



THE LIBRARY PAGE

The “mostly 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

Welcome spring! The season isn’t the only shift this month. Clifton Page, the Friends of the Library’s steadfast champion, stepped off the Board recently. Clifton chaired the Friends’ board for nearly a decade and has been involved in so many official and unofficial leadership roles and activities that I’m still learning and adding to the list as we adjust to the transition. Clifton’s decision stems from taking on greater leadership responsibilities as a member of the Library’s governing board, a good trade off indeed! We are delighted he will still be strong presence in our midst and that we can continue to count of his wise counsel and good humor. Up next, look for him cheerfully serving as the ring master of the plant sale...

Mark your calendars for the annual plant sale on Saturday, May 28. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the Library while filling your garden with hardy plants that are locally grown with love – not to mention an overall good time, festive place to be on a spring Saturday morning. Come for plants, coffee and a baked treat, gardening books, and to see your neighbors. Plans are underway and donations are being sought, including flower, vegetable, and herb seedlings, as well as divisions from flowering perennial beds. For more information about donations and helping with the sale, please contact Clifton at cliftonpagedesign@yahoo.co.uk

The Friends recognize another retirement with appreciation and mixed emotions. Karen Wyatt, our dedicated Assistant Director, who (like Clifton) has worn many hats in her many years of dedicated service to the Library, will be leaving her position this spring. Please join us in sending her all good wishes and many thanks – plus encouragement that we will continue to see her at the Library and around town in more relaxed, unofficial capacities.

And, I look forward to seeing you at the Library!

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

Book Nook Book Sales

BOOK SALE

Saturday, April 2nd

9:00 – 2:00

In the Book Nook
Blue Hill Public Library

Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up Time!!

To help you out,
All how-to books

½ PRICE

Mini collections:

Saturday Books

Horses and

Horsemanship

LOTS of new travelogue
titles

Library-withdrawn novels
just **50¢**

Most books still just
\$1 or \$2

We are proud to offer you
quality used books of all
genera for all ages infants
through seniors.

And

We are very thankful to
those who donate these
quality books to benefit the
Friends of the Library and
the programs and materials
they provide to all the
patrons of our wonderful
library. Thank you ALL
donors and book sale
shoppers!

From the Director's Desk

Rich Boulet, Library Director: rboulet@bhpl.net

The Library isn't a "Safe Space"

Most parents like to think of libraries as safe places to drop the kids off after school, at least in small towns like ours. That's an idealized view of a world I'd like to think I live in too.

Public Libraries serve EVERYONE. By definition that includes the least savory elements of our community, as well as possibly everyone and anyone who is just passing through. About 350 people pass through our doors every day including: young and old, employed and itinerant, mentally stable and emotionally challenged, kind and mean, and every other imaginable human combination. We don't check ID's at the door and we don't exclude anyone until they give us a clear reason to do so.

It's important that parents in particular realize that our terms of service do not include serving as temporary guardians of their children. When they are here on their own, they are just that: on their own. If a parent is not confident in their own child to be able to make responsible decisions in public when she or he is out of their supervision, a parent should seriously ask themselves if Jimmy or Sally McSmallfry should be here on their own.

Sure, our staff members—each and every one of us—are ALL caring members of this community, and people who would intervene if a child were in clear danger. But the fact is that there is no way for the staff to be aware of what is happening in every corner of the library at all times.

It's also important for library parents to know that the library's resources are all on open shelves and available to anyone. For parents who like to guide children through their media choices (and bravo to those who do!), remember that the library represents all interests and backgrounds, and that some of the material in the collection is certainly not suitable for children. Because the standards vary widely from household to household, library staff are prohibited from preventing minors from accessing any library materials. The library does not enforce MPAA movie ratings nor is its internet connection filtered (at this time—more on that below).

The library does maintain policies intended to keep young people safe. For example, our unattended child policy states that a child must be at least 7 years old to be at the library alone. Our internet acceptable use policy prohibits anyone from exposing another to objectionable materials. If a child under 12 years old gets a library card, the staff will send a letter to the home address explaining that the card has been issued and what the parent and child's responsibilities are.

With or without caring and friendly staff and well-intended policies, the bottom line is that we rely heavily on parents to help guide their children through what is appropriate at the library,

and we thank them for taking an active interest in what kids do while they visit us. Most importantly, we love it when they do visit us.

CIPA

Just before recessing for Christmas in 2000, Congress enacted a law called the “Children’s Internet Protection Act” (CIPA). The law’s intent is to prevent minors who access the internet at libraries from accessing “objectionable” materials. As a result, libraries would be required to employ software known as internet filters. Librarians across the country, as represented by the American Library Association, believed this law to be unconstitutional because the software would no doubt over-block, preventing Americans from accessing speech which was protected by the First Amendment. Even though the law was purportedly enacted to protect minors, it requires all library computers to use filters at all times except when an adult requests that a filter be temporarily turned off for a bona fide research request.

This law really chapped the hide of Maine librarians. Our colleagues at the Maine State Library found a way that allowed libraries to comply with the law without limiting free speech. The plan proposed that libraries choosing not to filter would pay a fee to compensate for the federal subsidy that forced this law onto us. It was a win-win. Congress could continue to claim that it was protecting children from harmful matter and librarians could continue to provide access to constitutionally-protected speech.

That is, it was a win-win until last year when a federal audit of the Maine Schools and Libraries Network found this practice uncompliant with CIPA. We don’t yet know what exactly this means at BHPL, but we do expect that some changes will have to happen. At this moment, we await further guidance from the State Library. We intend to continue providing as unfettered access to the internet as legally possible. I’ll keep you posted as I can.

Goodbye to a lion

I was notified of some sad news last week while learning about some other very touching news. Phyllis Hamabe, wife of the late and locally-famous artist, Francis Hamabe, passed

away in late February at her home in Bristol, RI. Phyllis was a truly exceptional person. I suspect everyone who knew her would agree. She didn’t mince words. I once sent her the unedited draft of a document I had worked on, one containing many errors. Her reply made me laugh and blush at once, “You’re a swell guy. You can’t spell to save your life, but you’re a swell guy.”

I learned about Phyllis’ passing through a bequest letter from her lawyer. Because I am so fond of Phyllis, the notification of her estate donation to our Library was more bittersweet news than good news.

It’s an honor to be a part of an organization that earns the trust and respect of intelligent and exceptional people like Mrs. Hamabe. I am glad we have found a way to honor their legacy in the Adelaide Pearson Society. The Pearson Society is represented by a plaque in the front foyer of the library. Its inscription reads:

Honoring the vision and commitment of those whose generosity has left a lasting contribution to future generations through significant bequests to the Blue Hill Public Library’s endowment Miss Pearson’s desire to bring culture and diversity to our community found its greatest expression in her perpetual support for the Library. “The building and the services are results of the efforts of Miss Pearson, who always felt that the pleasures of living in a rural community should not be dulled by lacking the cultural advantages of the city”
— Anne Hinckley, 1940

Happy trails!

The last word this month goes to my coworker, Karen Wyatt, who recently announced her retirement from full-time employment with us sometime in the near future. While we will surely see her regularly for at least a month or two (and afterwards if I have my way), I will miss her daily presence at BHPL and I am nervous about having to fill her ever-so-steady shoes. Thank you, Karen for your many fine and mostly unsung contributions to the Blue Hill Library.

— Rich Boulet



A display in the Larchwood Room cases by Alison Dibble called *Treasures from the Maine Shores*.

Adult Programs @ BHPL

April Schedule

EXHIBITS

Britton Gallery: *Peninsula Student Art Exhibit* – artwork from all area schools including the Bay School and GSA

Cases

Howard Room: *Peninsula Student Art*

Larchwood: *Treasures from the Maine Shores* sea shells from Alison Dibble's collection.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Monday **10:30 AM – Beyond Labels Discussion Group, Howard Room**
The Beyond Labels discussion group gathers to discuss the issues of the day. All are welcome.

Thursday **5:30 AM – Chess Enthusiasts, Main Room**
Weekly fun games of chess- all levels of expertise are welcome. Chess boards supplied.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

1st Saturday **9:00AM- 2:00PM – Friends of Library Book Sale in Book Nook. (April 2nd)**

2nd Thursday **7:00 PM – Film Series: Mr. & Mrs. Smith in Howard Room (April 14th)**

3rd Wednesday **2:00PM – Play Reading Group (April 20th)**

SPECIAL EVENTS

April 1, 15, 29 **Opera Previews 1:00PM Howard Room**

4/1: Puccini's Madama Butterfly 4/15: Donizetti's Roberto Devereux 4/29: Strauss's Elektra

April 6-April 20 **GREAT DECISIONS FOREIGN POLICY SERIES, Wednesdays, 6:00PM Wilder Room**

Great Decisions highlights foreign policy challenges facing Americans each year. The series started in February, but people can join at any time.

- April 6** **Live & Learn: Grow Your Own Organic Garden w/MOFGA 6:00-9:00PM Howard Room**
Come learn the basics of soil science and the fundamentals of growing your own vegetables.
- April 7** **Live & Learn: Creating a Native Plant Landscape w/ Avy Claire 7:00-8:30PM Howard Room**
Native Gardens of Blue Hill will discuss how and why to utilize native plants in home gardens.
- April 8** **Author Event: Peter Neill *The Once and Future Ocean* 7:00-9:00PM Howard Room**
- April 28** **Author Event: Zoe Weil *The World Becomes What We Teach* 7:15-8:45PM Howard Room**
- April 30** **Live & Learn: Dividing Your Perennial Garden w/ Clifton Page 9:00-11AM**
- All Programs Are Free And Do Not Require Registration Unless Otherwise Noted. More Info www.bhpl.net

Youth Services at BHPL

April Program Schedule

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

- Tuesday** **10:30 AM - Storytime for kids ages 0-5**
Come listen to a story and make a fun craft to take home
- 4:00 PM - Rainbow Warriors ages 12-18**
Writing group for teens that is not just for writers! If you are an artist, a gamer, a reader, a movie enthusiast, a baker, a crafter or a social justice warrior this is the group for you. We will have weekly coffee (bring your own snacks), discussions, writing prompts, games and publish a bi-annual magazine featuring your writing, reviews, opinions, and artwork. Our tagline is "Hate can only exist where there is no understanding" and our mission is to create a group where everyone is welcome and no one feels judged.
- Wednesday** **10:30 AM – Toddler Playgroup for kids ages 0-5**
Meet other area families who have small children. Spend some time chatting with other parents and caregivers while your kids play in a safe environment. When weather warms up we will meet at the park
- April 6-April 13: Two weeks of Music to Grow On music and movement with Deborah Reinke.**
- Friday:** **4:00 PM – 52 Weeks of Giving ages 5-18**
We believe that every kid is good and they want to help, they just need to be given opportunities to do so. Each week we will perform an act of kindness or service project to benefit people at the local, national, or international level. Once spring hits we will head into our community to wash windows, pick up garbage, leave random notes of kindness, and put smiles on people's faces. Light refreshments will be served.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

- 1st Saturday** **2:00 PM - Lego Club for kids ages 5 and up**
Weekly Lego challenge cards will be provided – are you up to the challenge? Can you make a boat that floats? Or build something using just 4 legos? Part of our STEM/STEAM programming, Lego Club is a fun way to challenge you brain on a Saturday morning.
- 2nd Saturday** **2:00 PM – Mind Games ages 5-18**
Mind Games is the perfect place to try out a game you've never heard of, or play one of your old favorites. Whether you are growing a bamboo forest to keep a baby panda alive, using your best Chess moves, staving off a plague pandemic, or hopping around in Candyland, Mind Games has something for everyone. You are also welcome to bring your own games and snacks and, of course, invite your friends!
- Last Saturday** **2:00 – Inklings Book & Movie Club ages 8 and up**
Do you enjoy books about brave children overcoming dastardly villains and imminent doom? If yes, this is the book club for you. We will have the books available to checkout at the library, and then meet on the last Saturday of the month to watch the movie based on the book, make an amazing craft, and have light snacks.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

- April 8th** **Student Art Exhibit Opening Reception 4:00-6:00PM Howard Room** and throughout library
- April 23rd** **Poetry Boxes! with Frederica Marshall 2:00-3:30PM Howard Room**
Come celebrate National Poetry Month with us. Learn to write a Haiku poem and create a special container for it.

New on the Shelves

Nonfiction

Bissell, Tom, *Apostle: Travels Among the Tombs of the Twelve*
Brand, Russell, *Revolution*
Downs, Jim, *Stand by Me: The Forgotten History of Gay Liberation*
Traister, Rebecca, *All the Single Ladies: Unmarried Women and the Rise of an Independent Nation*
Wilson, Edward O., *Half-Earth: Our Planet's Fight for Life*
Cohen, Adam, *Imbeciles: The Supreme Court, American Eugenics, and the Sterilization of Carrie Buck*
Neill, Peter, *The Once and Future Ocean: Notes Toward a New Hydraulic Society*
Vyn, Gerrit, *Living Bird: 100 Years of Listening to Nature*
Orenstein, Peggy, *Girls & Sex: Navigating the Complicated New Landscape*
Esmonde-White, Miranda, *Aging Backwards: Reverse the Aging Process and Look 10 Years Younger in 30 Minutes a Day*
Ross, Theodora, *A Cancer in the Family: Take Control of Your Genetic Inheritance*
Coleman, Eliot, *Four-Season Harvest: Organic Vegetables from Your Home Garden All Year Long, 2nd Edition (Revised)*
Uhl, Joseph, *The Art and Craft of Tea: An Enthusiast's Guide to Selecting, Brewing, and Serving Exquisite Tea*
Dell, Malia, *Food That Works: Real Meals to Survive the 9 to 5*
Lawson, Nigella, *Simply Nigella: Feel Good Food*
Volger, Lukas, *Bowl: Vegetarian Recipes for Ramen, PHO, Bibimbap, Dumplings, and Other One-Dish Meals*
Vejar, Kristine, *The Modern Natural Dyer: A Comprehensive Guide to Dyeing Silk, Wool, Linen, and Cotton at Home*
Man, Man Ray: *Writings on Art*
Delaunay, Sonia, *Sonia Delaunay*
Martyn, Stephanie, *3D Origami Fun!: 25*

Fantastic, Foldable Paper Projects
Hanks, David A., *Partners in Design: Alfred H. Barr Jr. and Philip Johnson*
Bliss, Debbie, *The Knitter's Book of Knowledge: A Complete Guide to Essential Knitting Techniques*
Hoskyns, Barney, *Small Town Talk: Bob Dylan, the Band, Van Morrison, Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix and Friends in the Wild Years of Woodstock*
Barker, Pat, *Noonday*
Huang, Yunte, *The Big Red Book of Modern Chinese Literature: Writings from the Mainland in the Long Twentieth Century*
Grayling, A. C., *The Age of Genius: The Seventeenth Century and the Birth of the Modern Mind*
Garrels, Anne, *Putin Country: A Journey Into the Real Russia*
Engel, Richard, *And Then All Hell Broke Loose: Two Decades in the Middle East*
Hochschild, Adam, *Spain in Our Hearts: Americans in the Spanish Civil War, 1936-1939*

Biography

Abramovich, Alex, *Bullies: A Friendship*
Burroughs, Augusten, *Lust & Wonder: A Memoir*
Canessa, Roberto, *I Had to Survive: How a Plane Crash in the Andes Inspired My Calling to Save Lives*
Hazzard, Kevin, *A Thousand Naked Strangers: A Paramedic's Wild Ride to the Edge and Back*
Marquis, Sarah, *Wild by Nature: From Siberia to Australia, Three Years Alone in the Wilderness on Foot*
Miller, Kelsey, *Big Girl: How I Gave Up Dieting and Got a Life*
Reed, Austin, *The Life and the Adventures of a Haunted Convict*
Smith, Lee, *Dimestore: A Writer's Life*
Strathern, Paul, *The Medici: Power, Money, and Ambition in the Italian Renaissance*
Towler, Katherine, *The Penny Poet of Portsmouth: A Memoir of Place, Solitude, and Friendship*

Fiction

Bachelder, Chris, *The Throwback Special*
Bass, Rick, *For a Little While*
Bayer, William, *The Luzern Photograph: A Noir Thriller*
Box, C. J., *Off the Grid*
Brundage, Elizabeth, *All Things Cease to Appear*
Carter, M. J., *The Infidel Stain*
Chevalier, Tracy, *At the Edge of the Orchard*
Coben, Harlan, *Fool Me Once*
Cussler, Clive, *The Gangster*
Deaver, Jeffery, *The Steel Kiss*
Evanovich, Stephanie, *The Total Package*
Francis, Felix, *Front Runner*
Freeman, Brian, *Goodbye to the Dead*
French, Nicci, *Thursday's Children: A Frieda Klein Mystery*
Gardner, Lisa, *Find Her*
Grippando, James, *Gone Again*
Harrison, Jim, *The Ancient Minstrel: Novellas*
Henderson, Bill, *The Pushcart Prize XL: Best of the Small Presses 2016 Edition (2016)*

Heyman, Arlene, *Scary Old Sex*
Hoover, Michelle, *Bottomland*
Jance, J. A., *Clawback: An Ali Reynolds Novel*
Kerr, Philip, *The Other Side of Silence*
Lee, Jonathan, *High Dive*
Leon, Donna, *The Waters of Eternal Youth*
MacDonald, Siobhan, *Twisted River*
Mallinson, J. D., *The Chinese Zodiac Mystery*
Mitchard, Jacquelyn, *Two If by Sea*
Mukherjee, Neel, *A Life Apart*
O'Brien, Edna, *The Little Red Chairs*
Oyeyemi, Helen, *What Is Not Yours Is Not Yours*
Pattison, Eliot, *Blood of the Oak: A Mystery*
Penkov, Miroslav, *Stork Mountain*
Perry, Anne, *Treachery at Lancaster Gate*
Romano-Lax, Andromeda, *Behave*
Sahota, Sunjeev, *The Year of the Runaways*
Schulman, Sarah, *The Cosmopolitans*
Simonson, Helen, *The Summer Before the War*
Spiotta, Dana, *Innocents and Others*
Sweeney, Cynthia D., *The Nest*
Upson, Nicola, *London Rain*
Wallace, Auralee, *Skinny Dipping with Murder*

Must See Movies

The Awful Truth (1937)

Wednesday, April 20, 2016, 7 pm, Howard Room

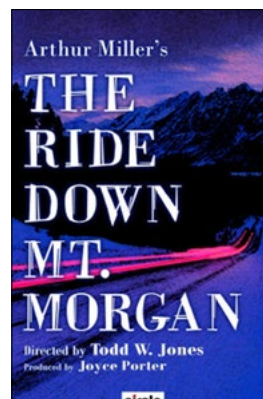


Starring: Cary Grant and Irene Dunne
Story Line: Unfounded suspicions lead a married couple to begin divorce proceedings, whereupon they start undermining each other's attempts to find new romance. *The Awful Truth* is one of the classic, definitive screwball comedies of the thirties from Columbia Pictures, joining company with other classics including Gregory La Cava's *My Man Godfrey* (1936), George Cukor's *The Philadelphia Story* (1940), and Preston Sturges' *The Lady Eve* (1941).

Play Reading

The Ride Down Mt. Morgan

Wednesday, April 20, 2016, 6:30 pm



Playwright: Arthur Miller
Story Line: A car wreck on the slopes of Mt. Morgan puts poet and insurance tycoon Lyman Felt in the hospital. While Lyman recovers, two women meet in the hospital to discover that they are both married to him. With his secrets exposed, Lyman tries to justify himself to the two women--the prim, cultured Theo and the restless, ambitious Leah—at the same time hoping to convince himself that he is blameless. Moving between broad farce and delicate tragedy, *The Ride Down Mt. Morgan* reveals the struggle between honesty with others and honesty with oneself.

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The first day of spring was once the time for taking the young virgins into the fields, there in dalliance to set an example in fertility for nature to follow. Now we just set the clocks an hour ahead and change the oil in the crankcase. —E.B. White, "Hot Weather," One Man's Meat, 1944

IN THIS EDITION

A discussion by director Rich Boulet about the library as a "safe space," a comprehensive listing of **adult and youth services** provided by Blue Hill Public Library, an announcement of an exhibit by artist Alison Dibble entitled **Treasures From The Maine Shore** in the Larchwood Room, and the usual listing of **New Titles**. This month's movie screening is **The Awful Truth** and the play reading is Arthur Miller's **The Ride Down Mt. Morgan**. April's **book sale** features "How-To" books 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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