

# 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.

*The Director and Staff wish you  
A HAPPY, JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON!*

### November & December Artists are:

**Arylss Becker & Kris Sader in the Lecture Hall**

**Diana Willette in the Stairwell Gallery**

**Lee Sirabella in the Lecture Hall**

**Lisa Raven in the Stairwell Gallery**



## 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.

# Gift Books

## Given in honor of Christine Erickson by the Hathaway Family

*Fooled You!*  
*Giraffes Can't Dance*  
*Mrs. McBloom, Clean Up Your Classroom!*  
*Sleepy Pendoodle*  
*What a Family!*  
*Pirate Treasure*  
*Where Did Daddy's Hair Go?*  
*Coco All Year Round*  
*George and the Dragon*  
*Positively ADD*  
*Women Space Pioneers*  
*Honey Sandwich*  
*Scholastic Book of Outstanding Americans*  
*Jim Thorpe*  
*I Can Name 50 Trees Today!*  
*The Berenstain Bears & Papa's Day Surprise*  
*The Night Singing*  
*Road Trip*  
*Hooper Humperdink*  
*The Unexpectedly Bad Hair of Barcelona Smith*  
*A Really Good Snowman*  
*Chico*  
*Birnbaum's Disneyland Resort*  
*Don't Tell the Girls*  
*World War II Days*  
*The Civil War*



## Given in honor of Esther Litten Lipshutz

*Lasso Lou and Cowboy McCoy*

## Given in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph A. Soucy by their daughter Bernadette Gaspar

*Bangor in Vintage Postcards*  
*The Story of Bangor*  
*Bangor (volumes 1 & 2)*

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

## Given in memory of Leon Bouchard by Fran & Dick Mitchell

*Two is For Twins*  
*Cookies*

## Given in memory of his mother, Evelyn Kittredge Jordan, by Robert Jordan

*Oh, Rats!*

## Given in memory of Delphine McTigue by Norman Minsky

*Log Cabin Quilts*

## Given in memory of Abe Striar by Sonny & Joanne Miller

*Harness Racing*  
*Billy Haughton*

## Given in honor of Patty Bell for her dedication to Children & Literacy by her Reading Recovery Colleagues.

*Charlotte's Web*

## Given in honor of Billy & Gloria Miller's 50th Wedding Anniversary by Norman Minsky

*Inviting God In*

## Given in memory of Jeem Trowbridge by Dana & Robinson Gourley, Jr. & Robinson Gourley, Sr.

*Phantom Gourmet Guide to Boston's Best Restaurants*

## Given in memory of Virginia Boyd by Gwendolyn E. Shepard

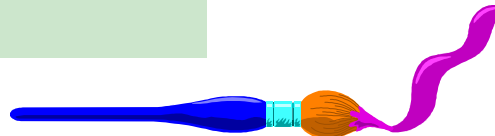
*Embroidery for all Seasons*

## Given in memory of Darrel & Charlotte Currie by Eleanor Parsons & Rosemary Lesch

*The Illustrated*

Have someone on your shopping list whose hard to buy for?  
 Why not donate a book, video or CD in their name?

## Art Exhibit 2007



### 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 Feckjord**

### December

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

## January/February Calendar

**Nov 4 10AM** Laura Gallucci Recital-  
 Lecture Hall

**Nov 4 1PM** Second Saturday  
 (Because of holiday)

**Nov 8 4-7PM** Becker/Sader Exhibit  
 Opening-Lecture Hall

**Nov 13 5:30PM** Middle East  
 Discussion- Lecture Hall

**Nov 20 7AM** Foreign Policy Forum

**Nov 27 5:30PM** Middle East  
 Discussion- Lecture Hall

**Nov 28 6PM** Bangor Art Society-  
 Lecture Hall

**Dec 4 5-8PM** Ussi Utku "Manifest  
 Destiny"- A Discussion of Native  
 American Issues- Lecture Hall

**Dec 13 4PM** Children's Holiday  
 Bouquet

Workshop- Story Room

**Dec 26 10AM** Happy Kwanzaa- Story  
 Room

**Dec 27 10AM** Anansi Day- Story  
 Room

**Dec 28 10AM** Children's Introduction  
 to Art & Tour of University of Maine  
 Museum of Art

**Dec 29 10AM** A Bevy of Beetles- Story  
 Room

**The Library will be closed:**

**Monday, January 1st**

**And**

**Monday Jan 15**

**Martin Luther King Day**

# Children's Programs



Color for Costumes is part of a three year fund raising campaign for the restoration and replacement of vintage Nutcracker costumes. On Nov 4 at 3:30PM, readers and ballerinas with costumes and music bring the magic of ballet to the Story Room. Pick up your entry forms for a coloring contest for school age children. The contest deadline is Nov 21. This is the 22nd season of collaboration between the Bangor Symphony Orchestra and the Robinson Ballet performance of the Nutcracker.

**Thinking about giving a book as a holiday gift? Check out our holiday recommendations in the New Book Room**



## 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

**No Story Time November 10, 11 & 23**

## Restoring the Library's Art Collection: A Great Success!

A hearty thank you to all the patrons who made our Art Restoration Project a huge success! The generous outpouring of donations from individuals, and \$25,000 from the Maine Community Foundation, ensures that we will be able to save the most vulnerable paintings in our collection.

Our supporters have enabled John Squadra to restore three paintings from the Library's art collection. The restored portrait of Luther Peirce, painted by his nephew Waldo, now hangs in its former location under the third-floor rotunda. Here also, patrons are invited to witness the transformation of our portrait of George Tyler Stodder by Agnes Allen, and in the Bangor Room discover anew the beautiful work of Valentin Henneman, entitled The Purple Mountains.

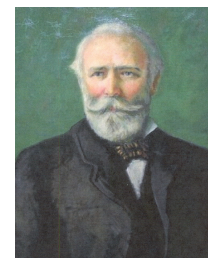
The Art Restoration Project proceeds ensure that these restoration efforts will continue. The Library has already commissioned art restorer, John Squadra, to clean and restore three other paintings, among them the portrait of Maria S. Sanborn painted by John Greenleaf Cloudman. This painting, along with

Modesty and Vanity, and our Copy of Self-Portrait by Sir Joshua Reynolds by Elizabeth L. Hardy, are currently in his studio. They will soon return to grace the Catalog Room on the main floor.

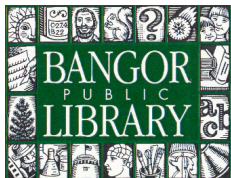
At this time, the Library's Art Restoration Project Coordinator, Elizabeth A. Stevens, is in the process of commissioning the conservation of several of the library's Victorian marble statues, the bronze replica of the Venus de Milo, and the bronze bust of Hannibal Hamlin that stand under the rotunda. Another item slated for restoration includes a memorial plaque commemorating the sinking of the U.S.S. Maine in Havana Harbor in 1898 that hangs in the Bangor Room. The original frames from several works are also undergoing the expensive and painstaking process of gilding. These works of art will be preserved for generations to come thanks to the dedication of our loyal patrons.

This project shows how working together we can make a difference! Anyone can still make a tax-deductible donation to this project, that will enable us to conserve our collection and make it a lasting gift to the community.

Other badly damaged paintings require more extensive restoration efforts. Please send contributions to Bangor Public Library, Art Restoration Project, Attn. Elizabeth A. Stevens, 145 Harlow Street, Bangor, ME 04401. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth in Local History~Special Collections at 947-8336, ext. 103.



**Here's another great gift idea. Restore a work of art in that special person's name!**



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Bangor, Maine 04401

## 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/)

*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 Department or online.

**BE SURE TO MARK  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 2007  
ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE  
SECOND ANNUAL  
FIBERARTS  
EXTRAVAGANZA!**

