



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

The warm, breezy days of late summer help us glide into September, as visitors depart and events on the calendar shift. I hope you were able to join us for at least a few of the many summer events at the Library and that you will make time for upcoming events also.

The children's room had non-stop action with groups focused on reading, writing, films, and crafts, as well as weekly "Acts of Kindness." Libby Edwardson beautifully coordinates these and other activities with inspiring energy and passion. Families who live on the Peninsula throughout the year and part-time sing the praises of our Library, admiring it as a model for even much larger towns.

In July, the children's room was converted into an active sales room, as the Library was packed with beautiful artwork and patrons for our annual Paint the Peninsula party. Generous admirers and artists raised good cheer and important funding to support Library programs. Grateful thanks to all the many, many volunteers who made this wonderful event possible. We will celebrate the artists again in September with a group show of more than 65 local artists who participated in the July fundraiser. Join the artists for an opening reception on Friday, September 2 from 4:30-6:30, as part of the Blue Hill's First Friday happenings. Or stop in to view the show on the Library's second floor during opening hours throughout September.

Summer also means weekly used book sales. The busy crew in our basement Book Nook, led by Ellie Andy, organized behind-the-scenes and day-of activities to keep all of these sales running like clockwork. The book sales raise impressive sums (over \$3000 in July alone!) and bring in happy readers who leave with all kinds of treasures. I like to think of each book being held on a porch or deck and each CD being part of a summer road trip. Thanks to all of you who shop, donate books, and volunteer. In September we return to our schedule of First Saturday monthly sales. Please stop in for our monthly sale on September 3 and think of the Library when you're clearing out your book, CD, and DVD shelves.

The Library continues to add author readings, films, children's programs and more throughout the fall. Check the Library's website for upcoming opportunities. And, of course, now that August has come and gone, come in for a leisurely read of a newspaper, magazine, or book, or to say hello to friends and neighbors.

I look forward to seeing you at the Library!

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

Book Nook Book Sales

**Saturday
September 3
9am-2pm**

Thank you for your interest in donating items to the Blue Hill Public Library's used book sale.

We encourage you to drop off donations at the library's circulation desk.

While we wish we could accept everything given to us, we regret that we are unable to accept the following items:

- Books with broken spines
 - Coloring, puzzle or crossword books, unless unmarked
 - Jigsaw puzzles
- LP Records, 8 track cassettes
- Mass-market romance novels
 - Most encyclopedia sets
- Non-antique back issues of magazines, newspapers, etc.
 - Old calendars
- Reader's Digest Condensed books
 - Soiled books
 - Software
- Specialized text books
- Time-Life series books
- Water-damaged or moldy books

From the Director's Desk

Rich Boulet, Library Director: rboulet@bhpl.net

Out of Office Autoreply: at press time the newsletter author you normally see in this space is off on Vacation, camping in the wilds of Canada. For this edition of The Library Page, Hannah Cyrus, who recently joined BHPL as Assistant Director, will provide you with her thoughts and impressions of the library and community after just two months on the job. Take it away, Hannah...

When I was finishing graduate school in Boston, I knew I wanted a very specific job. I wanted to move back to Maine, first and foremost, and to work in a public library. I knew I wanted to be in a small town, and ideally I wanted a job where I could answer reference questions, create library programs and events, and work in circulation, getting a chance to really meet and get to know the library patrons. I wanted a job with enough variety to keep me busy, in a library that really took to heart the mission of being a center of community.

While this sounds like a perfect description of Blue Hill, that kind of job is incredibly rare. Many of my classmates, especially the ones who wanted to stay in Boston, were having trouble finding work in a library at all, and I settled myself in for a long haul of a job search. Resigned to another sweltering summer in the city, I decided I would wait as long as I needed to and hold out for just the right thing. Blue Hill was the fourth job I applied to, and definitely the one I wanted the most. I left my interview unable to stop thinking of how much I would like to live and work here.

To say I was surprised when I was offered the Assistant Director position here would be an understatement. I was floored, overjoyed. In the span of two weeks, I graduated with my Master's degree, quit my office job, packed everything I owned, said goodbye to my friends and my sister in Boston, bought a car, and moved to Blue Hill. And let me tell you, I have no regrets.

My first few weeks in town came with so many wonderful experiences: a huge, generous bag of gifts from the Friends of the Library and the Library Board, full of homemade canned goods, local gift certificates, and many other goodies; a driving tour of the peninsula from Rich; invitations to dinner from friends new and old (which I happily accepted, since I can't cook my way out of a paper bag); and one incredibly illuminating week of training from my inimitable predecessor, Karen. I swam in the Salt Pond, climbed Blue Hill Mountain, and did some less romantic things like opening a checking account and registering my car. I started to feel at home.

Through it all, I have been uniformly impressed by the beautiful library, the amazing staff who have welcomed me, and the patrons who come through our doors. My favorite thing about being here

and having this job is how, every time I introduce myself to someone new and say I work at the library, they respond, “Oh, I *love* that library!” This has happened to me without fail, and it’s a truly special thing.

When you spend two and a half years studying librarianship, you get some pretty detailed ideas of what a library should be and do, and it can be hard for any real place to live up to those dreams. I’m happy to say that the Blue Hill Library does, and more. From its inception, this library has been so progressive, with its 1930s bookmobile, film screenings and lectures, and the belief that anyone with any interest should be able to express that and find it supported by the library. I feel so privileged to be part of the legacy that will keep those ideals going, a legacy of smart, dedicated, unflinching women and men who have worked here before (and with!) me.

So thank you, to all who have welcomed me with such open arms. I hope folks in the library and around town will continue to introduce themselves to me, and I promise I will remember the names eventually! And if you have a question you want answered, some research you need help with, an event you’d like to see (or host!), or any suggestions for what you want your library to be, please come see me. That’s what I’m here for, after all.

Must See Movies

We’re No Angels (1955),

Thursday, September 8, 7pm

Staring Cast: Humphrey Bogart, Peter Ustinov, Aldo Ray

Directed by: Michael Curtiz

Release Date: 1955

Story: Humphrey Bogart in one of his rare comedy roles in this jaunty story about three escaped convicts – Joseph (Bogart), Albert (Aldo Ray), and Jules (Peter Ustinov) – who are plotting their escape off from Devil’s Island. Fate intervenes when they hide out with a kindly but inept store keeper, Felix (Leo G. Carroll), and his family. Felix manages a store for his demanding arrogant cousin Andre (Basil Rathbone), who decides to make the mistake of confiscating Albert’s beloved pet – a poisonous snake!



Play Reading

The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie

Wednesday, September 21, 6:30pm

Written by: Jay Presson Allen

Miss Brodie is a teacher, a formidable figure who molds young minds to her form. And what is more, she is so intensely interesting that the girls admire her above all else. But Miss Brodie is not honest. She prevaricates and then tells the girls to do as she tells them, not as she does herself. She is having an affair with the music teacher and has had one with the art teacher, and this is not the most exemplary conduct. A fantastic letter which some of her students write in her name to her lover falls into the headmistress' hands. Dismissal is averted by Miss Brodie's indomitable pluck as she threatens to sue for libel.



New on the Shelves

Nonfiction

Greene, Ross W., *Raising Human Beings: Creating a Collaborative Partnership with Your Child*
McKee, Jonathan R., *52 Ways to Connect with Your Smartphone Obsessed Kid: How to Engage with Kids Who Can't Seem to Pry Their Eyes from Their Devices!*
Gross, Jane, *A Bittersweet Season: Caring for Our Aging Parents--And Ourselves*
Carville, James, *We're Still Right, They're Still Wrong: The Democrats' Case for 2016*
Moran, Christopher R., *Company Confessions: Secrets, Memoirs, and the CIA*
Zak, Dan, *Almighty: Courage, Resistance, and Existential Peril in the Nuclear Age*
Lieber, Ron, *The Opposite of Spoiled: Raising Kids Who Are Grounded, Generous, and Smart about Money*
Wright, Lawrence, *The Terror Years: From Al-Qaeda to the Islamic State*
Gooley, Tristan, *How to Read Water: Clues and Patterns from Puddles to the Sea*
Yong, Ed, *I Contain Multitudes: The Microbes Within Us and a Grand View of Life*
Wolfe, Tom, *The Kingdom of Speech*
Sumner, Judith, *The Natural History of Medicinal Plants*
Adler, Daphne, *Debunking the Bump: A Mathematician Mom Explodes Myths about Pregnancy*
Billis, Stacie, *Make It Easy: 120 Mix-And-Match Recipes to Cook from Scratch--With Smart Store-Bought Shortcuts When You Need Them*
Americas Test Kitchen, *Naturally Sweet: Bake All Your Favorites with 30% to 50% Less Sugar*
Ching, Francis D. K., *Building Construction Illustrated*
Houston, Keith, *The Book: A Cover-To-Cover Exploration of the Most Powerful Object of Our Time*
Knisley, Lucy, *Something New: Tales from a Makeshift Bride*
Rybczynski, Witold, *Now I Sit Me Down: From Klismos to Plastic Chair: A Natural History*
Norman, Howard, *Next Life Might Be Kinder*
Cole, Teju, *Known and Strange Things: Essays*
Faulkner, Steven, *Bitterroot - A Memoir: Echoes of Beauty & Loss*
Dickerson, John, *Whistlestop: My Favorite Stories from Presidential Campaign History*

Biography

Aitkenhead, Decca, *All at Sea: A Memoir*
Arlen, Alice, *The Huntress: The Adventures, Escapades,*

and Triumphs of Alicia Patterson: Aviatrix, Sportswoman, Journalist, Publisher
Brower, Kate Andersen, *First Women: The Grace and Power of America's Modern First Ladies*
Chaudry, Rabia, *Adnan's Story: The Search for Truth and Justice After Serial*
Dittrich, Luke, *Patient H.M.: A Story of Memory, Madness, and Family Secrets*
Dykeman, Wilma, *Family of Earth: A Southern Mountain Childhood*
Giraldi, William, *The Hero's Body: A Memoir*
James, Jamie, *The Glamour of Strangeness: Artists and the Last Age of the Exotic*
Palm, Angela, *Riverine: A Memoir from Anywhere But Here*
Rokudenashiko, *What Is Obscenity?: The Story of a Good for Nothing Artist and Her Pussy*
Smee, Sebastian, *The Art of Rivalry: Four Friendships, Betrayals, and Breakthroughs in Modern Art*

Fiction

Barker, Nicola, *The Cauliflower*
Bowen, Rhys, *Crowned and Dangerous*
Chiziane, Paulina, *The First Wife: A Tale of Polygamy*
Connolly, John, *A Time of Torment*
Deutermann, Peter T., *The Commodore*
Evanovich, Janet, *Curious Minds: A Knight and Moon Novel*
Fossum, Karin, *Hell Fire*
Gross, Andrew, *The One Man*
Heald, Paul, *Cotton*
Hemmings, Kauai Hart, *How to Party with an Infant*
Hill, Nathan, *The Nix*
Hood, Ann, *The Book That Matters Most*
Hoover, Colleen, *It Ends with Us*
Ivey, Eowyn, *To the Bright Edge of the World*
Koryta, Michael, *Rise the Dark*
London, Joan, *The Golden Age*
Mbue, Imbolo, *Behold the Dreamers*
Meadows, Rae, *I Will Send Rain*
Penny, Louise, *A Great Reckoning*
Smith, Dinitia, *The Honeymoon*
Stambach, Scott, *The Invisible Life of Ivan Isaenko*
Tanabe, Karin, *The Gilded Years*
Thomas, Julia, *The English Boys: A Mystery*
Ware, Ruth, *The Woman in Cabin 10*
Way, Camilla, *Watching Edie*
Woodson, Jacqueline, *Another Brooklyn*

Live & Learn: *Identifying Mushrooms Safely*

BLUE HILL –Brooklin resident Dr. David Porter will give a talk about mushrooms found in the wild—the ones to enjoy and the ones to avoid—at the Blue Hill Public Library Thursday September 1st at 7:00 PM. This talk, entitled “Identifying Mushrooms Safely,” is part of the Library’s Live & Learn series—supported by Friends of the Library.

David Porter moved to Brooklin in 2006 after a 38 year career in academics as a professor in the Plant Biology Department at the University of Georgia. His specialty is mycology, which is the study of mushrooms and other fungi.

Dr. Porter teaches a class in Fungal Ecology at the College of the Atlantic. He has given various mushroom related outreach programs through the Maine Mycological Association, Colloquy Downeast, Acadia National Park, Downeast Audubon, and local land trusts.

This event is sponsored by the Library. There is no charge, and everyone is welcome. For more information, call the Library at 374-5515.



Mycologist Dr. David Porter



Geometry in Blue Hill Bay by Katherine N. Churchill



Kayak's View of Pumpkin Knob by Leslie Anderson

September Art: *The Peninsula Painters*

BLUE HILL – During the month of September, the Blue Hill Public Library will showcase artwork from more than 65 local artists, in a show titled *The Peninsula Painters*. All of the artists represented in this show participated in the Library’s *Paint the Peninsula* fundraiser in July. For this exhibit they will be showing pieces more characteristic of their usual work, created on their own studio time. The exhibit will include a range of paint media and subject matter in a rare group show that features so many artists connected to the Blue Hill Peninsula.

Participating Artists: Eileen Ahern * Anya Antonovych * Margret Baldwin * Charles Fenner Ball * Deborah Belyea * Wimberley Burton * Kathryn Calhoun * Lynne Chamberlin * Diana Chase * Phil Chase * Johanna Chase * Steve Collier * Brittany Courtot * Teddi-Jann Covell * George L Crosby * Heidi Daub * Galen Davis * Charlene Decker * Linda Deming * Alison C. Dibble * Paula Dougherty * Pamela Elias * Kate Emlen * Jill Finsen * Susan Finsen * Anina P Fuller * Cynthia Gallant-Simpson * Eric Glass * NinaHartman * Dottie Hayes * Em Herzstein * Nancy J. Hill * Edee Howland * Susan Hudson * Wendy Eysenbach Jagger * Lucy Jakub * Scarlet L. Kinney * Renee Lammers * Lakshmi Devi Lefebvre * Wendy Lewis * Rita Lundin * Heather Lyon *

Charles Marbach * Deborah Wedgwood Marshall * Frederica Marshall * Maria Matthews * Mary Ann McKellar * Jane McNichol * Naishun Chang * Lawrence Moffet * Rosie Moore * Katherine Noble Churchill * Corey A Paradise * Trish Pettigrew * Rebecca Poole-Heyne * Karen Prinkey * Carolyn Raedle * Rebekah Raye * Penny Ricker * Jerry Rose * Carla Heider Rosenzweig * Jack Schlueter * Elsie Sealander * Walter Smalling * Bruce Stahnke * Judy Steeves * Axel Stohlberg * Sherry Streeter * Marcia Stremiau * Judy Taylor * Paul Trowbridge * Adele Ursone * Michael E. Vermette * Jennifer P White * Anne Gates Yarnall.

The public is invited to meet the artists at a reception on Friday September 2nd, 4:30 to 6:30 PM. The library will remain open until 7:00 as part of Blue Hill’s First Friday.

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Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.

~Albert Camus.

In this edition...

Assistant Director **Hannah Cyrus** describes her impressions of the library and community after two months on the job. Learn how to **identify mushrooms** with mycologist Dr. David Porter. Check out the artwork of the 65 artists who participated in the **Peninsula Painters** event. This month's **Must See Movie** is **We're No Angels**, starring Humphrey Bogart. The **Play Reading** is **The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie** by Jay Presson Allen. And, as usual, you will find a complete listing of **New Titles**.



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Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Friday: 9am - 6pm

Thursday: 9am - 8pm

Saturday: 9am - 5pm

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First Saturday of the month,
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