

# Speaking Volumes

## *From the Director* Barbara A. McDade

I'm excited about Club Twenty, the program we stole from the Old Town Library. Valerie Osborne, the director, thought patrons were getting into ruts. There are so many good books, why not try something new? So she made a list of some older titles that people may have missed the first time around, and asked people to read twenty books in a year from the list. The staff at the Bangor Public Library liked the idea so well, it is inviting its patrons to broaden their horizons, too. Patrons are invited to read twenty books Between October 1, 2006 and September 30, 2007 from the Old Town Library List. You can find the list on the Bangor Public Library web site, the Old Town Public Library web site, or you may pick up a hard copy at either library. Once a patron has completed 20 titles from the proper categories he or she may turn in the Reading Journal (provided by the libraries) to be

entered in a drawing at our library on October 5, 2007. The top three winners will each get a \$100 gift certificate to Borders. I've already started (and no, I won't put my name in to win a prize!). Right now I'm reading Bill Bryson's Notes from a Small Island, a look at England's quirks and endearing qualities from a 20-year visitor just before his move back to the States. I'm almost finished, and now I'm ready to read Mr. Bryson's new book, The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid, a look at growing up in Iowa in the 50's.

I was just visited by an engineer from the city who says that sewer work will mean some construction in front of the Library to connect new sewer lines in this part of the city. The work will be done some time in late November or early December. There may be some problems coming in through the Children's Department. If you need to use that door the last two weeks in November or the first two in December, please call first. If you need help, let us know, and we'll help you get what you need.

The Annual Fund is going very well. Thank you for your support. Our goal this year is \$75,000.

Our giving year is July 1 to June 30th.

We were sorry to hear of Virginia Boyd's passing. She was the wife of Harvey K. Boyd and sister-in-law to Harry and Inez Boyd. Harvey and Harry's father was Elmer T. Boyd, director of the Library from 1920 to 1937. The Boyd family left a nice bequest to the Library, the interest to be used for library materials or construction.

We were also sorry to hear of the passing of Dorrice Trickey Wetzler. Dorrice worked at the Library for many years, but had retired by the time I came in 1991. She was a library user, however, when I knew her, and an enthusiastic supporter.

We are working with the UMaine-Bangor HUD COPC project. College students will be helping high school students develop and produce a newsletter about Bangor's downtown.

The Arts and Cultural groups downtown are inviting everyone that works or lives downtown to a Sip, Sample & Socialize event on Wednesday, Nov 8 from 5:30 to 7PM at the Antique Marketplace & Café. Get the lowdown on upcoming downtown programs.

## Sirabella Exhibit

Lee Sirabella has been a portrait photographer in the Bangor area for over 60 years.

In many instances, he has created images of three generations of a single family, his work providing a nostalgic trip down memory lane.

Through his generosity, there will also be a tangible gift to those who patronized his studio over the years. The artist has deemed his exhibit a "claiming event." Visitors who recognize the subject of a portrait are invited to place a sticker on the back of the photo, and claim the portrait at a later time. Come see how many of the faces of Bangor and our area neighbors you recognize.

### January Artists are:

**Art in the Heart in the Lecture Hall  
Acadian Hard Times in the Stairwell**

### February Artists are:

**Bangor Art Society in the Lecture Hall  
Pete Stratton in the Stairwell Gallery**



# Gift Books

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Given in memory of Virginia Boyd by  
**Gwendolyn Shepard**  
*Leaving Microsoft to Change the World*

Given by **Lucia P. Fulton**  
*DK Guide to Savage Earth*

Given in memory of Donald E. Marshall by Rhoda & Steven Libby  
*Going Home, Coming Home*  
*The Handbook of East Asia*

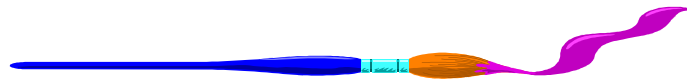
Given in memory of Pauline Brooks,  
my cousin & best friend, by Joan M.  
**Mostler**  
*Motor Mouth*



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

## Art Exhibit 2007

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### January

Lecture Hall-**Art in the Heart**  
Stairwell Gallery- **Acadian Hard Times**

### February

Lecture Hall-**Bangor Art Society**  
Stairwell Gallery- **Pete Stratton**

### March

Lecture Hall-**Sarah Sorg**  
Stairwell Gallery- **Lois Gopin**

### April

Lecture Hall- **Bob Sargent "China-  
Exploring the Interior**  
Stairwell Gallery -**Brenda Ferguson**

### May

Lecture Hall-**Bangor Art Society**  
Stairwell Gallery-**Robert D. Bryson**

### June

Lecture Hall-**Bangor High School**  
Stairwell Gallery-**Bangor High School**  
**Photographers**

### July

Lecture Hall-**Bridget Besaw**  
Stairwell Gallery- **Deborah Holmes**

### August

Lecture Hall- **Bridget Besaw**  
Stairwell Gallery- **Sarah Peters**

### September

Lecture Hall-**Hammond St. Seniors**  
Stairwell Gallery-**Maria Verrill**

### October

Lecture Hall-**Jim Counihan**  
Stairwell Gallery-**Page Eastman/Beckjord**  
Reading Room- **Rick Beckjord**

### November

Lecture Hall-**John Wentworth**  
Stairwell Gallery-**Jane Folsom/Beckjord**

Reading Room-**Rick Beckjord**

### December

Lecture Hall- **Michael Vermette**  
Stairwell Gallery-**Olga Setrakov Russell**

## January/February Calendar

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**Feb 24 All Day** FiberArts—All over the  
Library!

### The Library will be closed:

**Monday, January 1st ,**  
**New Year's Day,**  
**Monday January 15**  
**Martin Luther King Day**  
**Monday February 19**  
**President's Day**

# Bangor (Old Town, Hampden & Orono) Reads!!!!

## MORNING BREAK WITH THE LIBRARIAN

One half hour of stories & fun -Children ages 2-5

**Monday 10AM**– Sept 18-Dec 4

## GOODY GANG

Forty-five minutes of stories, songs, videos, crafts, games & a goody! Bring a friend! Grades K-2

**Monday 3:30PM or Friday 10AM**

Sept 18– Dec 8

## STORY/CRAFT

Stories and crafts for 4 & 5 year-olds who do not need parental supervision.

**Tuesday 9:30AM** Sept 19-Dec 5

## CHAPTER CHUMS

Read great books, enjoy games & crafts, 3rd-4th grade

**Tuesday 4PM** Sept 19-Dec 5

Registration required

## MOTHER GOOSE TIME

Stories, songs & finger plays for babies up to 24 mos.

**Wednesday 9:15** Sept 20-Dec 6

## TINY TOT TIME

Games, songs, stories and finger plays for 2-4 year olds with a participating adult.

**Wednesday or Thursday 10AM**

Sept 20-Dec 7

## FRIDAY FORAGERS

Six Friday afternoons of reading, discussion & special activities for 5th & 6th graders. Please register.

**Friday 3:30PM** Sept 22-Dec 8

## ABC KIDS

Games, stories & crafts for children ages 3-6

**Saturday 11AM** Sept 23-Dec 9



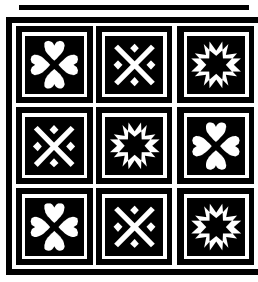
**PICK UP YOUR  
BANGOR READS  
SCHEDULE!**

## Second Annual FiberArts Festival!

Knitting done to perfection, whimsical felted creatures, intricate bobbin lace- these are the kind of things you will see at our *second* ...

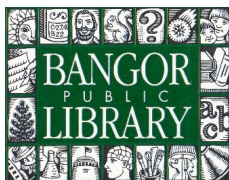
**Fiber Arts Exhibition** on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 9-4. Whether you are looking for a new hobby, want to find out what books the experts use, or just like to gawk as artists demonstrate their craft, come spend a few hours at the library. From the Lecture Hall to the Children's Room, scattered throughout the library, 30+ area crafters will be here exhibiting and demonstrating everything from crewelwork to rag rugs. Come talk to the folks about how they got started and their special techniques. Try hand spinning or roll a ball of felt. And don't forget to bring your children for a big dose of Inspiration from both adult artists and the young crafters you'll find in the Children's Room. There will be plenty of new artists as well as many of last year's favorites.

The library has an excellent collection of craft books in all the areas that will be represented at the Exhibition. Check out some books on your way home! It's the perfect place to start that new hobby!



**Saturday  
Feb 24  
9AM-4PM**

Spinning  
Weaving  
Rug Hooking  
Felting  
Crewel Work  
Cross Stitch  
Quilting  
Historic Doll Costumes  
Rug Braiding  
Knitting  
Lace-Making  
Needlepoint  
Rag Rug Craft  
Crochet  
Embroidery



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## THE BANGOR PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

### New Hours

Monday– Thursday 9-8  
Friday & Saturday 9-5

145 Harlow St  
Bangor, Maine 04401  
Phone: 947-8336

*Something for Everybody  
@ your Library*

**We're on the Web!**  
[www.bpl.lib.me.us/](http://www.bpl.lib.me.us/)

## IN THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT...

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*The Library is thankful for all the kindness shown by patrons and others with their gifts. We have had a healthy beginning to our annual fund drive, and also wish to thank the following:*

### **The Daniel Nickerson Foundation**

A donation for the second year to buy books about disabilities

### **The Maine Community Foundation**

A generous donation for art restoration &  
Another to buy books

### **Boyd Estate**

A bequest generating interest to be used for books and other Library materials

## HERITAGE QUEST

Recently we added a new database for genealogical research to the Library's list of resources. As many of you may know, we already had Ancestry-Plus, but only for in-library use. Now you can access Heritage Quest at home. It makes census images available, which can be printed in PDF format, or saved in TIFF format. Additionally, Revolutionary War records, Freedman's Bureau records and numerous genealogy books and periodicals are now available. But remember that census indexing on Heritage Quest is not complete. Only the heads of households and spouses are indexed, so if you search by children, you get no results. Also, if you have a dial-up connection, images will load slowly. You may want to continue to use Ancestry-Plus at the Library, and Heritage Quest at home. To access Heritage Quest, go to the Library's website, click on Reference, then genealogy. Happy Hunting!

## Club Twenty

Developed by Valerie Osborne of the Old Town Public Library, Club 20 is a different kind of book club. Select books from a list that is a veritable banquet of literary genres. Keep a diary of what you have read, and turn it in by October 2007 for a chance to win prizes. For more information, see Maggie. Pick up your booklist and diary in the Bangor Library Reference

**MEET THE AUTHOR WILL BE  
BACK IN THE SPRING!**