



# 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 make it possible for the library to have: 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

December is always an exciting time for the Friends of the Blue Hill Library as we take stock of the past year, consider plans for the coming year, and prepare for the holiday party.

Big news for us in 2014 — the Friends of the Library raised a record of nearly \$29,000 through our used book sales, enabling us to invest all of those dollars into making the Library an even more fun and stimulating place than we could without those dollars. Funds from the Friends financed add-ons such as lectures and movies, special youth and art programs, and same-day delivery of the *New York Times*. Many thanks to all of you who donated and purchased used books, and a special thanks to Ellie Andy and her crew of busy volunteers who make the book sales happen. The work they do to clean, sort, and smartly shelve the books make shopping a pleasure and the sales a terrific success. Please continue to donate books and attend the sales.

Plans are underway for youth and adult programs in 2015 with a history theme. Look for details in upcoming issues of the newsletter and on the Library's website. We need your financial support and participation to bring these programs to life.

Speaking of bringing plans to life — what an afternoon we had on December 20! The Library swayed and hummed with music from Noel Paul Stookey, the award-winning GSA Varsity Jazz Band, and the voices of our neighbors singing carols led by Holly Bartlett Weinberg on the piano. Other first-rate entertainment included the annual theatrical reading of Dickens' *Christmas Carol* (complete with the annual viewing of our own ersatz Delft tile fire place), magic and hilarity with Peter Boie, and Pat Horton helping kids make ornaments. Thank you to everyone to who brought yummy treats to share as well as wrapped gifts to give to local children through the Tree of Life and the Emmaus Shelter. The

Have you participated in BHPL's Strategic Planning Survey? Learn more inside!

# Book Nook Book Sales

**Saturday  
January 3  
10am-2pm**

**Clearance Sale!  
Half-price titles**

**Start the New Year  
with a great book!**

Try a new recipe

Plan a trip

Read a biography about  
someone that you've  
never heard of

Learn, relax, escape, think, do!

Hundreds of great titles, unique  
collections, even videos...yes  
videos!

All children receive a free book

**Donations are always  
welcomed. Review our  
guidelines for donated  
books on the library's  
website.**

Library's holiday party always reminds me how lucky am I to live in this community full of generosity, beauty, and good cheer.

I can't end the year without a final reminder to renew membership (or join) the Friends of the Library. The price of membership for 2015 remains an affordable \$10 per household. Being a member means you will receive notices of our events, and more important, have the immense satisfaction of being part of an organization that does tremendous work to support our Library and our community. Please go to the Library's website or pick up a membership form at the Library to join the Friends. If you can't remember (as I couldn't) whether you've given that \$10 to renew for this year, please call or email us to check.

Best wishes for a year of good health and good reads.

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

## Must See Movies



***Little Big Man (1970)***

***Thursday, January 8, 7pm***

Starring: Dustin Hoffman, Martin Balsam,  
Fay Dunaway, Chief Dan George

Director: Arthur Penn

Story Line: In the present day, 1970, 121-  
year-old Jack Crabb (Dustin Hoffman),  
who resides in a hospice, is recounting his  
long and colorful life story to a curious  
historian. Among other things, Crabb  
claims to have been a captive of the

Cheyenne, a gunslinger, an associate of

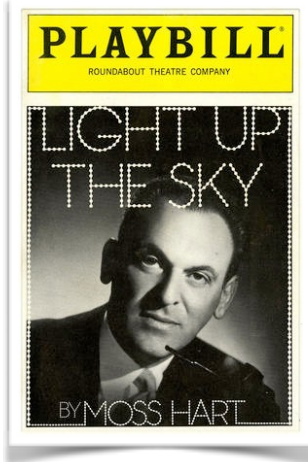
Wild Bill Hickok, and a scout for General George Armstrong Custer. Having been adopted by the Cheyenne and reared in their culture, Crabb has perspective on both Caucasian and Native American life in the 19th century. Crabb's narrative abruptly ends and he tells the historian to leave the room. The film concludes with an extended shot of the elderly Jack sadly staring into space.

# Play Reading

*Light up the Sky (1948)*

*By: Moss Heart*

*Wednesday, January 21, 6:30pm*



**Light Up the Sky** is a wonderful comedy written by Tony and Pulitzer Prize winner Moss Hart, one of only two plays that he wrote without a co-writer. Hart also wrote four successful screenplays. Undoubtedly, he would have accomplished a great many more successes had he not succumbed to a heart attack at the age of 51. In this rollicking comedy, it's opening night for the Boston tryout of a play prior to its expected opening on Broadway. The playwright, Peter Sloan, a former truck driver, is excited about the opening of his first play. The Producer Sidney Black, Director Carleton Fitzgerald, and others gather with Sloan in the suite of the star, Irene Livingston, at the Ritz

Carlton to toast to Peter's success. Dress rehearsal was held the previous evening, and unfortunately, Stella Livingston, Irene's mother, was able to sneak into the balcony to watch the performance and has secretly told Sidney's wife that the play is a disaster!

The public is invited to participate in the Blue Hill Public Library Play Reading Group. We welcome inexperienced and experienced readers alike. The only criteria are the love of plays and the joy of reading them aloud among like-minded theater fans. For further information, contact the Blue Hill Library at 374-5515 or Michael Donahue at 374-5248, or donahue.mg@gmail.com.

## Children's Corner

*Pat Horton, Youth Services: phorton@bhpl.net*

**Pre-School Storytime** Ages 2 to 5: Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:15, Larchwood Room

**Playgroup for Babies and Toddlers** Birth to age 3: Wednesdays 10:30 to noon, Howard Room

**Reader Dog** Tuesdays 3:10 to 4:40 and Saturdays 10:30 to noon. Registration required

**Chess Club** Ages 7 and up: Fridays 3:00 to 3:45 PM whenever school is in session

**LEGO Club** Ages 7 to 12: First Saturday of the month 10:30 AM to noon, Howard Room. Bring your own or use ours. Participants under 7 are welcome when accompanied by a grown-up.

## Participate in the Strategic Planning Survey

*With just ten minutes of your time, you can make a difference in the future of BHPL.*

Brought to you by the Long Range Planning Committee of the Library Board of Directors, this short survey (available online or in hard copy) is underway. **All members of our peninsula community are encouraged to participate.** Visit the home page of the Library's website to get started. Or, ask for a hard copy at the Circulation Desk.

**We can't wait to hear**

# From the Director's Desk

*Rich Boulet, Library Director: rboulet@bhpl.net*

## *2015 business hours*

With passage of the most recent operating budget, it's now official: The Blue Hill Library will be open an hour earlier at 9:00AM each business day beginning on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015. This is the logical next step towards increasing access to the library, following the addition of Saturday afternoon hours back in 2013. With this step, BHPL will be open 55 hours weekly. Yay!

## *November Numbers*

Speaking of being open more, I was interested to see that during November, including the week of electricity outages, BHPL's foot traffic increased by about 1,000 clicks. If you were here, you may recall that, with thousands of homes without heat or power, the Peninsula converged on the library to stay warm, charge their devices and to keep from reenacting the Shining if they stayed home.

## *Grants to Green*

Last month I mentioned a bit about our decreased electricity consumption in the last ten years, and that efforts were underway to improve on those results. I am pleased to report that since then, BHPL was awarded a grant in the Grants to Green Maine program. Phase 1 of this program will partially fund an extensive audit of the library's facility. The result of that audit will be a comprehensive report that identifies steps we can take to lower our energy costs and environmental footprint. Phase 2 of the grant will provide matching funds towards those remedies, up to \$100,000. This is a really exciting opportunity that I am looking forward to working towards.

## *2015 Programming Theme*

You may have already heard that we've decided to make history the focus of our 2015 programming, and I am looking forward (and backward too) to the possibilities. The Friends have generously contributed funding to help with the effort. So far our potential topics include:

- The history of art in Maine
- Importance of historic preservation
- Bob Slaven on maritime history
- Red Paint People
- Historic apples / heirloom seeds / what we can learn about historic agriculture from Jonathan Fisher
- Recognition of Acadia's centennial in 2016
- The history of BHPL
- An historic look at Blue Hill area writers

Your additional thoughts and suggestions are welcome, of course. Please send them to me or Karen Wyatt at the library.

# New on the Shelves

## Nonfiction

Cave, Roderick, *The History of the Book in 100 Books: The Complete Story, from Egypt to E-Book*

Doctorow, Cory, *Information Doesn't Want to Be Free: Laws for the Internet Age*

Vernacchio, Al, *For Goodness Sex: Changing the Way We Talk to Teens about Sexuality, Values, and Health*,

Beckert, Sven, *Empire of Cotton: A Global History*

Garrett, Brandon L., *Too Big to Jail: How Prosecutors Compromise with Corporations*

Baldwin, Peter, *The Copyright Wars: Three Centuries of Trans-Atlantic Battle*

Deutsch, Kevin, *The Triangle: A Year on the Ground with New York's Bloods and Crips*

Reilly, Robert, Jr., *Life in Prison: Eight Hours at a Time*

Sanders, Ella Frances, *Lost in Translation: An Illustrated Compendium of Untranslatable Words from Around the World*

Orzel, Chad, *Eureka: Discovering Your Inner Scientist*

Vince, Gaia, *Adventures in the Anthropocene: A Journey to the Heart of the Planet We Made*

Sanfilippo, Diane, *Practical Paleo: A Customized Approach to Health and a Whole-Foods Lifestyle*

Hamshaw, Gena, *Choosing Raw: Making Raw Foods Part of the Way You Eat*

Hamilton, Gabrielle, *Prune*

Ottolenghi, Yotam, *Plenty More: Vibrant Vegetable Cooking from London's Ottolenghi*

Carrillo Arronte, Margarita, *Mexico: The Cookbook*

Batali, Mario, *America--Farm to Table: Simple, Delicious Recipes Celebrating Local Farmers*

Schloss, Andrew, *Cooking Slow: Recipes for Slowing Down and Cooking More*

Martha Stewart Living Magazine, *One Pot: 120+ Easy Meals from Your Skillet, Slow Cooker, Stockpot, and More*,

Wiessinger, Diane, *The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding (Revised, Updated)*

Smith, Lecain W., *Our Inner Ocean: A World of Healing Modalities*

Jones, Andrew, *Wood Heat: A Practical Guide to Heating Your Home with Wood*

Eaton, Linda, *Printed Textiles: British and American Cottons and Linens 1700-1850*

Pourny, Christophe, *The Furniture Bible: Everything You Need to Know to Identify, Restore & Care for Furniture*

Shettleworth, Earle G., Jr., *Homes Down East: Classic Maine Coastal Cottages and Town Houses*

Wilkinson, Philip, *Lego Architecture: The Visual Guide*

Meister, Maureen, *Arts and Crafts Architecture: History and Heritage in New England*

Ros, Hana, *Neurocomic*

Kiracofe, Roderick, *Unconventional & Unexpected: American Quilts Below the Radar 1950-2000*

Iannacci, Anthony, *Design in the Hamptons*

Blanco, Richard, *One Today: A Poem for Barack Obama's Presidential Inauguration: January 21, 2013*

Henderson, Bill, *The Pushcart Prize XXXIX: Best of the Small Presses 2015 Edition*

Blanco, Richard, *The Prince of Los Cocuyos: A Miami Childhood*

Carter, Graydon, *Bohemians, Bootleggers, Flappers, and Swells: The Best of Early Vanity Fair*

Harmon, Joshua, *The Annotated Mixtape*

Mansbach, Adam, *You Have to F\*\*\*\*\*g Eat*

Sappho, *Sappho: A New Translation of the Complete Works*

Cixin, Liu, *The Three-Body Problem*

Takano, Kazuaki, *Genocide of One: A Thriller*

Azoulay, Vincent, *Pericles of Athens*  
Moorehead, Caroline, *Village of Secrets: Defying the Nazis in Vichy France*  
Modiano, P., *Dora Bruder* (First Edition, Nobel Prize Win)  
Osnos, Evan, *Age of Ambition: Chasing Fortune, Truth, and Faith in the New China*,

### *Biography*

Bush, George W., 41: *A Portrait of My Father*  
Dawson, David, *A Painter's Progress: A Portrait of Lucian Freud*  
Levy, Shawn, *de Niro: A Life*  
Galpin, Shannon, *Mountain to Mountain: A Journey of Adventure and Activism for the Women of Afghanistan*  
Loren, Sophia, *Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow: My Life*,  
McCandless, Carine, *The Wild Truth*  
Sykes, Christopher Simon, *David Hockney: The Biography, 1975-2012*  
Yarrow, Peter, *Peter Paul and Mary: Fifty Years in Music and Life*

### *Fiction*

Bausch, Robert, *Far as the Eye Can See*  
Chute, Carolyn, *Treat Us Like Dogs and We Will Become Wolves*  
Clark Higgins, Mary, *The Cinderella Murder: An Under Suspicion Novel*  
Crane, Jakob, *Lies in the Dust: A Tale of Remorse from the Salem Witch Trials*  
Diamant, Anita, *The Boston Girl*  
Fanning, Diane, *Scandal in the Secret City* (First World Publication)  
Farah, Nuruddin, *Hiding in Plain Sight*  
Flanagan, Richard, *The Narrow Road to the Deep North*  
Fossum, Karin, *The Murder of Harriet Krohn*  
Gibson, William, *The Peripheral*  
Gould, Steven, *Exo*

Hambly, Barbara, *Crimson Angel*  
Hochgatterer, Paulus, *The Sweetness of Life*  
Huang, Yang, *Living Treasures*  
Jerusalmy, Raphael, *The Brotherhood of Book Hunters*  
Johansen, Iris, *The Perfect Witness*  
King, Laurie R., *In the Company of Sherlock Holmes: Stories Inspired by the Holmes Canon*  
Klay, Phil, *Redeployment*  
Lalami, Laila, *The Moor's Account*  
Lemaitre, Pierre, *Irene: The Commandant Camille Verhoeven Trilogy*  
Lippman, Laura, *The Best American Mystery Stories (2014)*  
McCall Smith, Alexander, *Bertie Plays the Blues: A 44 Scotland Street Novel (7)*  
McCall Smith, Alexander, *The Handsome Man's Deluxe Cafe: No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*  
Mukasonga, Scholastique, *Our Lady of the Nile*  
Mukherjee, Neel, *The Lives of Others*  
Munro, Alice, *Family Furnishings: Selected Stories, 1995-2014*  
Nehme, Farran Smith, *Missing Reels*  
Patterson, James, *Hope to Die*  
Robertson, Imogen, *The Paris Winter*  
Roorbach, Bill, *The Remedy for Love*  
Rotella, Sebastian, *The Convert's Song*  
Saramago, Jose, *Skylight*  
Scottoline, Lisa, *Betrayed: A Rosato & Dinunzio Novel*  
Shoham, Liad, *Asylum City*  
Smith, Ali, *How to Be Both*  
Stevens, Robert R., *The Oatmeal Stories*  
Sundstol, Vidar, *Only the Dead*  
Toews, Miriam, *All My Puny Sorrows*  
Willis, Lynn Chandler, *Wink of an Eye: A Mystery*  
Zhenyun, Liu, *I Did Not Kill My Husband*

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## January 2015

Happy New Year from The Friends of the Blue Hill Library! Your FoL membership helps to support all that we do for BHPL.

### In this edition...

Did you know that our mighty book sale volunteers **raised nearly \$29,000** in 2014? That's a lot of programs and materials for our library! Find out how you can participate in **BHPL's Strategic**

**Planning Survey**. Read about great programming coming your way in 2015. January's **book sale**, takes place **Saturday,**

**January 3**. Children's programs continue with **Chess Club, LEGO Club, and Reader Dog**...and the ever popular **New Titles!**



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### Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,  
and Friday: 10am - 6pm  
Thursday: 10am - 8pm  
Saturday: 10am - 5pm

Book Nook Book Sales:  
First Saturday of the month,  
10am-2pm



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