

Blue Hill Library Notes

Spring / Summer 2013

Vol. 15 #1

SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

- July 12** - Author Event: **Linda Greenlaw**
"Life Saving Lessons" 7pm
- July 18** - Author Event: **Jennifer Skiff**
"The Divinity of Dogs" 7pm
- July 20** - Paint the Peninsula Fundraiser
- July 25** - The Art of Katahdin w/**David Little**
- July 30** - Print on the Maine Frontier:
Jonathan Fisher & the Early Republic
- August 8** - A Garden Writers Journey
w/**Paula Deitz**
- Sept 26** - Western Swing: Where Jazz Meets Country
w/**Jay Peterson** & **Don Carmichael**

FOR KIDS!

- June 22 - August 17** Dig into Reading! our 2013 Summer Reading Program. Lots of great events scheduled!
- July 2** - Frogtown Puppets at Town Hall 6:30pm
- July 3-Aug 7** - **Kneisel Hall** Children's Concerts: Wednesdays 4:30pm (not July 17)
- July 20** - Author Event: **Jean Miller** "Curious Chucky"
- July 29, August 5, August 12 (3 sessions)**
Summer Fun Leaping Literacy: Art, drama, music! Free week-long camp for kids ages 5-12. M-F 9am-noon
- August 1** - Author Event: **Ellen Booraem**
"Texting the Underworld" (Ages 11 and up)

This list is just a sample of library events; for a complete listing, go to our calendar at www.bhpl.net. Want weekly updates? Subscribe to the library's @BHPL weekly email bulletin or like our Facebook page.

Hours: Monday-Friday 10-6 Thursdays 10-8 Saturday 10-2
New Schedule Starting July 27th open Saturday 10-5!
For more information visit www.bhpl.net or call us at 374-5515

\$0 - your cost for up to 156 free music downloads per year using Freegal, the library's "free and legal" digital music service.

150% - rate at which digital library (e-books, etc.) use has increased year-to-date compared with last year-to-date.

7.34 - # of community-sponsored meetings, lectures events that took place PER WEEK at BHPL in 2012.

6,900 - # of patrons who attended library programs such as story-times, movies, workshops, etc. in 2012.

112,763 - # of 2012 patron visits to the library.

30% - energy savings realized after last year's weatherization project.

19% - portion of the library's operating budget that is paid by four municipalities: Blue Hill, Penobscot, Sedgwick, Surry.

\$1,517,894 - total value of items & services that the library paid for so you didn't have to in 2012, according to the Library Value Calculator (see page 3).

BHPL BY THE NUMBERS

Blue Hill Public Library
5 Parker Point Rd.
Blue Hill, Maine 04614

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Lego club is a weekly children's offering during the school year, on Saturdays, from 10:30 to noon.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

-RICH BOULET

I can hardly believe that it has been over eleven years since my family and I moved to the area, and I started as Director at BHPL. Being able to work in my chosen profession in a community that values and supports library services as much as the Blue Hill Peninsula does, has been, and continues to be, a rewarding experience.

One reason that it has been such a pleasure to be here is the community's eagerness and acceptance of change—both in new services and new approaches to old services. Adding an additional day of service, renovating the Larchwood Children's Room, improving the Young Adult Area, converting from oil-fired to renewable wood-fired heating system, adding an additional meeting room, weatherizing the facility, adding a day of service to the schedule, and adding new positions to the staff are some of the meaningful projects we have accomplished in the last decade plus one.

Looking toward the future, I see a whole menu of potential projects and directions for the library, and I am as excited as ever to pursue those that become feasible. I see a need for expanded digital services, increased archival storage, continued improvements to the facility, meeting spaces that serve needs great and small, and adding more hours to our schedule to better meet the needs of working families.

I am excited that we are going to try to meet that last need as soon as July 27th, and going forward on a trial basis through the end of the year. Beginning on that day we will be open from 10:00AM to 5:00PM every Saturday, extending our services beyond our current closing time of 2:00. Depending on patron response, we hope to continue these expanded hours well into the future.

As always, it's YOUR library and your input is invited and welcome. Feel free to stop by with your ideas anytime. Here's to—I hope—eleven more years, at least. Thanks for having me.

DONOR PROFILE

THANK YOU, BELINDA AND CHUCK LAWRENCE

Each year over 700 people, towns and institutions contribute to make this library possible. Whether it is a donation of \$5 or \$5,000 we are grateful to have the support of our patrons and community.

Belinda and Chuck Lawrence and their sons, Brandon and Dustin, are the owners of Tradewinds Marketplace in Blue Hill. The family is always thinking about ways to better serve their customers and employees, and always aiming to help improve the lives of those who are part of their extensive Maine community, which also includes businesses in Bangor, Brewer and Milo. For the past 10 years, Tradewinds has supported the library with a generous annual donation. While the Lawrence's philanthropy is well known from their support of cancer treatments to the development of fitness facilities and daycare services, they haven't always been in a position to donate money.

"When we were young, I guess you could say that both Chuck and I were poor and the thought of having enough to give away just didn't come up. Chuck grew up in Augusta, I grew up in Houlton, and we still have family in both places. Now we live in Holden and are just so grateful to this Blue Hill peninsula community for what they have given to us that giving back, sharing what we have now, is what we need and want to do most." Belinda explains that she and Chuck try to give something to every deserving program. "When we are approached, we consider the need, the variety of people who are being helped and the impact a donation will have on the maximum number of folks involved."

We are honored to be among the many worthy recipients of the Lawrence family's support and thank them for their continued generosity.



Belinda Lawrence, one of the owners of Blue Hill's Tradewinds Marketplace

PATRON PROFILES

THE BANNON FAMILY:

Tanya, James, Clementine 9, Guthrie 6

Patron since 2003, 3 visits/week

Services used: Borrowing books, cds, interlibrary loan, children's programming, Freegal, meeting space

Estimated Value of Library Use: \$430/month (see below)

Every week Tanya and the kids come to the library to explore the stacks, meet friends and borrow books. The family lives in a somewhat remote location and also homeschools, so the library offers a welcoming space to connect with other parents and meet new people from the community. Tanya loves that the staff has seen her kids grow up. The library is such an integral part of their lives that Clementine walked her first steps in the children's room.



James uses the library when he needs peace and quiet for his design and writing projects—bringing his own laptop to use the faster library internet connection. He has also become a huge fan of Freegal, which is helping him build his jazz and traditional blues music collection 3 free songs per week.

THE LOOKE FAMILY:

Lisa, Loriman, Loriman Jr 17, Garrison 15, Caroline 12

13 years 2-3 visits/week

Services used: Borrowing books, audiobooks, inter-library loan, Freegal, young adult section, community events

Estimated Value of Library Use: \$310/month (see below)

Lisa and Loriman moved to Blue Hill with 2 young children and another on the way. Her three children have grown up at the library. Her eldest, Loriman, just started a job as a shelver and Garrison and Caroline can be found here many days after school working on homework, playing chess with friends, or on a nice day just sitting outside. It is this easy familiarity that Lisa loves most about the library.

The family makes good use of the library's services and attends seasonal events like the Plant Sale and Holiday Party and most of the art shows each year. But it is the "incalculables that are most important—the sense of community and knowing that each time you walk in the door people are going to go out of their way to help you. It is a place where you can meet people outside of your regular routine. The library has created a place where all the circles of peninsula life intersect."



TERRY CROSS & MAURA TILLOTSON:

7 years 2-4 visits/week

Services used: Borrowing books, dvds, periodicals, adult programming, audio books

Estimated Value of Library Use: \$475/month (see below)

Terry loves the Blue Hill Library so much that his desire to leave it a large bequest when he dies helps motivate him to build his business. Which he admits sounds a little hard to believe, but is in fact true. He can think of no better place to invest in the future than the library.

Terry doesn't watch television, so he gets most of his news from the library's periodicals collection. Terry estimates that they check out 12-18 books and about 20 DVDs per month. He is a big fan of non-fiction and is currently most excited about audio books which allow him to learn while he's driving or working with his hands. Maura on the other hand enjoys lighter fare, watching comedies to alleviate stress. Both seek out the varied programming in the Howard Room, calling the library "a refuge for an inquiring mind."

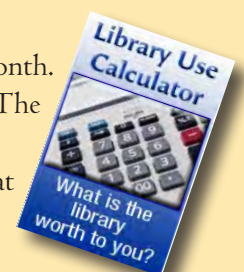


THE LIBRARY VALUE USE CALCULATOR

The Maine State Library has a way to calculate how much your library use saves you each month. We talked to these 3 families about how they use the library and gave the calculator a test drive. The results? The library is a really good deal!

You can calculate the value of all the books, periodicals, DVD's, music downloads, etc. etc. that we purchase for you. How much money are YOU saving by using the library? Try it out at:

www.maine.gov/msl/services/calculator.htm



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Ellie Andy, a welcoming face (and so much more) in the Friends of the Library's Book Nook, our used book store.



Painting detail from last year's Paint the Peninsula, "Blue Hill, 2012" by Annie Poole

PAINT THE PENINSULA: JULY 20TH 4:30-7PM

On the morning of Saturday July 20th dozens of artists will fan out across the peninsula to paint and draw a favorite view, or capture a special moment. Later in the day their works will be displayed at a reception and silent auction where the paintings are sold to the highest bidder. The result is an exciting show that is a one-day artistic snapshot of life on the peninsula. Proceeds are split between the library and the artist, so your winning bid supports two of the reasons that the Blue Hill Peninsula is one of the most desirable places in the country to be: our vibrant arts community and the Blue Hill Public Library. Don't miss this don't-miss fundraising event! (\$10 Suggested donation for admission becomes bidding credit; kids and participating artists free.)

ADVENTURES IN ART

Art Adventures is a new monthly series of programs for adults and teens, spotlighting an array of visual and performing arts from photography and jazz to portraiture and the art of tattoos. The highly engaging hands-on series started in February and continues through October. Special thanks to Suzanne Carmichael for helping to get Art Adventures off the ground and to staff member Margret Baldwin for producing this program which has quickly become a patron favorite.



Eileen Abern during Face to Face: Meeting the Challenges of Portraiture



A Haiga created in a workshop led by Frederica Marshall

UPCOMING ART ADVENTURES:

July 25th: The Art of Katahdin with David Little

August 8th: A Garden Writer's Journey: Paula Deitz

September 26th: Western Swing: Where Jazz Meets Country with Jay Peterson and Don Carmichael.



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FROM THE MUSEUM COLLECTION

PRESERVING BLUE HILL'S CULTURAL HISTORY

Last year, Sheila Varnum left the Blue Hill Library a gift of Rowantrees ceramics and memorabilia from her years running the venerable local institution on Union Street. The Rowantrees Pottery was started in 1934 by Miss Adelaide Pearson, one of the Library's founders and patrons, as a works project for local residents during the depression.



Miss Pearson built a kiln and taught free art classes to Blue Hill children. Later she brought in Laura Paddock an experienced potter who created a distinctive product line using local clay for the pots and area minerals for the glazes. It was a natural fit that two of Adelaide's

great passions—the pottery and the library—should join forces to preserve for generations to come the history she helped create.

Phyllis Hamabe has also recently added to the existing collection of archives related to the life and work of Francis Hamabe with a gift of books, art, pottery, sculptures, prints, signs, hand-made holiday cards, etc.

In addition to these exciting new donations, the library is already home to many items from Adelaide Pearson's world

travels and art collections,

Roland Howard's antique collections and much of Louis Levy's artistic output. It is an eclectic and rich collection of artifacts, art and ephemera from Blue Hill's cultural history. Without these generous gifts and without the Library's continued commitment to playing a role in preserving local history, this cultural legacy might have been lost to us.

The significant addition of the Rowantrees archive created a need for improved storage and cataloguing of the collections, so they can be easily located and shared with interested patrons and historians. Phyllis Hamabe and other generous donors kindly provided funding to accomplish these tasks and last Fall the Library hired Eben Packwood, and Val Libby to properly store and catalogue our collections as well as to create and display selections from the Rowantrees archive. Over the fall and winter Eben and Val with help from volunteers Anita Babson, Nina Fleming, Ellen Best, Niki Lawton and staff-member Karen Wyatt have created a meaningful resource and a

tremendous addition to the Library's offerings.

The display of artifacts from the Rowantrees Pottery can be found in the Blue Hill Room. We are honored to be able to share this important part of Blue Hill's history with the community, and thank the donors who have made this possible.

