



# 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

Plants, books, baked goods, coffee, silent auction, tool sale, gardening advice...all of this and more will be available at the library's annual spring **Plant Sale** on **Saturday, May 27**, from 8-11AM.

Come out to fill in your garden with locally grown flowers and edibles - find what's on your list as well happy surprises, while visiting with neighbors and supporting our beloved library.

This fun event has become an annual "save the date" and an important fundraiser for the library.

This year we have new leaders to thank - Maria Matthews and Greg Forrest have taken over the reins from the founding organizers, Lynn Cheney and Clifton Page. Please join us in thanking them. The best way to do that is by showing up and helping out!

We rely on many volunteers and various activities to bring it all together. Here's a range of ways to get involved and help out:

- Divide plants
- Host a potting party
- Tell us about gardens to divide
- Help set up the sale
- Bake for the sale
- Work at the sale
- Help with clean up

You can sign-up to participate at <http://bhpl.net>. Look for the link on the library's homepage.



Be sure to explore more details about the Plant Sale farther inside this edition on Page 3.

I look forward to seeing you at the library!

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

# **Book Nook Book Sales**

**Saturday, May 6  
9am-2pm**

In the Book Nook  
Blue Hill Public Library

**Treat MOM with a day off  
to read a good book!!!**

## **May Features:**

Special mini-collections  
include:

Graphic Novels

Golf

How-to Photography

Political Science

## **Specials:**

Library Withdrawn Novels  
and Biographies

**Only 25¢**

Proceeds from the sale of  
used books enable the  
Friends to help support the  
library and its patrons with  
programs and materials.

We are very grateful for our  
book donors, volunteers, and  
book sale customers.

Thank You!!

## **From the Director's Desk**

**Rich Boulet, Library Director**

### **New E-Book Service**

The Blue Hill Library is making some changes to its digital library offerings. Some of you may know that earlier this year, Maine InfoNet, the library consortium that we are a member of, changed its e-book service from a vendor called Overdrive to 3M (aka Bibliotheca or Cloud Library). One practical outcome from this change was that users who read e-books on traditional "paperwhite" Kindles were no longer able to use our e-book service due to their device's incompatibility. Only newer, app-based tablets work with 3M's product.

We heard considerable negative feedback about this and other issues with the new service and are making some changes of our own. We shuffled around existing digital library resources so that we could establish BHPL's own, non-consortial Overdrive service. Beginning in early May you will see that service on the library's DIGITAL SERVICES web page.

We will also maintain our membership in the Maine InfoNet consortium, continuing to provide patrons with access to those resources as well. The major difference is that BHPL will be pulling all BHPL-owned content from the consortium, and making it available from within the new Overdrive service, exclusively to our patrons (it had been available to patrons from other libraries to use prior to this change).

### **Town Meeting Season**

Surry's Town Meeting took place on April 24<sup>th</sup>, the last for the Blue Hill Library's local funding requests, capping off a successful run.

Each year the library requests funding from Blue Hill Peninsula towns that do not have a full-service public library of their own. This helps to offset the contribution made by Blue Hill's taxpayers while also honoring the reciprocity that we enjoy with other nearby libraries such as Friend Memorial (Brooklin), Brooksville Free, Witherle (Castine), Chase Emerson (Deer Isle) and Stonington. Thank you to the voters in Surry, Penobscot, Sedgwick and Blue Hill for your support for the library.

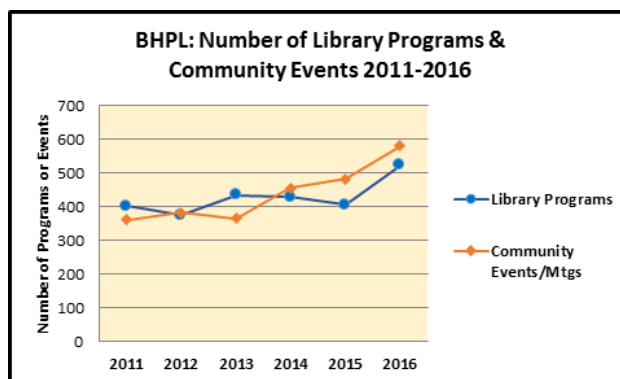


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## Meeting Room Demand & Space Planning

Regular readers may be aware that BHPL experienced its busiest year ever in 2016 in terms of foot traffic having welcomed just shy of 130,000 visitors. A quick glance at BHPL's online calendar will confirm that one of the things that seems to be driving this is demand for meeting space at the library. We offer free access to two community meeting rooms, during and outside of normal business hours. Whereas five years ago the library hosted just under 400 community-sponsored events at the library, which was a busy pace in its own right, in 2016 that number rose to 580 bookings. That is

in addition to the nearly 600 library-sponsored events at the library, bringing us to over 1,100 events at the library, which is in addition to the many, many other reasons why one would visit the library.



Our experience in Blue Hill is consistent with some recent press for libraries as community hubs. The Boston Globe recently reported:

*“While people still come to sit quietly, work, study, research, or read, they also come to libraries to do things they can’t do by themselves — study in groups, learn English, get tax advice, talk about the books they read, watch movies, listen to live performances, play games with peers, learn something new such as dancing, yoga, or knitting, experience a craft such as pastel painting, or get “device advice” when somebody younger has given them a new machine.”*

The phenomenon is not strictly North American. According to February article in London's Guardian newspaper:

*“Councils are responding to these [budget] challenges by ensuring libraries play an increasingly important role as community hubs, empowering local people to use them for a wide variety of services ranging from homework clubs to public health and business advice. Libraries help residents and local businesses boost their digital skills and get online, for example. Coding clubs, in particular, are equipping children with the skills needed for tomorrow, while Google Garage tutorials help local businesses maximise their online presence. Libraries provide these services through outreach – with skilled people taking services out into communities – as well as virtually, allowing access to a wide range of online resources and spaces for people to meet, debate and learn from each other.”*

While the trend of increased outreach and programming has been going on in Blue Hill for well over a decade, and indeed we see evidence of this going back to Adelaide Pearson's earnest writings for the library in the 1930s, it is encouraging that much of the rest of the profession is now headed in a similar direction, and that patrons all over remain as interested in using their library as they have been for decades.

With this considerable demand on the facility, and the versatility of roles that the library currently plays in mind, and pursuant to a strategic goal, BHPL is currently studying how our space and campus is being used. Architect, Bruce Stahnke has been engaged by the board to conduct a “space and campus use and planning study” and is currently gathering information for it. If you have thoughts about how library space is being used, how it could be used differently, or any other related matters, please send them to me anytime, rboulet@bhpl.net.

With appreciation for your support of, and interest in the library,  
-Rich Boulet

# Plant Sale & Silent Auction: A Benefit for BHPL

**Saturday, May 27 8:00-11:00AM**

Hundreds of perennials donated by some of the best gardeners on the Peninsula, vegetable seed starts from local farms, house plants, soft fruit canes, plus a Silent Auction of garden related items. The Friends of the Library will again host a Bake Sale and a Garden Book Sale. What could be better?

## Love the Plant Sale? Be a part of it!

1. **Plant divisions** from your gardens or gardens of people that you know. You/they pot them and bring to the library or to someone on the committee. Also, seedlings are happy additions, as are house plants. We would love to be able to acknowledge all donations (tax deductible!) if you let us know what you have donated leave a note at the library or email Shelley Latham, [slatham@bhpl.net](mailto:slatham@bhpl.net).
2. **Host a “Potting Party”** at your home or someone else’s. We will provide soil and pots. You dig up the clumps to be divided from the home garden where the party is being hosted or we arrange for clumps from another garden to come to you (if available). You divide and conquer from there. In the past, the host has provided tools (or BYO), willing potting friends, and refreshments. We can arrange to get the pots from you right after the party or you can babysit them until the event. (All plants should be potted by the middle of May to give them at least two weeks to settle in - and have some deer protection)
3. **Contact professional gardener friends** to see if they are working on gardens that need dividing. Last year, we were able to get a good number of clumps from a client home of a local gardener. We took them back to a committee-member’s home, a potting party took place a few days later and VOILA!, hundreds of potted plants were ready for sale.
4. **Volunteer for more!** We are looking for volunteers to set up the day before the sale, May 26 (time TBA). We also seek volunteers to help with sales help on “the floor” the day of the sale, write receipts and to be cashiers. Anyone can help, with or without specific plant knowledge.
5. **Bake or Book!** The Friends’ ever-popular “Pay What You Like” Bake Sale is always a fun aspect of the morning. Bake something to be sold or sign-up to staff the booth. We can also use help staffing the Book Sale when it makes it’s annual trek outside.
6. **\*NEW THIS YEAR\*** Give to the **Garden Tool Yard Sale**. Poke around your shed and donate gently used garden tools and equipment. Someone else will “dig” that once loved hand tool still full of garden potential. Plan to deliver your donations to Shelley on Thursday or Friday.

Learn more and sign-up on the library’s website: <http://bhpl.net>. Look for the link on our homepage.

Have additional questions about volunteering? Contact Plant Sale Co-Chairs: Greg Forrest, [greg.forrest@jax.org](mailto:greg.forrest@jax.org) / 207.664.0436, or Maria Matthews, [mbmatt96@gmail.com](mailto:mbmatt96@gmail.com), 207.812.8691.





## Must See Movies

### Shakespeare in Love (1998)

Thursday, May 18, 7pm, Howard Room



**Starring:** Gwyneth Paltrow, Joseph Fiennes, Geoffrey Rush  
**Director:** John Madden  
**Story:** The Academy Award winning **Shakespeare In Love** is a comedy about the greatest love story almost never told. Love is the only inspiration in this witty, sexy hit starring Gwyneth Paltrow, Judi Dench, Colin Firth, Ben

Afflack, and Geoffrey Rush. A young Shakespeare, out of ideas and short of cash, meets his ideal woman and is inspired to write one of his most famous plays.

## Play Reading

### Blood Knot

Wednesday, May 24, 6:30pm



**Playwright:** Athol Fugard  
**Story:** **Blood Knot** is a parable of two brothers – one white-skinned, one black – sharing a hovel on the outskirts of Port Elizabeth, committed to a shifting, abrasive, relationship, which

reflects all the larger fears and anguish of racial issues. “It is one of those small number of plays that stand out for both their literary and political significance,” writes one critic, finding audiences around the world since its debut in South Africa in 1961.

## New on the Shelves

### Non Fiction

Bekoff, Marc, *The Animals' Agenda: Freedom, Compassion, and Coexistence in the Human Age*  
Sunim, Haemin, *The Things You Can See Only When You Slow Down: How to Be Calm and Mindful in a Fast-Paced World*

Ghobash, Omar Saif, *Letters to a Young Muslim*  
Saltz, Gail, *The Power of Different: The Link Between Disorder and Genius*

Komisar, Erica, *Being There: Why Prioritizing Motherhood in the First Three Years Matters*  
Davis, Angela Y., *Freedom Is a Constant Struggle: Ferguson, Palestine, and the Foundations of a Movement*  
O'Rourke, P. J., *How the Hell Did This Happen?: The Election of 2016*

Conradi, Peter, *Who Lost Russia?: How the World Entered a New Cold War*

Cullen, Melanie, *Get It Together: Organize Your Records So Your Family Won't Have to*  
Bregman, Rutger, *Utopia for Realists: How We Can Build the Ideal World*

Clifford, Denis, *Attorney, Estate Planning Basics*  
Clifford, Denis, *Attorney, Plan Your Estate*  
Ohler, Norman, *Blitzed: Drugs in the Third Reich*  
Du Sautoy, Marcus, *The Great Unknown: Seven Journeys to the Frontiers of Science*

Natarajan, Priyamvada, *Mapping the Heavens: The Radical Scientific Ideas That Reveal the Cosmos*

Lieberman Ph. D., Susan Abel, *Death, Dying and Dessert: Reflections on Twenty Questions about Dying*  
Holmes, Bob, *Flavor: The Science of Our Most Neglected Sense*  
Winter, W. Chris, *The Sleep Solution: Why Your Sleep Is Broken and How to Fix It*  
Clark, Melissa, *Dinner: Changing the Game*  
Nosrat, Samin, *Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat: Mastering the Elements of Good Cooking*  
America's Test Kitchen, *Vegan for Everybody: Foolproof Plant-Based Recipes for Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, and In-Between*  
Nathan, Joan, *King Solomon's Table: A Culinary Exploration of Jewish Cooking from Around the World*  
Acosta, Rina Mae, *The Happiest Kids in the World: How Dutch Parents Help Their Kids (and Themselves) by Doing Less*  
Taunton Press, *Joinery*  
Blatt, Ben, *Nabokov's Favorite Word Is Mauve: What the Numbers Reveal about the Classics, Bestsellers, and Our Own Writing*  
Ginsberg, Allen, *Best Minds of My Generation: A Literary History of the Beats*  
Rankine, Claudia, *Citizen: An American Lyric*  
Chamberlain, Libby, *Pantsuit Nation*

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## Biography

Baldwin, Alec, *Nevertheless: A Memoir*  
Cannell, Michael T., *Incendiary: The Psychiatrist, the Mad Bomber, and the Invention of Criminal Profiling*  
Cooley, Martha, *Guesswork: A Reckoning with Loss*  
Jenner, Caitlyn, *The Secrets of My Life*  
Lemonick, Michael D., *The Perpetual Now: A Story of Amnesia, Memory, and Love*  
Nobles, Gregory H., *John James Audubon: The Nature of the American Woodsman*  
Siegel, Lee, *The Draw: A Memoir*

## Fiction

Arimah, Lesley Nneka, *What It Means When a Man Falls from the Sky: Stories*  
Aslam, Nadeem, *The Golden Legend*  
Baldacci, David, *The Fix*  
Boylan, Jennifer Finney, *Long Black Veil*  
Brenner, Jamie, *The Forever Summer*  
Buntin, Julie, *Marlena*  
Caletti, Deb, *What's Become of Her*  
Cameron, Claire, *The Last Neanderthal*  
Chapman, Julia, *Date with Death: A Samson and Delilah Mystery*  
Christie, William, *A Single Spy*  
Currie, Ron, *The One-Eyed Man*  
De Muriel, Oscar, *A Fever of the Blood*  
Deaver, Jeffery, *The Burial Hour*  
Doctorow, Cory, *Walkaway*  
El Akkad, Omar, *American War*  
Fitzgerald, F. Scott, *I'd Die for You: And Other Lost Stories*  
Forry, Lauren A., *Abigale Hall*  
Golden, Christopher, *Ararat*  
Grant, Richard, *Cave Dwellers*  
Grondahl, Jens Christian, *Often I Am Happy*  
Hamalainen, Karo, *Cruel Is the Night*  
Hurwitz, Gregg, *The Nowhere Man: An Orphan X Novel*  
Jewell, Lisa, *I Found You*  
Johansen, Iris, *No Easy Target*  
Kerr, Philip, *Prussian Blue*  
Leon, Donna, *Earthly Remains*  
Lowe, Daniel, *All That's Left to Tell*  
MacKay, Malcolm, *Every Night I Dream of Hell*  
Pachico, Julianne, *The Lucky Ones*  
Paretsky, Sara, *Fallout*  
Patterson, James, *The Black Book*  
Pywell, Sharon, *The Romance Reader's Guide to Life*  
Sandford, John, *Golden Prey*  
Scottoline, Lisa, *One Perfect Lie*  
Shafir, Doree, *Startup*  
Shreve, Anita, *The Stars Are Fire*

Statovci, Pajtim, *My Cat Yugoslavia*  
Strout, Elizabeth, *Anything Is Possible*  
Suarez, Daniel, *Change Agent*  
Unger, Lisa, *The Red Hunter*  
VanderMeer, Jeff, *Borne*  
Watts, Stephanie Powell, *No One Is Coming to Save Us*  
Wood, Les, *Dark Side of the Moon*  
Woods, Stuart, *Fast and Loose*  
Yocum, Robin, *A Welcome Murder*

## Large Print

Patterson, James & Ellis, David, *The Black Book*  
Baldacci, David, *The Fix*  
Moyes, JoJo, *The Horse Dancer*

## Audiobooks on CD

Vance, J.D., *Hillbilly Elegy*  
Stromme, Lisa, *The Girl Between*  
Strout, Elizabeth, *Anything is Possible*  
El Akkad, Omar, *American War*  
Vandermeer, Jeff, *Borne*  
Santiago, Mikel, *The Last Night at Tremore Beach*  
Kline, Christina Baker, *A Piece of the World*

## Tam Tam Demonstration

**Saturday, May 13, 10:00am, Main Room**

A Tam Tam (hand-carved slit drum from Vanuatu) was recently donated to Blue Hill Public Library by Richard Penfold, and now you can come hear the Tam Tam in action! Josua Tofor, the son of Chief Tofor who carved the library's Tam Tam, will talk about how they are made and used.



*The Penfold family with the tam-tam.*



## Exhibit: *What Nature Affords Me*



*Transparent Moose by Carol Byars*

During May, Brooksville artist Carol Byars will exhibit oil paintings, watercolors and pencil drawings at the Blue Hill Public Library in a show titled *What Nature Affords Me*. The public is invited to a reception on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00.

The exhibition will include several somewhat whimsical works that have been described as painted haiku; oil paintings undertaken with the artist's left hand after she had broken her dominant right arm; and other paintings that "can be loosely described as landscapes."

Carol's work begins with sketching outdoors. She is attracted to prominent lines, appealing shapes and the rhythmical relationships of these lines and shapes to one another. The artist says, "When sketching, I enter into what I'm viewing: the profile of a boulder or palm tree becomes an extension of my pencil which is an extension of me. Once in the studio, this vocabulary informs my paintings. Each brushed phrase is a compilation of many sketches and the resulting painting is a mostly unexpected combination of lines, shapes and colors. Rather than copy nature, I seek similes for how elements of the outdoors—visual, auditory, tactile—resonate with my physical, mental and emotional state."

Carol Byars moved to Maine thirty years ago. She has lived in Switzerland, New Zealand, Los Angeles and New York. She has painted murals in private homes, designed sets for ballet, and in 2000, she

was the co-leader of an art history tour of Tuscany. Byars has exhibited her work at the Maine Center for Contemporary Art, the College of the Atlantic, the Portland Public Library and galleries in Maine. She has a BFA from the Maine College of Art and did additional studies at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, the Haystack Mountain School of Crafts and the University of Texas at Austin. Carol Byars lives on Cape Rosier with her architect husband Bill McHenry and their lively dog Caper. For more information contact the library at 374-5515.

## 52 Weeks of Giving: *A Blue Hill Mountain Story Trail*

Kids of all ages are invited to hike the Blue Hill Mountain Osgood Trail with the Blue Hill Public Library and Blue Hill Heritage Trust and participate in writing and illustrating a story about what was spotted on the trail!

The hike will be on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to noon, and the kids will work on the story at the library on the following two Saturdays, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 and May 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to noon.

The story will be posted at stations along the trail and will remain there all summer for anyone hiking the trail to enjoy.

This 3 week project is a unique opportunity to explore the beauty and nature of Blue Hill Mountain and create something to share with the entire community. Ages 7 and up are welcome—children younger than 7 must be accompanied by a parent. Meet at the library.

For more information contact Libby at 374-5515.



*Here is a group working on a story trail at Blue Hill Heritage Trust's property along Peters Brook in Blue Hill. (2016)*

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## May 2017

If your have a garden and a library, you have everything that you need.

-Cicero

## In this edition...

The Annual **Plant Sale** is coming up. As usual, Friends of the Library are invited to join in on the fun. Your feedback has helped the library make changes to its **e-reader service**. Have an idea about how the **library space** could be used in the future? Rich would love to hear from you. May brings an exhibit by **Carol Bayers, What Nature Affords Me**. This month's **Must See Movie** is Shakespeare in Love, starring Gwyneth Paltrow. The **Play Reading** is Blood Knot by Athol Fugard. Mark your calendar for the **tam-tam demonstration**, and consider joining BHPL and BHHT on the second **Story Trail**. The adventures this year take place on Blue Hill Mountain.



# Blue Hill Library

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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