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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

Talk about a sweet deal – just in time for Valentine's Day the Library is announcing expanded hours. As Rich's *From the Director's Desk* explains, beginning on February 2, the Library will open at 9AM on Monday-Friday. To celebrate this extra hour of service, the Friends of the Library will be offering a special treat. Visit the Library between 9-10AM during the month of February and the Friends will offer free coffee to adults and a free book to each child. Parent discretion applies to coffee for the kids....

We hope you will join us for this expansion, inspired by feedback we've heard from the community that opening earlier would be appreciated.

The Library is seeking your continued feedback in a very specific way for the next month or so. In January, the Library began a formal strategic planning process, organizing a series of forums for input. To assure we can receive maximal input, everyone is invited (and encouraged) to complete a brief survey. When you have five or ten minutes to spare, please go to the homepage of the Library's website to link to the survey and tell us what you like about the Library and what would make the Library even better in the future. All comments and suggestions are welcome.

I would be remiss to focus only on the future and not celebrate our successes in 2014. In the year that just was, patron visits totaled nearly 119,000, a rise of 4.2 percent compared to 2013. Computer and wi-fi usage was particularly notable with a 27.1 percent rise. In addition to the traditional books, magazines, and Internet offerings, visitors are increasingly taking advantage of the expanded electronic offerings, such as music download and e-books. Library staff are ALWAYS happy to help you learn about new options and how to use them on your personal devices, such as smart phones, laptops, and tablets. Stop in or make an appointment to learn more.

Book Nook Book Sales

**Saturday
February 7
10am-2pm**

**Are you ready for
a new selection?**

February features an
extensive restocking
of the shelves. New titles
in nearly every genre!

Mini-collections of
graphic novels and
books on **boatbuilding**
will be on hand.

Most titles \$1 or \$2

Don't forget our ongoing
Paperback Sale in the
second floor. Most are
like new and only 50
cents!

All children receive a
free book

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

A big thank you to all of the 789 households that contributed to the Library's 2014 Annual Appeal. These direct contributions, along with fundraising events and endowment bequests, are what make this special place possible. Generous contributions from community members and patrons total 80 percent of the Library's budget. We could not do what we do without your support. Many thanks. Do stop in for a friendly cup of coffee some (or several mornings – early and often!) in February and while you're there, you can use a Library computer to access the strategic planning survey and tell us what you think.

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

Coffee + Books with Friends

Enjoy a cup of coffee or a free children's
book when you visit the Library between
9–10am in February.

Courtesy of the Friends of the Blue Hill Public Library

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 Contact us for the schedule.

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.

Must See Movies

On the Beach (1959)

Thursday, February 12, 7pm



Starring Cast: Gregory Peck, Ava Garner, Fred Astaire, Anthony Perkins

Directed by: Stanley Kramer

Screen Play by: John Paxton

Running Time: 2 hours, 14 min

Story: The war is over. Nobody won. Only the inhabitants of Australia and the men of the US submarine Sawfish have escaped the nuclear destruction and radiation. Captain Dwight Towers (Gregory Peck) takes the Sawfish on a mission to see if an approaching radiation cloud has weakened, but returns with grim news: the cloud is lethal. With the days and hours dwindling, each person confronts the grim situation in his or her own way. The final chapter of

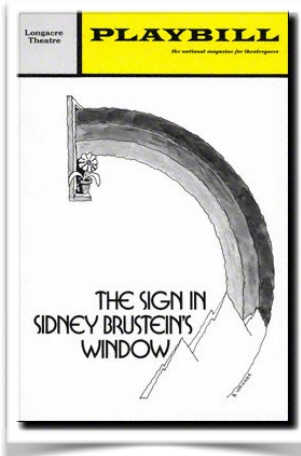
human history is coming to a close. **On The Beach** tells a message that will resonate as long as the world has the power to self-destruct at its own fingertips. (source: MGM pr release).

Play Reading

The Sign in Sidney Brustein's Window

By: Lorraine Hansberry

Wednesday, February 18, 6:30pm



Story: By the time of her death at age thirty-four, Lorraine Hansberry had created two electrifying masterpieces of the American theater. With **A Raisin in the Sun** she gave this country its most movingly authentic portrayal of black family life in the inner city. Barely five years later, with **The Sign in Sidney Brustein's Window**, Hansberry gave us an unforgettable portrait of a man struggling with his individual fate in an age of racial and social injustice. These two plays remain milestones in the American theater, remarkable not only for their historical value but for their continual ability to engage the imagination and heart. (Amazon)

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.

From the Director's Desk

Rich Boulet, Library Director: rboulet@bhpl.net

We are pleased to announce an increase in business hours to make visiting the library more convenient for patrons who would like to get going earlier in the morning. The Library will be extending its hours by opening an hour earlier, at 9:00 AM, on Monday February 2nd. The new hours will be 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, and 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday.

The increase in hours follows an expansion of Saturday hours in 2013 when closing time was extended from 2:00 to 5:00. We try to provide access to the library's services and facility as much as possible. This improvement is another step in that direction, and is based on observing patrons arriving at the library before 10:00 only to find us closed. We are fortunate to be able to increase our hours without impacting the taxpayers thanks to generous private support for the library. If you are a supporter of the library, thank you very much.

To help publicize the 9:00 opening time, the Friends of Blue Hill Public Library are offering a free cup of coffee to any patrons who come to the Library between 9:00 and 10:00 AM during February and any child who comes during that time will receive a free book of their choosing, also from the Friends of the Library.

"I heard that weather is coming.
Is my event still on?"

Stay in the know and visit the library's Facebook Page, monitor local tv and radio stations, or call the Library to see if your event has been or will be affected.



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.

Participate in the Strategic Planning Survey by February 15

Give us 10 minutes and make a difference at 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 you!

Attention Knitters!

Join us in knitting **THE BLUE HILL MITTEN**

Using the same pattern, anyone and everyone is invited to knit a pair or two. Your mittens will be included in a library display of peninsula knitted objects in Fall 2015. The pattern will be available soon.

Contact Marjorie Yesley for more details: marjorieyesley@gmail.com

Watch for details!

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We are celebrating new hours this month! Enjoy an extra hour at BHPL when it opens at 9am starting this month. To kick things off, enjoy a cup of coffee for the grown ups and free books for the kiddos when you visit between 9am-10am.

In this edition...

Be sure to participate in **BHPL's Strategic Planning Survey** before it ends. February's **book sale** takes place **Saturday, February 6**, and it includes a boat load (!!!) of new inventory! Children's programs continue with **Chess Club**, **LEGO Club**, and **Reader Dog**. Due to computer and server shenanigans in January, we do not have **New Titles** to share. It just means twice the fun in March!



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