



# 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

Many thanks to the many hundreds, yes, hundreds of you who joined us for the Library's 75th anniversary party in October. We enjoyed live music from the GSA jazz band (and dancing!), great food from El El Frijoles, a photo booth with 1940s period costumes, and, of course, a cake in the shape of the Library. The building overflowed with good cheer. It was great celebration for all ages and yet another example of why and how our Library is a beloved part of the community.

Speaking of parties... Be sure to mark your calendars and join us on Saturday, December 19 for the Library's always-fun **annual holiday party**, sponsored by the Friends of the Library. We'll begin at 2:30 with fabulous local live musicians, continue with entertainment and hands-on projects for kids as well as a staged reading of Dickens' Christmas Carol, and end around 5:30 singing carols together. Look for future announcements about the program. It isn't too early to think about bringing a wrapped gift for the Friends to distribute to local children through the Tree of Life and Emmaus Shelter. Goodies to serve at the party are welcomed and encouraged also!

In October, we began the annual Friends of the Library **membership drive** and are off to a good start. The drive continues through November. Please use the convenient insert in this newsletter (or go to the "Friends of the Library" page on the Library website) to join or renew your membership. Membership remains \$10 per person or household and gives you the satisfaction of being a key part of our Library. Membership dues and our used book sale dollars enable the Friends to fund Library programs such as the community parties, programs for youth, and purchases such as the New York Times and our expansive audio book and DVD collections. Be part of the Friends and help support the activities that make our Library special

I look forward to seeing you at the Library!

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

# Book Nook Book Sales

Saturday,  
November 7,  
9am – 2pm

In the Book Nook  
Blue Hill Public Library

*Books for the entire family!*

## November ½ Price Specials:

All fiction

All CDs

Everything on the  
“top middle shelves”

### *Make an offer on the following sets*

Balzac 1903, 11 volumes

Beacon Lights of History  
1885 – 7 volumes

Democracy University  
DVDs

**AND!!** It's not too early  
to start thinking about the  
upcoming holidays!!

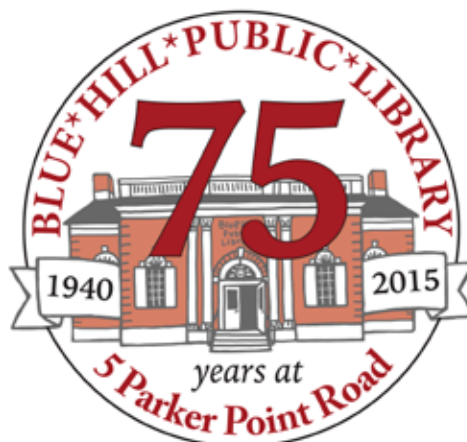
Books and CDs for  
planning, enjoying, and  
giving

*All children attending  
the sale may select  
one free book*

Don't forget to check our  
ongoing paperback book  
sale on the second floor —  
Books just 50¢ any time the  
library is open!

## From the Director's Desk

Rich Boulet, Library Director: rboulet@bhpl.net



BHPL's 75th Anniversary Party is fresh in my memory, and what a really great evening it was. We owe our thanks to many people and businesses who made the event possible: Camden National Bank, Tradewinds Marketplace, EBS, Merle B. Grindle Agency and El El

Frijoles all pitched in funds and food. We also owe a huge debt of gratitude to you, the Friends of the Library, for your major sponsorship of the evening. Thank you one and all.

What are we celebrating when we celebrate the 75th anniversary of an organization that traces its roots to the days of George Washington—the library was founded in 1796 after all? What began as the *Blue Hill Library*, where townspeople could “become acquainted with the customs and manners of the world and every other useful knowledge,” eventually was reborn around 1860 into the Ladies Social Library where local women met weekly to exchange books and eat ice cream. The Ladies Social Library sailed along for 75 years or so, kind of as a sidebar in Town Hall.

Meanwhile, a truly amazing woman named Adelaide Pearson had ideas that expanded beyond the walls of the spare room at Town Hall. At a young age Adelaide, who came from a family of considerable means, wanted to buy a card catalog for the library, but her father forbade her from using her allowance to do so. Adelaide would prove throughout her life to be a most enterprising person, and instead she sold small carved figurines to fund the card catalog. She was apparently successful, as she not only purchased the original card catalog, but also set about cataloging the holdings as a volunteer.

Fast forward to the Great Depression. In the midst of some of the most challenging times the United States had ever seen, Miss Pearson saw opportunity. Through many rounds of letters to Washington DC, by rallying local support from people with whom she sometimes didn't share a vision, and by hiring the



indefatigable energy of Anne Hinckley, Miss Pearson was able to secure matching funds from the Public Works Administration to build the library we know and love today. Ground was broken in December, 1938 and the building was completed March, 1940. 75 years later, we still benefit from Miss Pearson's vision and energy, and Mrs. Hinckley's orientation that a public library should be outwardly engaged with its community.

Although we think of the Blue Hill Public Library as being born in 1940, the transition from Ladies Social Library to BHPL, was a slow process, regardless of what the bronze letters affixed to the

outside proclaimed as early as 1940. The town's annual report persisted with the report from the Ladies Social Library for more than twenty years, into the 1960s, when the Blue Hill Public Library was finally officially incorporated. The Blue Hill PUBLIC Library was *unofficially* born in 1940, and this year we celebrate 75 years in our first and probably only permanent home.

Thank you, Adelaide, thank you, Annie, and thank you Blue Hill past and present for being such great hosts to your library. It's been my honor to serve you the library for just a brief period since 2002, and here's to many more.

# New on the Shelves

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## Nonfiction

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- Gilbert, Elizabeth, *Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear*
- Burgo, Joseph, *The Narcissist You Know: Defending Yourself Against Extreme Narcissists in an All-About-Me Age*
- Faderman, Lillian, *The Gay Revolution: The Story of the Struggle*
- Villanueva, Sara, *The Angst of Adolescence: How to Parent Your Teen and Live to Laugh about It*
- Milne, David, *Worldmaking: The Art and Science of American Diplomacy*
- Schwartz, Barry, *Why We Work*
- Acitelli, Tom, *American Wine: A Coming-Of-Age Story*
- Edin, Kathryn J., *\$2.00 a Day: Living on Almost Nothing in America*
- Shane, Scott, *Objective Troy: A Terrorist, a President, and the Rise of the Drone*
- Flanders, Judith, *The Making of Home: The 500-Year Story of How Our Houses Became Our Homes*
- Suskind, Dana, *Thirty Million Words: Building a Child's Brain*
- Palfreman, Jon, *Brain Storms: The Race to Unlock the Mysteries of Parkinson's Disease*
- Jackson, Tom, *Chilled: How Refrigeration Changed the World and Might Do So Again*
- James Ahern, Shauna, *Gluten-Free Girl American Classics Reinvented*
- Mellen, Andrew J., *Unstuff Your Life!: Kick the Clutter Habit and Completely Organize Your Life for Good*
- Lester, Valerie, *Giambattista Bodoni: His Life and His World*
- Rybczynski, Witold, *Mysteries of the Mall: And Other Essays*
- University of Chicago Press, *The Chicago Manual of Style*
- Karr, Mary, *The Art of Memoir*
- Kurniawan, Eka, *Beauty Is a Wound*
- Snyder, Timothy, *Black Earth: The Holocaust as History and Warning*
- Winik, Jay, *1944: FDR and the Year That Changed History*
- Hosken, Andrew, *Empire of Fear: Inside the Islamic State*
- Greenburg, Michael M., *The Court-Martial of Paul Revere: A Son of Liberty and America's Forgotten Military Disaster*
- Maraniss, David, *Once in a Great City: A Detroit Story*
- Pogue, David, *Windows 10: The Missing Manual*
- Miser, Brad, *My Pages, Numbers, and Keynote (for Mac and IOS)*
- Wiegand, Wayne, *Part of Our Lives: A People's History of the American Public Library*
- Bass, Diana Butler, *Grounded: Finding God in the World-A Spiritual Revolution*
- Willey, David, *The Promise of Francis: The Man, the Pope, and the Challenge of Change*
- Birkerts, Sven, *Changing the Subject: Art and Attention in the Internet Age*
- Slaughter, Anne-Marie, *Unfinished Business: Women Men Work Family*
- Reich, Robert B., *Saving Capitalism: For the Many, Not the Few*
- Farley, Tom, Jr., *Saving Gotham: A Billionaire Mayor, Activist Doctors, and the Fight for Eight Million Lives*
- Tucker, Linda, *Saving the White Lions: One Woman's Battle for Africa's Most Sacred Animal*
- Perlmutter, David, *Brain Maker: The Power of Gut Microbes to Heal and Protect Your Brain for Life*
- Woititz, Lisa Sue, *Unwelcome Inheritance: Break Your Family's Cycle of Addictive Behaviors*
- Rosenthal, Michele, *Heal Your PTSD: Dynamic Strategies That Work*
- Gibson, Lindsay C., *Adult Children of Emotionally Immature Parents: How to Heal from Distant, Rejecting, or Self-Involved Parents*
- Sinnott, Todd, *3 Weeks to a Better Back: Solutions for Healing the Structural, Nutritional, and Emotional Causes of Back Pain*
- English, John, *Harvest Your Own Lumber: How to Fell, Saw, Dry and Mill Wood*
- Martin, Annie, *The Magical World of Moss Gardening*
- Altiero, Kerry, *Adventures in Comfort Food: Incredible, Delicious and New Recipes from a Unique, Small-Town Restaurant*
- Warner, Justin, *The Laws of Cooking: And How to Break Them*
- Ronnen, Tal, *Crossroads: Extraordinary Recipes from the Restaurant That Is Reinventing Vegan Cuisine*
- Solomonov, Michael, *Zahav: A World of Israeli Cooking*
- Moore, Russell, *This Is Camino*
- Flake, Emily, *Mama Tried: Dispatches from the Seamy Underbelly of Modern Parenting*
- Glowacki, Jamie, *Oh Crap! Potty Training: Everything Modern Parents Need to Know to Do It Once and Do It Right*
- Nestle, Marion, *Soda Politics: Taking on Big Soda (and Winning)*
- Johnston, Lucy, *Digital Handmade: Craftsmanship and the New Industrial Revolution*
- Low, Lafe, *Best Tent Camping: New England: Your Car-Camping Guide to Scenic Beauty, the Sounds of Nature, and an Escape from Civilization*

Wattenberg, Laura, *The Baby Name Wizard, Revised 3rd Edition: A Magical Method for Finding the Perfect Name for Your Baby*  
 Brown, Richard, *Revolution: Mapping the Road to American Independence, 1755-1783*  
 Pietrusza, David, *1932: The Rise of Hitler and FDR—Two Tales of Politics, Betrayal, and Unlikely Destiny*

## Biography

Abramsky, Sasha, *The House of Twenty Thousand Books*  
 Axelrod, Howard, *The Point of Vanishing: A Memoir of Two Years in Solitude*  
 Coyote, Peter, *The Rainman's Third Cure: An Irregular Education*  
 English, T. J., *Where the Bodies Were Buried: Whitey Bulger and the World That Made Him*  
 Ferguson, Niall, *Kissinger: 1923-1968: The Idealist*  
 Goldberger, Paul, *Building Art: The Life and Work of Frank Gehry*  
 Haygood, Wil, *Showdown: Thurgood Marshall and the Supreme Court Nomination That Changed America*  
 Hynde, Chrissie, *Reckless: My Life as a Pretender*  
 Moran, Rachel, *Paid for: My Journey Through Prostitution*  
 Oates, Joyce Carol, *The Lost Landscape: A Writer's Coming of Age*  
 Simon, Marie Jalowicz, *Underground in Berlin: A Young Woman's Extraordinary Tale of Survival in the Heart of Nazi Germany*  
 Urschel, Joe, *The Year of Fear: Machine Gun Kelly and the Manhunt That Changed the Nation*  
 Wulf, Andrea, *The Invention of Nature: Alexander Von Humboldt's New World*  
 Bernanke, Ben S., *The Courage to Act: A Memoir of a Crisis and Its Aftermath*  
 Christensen, Kate, *How to Cook a Moose: A Culinary Memoir*  
 Costello, Elvis, *Unfaithful Music & Disappearing Ink*  
 Daniels, Roger, *Franklin D. Roosevelt: Road to the New Deal, 1882-1939*  
 Hersh, Kristin, *Don't Suck, Don't Die: Giving Up Vic Chesnutt*  
 Moser, Barry, *We Were Brothers*  
 Myers, Steven Lee, *The New Tsar: The Rise and Reign of Vladimir Putin*  
 Odede, Kennedy, *Find Me Unafraid: Love, Loss, and Hope in an African Slum*  
 Parini, Jay, *Empire of Self: A Life of Gore Vidal*  
 Prose, Francine, *Peggy Guggenheim: The Shock of the Modern*  
 Sattouf, Riad, *The Arab of the Future: A Graphic Memoir*  
 Smith, Patti, *M Train*  
 Vowell, Sarah, *Lafayette in the Somewhat United States*  
 Waterman, Stan, *Sea Salt II: More Salt*

## Fiction

Abdul-Jabbar, Kareem, *Mycroft Holmes*  
 Adler-Olsen, Jussi, *The Hanging Girl: A Department Q Novel*  
 Altman, John, *Disposable Asset: An Espionage Thriller (First World Publication)*  
 Banasky, Carmiel, *The Suicide of Claire Bishop*  
 Beaton, M. C., *Dishing the Dirt: An Agatha Raisin Mystery*  
 Beattie, Ann, *The State We're in: Maine Stories*  
 Belfoure, Charles, *House of Thieves*  
 Black, Saul, *The Killing Lessons*  
 Blackwell, Elise, *The Lower Quarter*  
 Child, Lee, *Make Me: A Jack Reacher Novel*  
 Clegg, Bill, *Did You Ever Have a Family*  
 Coleman, Reed Farrel, *Robert B. Parker's the Devil Wins*  
 Coulter, Catherine, *The End Game*  
 Curry, Alexandra Gambrill, *The Courtesan*  
 Cussler, Clive, *The Solomon Curse*  
 DeWitt, Patrick, *Undermajordomo Minor*  
 Dobyns, Stephen, *Is Fat Bob Dead Yet?*  
 Evison, Jonathan, *This Is Your Life, Harriet Chance!*  
 Ferrante, Elena, *The Story of the Lost Child: Neapolitan Novels, Book Four*  
 Fields, Hilary, *Last Chance Llama Ranch*  
 Garcia, Vanessa, *White Light*  
 Gregory, Philippa, *The Taming of the Queen*  
 Groff, Lauren, *Fates and Furies*  
 Guinn, Matthew, *The Scribe*  
 Heacox, Kim, *Jimmy Bluefeather*  
 Holm, Chris, *The Killing Kind*  
 Hunt, Andrew, *A Killing in Zion: A Mystery*  
 Islam, Tanwi Nandini, *Bright Lines*  
 Jaffe, Sara, *Dryland*  
 Jance, J. A., *Dance of the Bones: A J. P. Beaumont and Brandon Walker Novel*  
 Johnson, Adam, *Fortune Smiles: Stories*  
 Karon, Jan, *Come Rain or Come Shine*  
 Kleeman, Alexandra, *You Too Can Have a Body Like Mine*  
 Lackberg, Camilla, *The Drowning*  
 Lagercrantz, David, *The Girl in the Spider's Web: A Lisbeth Salander Novel, Continuing Stieg Larsson's Millennium Series*  
 May, Peter, *Entry Island*  
 McMann, Lisa, *Island of Graves*  
 McMann, Lisa, *Island of Shipwrecks*  
 McPherson, Catriona, *The Child Garden*  
 Modiano, Patrick, *So You Don't Get Lost in the Neighborhood*  
 Moshfegh, Ottessa, *Eileen*  
 Moss, Todd, *Minute Zero*  
 Neville, Stewart, *Those We Left Behind*  
 Okparanta, Chinelo, *Under the Udala Trees*  
 Patterson, James, *Alert*  
 Pryor, Mark, *Hollow Man*

Rushdie, Salman, *Two Years Eight Months and Twenty-Eight Nights*  
 Smith, Donald, *The Constable's Tale: A Novel of Colonial America*  
 Steel, Danielle, *Undercover*  
 Stewart, Amy, *Girl Waits with Gun*  
 White, T. H., *The Once and Future King*  
 Young, Hester, *The Gates of Evangeline*  
 Atwood, Margaret, *The Heart Goes Last*  
 Banville, John, *The Blue Guitar*  
 Bartsch, Jeffrey, *Two Across*  
 Brooks, Geraldine, *The Secret Chord*  
 Childress, Ron, *And West Is West*  
 Clark, Clare, *We That Are Left*  
 Connolly, John, *A Song of Shadows: A Charlie Parker Thriller*  
 Cook, Robin, *Host*  
 Cullen, Lynn, *Twain's End*  
 Eskens, Allen, *The Guise of Another*  
 Ghosh, Amitav, *River of Smoke*  
 Golding, Michael, *A Poet of the Invisible World*  
 Grisham, John, *Rogue Lawyer*  
 Hallberg, Garth Risk, *City on Fire*  
 Harrison, Cora, *A Shameful Murder: A Reverend Mother Aquinas Mystery Set in 1920 S Ireland (First World Publication)*  
 Hilderbrand, Elin, *Winter Stroll*  
 Holleman, Emily, *Cleopatra's Shadows*  
 Hunt, Rebecca, *Everland*  
 James, Peter, *You Are Dead*  
 Johansen, Iris, *Shadow Play: An Eve Duncan Novel*  
 Jong, Erica, *Fear of Dying*  
 Lee, Jung-Myung, *The Investigation*  
 Marra, Anthony, *The Tsar of Love and Techno: Stories*  
 Mayle, Peter, *The Diamond Caper*  
 McCall Smith, Alexander, *The Woman Who Walked in Sunshine: No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*  
 McCann, Colum, *Thirteen Ways of Looking: Fiction*  
 McCrear, Gavin, *Mrs. Engels*  
 McManus, James, *The Education of a Poker Player*  
 Morton, Kate, *The Lake House*  
 Nichols, Jim, *Closer All the Time*  
 Pamuk, Orhan, *A Strangeness in My Mind*  
 Pratchett, Terence David John, *The World of Poo*  
 Robb, J. D., *Devoted in Death*  
 Sandford, John, *Saturn Run*  
 Slaughter, Karin, *Pretty Girls*  
 Smiley, Jane, *The Golden Age*  
 Trigiani, Adriana, *All the Stars in the Heavens*  
 Watkins, Claire Vaye, *Gold Fame Citrus*  
 Woods, Stuart, *Foreign Affairs*

## Must See Movies

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### *Blithe Spirit* (1945)

Thursday, November 12, 2015 7:00 pm,

Howard Room

**Starring:** Rex Harrison, Constance Cummings, Kay Hammond and Margaret Rutherford

**Story Line:** Charles (Rex Harrison) and his second wife Ruth (Constance Cummings) are haunted by the ghost of his first wife, Elvira (Kay Hammond).

Medium Madame Arati (Margaret Rutherford) tries to help things out by contacting the ghost and all goes very, very wrong! *Classic Noel Coward comedy.*

## Play Reading

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### *Scapin* (Adapted from Molière by Bill Irwin and Mak O'Donnell)

Wednesday, November 18, 2015, 6:30 pm

**Story line:** This adaptation of Molière's 325-year-old farce *Les Fourberies de Scapin* follows—with some alterations—the play's original structure. It keeps the play in period setting while adding a late twentieth century spin to the language and action. Scapino tends to make a confusion of anything he undertakes. He is a schemer and scoundrel, and takes a certain pride in these facts.

# The Making Of A Newsletter *(or How I Spent My Summer Vacation)*

Phil Schirmer

The deadline for the September newsletter fell during the two weeks my wife and I had scheduled our vacation at our cottage in Canada. All of the files and programs I need to design the newsletter are on my desktop computer. So I packed it in the car, along with an outboard motor, chain saw, tools and luggage. The cottage is rustic; it has no electricity or running water. We like it that way. But desktop computers don't like it that way. Solution: the local library (how appropriate...)

We arrived at our cottage, only to find that an oak tree had fallen across our outhouse. The deadline for the newsletter was looming, but the need for toilet facilities trumped. It was a job way beyond the capabilities of my little chain saw, so we hired a gang of local lumberjacks to remove the oak tree along with two others that were in danger of falling on other buildings. They drove up our dirt driveway with the largest chipper I have ever seen.

So, our first full day in Canada was spent using sign language while three chainsaws and a chipper made enough noise outside our windows to turn heads in the next province.

We spent the following day cleaning up. It took several hours to uncrush the roof of the outhouse. But finally I was able to turn my attention to the newsletter. Unfortunately the local library had limited hours so I had to wait a couple of days to get started. Elgin, Ontario is a town of three hundred residents with a market, a bank, a bowling alley(!) and a restaurant that specializes in the suprisingly tasty Canadian cholesterol bomb called *Poutine*.

In the evening of the fourth day of our vacation, I lugged my computer through the front door of the Elgin Public Library which is about the size of the children's room here at BHPL. The local librarian made a gasping noise and stood up. I think she thought I had a bomb under my arm. When she assured herself I was safe, she showed me to a table and we found an outlet to plug the computer into. Then she pulled up a chair and began to chat. A half hour later, she was still chatting. When she found out I was an American, she told me her daughter had lived in Buffalo, New York but moved back to Canada because "she couldn't take the winters



down there in the U.S." I was able to squeeze about twenty minutes of work in on the newsletter. Then she announced that the internet connection had gone down and the last time it went down it took several days to get it back up.

Plan B. My wife's brother's cottage across the lake. It is small and almost as rustic as ours, but it has electricity. And internet. Sort of.

So I packed my desktop computer into the rowboat (problems with the outboard motor) and hauled it across Whitefish Lake to brother Bill's house.

Bill is almost as much of a talker as the librarian, but he understands deadlines and mercifully gave me space. The internet was glacially slow but it chugged along. I worked into the night that night and returned to finish things up the following evening.

I made a pdf of the final document and found the email address of the printer in Maine. I hit SEND and waited. And waited.

Picture this: a small cottage on the shore of a lake in Canada, a million crickets, a full moon, two loons calling to each other (I'm not making this up) and a man sitting on a screen porch in front of the blue glow of a computer watching the progress bar of a small electronic file inching its way towards Ellsworth, Maine, half a continent away.

The file went through. I had a coke with Bill. All was good.

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## NOVEMBER 2015

My sorrow, when she's here with me, thinks these dark days of autumn rain are beautiful as days can be; she loves the bare, the withered tree; she walks the sodden pasture lane.

– Robert Frost

## IN THIS EDITION

A reflection on Blue Hill Public Library's 75 years by Library Director Rich Boulet and an extended listing of **New Titles** (combining September's and October's acquisitions). This month's movie screening is **Blithe Spirit** and the play reading is Molière's **Scabin**. November's **book sale** takes place Saturday, November 7.



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## HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,  
and Friday: 9am – 6pm  
Thursday: 9am – 8pm  
Saturday: 9am – 5pm

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