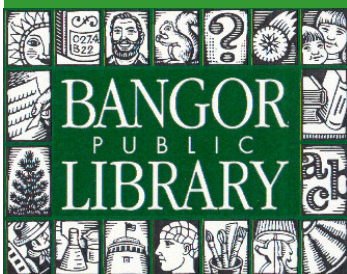


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THE BANGOR PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

# Speaking Volumes

## From the Director– Barbara McDade

Gamers in the Library is another sign of the times. As you will read in this newsletter, the Library is hosting a Game Tournament for teens & families on April 5. Video games & consoles like Play Station 2 or Xbox have been around for years. The new Wii is being purchased by boomers. What & who are Gamers & why are we inviting them to the Library? Wikipedia has an article on Gamers. Here is part of it: "Historically, the term "gamer" usually referred to someone who played role-playing games or wargames. More recently, however, the term has grown to include players of video games. Video & computer gamers are stereotypically adolescent males. However, research has shown that females comprise more than 40% of gamers...."

The games in the Library tournament are ones that can be enjoyed by males & females, old & young. The two games in our first tournament are Dance, Dance Revolution & Guitar Hero. In Dance, Dance Revolution the player moves his or her feet to a set pattern, stepping in time to the rhythm of a song. The game is played on a dance pad & the score depends on the player's ability to time & position his or her steps to the pattern on the screen. Guitar Hero comes with a guitar modeled after a black Gibson SG, but instead of strings, it has five colored "fret buttons" & a "strum bar". Guitar Hero is a rhythm game. An extended guitar neck is shown on the screen, & as a song progresses, colored markers indicating notes travel down the screen in time with the music; the note colors & positions match those of the five fret keys on the guitar controller. The player must play the indicated note(s) by holding down the correct fret button(s) & hitting the strumming bar to score points.

In 2000, Robert Putnam wrote a book entitled, *Bowling Alone*. His premise is that America is going through significant social change- that people become disconnected from family, friends, neighbors & social structures. Gone are the bridge clubs, bowling teams & PTA's, & he fears for our society. But perhaps what is really happening is that those teams & clubs are evolving into new community groups, both on-line & in person, & that Gamers in the Library is a reflection of this new trend. Technology can be a way to meet the neighbors. Our tournament is being led by our newest Reference

Librarian, Patrick Layne, who is a gamer and a father. I'm looking forward to the Tournament.

### CALLING ALL GAMERS!

**Do you love videogames? Do you like competing against your friends & peers?**

**Do you think your gaming skills are good enough to beat out others to win prizes & fame?**

The Bangor Public Library is happy to announce its first ever game tournament for teen & their families on **April 5th** in the Lecture Hall at 10AM. You will get a chance to pit your skills on the Playstation 2 game console against all challengers in two of the more popular -- & fun -- games around, Dance Dance Revolution Supernova & Guitar Hero III. Top winner in each event will get a gift card for \$50. Second place receives a \$30 gift card & third will win \$20 gift card. All participants will be entered in a drawing for \$100 grand prize. We hope the tournament will stir up some great performances by our gamers & be a lot of fun for everyone who attends this unique event.

To guarantee your spot in the tournament, we ask that you pre-register for the event or events in which you'd like to compete. You may pre-register by going to [www.bplgametournament.blogspot.com](http://www.bplgametournament.blogspot.com), by emailing Patrick at [playne@bpl.lib.me.us](mailto:playne@bpl.lib.me.us), or signing up at the Library.

Teen gamers are the intended audience for this tournament. We will, however, give teens a chance to compete against a parent. Keep in mind, though, that only teens are eligible for any prizes. The Library will have other tournaments in the future designed for pre-teens & adults.

**We look forward to seeing all you gamers on April 5th!**



## The Thinking Heart

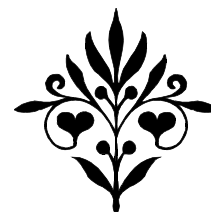
A live performance of *The Thinking Heart* will take place in the Bangor Public Library's Lecture Hall on Saturday, Mar 8 at 2 PM

*The Thinking Heart* is a performance piece for two voices and cello, based on the journal and diary of Ety Hillesum. Ms. Hillesum, a Jewish woman who lived in Amsterdam during the Nazi occupation, died in Auschwitz at the age of 29

*The Thinking Heart* is an original arrangement of the journal and letters, constellated as poems, written by Martin Steingesser, and presented by him and Judy Tierney, accompanied by Robin Jellis on cello.

This performance is made possible by an Arts & Humanities Grant from the Maine Humanities Council.

*The Thinking Heart* will be performed live at the Library on Saturday March 8 at 2 PM.



### March Artists are:

Art in the Heart in the Lecture Hall  
Ellen Gronlie in the Stairwell Gallery



### April Artists are:

Lee Sirabella in Lecture Hall  
Brenda Ferfuson in the Stairwell Gallery

## GIFT BOOKS

**Given by Mrs. Robert Seavey**  
*The Railroad That Died at Sea*  
*Highball, a Pageant of Trains*  
*The Quickest Route*  
*The Crookedest Railroad in the World*  
*Looking Far North*  
*The Sunrise Route*  
*Saltwater Seasons*  
*Depot Days*

**Given in honor of the AARP Tax Volunteers by Lisa Faley Howard**  
*A Nasty Bit of Rough*

**Given in honor of V. Mae Rice by Judie Leighton**  
*Back to the family*  
**& by Norman Minsky**  
*Bird*

**Given in honor of Jane and Frank Bragg by Allison Tunick**  
*Monuments*

**Given in memory of Arthur Ramsdell, Jr. from his sister, Deborah Mason**  
*Boston Red Sox*



**Given in memory of Adrienne Stengel**  
*Baha' u' llah and the New Era*  
*Gems from the World's Great Scriptures*

**Given in honor of Dr. Philip Mossman & Mary Ranlett Mossman by John Ranlett & Judith Becker Ranlett**  
*The Tale of Hawthorn House*  
*Anthony & Cleopatra*

**If you wish to give a book, or make a donation to the Library, call 947-8336 for information.**

**Given in memory of LaJune Means by The Quipus**  
*Tasting Club*

**Given in memory of Dorothy Kasman by Susan and Anthony Dowler**  
*Down to Earth with Helen Dillon*

**Given in memory of Charles F. Bragg II by Gregg Segall & the New York Times Company Foundation**  
*Food*  
*A Brief History of Egypt*  
*Easy Match*  
*Sightings*

**Given by the Norman Minsky Fund**  
*Word 2007 for Starters*  
*Excel 2007 for Starters*  
*The Big Turnoff*  
*The Politically Incorrect Guide to Capitalism*  
*Seven Steps to Sold*  
*Tim Gunn*  
*Garage Sale & Flea Market Annual*  
*Get a Hobby*  
*Still Life with Chickens*  
*Defensive Real Estate Investing*  
*How to Invest \$50-\$5,000*  
*Atomic Bazaar*  
*People Get Screwed All the Time*  
*Fit to Live*  
*Hazards of space Travel*  
*How to Pick a Peach*  
*God in My Corner*  
*If they Only Listened to Us*  
*On Their Own*  
*Where the Birds Are*  
*The Manual*  
*Fathering Your School-aged Child*  
*The Mighty Fallen*  
*Fifty Places to Sail Before You Die*  
*Five Minute Face*  
*The Devil in the Kitchen*

### **“Government Secrecy: Censoring Your Right to Know”- A Webcast**

The Bangor Public Library and the League of Women Voters of Maine this program on **Wednesday, March 19 at 1PM** in the Library's 1st Floor Board Room. The event is being held at the National Press Club in Washington, and will be seen live at the Library on large screen television. The “Government Secrecy...” webcast is part of Sunshine Week, with events to raise awareness about the importance of open government, and supporters include the American Library Association, the League of Women Voters, the National Coalition Against Censorship, the National Press Club, the American Association of Law Libraries, the Project on Government Oversight. After the webcast, Mike Dowd, Managing Editor of the Bangor Daily New, will give a reaction on the local level.

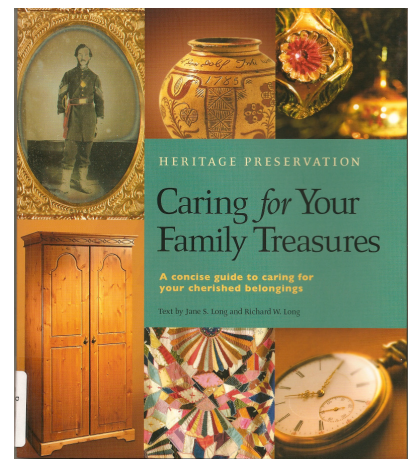
For more information on Sunshine Week, go to <http://www.openthegovernment.org/>



## A Special Gift from the Institute of Museum and Library Services....

When Bangor Library historian Bill Cook recently attended a National Conservation Summit in Washington D.C., the Bangor Public Library became one of only two libraries in the state to receive a Collection of conservation books, containing the latest information on preservation technologies. The Library has just received and catalogued a special selection of books from the Institute of Museum of Library Services. These non-circulating books, which are available for public use in the Bangor Room include...

- The Care of Prints and Drawings*
- Caring for American Indian Objects: A Practical and Cultural Guide*
- Photographs: Archival Care and Management*
- Caring for Your Family Treasures*
- The National Trust Manual of Housekeeping*
- A Legal Primer on Managing Museum Collection*
- Preservation Management for Libraries, Archives and Museums*
- Promoting Preservation Awareness in Libraries*
- Field Guide to Emergency Response: A vital Tool for Cultural Institutions*
- National Park Service Museum Manual*



**ACCESS TO THE LATEST TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION ON PRESERVING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY**

## CHILDREN'S LATE WINTER & SPRING SCHEDULE

### Morning Break With the Librarian

Children ages 2 to 5 are invited to enjoy this half-hour program of stories and fun.

**Monday Mornings**  
10 AM - 10:30 AM  
January 14-May 12

### Goody Gang

Grades K through 2 are invited to join the fun Monday afternoons or Friday mornings for 45 minutes of stories, songs, videos, crafts, games, and a goody! Bring a friend.

**Monday Afternoons**  
3:30 PM - 4:15 PM  
January 14-May 12

Or

**Friday Mornings**  
10 AM—10:45 AM  
January 18-May 16

### Story/Craft

This 45-minute program is for 4 and 5 year-olds only, who do not need parental supervision. Children who enjoy listening to longer stories and have an interest in arts and crafts are

welcome. We prefer all children attending remain in the story room until they leave accompanied by an adult.

**Tuesday Mornings**  
9:30 AM - 10:15 AM  
January 15-May 13

### Chapter Chums

Third and fourth graders meet Tuesday afternoons to read and discuss great books. To add to the fun, puzzles, plays, games and crafts, based on the reading will be part of the plan. A book will be provided for each participant.

### Registration required.

**Tuesday Afternoons**  
4 PM - 4:45 PM  
January 15-May 13

### Mother Goose Time

Babies (up to 24 months) are invited to participate with a parent in this 20-minute program filled with stories, songs, and finger plays. Promptness is essential with such a short program.

**Wednesday Mornings**  
9:15 AM - 9:35 AM  
January 16-May 14

Or

**Thursday Mornings**  
9:15-9:35 AM  
January 17-May 15

### Tiny Tot Time

A program for 2 to 4-year-olds with a participating adult. Tiny Tot Time is 30 minutes of stories, games, songs, and finger plays. Choose either:

**Wednesday Mornings**  
10 AM - 10:30 AM  
January 16-May 14

or

**Thursday Mornings**  
10 AM - 10:30 AM  
January 17-May 15

### Friday Foragers

Fifth & sixth graders are invited to participate in six Friday afternoons of reading discussion and special activities.

### Registration required.

**Every Other Friday, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM**  
January 25-May 16

### ABC Kids

Children 3 to 6 are invited to enjoy stories, games, and crafts. Every Saturday, features a new letter.

**Saturday Mornings 11-11:30 AM**  
January 19-May 17

Watch for upcoming schedules  
of April Vacation Fun in the  
Children's Department

### **Dr. Seuss' Birthday Party!** **Saturday March 1, 3 PM**

-Green Eggs & Ham  
Scavenger Hunt  
-UMO Athlete Readers  
-Birthday Cake  
-Games & Silly Seussness



## April is **JAZZ** and **POETRY** Month at the Library!

### **Lots of Poetry....**

On Wednesday, **April 16**, from 5:30-7:30 PM, the sixth annual **POETS/SPEAK!** will include a book launch for Catherine Schmitt's *The Coastal Companion*. Ms. Schmitt, a marine science/environmental writer at the University of Maine Sea Grant Program, and published by Tilbury House Press of Gardner, Maine. Catherine will read from the prose and introduce some of the poets whose new work appears in the book, including Ellen Goldsmith, Cheryl Daigle, Candice Stover, Kathleen Ellis, Annaliese Jakamides, Elizabeth Tibbetts, and others.

This year's POETS/SPEAK! will also celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Beloit Poetry Journal,

featuring a tribute to Marion Stocking by Lee Sharkey and others, and readings from the latest issue by poets Lenore Hildebrandt and Tony Brinkley.

Readings from recent collections by poets Lee Sharkey and Jackie Michaud, readings in world languages, and music and poetry presented by University of Maine students will complete the evening's events, which are intended to Celebrate National Poetry Month.

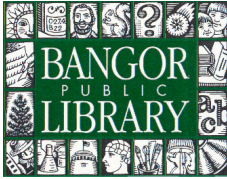
### **And all that Jazz...**

On Saturday, **April 26** the **Lidral Duo** will be appearing at 2PM in the Lecture Hall. Terry Lidral (piano) & Karel Lidral (soprano sax), who has played with many of the jazz greats, have been delighting area jazz lovers, introducing many others to the joys of jazz.

On **Tuesday, April 8**, at 7PM in the Story Room, the **University of Maine Chamber Jazz Ensemble** will appear in concert. They are members of the University at Orono's recently founded Jazz degree program.

On Tuesday, **April 15** at 6PM, the classic jazz documentary **A Great Day in Harlem**, will be shown in the Library's Lecture Hall.





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**Daylight Savings Time  
Begins Sunday  
March 9**

**March 20-  
The first day of Spring!**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR  
THE LIBRARY'S  
ANNUAL BOOK SALE ON MAY 10  
SIGN UP AT THE FRONT DESK.**

**MEET THE AUTHOR  
RETURNS!**

On Saturday, April 5 at 2 PM, author **Bill Sawtell** brings us Volume II of *Old Sebec*. His book will be available for signing and purchase, and he will be speaking on Katahdin Iron Works.



On Saturday April 12 at 2 PM, **Melinda Josiah Geaumont**, author of *Becoming Auma*, will be speaking in the Library's Lecture Hall. Ms. Geaumont's novel, based on true events, chronicles the life of 13 women, whose friendship helps them survive life's slings and arrows.

On Saturday May 24 at 2 PM, **Shannon Risk**, author of *Pirate Shirt Dot Com*, will be visiting the Library. Ms. Risk, a PHD student at the University of Maine, has set her first novel in Bangor, where they've established a dating service that provides "romantic adventures." Ms. Risk's work has been recognized by the magazine Arthritis Today for featuring a handicapped major character.

**NEW WEBSITE FOR  
BUYING & SELLING  
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A new website, [www.getATstuff.com](http://www.getATstuff.com) has been launched to help families, people with disabilities, seniors & caregivers, educators & others to buy & sell used assistive devices & adaptive equipment. The site is designed to help get equipment that is no longer being used into hands that need them. Items can be listed for sale or to be given away for free. The site has many equipment categories, including items related to vision, hearing, mobility, environmental adaptations, computers, recreation, sports and adapted vans & vehicles. Visit the site to browse or list items.



**KNITTERS & READERS OF  
THE WORLD HAVE UNITED!**

After an enthusiastic response from those who avidly ply the needles, we are pleased to announce the first meeting of the Bangor Public Library Knitters' Club on **Thursday, Mar 6 at 6:30 PM**. It is an opportunity to meet other knitters, to discuss what you would most like the group to be, and to learn about the wonderful knitting resources available at the Library's collection. Names for this group of avid knitters are already being suggested.... Knit Knuts, Knitters United, Knit Wits...

Do come... and don't forget your knitting!