In the Book Nook  
Blue Hill Public Library

**February Features:**  
*Special mini-collections*

Bike Touring and  
Adventure

Welding and  
Woodworking

and

William Blake!

*LOTS of New Titles in art,  
fiction, and youth*

**Cookbooks ½ price!!**

The Friends of the Library are pleased to offer quality used books at our book sales. We are grateful to those who donate such fine books and for the volunteers who ensure they are cleaned and ready for sale. We are also grateful for our loyal and first time book sale patrons. They all make it possible for the Friends to sponsor many programs and activities offered at the library.

Don't forget to visit the ongoing paperback sale on the second floor during regular library hours.

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November and December. Weather problems prevented Jerry from the honor of drawing the winning tickets. Fortunately, Michael Donahue, Friends Board member and dramaturge extraordinaire, stepped in at the last moment in full bird costume to save the show, and announced that Whitney Landon and his son Evan were the lucky winners of both birds! The pair looks so lovely together, it is nice to think they will continue to share a home. Big thanks go to Jerry and to Michael for lots of good cheer as we rang in 2016.

We also have much to celebrate with our successes in 2015. Last year, patron visits totaled nearly 109,500, even higher than our total for 2014. For those who worry that libraries are no longer relevant, we can say with confidence that is not true in Blue Hill, where total use of the library's holdings and electronic content increased nearly three percent in 2015 compared to 2014. Use of digital library offerings showed a staggering rise of nearly 150 percent. We can be proud that our library provides access to the traditional books, magazines, and internet materials, as well as expanded services, such as music download and e-books. Our library staff is happy to help you learn about new options and how to use them on your personal devices, including any tablets, smart phones, or laptops you may have received as holiday gifts. Stop in or make an appointment to learn about using your devices and linking to free content and services through the library.

Finally, many thanks to all of the households that renewed their Friends of the Library memberships and/or contributed to the Library's 2015 Annual Appeal. These direct contributions, along with fundraising events and endowment bequests, are what make this special place possible. Generous contributions from community members and patrons total 80 percent of the Library's budget. We could not do what we do without your support. I look forward to seeing you at the library in 2016!

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

*"I heard that weather is coming.  
Is my event still on?"*

*We report closings to: Facebook, WLBZ2's storm  
cancellations page, and WERU.*

# From the Director's Desk

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Rich Boulet, Library Director: rboulet@bhpl.net

Another January has come and gone here at BHPL, my 14th in the library director's chair. The place is starting to feel somewhat familiar, though I was recently referred to by a patron as the "new librarian," which was alright with me. Looking at 2015 we closed the year on a positive note in virtually all respects. Our library services statistics remain very strong, and fundraising also closed out 2015 in good standing.

## Library Services 2015

During 2015 the Blue Hill Public Library:

- Welcomed 119,176 patron visits, which is a slight increase over our 2014 total. In 2015, BHPL averaged 395 visits each business day and issued 579 new library cards.
- Loaned 96,959 physical materials (books, audio, & video on disc, etc.), which represents an average of 321 transactions on each of the 302 business days.
- Digital library use increased considerably. The library provided 6,693 downloads of digital content, audiobooks, Ebooks & sessions on Mango Languages. Digital Library use increased 24.9% compared to the prior year. In addition, Freegal, BHPL's free digital music service provided 14,884 titles (downloads and streaming), a 362% increase over 2014's total of 3,219 titles. Approximately 1,240 songs were provided free to the community each month.
- The library sponsored 405 cultural programs that attracted 9,241 attendees. This includes 201 adult programs with 5,383 attendees, and 204 youth programs enjoyed by 3,858 children, teenagers and parents. It also hosted 481 wide-ranging community meetings with an approximate attendance of 5,766.
- 9,260 computer sessions on our in-house computers and tablets were recorded. The library also provided 21,738 wireless internet sessions. Both numbers are comparable to the prior year.

## Fundraising 2015

On the fundraising front, we had our strongest year ever. We exceeded our budget-driven annual appeal goal of \$149,500, netting just under \$154,000. The additional funds helped offset other areas of the income budget, including helping to make up for Sedgwick's March appropriation of \$800 less than our requested amount. Fundraising events raised just over \$31,000, which was the most ever. The library also received an additional \$47,000 in grant funding to help improve energy efficiency in our historic downtown building. A portion of that has gone to install more energy-efficient lighting.

## Current News and Looking Ahead

The building has received a lot of attention lately. With the installation of two radiators, we have added more heating to the Blue Hill Room, the area of the library building that has tended to lag behind the rest of the library during heating season. The source of heat remains sustainably-produced Maine wood pellets. The overhaul of our lighting fixtures to more energy-efficient units is still progressing. We now have most of the library being lit by LED fixtures.

We are now actively pursuing the possible installation of a backup power generator so that BHPL may remain open during a power failure, providing Peninsula residents with a warm, dry place to connect with neighbors and the world when the grid goes down. We have a portion of the necessary funding set aside primarily from gifts made in memory of H. Curtiss Martin, a late Brooksville resident who was extremely pleased to have the library as a warm place to visit during the extended power outage of late 2013. We still do not know the exact costs of such a project, but I am determined to find a way to make a generator installation possible. If you would like to help, please get in touch!

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Library, we will soon improve the Larchwood Room librarian desk area, which has been a “temporary solution” since it was set up in 2004.

Besides these projects, our Building and Grounds Committee is investigating various strategies to reduce our carbon footprint towards the ultimate

goal of carbon neutrality in our day-to-day operations by 2019, including the feasibility of on-site solar electricity. I caution however that that last initiative is still very much in the “pie in the sky” phase of investigation, so please be patient as we determine its potential. As always, there is a lot going on. Stay tuned!

## 10 Years of the Blue Hill Fair Poster Designs: *Original paintings for the Fair posters by Megan Granger*

BLUE HILL – Blue Hill artist Megan Granger will be showing her original paintings from 10 years of Blue Hill Fair posters in the Blue Hill Public

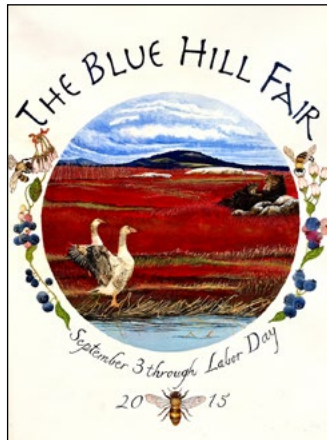
Library’s Britton Gallery during the month of February. The paintings are in watercolor and egg tempera. Megan has lived in Blue Hill for over 40 years and has been the Blue Hill Fair artist for 10 years.

About her show Megan offers, “Growing up in such a beautiful town has given me a great appreciation for nature’s gifts. Studying the delicate patterns in plants or the fine textures of animals’ feathers or fur allows me to capture a glimpse of what our natural world presents every day. The Blue Hill Fair board has been wonderful to work with, trusting



me to completely take charge of the theme and presentation every year.”

Megan started taking weekly private art lessons at 12 years old. She attended



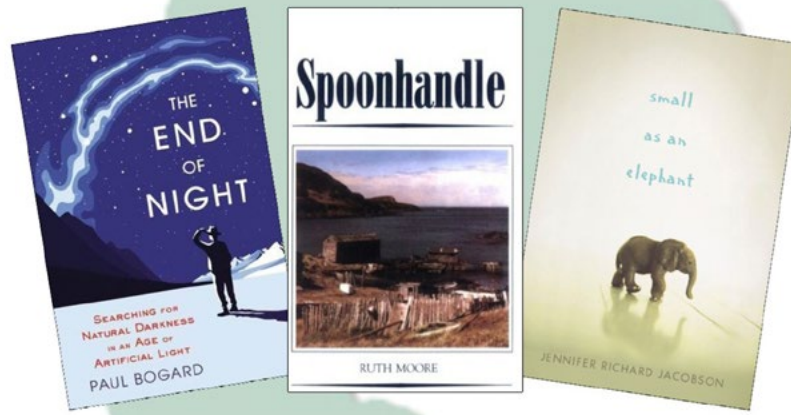
one semester at Portland School of Art before transferring to the University of Maine in Orono, where she received a BA in Art Education with a Concentration in Developmental Disabilities. She also has a Master of Arts in Art Therapy from Vermont College, and an Independent Maine Clinical Counseling License in 1999. Megan uses visual and expressive art as well as clinical expertise in her job as a counselor at Blue Hill Consolidated School.

The exhibit will be available for viewing during library hours starting February 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information, call the library at 374-5515.

## Live and Learn: DIY@BHPL

The 2016 BHPL programming theme is *Live and Learn*. The library will be providing programming around a more or less “do-it-yourself” theme and will feature workshops, demonstrations, classes and talks. There are MANY ideas in the works, spanning from arts and crafts, to horticulture, to STEM-inspired activities. Coming

up in February we have: *Independent Publishing for Maine Authors* presented by Maine Authors Publishing President, Jane Karker on 2/18, and *Do's and Don'ts of Orchard Care* with MOFGA's C.J. Walke on 2/25. Check the calendar online or call for more information. As always, your programming ideas and input are welcome.



## One Park, One Read: Celebrating Acadia's 100th Birthday

BHPL is recognizing the centennial of Acadia National Park by participating in the *One Park, One Read* community book series organized by MDI librarians. Marge Irvine will lead discussions for the 2 adult titles, and Youth Librarian, Libby Edwardson will handle the YA book. The chosen books are:

**FIC: *Spoonhandle* by Ruth Moore, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**—If you haven't read Ruth Moore's work, you should. Really. She is a Maine original, born on Gott's Island. Ruth spent much of her career working for Reader's Digest. Then in the 1950s her big break came: a film of *Spoonhandle* was adapted and shot on Vinalhaven, allowing her to return to her native state with her partner, Eleanor Mayo, to write full time. She and Ms. Mayo built a home in a stunning Bass Harbor location where they spent their remaining years, both writing Maine fiction. Since the 1990's Ruth's Maine champion has been Brunswick's Gulf of Maine Books owner, Gary Lawless, who continues to keep her works in print.

**NONFIC: *The End of Night: Searching for Natural Darkness in an Age of Artificial Light* by Paul Bogard, March 7<sup>th</sup>**—Publisher Marketing: A deeply panoramic tour of the night, from its brightest spots to the darkest skies we have left. A starry night is one of nature's most magical wonders. Yet in our artificially lit world, three-quarters of Americans' eyes never switch to night vision and most of us no longer experience true darkness. In *The End Of Night*, Paul Bogard restores our awareness of the

spectacularly primal, wildly dark night sky and how it has influenced the human experience across everything from science to art.

**YA FIC: *Small as an Elephant* by Jennifer Richard Jacobson, March 19<sup>th</sup>**—A really great and quick YA read that takes us through lots of familiar local spots in Acadia National Park. Publisher Marketing: When eleven-year-old Jack Martel crawls out of his pup tent on the first morning of his camping trip with his mom in Acadia National Park, he notices right away that something isn't right. Where is his mom's tent, and their rental car? And where is his mom? Any other kid might panic, might even go to the police. But Jack isn't like other kids. And his mom isn't like other moms. Jack knows that it's up to him to find his mom before someone figures out what's happened and separates them forever.

### Great Discoveries Discussion Program Returns

With funding from the Friends of the Library, we are also sponsoring another session of the Foreign Policy Association's *Great Decisions Discussion Program*. If you are not familiar with the series, "the program model involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book, watching the DVD and meeting in a Discussion Group to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today." The series starts February 24th and is hosted by Ann Humphrey and Aaron Glazer. For more details and to register go to our website or call the library.

# New on the Shelves

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## Nonfiction

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- Beilock, Sian, *How the Body Knows Its Mind: The Surprising Power of the Physical Environment to Influence How You Think and Feel*
- Singer, Peter, *Famine, Affluence, and Morality*
- Wright, Jennifer, *It Ended Badly: Thirteen of the Worst Breakups in History*
- Sax, Leonard, *The Collapse of Parenting: How We Hurt Our Kids When We Treat Them Like Grown-Ups*
- Maathai, Wangari Muta, *The Challenge for Africa*
- Haviland, Sara Rzeszutek, *James and Esther Cooper Jackson: Love and Courage in the Black Freedom Movement*
- Rove, Karl, *The Triumph of William McKinley: Why the Election of 1896 Still Matters*
- Oren, Michael B., *Power, Faith, and Fantasy: America in the Middle East: 1776 to the Present*
- Davidson, Liz, *What Your Financial Advisor Isn't Telling You: The 10 Essential Truths You Need to Know about Your Money*
- Gordon, Robert, *The Rise and Fall of American Growth: The U.S. Standard of Living Since the Civil War*
- Leman, Kevin, *Planet Middle School: Helping Your Child Through the Peer Pressure, Awkward Moments & Emotional Drama*
- Cusick, Thomas, *Mathematics Made Simple: Sixth Edition*
- Pearce, Fred, *The New Wild: Why Invasive Species Will Be Nature's Salvation*
- Chace, Teri Dunn, *How to Eradicate Invasive Plants*
- Wilson, Joseph, *The Bees in Your Backyard: A Guide to North America's Bees*
- Donvan, John, *In a Different Key: The Story of Autism*
- Canfield, Jack, *The 30-Day Sobriety Solution: How to Cut Back or Quit Drinking in the Privacy of Your Own Home*
- Fields, R. Douglas, *Why We Snap: Understanding the Rage Circuit in Your Brain*
- DK Publishing, *The Gardener's Year*
- Clausen, Ruth Rogers, *Essential Perennials: The Complete Reference to 2700 Perennials for the Home Garden*
- McFarland, Rob, *Save the Bees with Natural Backyard Hives: The Easy and Treatment-Free Way to Attract and Keep Healthy Bees*
- Hamshaw, Gena, *Food52 Vegan: 60 Vegetable-Driven Recipes for Any Kitchen*
- Webster, Katie, *Maple: 100 Sweet and Savory Recipes Featuring Pure Maple Syrup*
- Peterson, Charlotte, *The Mindful Parent: Strategies from Peaceful Cultures to Raise Compassionate, Competent Kids*
- Cheney, W. R., *Penelope Down East: Cruising Adventures in an Engineless Catboat Along the World's Most Beautiful Coast*
- Newport, Cal, *Deep Work: Rules for Focused Success in a Distracted World*
- Shafer, Jay, *Jay Shafer's DIY Book of Backyard Sheds & Tiny Houses: Build Your Own Guest Cottage, Writing Studio, Home Office, Craft Workshop, or Personal Retreat*
- Pearce, Charlotte, *Tiny House Living: Tips & Ideas to Stay Organized, de-Clutter, Live Well & Make the Most Out of Your Small House or Apartment*
- Seebohm, Caroline, *Rescuing Eden: Preserving America's Historic Gardens*
- King, Ross, *Florence: The Paintings & Frescoes, 1250-1743*
- Rinella, Steven, *The Complete Guide to Hunting, Butchering, and Cooking Wild Game, Volume 1: Big Game*
- Coates, Lawrence, *Camp Olvido*
- Steel, Danielle, *Blue*
- Woods, Stuart, *Scandalous Behavior*
- Cantor, Rachel, *Good on Paper*
- Geni, Abby, *The Lightkeepers*
- Lenhardt, Melissa, *Stillwater: A Jack McBride Mystery*
- Searcy, David, *Shame and Wonder: Essays*
- Black, Benjamin, *Even the Dead: A Quirke Novel*
- Wood, Lucy, *Weathering*
- Hazzard, Shirley, *We Need Silence to Find Out What We Think: Selected Essays*
- Lebedev, Sergey, *Oblivion*
- Lee, Lee, *Private Life of Plants*
- Crowley, Roger, *Conquerors: How Portugal Forged the First Global Empire*
- Bryson, Bill, *The Road to Little Dribbling: Adventures of an American in Britain*
- Gildea, Robert, *Fighters in the Shadows: A New History of the French Resistance*
- Jones, Dan, *Magna Carta: The Birth of Liberty*
- Fiennes, Ranulph, *Agincourt: The Fight for France*
- Bordewich, Fergus M., *The First Congress: How James Madison, George Washington, and a Group of Extraordinary Men Invented the Government*

## Biography

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Chandler, Raymond, *The World of Raymond Chandler: In His Own Words*  
Cisneros, Sandra, *A House of My Own: Stories from My Life*  
Covey, Michael, *Maggie Smith: A Biography*  
Gates, Robert M., *A Passion for Leadership: Lessons on Change and Reform from Fifty Years of Public Service*  
Hart, Tom, *Rosalie Lightning: A Graphic Memoir*  
Monroe, Debra, *My Unsentimental Education*  
Schlesinger, David, *Strayhorn: An Illustrated Life*  
Thompson, Juan F., *Stories I Tell Myself: Growing Up with Hunter S. Thompson*

## Fiction

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Baugh, Carolyn, *Quicksand*  
Benjamin, Melanie, *The Swans of Fifth Avenue*  
Brown, Taylor, *Fallen Land*  
Dean, Averil, *The Undoing*  
Faulks, Sebastian, *Where My Heart Used to Beat*  
Giordano, Paolo, *Like Family*  
Grant, Andrew, *False Positive*

Greenwell, Garth, *What Belongs to You*  
Hadley, Tessa, *The Past*  
Hoag, Tami, *The Bitter Season*  
Hunt, Samantha, *Mr. Splitfoot*  
Koontz, Dean R., *Ashley Bell*  
Krentz, Jayne Ann, *Secret Sisters*  
Mattich, Alen, *Killing Pilgrim*  
Mina, Denise, *Blood, Salt, Water*  
Mizushima, Margaret, *Killing Trail*  
Moore, Jonathan, *The Poison Artist*  
Murray, Paul, *The Mark and the Void*  
Nahai, Gina B., *The Luminous Heart of Jonah S.*  
O'Dell, Tawni, *Angels Burning*  
Patterson, James, *NYPD Red 4*  
Petrie, Nicholas, *The Drifter*  
Poyer, David, *Tipping Point: The War with China – The First Salvo*  
Roberts, Nora, *Stars of Fortune*  
Sinisalo, Johanna, *The Core of the Sun*  
Steel, Danielle, *Precious Gifts*  
Stone, Nick, *The Verdict*  
Strout, Elizabeth, *My Name Is Lucy Barton*  
Taylor, Brad, *The Forgotten Soldier*  
Thornton, Mark, *Kid Moses*  
Vallgren, Carl-Johan, *The Merman*  
Yapa, Sunil, *Your Heart Is a Muscle the Size of a Fist*

## Must See Movies

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### *The Last Picture Show* (1971)

Thursday, Feb. 11, 2016, 7 pm, Howard Room



**Starring:** Jeff Bridges, Cybill Shepherd, Randy Quaid, Cloris Leachman, Ellen Burstyn  
**Director:** Peter Bogdanovich  
**Story Line:** A group of 1950s high schoolers come of age in a bleak, isolated, atrophied West Texas town that is slowly dying, both economically and cultural-

ly. For aesthetic reasons it was shot in black and white, which was unusual for the time. In 1998, *The Last Picture Show* was deemed “culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant” by the United States Library of Congress and selected for preservation in the National Film Registry. (Wikipedia)

## Play Reading

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### *The Importance of Being Earnest*

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2016, 6:30 pm



**Story Line:** The Importance of Being Earnest is a farcical comedy in which the protagonists maintain fictitious personas to escape burdensome social obligations: i.e. marriage. Working within the social conventions of late Victorian London, the play’s major themes

are the triviality with which it treats institutions as serious as marriage, and the resulting satire of Victorian ways. Its high farce and witty dialogue have helped make this Oscar Wilde’s most enduringly popular play. (Wikipedia)

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It's that time of year when the days are getting longer but also getting colder, and we have to shovel out the mailbox to read the new spring seed catalogs. If you are in need of a cure for cabin fever, come to cozy warmth of Blue Hill Public Library. LOTS going on!

## IN THIS EDITION

**10 Years of Blue Hill Fair Posters** will be on display in the Britton Gallery. Learn how to self-publish and grow an orchard in the **Live and Learn** DIY program. Participate in a **new book series** about Acadia National Park. And check out the usual listing of **New Titles**. This month's movie screening is **The Last Picture Show** and the play reading is Oscar Wilde's **The Importance of Being Earnest**. February's **book sale** features cookbooks at 1/2 price.



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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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