

#### 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**

Plants, books, baked goods, coffee, silent auction – all of this and more will be available at the Library's annual spring plant sale on May 23. Don't miss the chance to visit with your neighbors, fill in your garden with locally grown flowers and edibles, find some great treats, and support the Library. Each year this event is both fun and an important fundraiser for Library programs. The Friends of the Library oversee the book and bake sales. Please contact me if you are able to donate baked goods or garden-themed books.

Contact Clifton Page if you have plants to divide and donate.

Of course, please come also to our monthly book sale in the Library basement on May 2 (always the first Saturday of the month). The book sales are truly the bedrock for the Friends. Those dollars provide funds for ongoing activities including youth programs and purchasing the New York Times. This summer we are excited to contribute to special programs that celebrate the Library's 75th anniversary. More details will come shortly on how you can get involved. It wouldn't be a community celebration without you. The terrific community support we receive regularly gives us a lot to celebrate!

As ice moves out and green shoots appear, so too are the Friends going through internal transitions. First, we say a heartfelt, "so long" to Lisa Arhontes-Marshall who has done a masterful job

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BHPL Plant Sale Saturday, May 23

Plants! Silent Auction!
Friends' Book and Bake Sales!

May, 2015

#### Book Nook Book Sales

Saturday May 2 9am-2pm

### Get in shape for summer!!

½ price on all health, diet and well being

#### **Special Features**

Children's classics

50¢ craft and needlework booklets

And lots more!!

#### **Magazine Specials**

#### Parabola

a magazine of myth and tradition 25¢ each

Gourmet, Saveur,
and other cooking
magazines
\$1 per bundle

All children receive a free book making this newsletter happen for the past several years, not to mention making it look professional and spiffy, all on a shoestring budget. We will miss her good work and good cheer, and hope the Library Board appreciates what a treasure they have in their newest Board member. Phil Schirmer, a long time editor at Wooden Boat, will take over Lisa's well-done templates and work flow charts to keep us looking good and on track. Many thanks to both Lisa and Phil.

We welcome another wonderful new Board member, Susan Hudson, a long time educator in Blue Hill. How lucky are we to find these great people who give us their time, energy, and enthusiasm?! Susan has already dug in, taking on membership for the Friends. You will surely hear from her if you haven't renewed for this year or when renewals come around in October, as we're raking and putting the gardens to bed.

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

#### 2015 Blue Hill Library Annual Plant Sale

Request for Plants - A Reminder

The Library will hold its annual Plant Sale on the library lawn on Saturday, May 23rd between 8 and 11am. As in the past we will include a garden book sale, coffee and breakfast treats, a gardener's questions table and a silent auction.

We would very much appreciate (and need!) library supporters to donate clumps of flowering perennial plants which could be divided into smaller clumps for the sale.

If you have anything in your garden that you can spare please contact us at <u>plantsale@bhpl.net</u> or on 374-5515 x 16. A volunteer is ready to come and pick up your donations. Ideally, all plants will be divided and potted up by May 9 to give them time to settle in and look good for the sale. Thanks in advance and see you on May 23!

#### Wanted: Bake Sale Goodies

Think about making a batch or two of your favorite treats.

Quick breads, muffins, scones, and cookies are all welcome!

More info coming soon.

#### Farewell, Elvira

On Monday, 20 April, the library learned that Elvira Bass died over the weekend.

Elvira was a long-term and steadfast support of our library in so many ways. She was a board member of the Friends of the Library for many years. She worked on our monthly book sales, even going so far as to make book shelving for the Book Nook in her home shop. Later she organized and ran the internet book sales when such a thing was just starting.



Elvira was a huge force, endlessly giving her seemingly boundless energy, ideas, inspiration, generosity and

spirit to the library. All of us watched (in expectation, trepidation, wonder!) for Elvira to pull up to the Library in her red sports convertible, usually with her standard poodle next to her, arriving to help make the library an even better place.

The library has lost a great friend with Elvira's death. We shall all miss her.

"You have been my friend," replied Charlotte. That in itself is a tremendous thing."

E.B. White, Charlotte's Web

#### Children's Corner

Pat Horton, Youth Services: phorton@bhpl.net

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

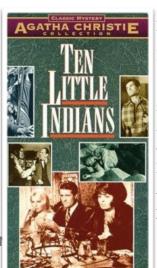
Playgroup for Babies and Toddlers Birth to age 3: Wednesdays 10:30 to noon, Howard Room

**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.

#### **Must See Movies**

Ten Little Indians (1970)

Thursday, May 14, 7pm



**Staring Cast:** Starring: Hugh O'Brian, Shirley Eaton, Stanley Holloway, Wilfrid Hyde-White, Fabian

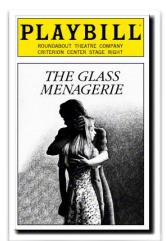
**Directed by:** George Pollock

**Story:** Based upon the work of Agatha Christie, "Eight people are invited to a remote mountaintop chalet by their host U.N. Owen; two people are already there as the butler and cook. Once there they find that their mysterious host has accused each of murder and commences to dispatch the guests in the order of a song of Ten Little Indians. Finding that they are cut off from the outside world they must find Mr. Owen and neutralize him before they are all dispatched. All the clues are present; can you detect whodunit and why?" (Amazon). 90 minutes.

#### **Play Reading**

The Glass Menagerie (1944)

Wednesday, May 20, 6:30pm



"The Glass Menagerie was Tennessee Williams' first real success. Critics raved about the play, and it slowly rose in popularity as people went to see what everyone was talking about. It was called 'the memory play' because the story is told through the reflections and memories of its main character, Tom.

Tom's reflections on his past seem to haunt him, and as he recounts his memories they come to life on stage. Having Tom narrate the play - and also play the role of himself - as his memories come to life creates a kind of tension in the play because what we are seeing is not exactly what happened, but how Tom remembers it.

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We, therefore, see not an objective portrayal but one that is colored by his personal experiences as he retells us the story. The Glass Menagerie fascinated audiences for its presentation of one man's vision of his past." (Study.com)

"The play has strong autobiographical elements, featuring characters based on Williams himself, his histrionic mother, and his mentally fragile sister Laura." (Wikapedia)

#### From the Director's Desk

Rich Boulet, Library Director: rboulet@bhpl.net

Hello and Happy May everyone. I am excited to share some news from the digital library with you. For those of you who do not already know, in addition to the many resources available at the library during business hours, we also offer various digital services 24 hours daily. During April, we increased these offerings.

**Freegal:** Are you a music fan? The Library now offers improved access to Freegal, the "free and legal" music service that heretofore allows patrons to download a certain number of songs weekly. The catalog includes over eight million song files from a variety of artists ranging from contemporary to classic, popular to alternative and from every musical genre in between. Recent improvements include the option to stream up to three hours of music per day per patron, including full albums. Additionally patrons will be able to download and keep up to 5 songs per week, up from the previous weekly quota of 3 songs. This is comparable to providing each of our library patrons with a paid subscription to online music services like Spotify, except the cost to patrons is free.

**Mango:** We have also added *Mango Languages*, online language learning software. Mango is accessible to BHPL patrons anywhere from the library's website. The service can be used on a personal computer, tablet

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or other device. The Mango service works particularly well on an app for iPad or other tablet, allowing patrons to record themselves speaking foreign language phrases, and compare their voice simultaneously to the software's narrator.

We continue to provide eBooks and eAudiobooks through the Maine InfoNet Download Library, a state-wide consortium, including additional content only available to BHPL patrons. We also offer eAudiobooks from Recorded Books' OneClickDigital platform. That platform contains over 5,000 titles, mostly available to an unlimited amount of simultaneous users.

While we are fortunate to offer you these newer services, for those of you who are fans of the "analog library," rest assured that these services are in addition to traditional library resources, not instead of.

Acquisitions of hard copy books, audiobooks on CD, movies and other non-virtual items for the library are being maintained at the same level they have been for many years. You can still read a hard copy of the same day's New York Times and Wall Street Journal daily, and browse our full selection of periodicals. The same goes for items in the children's department and young adult areas.

For more information or to find out how to get an account in any of these services, stop by or call the Library at 374-5515.

Before I conclude this column, I'd like to send my appreciation for the years of service that Lisa Arhontes-Marshall has put into this newsletter. Lisa joined the Friends about three years ago, and since then has each month very patiently coaxing articles out of a disparate herd or proverbial and sometimes less than cooperative cats, yours truly included. The newsletter has continued to be something the Friends can be proud of because of Lisa's dedication, and I am sure I speak for everyone when I say that we all really have appreciated her efforts. Maestra Arhontes-Marshall has accepted a nomination to join the BHPL Board of Directors and will be dedicating her library volunteering energies there, which I look forward to very much.

As always, your thoughts and feedback about BHPL are encouraged and welcome. Feel free to drop me a line at <a href="mailto:rboulet@bhpl.net">rboulet@bhpl.net</a>, 374-5515, or by chance in person at the real library!

#### Thanks for your support.

Po you have feedback or ideas about this newsletter? Contact us...folvolunteers@bhpl.net

Po you want to want to learn more about your membership or know someone who wants to join?

www.bluehill.lib.me.us/friends or call 207374.5515



## Let Friends treat you to the Museum! Thanks to FOL, enjoy FREE ENTRY for up to four people at the Maine Discovery Museum in Bangor.

Reserve a Day Pass by calling 374.5515 x17.

#### New on the Shelves

#### Nonfiction

Dawson, Robert, The Public Library: A Photographic Essay

Lewis, Michael, Flash Boys: A Wall Street Revolt

Wood, Gillen D'Arcy, Tambora: The Eruption That Changed the World

Sharpe, Christopher M., How to Prepare for the GED Test: All New Content for the Computerized 2014 Exam

Dulan, Steven W., McGraw-Hill's ACT [With CDROM] (2014)

Fernandez, Oscar E., Everyday Calculus: Discovering the Hidden Math All Around Us

Heinrich, Bernd, The Homing Instinct: Meaning and Mystery in Animal Migration

Mikkola, Heimo, Owls of the World: A Photographic Guide

Sibley, David Allen, The Sibley Guide to Birds

Howell, Steve N. G., Rare Birds of North America

Blaser, Martin J., Missing Microbes: How the Overuse of Antibiotics Is Fueling Our Modern Plagues

Vad, Vijay, The New Rules of Running: Five Steps to Run Faster and Longer for Life

Huth, John Edward, The Lost Art of Finding Our Way (New)

Burford, Tom, Apples of North America: 192 Exceptional Varieties for Gardeners, Growers, and Cooks

Jacke, Dave, Ecological Design and Practice for Temperate-Climate Permaculture

Bubel, Nancy, The New Seed Starter's Handbook

Paul, Caroline, Lost Cat: A True Story of Love, Desperation, and GPS Technology

Broug, Eric, Islamic Geometric Design

Mertins, Detlef, Mies (New)

Lebbon, Tim, Coldbrook

Kingloff, Amanda, Project Kid: 100 Ingenious Crafts for Family Fun

Eagan, Greta, Wear No Evil: How to Change the World with Your Wardrobe

Horne, Gerald, The Counter-Revolution of 1776: Slave Resistance and the Origins of the United States of America

#### **Biography**

Andrews, Colman, My Usual Table: A Life in Restaurants

Begley, Adam, Updike

Ehrenreich, Barbara, Living with a Wild God: A Nonbeliever's Search for the Truth about Everything

#### **Fiction**

Addison, Katherine, The Goblin Emperor

Baldacci, David, The Target

Barr, Nevada, Destroyer Angel

Bear, Elizabeth, Steles of the Sky

Binchy, Maeve, Chestnut Street

Brennan, Marie, The Tropic of Serpents: A Memoir by Lady Trent

Cargill, C. Robert, Dreams and Shadows (New)

Carpenter, Don, Fridays at Enrico's

Casey, Maud, The Man Who Walked Away

Cassella, Carol, Gemini

Clark, Mary Higgins, I've Got You Under My Skin

Davis, Lydia, Can't and Won't

Donoghue, Emma, Frog Music

Dovlatov, Sergei, Pushkin Hills

Doyle, Brian, The Plover

Dunmore, Helen, The Lie

French, Nicci, Waiting for Wednesday

Glancy, Robert, Terms & Conditions

Glass, Julia, And the Dark Sacred Night

Graedon, Alena, The Word Exchange

Grant, Katharine, Sedition

Gross, Andrew, Everything to Lose

Hayes, Samantha, Until You're Mine

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Hoffman, Cara, Be Safe I Love You

Iles, Greg, Natchez Burning

Jamison, Leslie, The Empathy Exams: Essays

Johansen, Iris, Live to See Tomorrow

Just, Ward S., American Romantic

Klein, Matthew, No Way Back

Matthiessen, Peter, In Paradise

McCracken, Elizabeth, Thunderstruck & Other Stories

McDermid, Val, Northanger Abbey

Moore, Christopher, The Serpent of Venice

Morgan, Jude, The Secret Life of William Shakespeare

Oates, Joyce Carol, High Crime Area: Tales of Darkness and Dread

Osborne, Lawrence, The Ballad of a Small Player

Parks, Brad, The Player

Parrett, Favel, Past the Shallows

Phillips, Jayne Anne, Quiet Dell

Price, Daniel, The Flight of the Silvers

Rahman, Zia Haider, In the Light of What We Know

Robb, J. D., Concealed in Death

Robotham, Michael, Watching You

Scottoline, Lisa, Keep Quiet

Sealy, Jon, The Whiskey Baron

Shotwell, Vivien, Vienna Nocturne

Simpson, Mona, Casebook

Spurling, John, The Ten Thousand Things

Ullmann, Linn, The Cold Song

Waldman, Ayelet, Love and Treasure

Weisgarber, Ann, The Promise

White, Randy Wayne, Bone Deep

Woods, Stuart, Carnal Curiosity

I think the health of our civilization, the depth of our awareness about the underpinnings of our culture and our concern for the future can all be tested by how well we support our libraries.

Carl Sagan

If truth is beauty, how come no one has their hair done in the library?

Lily Tomlin

The library card is a passport to wonders and miracles, glimpses into other lives, religions, experiences, the hopes and dreams and strivings of ALL human beings, and it is this passport that opens our eyes and hearts to the world beyond our front doors, that is one of our best hopes against tyranny, xenophobia, hopelessness, despair, anarchy, and ignorance.

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# May 2015

Spring has finally spring! May is here and it's time for us to dig in our gardens to prep for the Annual Plant Sale.

# In this edition...

Nook. Join your fellow movie lovers for **Ten Little Indians** on May's Book Sale takes place Saturday, May 2 in the Book children's programs on the event calendar? As always, Menagerie on May 20. Have you looked at all of the May 14, and join the play readers for The Glass New Titles are inside! The Annual Plant Sale on May 23 is a great way to support the Library. Be a plant donor or be sure to check out the **Book +** Bake Sales that we will host that morning.

Finally, we say goodbye to a wonderful Friend and beloved member of the community, Elvira Bass.



#### 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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