

# Speaking Volumes

## Time for the Annual Fund

From the Director— Barbara A. McDade

It's been a long, hot summer, but we've made it through with no mold crisis. The plans had called for having the whole building air-conditioned by the end of June—but the rains of May brought delays. I hope by the time you get this newsletter the air conditioning will be installed and working.

Along with the installation of the air conditioning, we found we had to re-insulate the air-handling units on the roof. But, this should make both the heating and air-conditioning systems more efficient. Thank you to everyone who gave to the air-conditioning fund. It took longer to get everything installed than we had hoped, but air-conditioning is going to be a big help to the collections, the patrons and the staff. This summer we also re-caulked the front steps.

The building is a lot to keep up, but I think it's worth it.

The library gardens and window boxes were breathtaking this summer. Thank you Michael Zuck and the Staff of Everlasting Farms. The new plants along the front steps are wonderful, and the bountiful coleus on the steps is a treat. Thank you. Thanks, too, to the members of the Bangor Garden Club who planted our flower boxes. They are such a welcome addition.

You have probably already received your Annual Fund appeal. Our new Library Board member, Elizabeth McKee Coffey is the chair this year. Thank you, Beth. I get to do the fun work—getting the databases in some kind of logical order, so we can mail the requests. This is not my favorite part of the job. We mix several lists together,

then I try to group people into "library" families. We start out with over 40,000 names. This year I lost the first letter of some (but not all) people's first names and several times got the street addresses separated from the names—so if your appeal comes to someone you never heard of, it's only my mistake. No one else works on the database. I do try to be careful—but I do work long into the night. So, if your address says IKE or LICE instead of MIKE or ALICE—or if a name you never heard of is coupled with your address, please accept my apologies and consider a donation anyway. With enough practice, I should eventually end up being able to get this all done perfectly.

## Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds

Four hundred and forty six children participated in the 2005 Summer Reading Program! Our readers checked out over 27,000 books & the days were filled with guests, crafts, stories, games & adventure. The combined generosity of many wonderful individuals, organizations, and businesses who donated their goods, services, knowledge & talents made the seven-week program a community success. Our sincere thanks to all the participants &.....

The Bangor Letter Shop, Zonta Club, Portland Sea Dogs, Bangor Y, CLAE Art School, Oriental Jade, Shaw's, Pizzeria Uno, Hannafords, Larry Clement, Pater Sproul, Margaret Rochester & SCA members, Kristin Dillon, Deidre & Liam Wholly, Brown & White Co., Noel Walsh, Phyllis Havens, Bronco Quick, Nathan Slobodkin, Friendly's Restaurant, Emeline Reynolds, Erik Vroom, Dicks Sporting Goods, Roy Gallant, Gov. Baldacci, Helmut Koch, SteveRobbins, Georgia Clark-Albert, Dr. Ted Logan, Slim

Goodbody, John Wedin, Jing Zang, Peter Boie, Peter & Ryan Roderick, Bill Cook, Zachary Field, Sue Sullivan, Brandon Giberson, Carol Dean, Jerry Smith, Linda & Jody Scalise, Cassie Elia, Mark's Music, Weathervane Restaurant, Penobscot County Extension, Dysart's Truck Stop, Governor's Restaurant, Unisource, Schwann's, Family Fun Bowling, Bangor State Fair, Frogtown Mt. Puppeteers, Leafy Greens & Mutton, Jan Owen, Marsh Island Band, Garelick Farms, Bangor Municipal Golf Course, Maine Nutrition Network, Giffords, Ice Cream, The BDN & The Weekly.



### September/October Art

- \*Hammond Street Seniors
- \*LeeAnne Mallonee
- \*Trudy Scee
- \*John Wentworth

Regular Hours Resume Sept 6th  
Mon-Thurs 9am-9pm  
Friday & Sat 9am-5pm

### Summer Reading Challenge Winner!

We are amazed & pleased to announce that 14th St. School is the winner of the Summer Challenge for the fourth year in a row! A party, which honors the students, families & staff of the school with the highest participation rate, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24th from 6-8PM. An endowment given in memory of Karen Achorn-Ingalls, who taught at 14th St. School for many years, provides funding for the annual event.

## Gift Books

**Given in honor of Father's Day by the Hathaway Family**

*The Real Slam Dunk*

**Given in memory of John Robert Ostrom by Norman Minsky**

*The Book of Kells*

*Moonrise*

**Given in memory of Bill and Etta Deighan by Fran and Bob Clukey**

*The Simple Art of Chinese Brush Painting*

**Given in memory of Florence "Polly" Perry Eaton by Bradford and Alice Wellman**

*Feathers* by Haim Beer

**And by Robert and Julie Eaton**

*Vital Records of So. Thomaston, Maine*

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*Vital Records of Biddeford, Maine*

*Come to the Great World*

**Given by Ginny Sand**

*Ma Lapine Sucre*



**Given in memory of Elliott K. Hale by Professor Richard Hale**

*"The Old Man" of the 103rd*

*The 302nd Field Artillery, United States Army*

**Given by Lois Gordon Crawford**

*The William Gordon Family of Maine*

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

**Given in memory of Elizabeth Colburn by the AUW Guild of the Unitarian Universalist Church, Bangor**

*Whisper My Name*

**Given in honor of Gov. John Baldacci and First Lady Karen Baldacci by the Literacy Volunteers of Maine**

*A Picture to Remember*

*A Puzzle for Logan*

**Given in memory of Malcolm E. Morrell, Jr. by Norman Minsky**

*New Complete Sailing Manual*

**Given by the Walmart Fund**

*Start & Run a Home Daycare*

**Given in memory of M. Joan Davis by Bangor Fiber Arts Guild**

*The Opinionated Knitter*

**Given in honor of Norman Minsky by Goldie C. Michelson**

*Masterworks of the Jewish Museum*

**Given by the Merrill Bank Fund**

*4th of July*

*Pretty Woman*

*Sex, Murder & Double Latte*

**Given by the Gershman Fund**

*Henry W. Longfellow & his Portland Home*

*Last Child in the Woods*

*The Longest Winter*

**Given in honor of Geoff Gratwick's Birthday by his Family**

*The Last Voyage of Columbus*

*The Last Expedition*

*Where there's a Will*

*Istanbul*

**City Councilor Geoff Gratwick got what he wanted for his birthday. He asked his family to give books to the Bangor Public Library!**

## Local Voices

***Does homeland security have to mean loss of liberties?***

On Saturday, Sept 24, from 9AM-3PM, the Library & the League of Women Voters are sponsoring a community conversation on civil liberties and homeland security. Everyone is invited to participate in this "Local Voices" event in the Library's Lecture Hall.

Civil liberties and homeland security are two topics that we read and hear about frequently, particularly since Sept. 11, 2001. It is important to understand the tension between our civil liberties and the security of our nation at both the federal and local levels. While the Congressional

debate over the sunset provisions of the Patriot Act may be concluded before Sept 24, there is still a need for people to have a conversation about their own and their family's liberties and security. Our Local Voices event is intended to engage as many diverse segments of the community as possible using a discussion model developed by the League of Women Voters. Participants will meet in facilitated groups of eight to 12 people.

This will be a full day event. Lunch and childcare will be provided free. Please come join our conversation.

*The Library will be closed*

*Sept 6, Labor Day &*

*October 10, Columbus Day*

## September/October Calendar

**Sept 6** Library resumes regular hours

**Sept 10** Susan Lehnen Sculpture, "Vast Are the Shadows/ Evildoers" will be shown in the 2nd Floor Conference Room until Sept 21. Opening 2PM, Meet the Artists

**Sept 13** 6:30PM Meet Beatrice Blake, author of New Key to Costa Rica

**Sept 15** 6:30PM Informational Meeting on Foster Care with Susan Frost

**Sept 22** 6PM Meet Ken Nye, author of Searching for the Spring, & bring your own work for the **Poetry Slam**— Lecture Hall

**Sept 24** 9-3PM Local Voices (see above)

**Sept 24** 6-8PM Winner of the Summer Reading Program School Party!

**Sept 30** 10AM The Goody Gang's special guest is author Susan Lubner

**Oct 1** 2PM Meet Susan Lubner, author of Noises at Night

**Oct 1** 2PM Meet Michael McCauley, author of NPR: The Trials & Triumphs of National Public Radio

**Oct 11** 6:30 Meet Barbara Goldscheider, author of Al-Naqba/ The Catastrophe-Lecture Hall

**Oct 22** 2PM Meet William Krohn, author of Manly Hardy: The Life & Writing of a

## Foster Care Information

Few joys in life match the thrill of making a difference in a child's life. It can truly be one of the most rewarding, memorable and fulfilling experiences. Community Health and Counseling Services (CHCS) is committed to finding safe and nurturing homes for children who have suffered from abuse and neglect. By opening up your home and heart to children in need of treatment foster care, you will make a difference that can change their lives, and yours, as well. CHCS is providing an opportunity for you to learn more about the unique role that foster parenting offers in working with children with special needs at an **Informational Meeting** at the **Bangor Public Library on Thursday, September 15 at 6:30PM.**

## Anonymous Gift

The Library received a gift of appreciated stock that sold for nearly \$140,000. Our donor wishes to be anonymous, but we are most grateful. The donation will be placed in the Endowment fund, and the income generated will purchase between 220 and 300 books a year. What a generous donation! Thank you.

## Vast Are the Shadows/ Evildoers

Sculptor Susan Lehnen and artists and historians from Doweast Maine will present their work *Vast are the Shadows/Evildoers* in the 2nd Floor Conference Room from Sept 10 to Sept 21. The Artists will be present for an opening on Saturday Sept 10 at 2PM.



Art on  
Our Horizon

## Fall Children's Programs

### MORNING BREAK WITH THE LIBRARIAN

One half hour of stories & fun -Children ages 2-5  
Monday 10AM- Sept 19-Dec 5

### GOODY GANG

Forty-five minutes of stories, songs, videos, crafts, games & a goody! Bring a friend! Grades K-2  
Monday 3:30PM Friday 10AM Sept 19- Dec 9

### STORY/CRAFT

Stories and crafts for 4 & 5 year-olds who do not need parental supervision.  
Tuesday 9:30AM Sept 20-Dec 6

### CHAPTER CHUMS

Read great books, enjoy games, & crafts, 3rd-4th grade  
Tuesday 4PM Sept 20-Dec 6 Registration required

### MOTHER GOOSE TIME

Stories, songs & finger plays for babies up to 24 mos.  
Wednesday or Thursday 9:15 Sept 21-Dec 8

### TINY TOT TIME

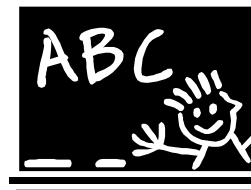
Games, songs, stories and finger plays for 2-4 year olds with a participating adult.  
Wednesday or Thursday 10AM Sept 21-Dec 8

### FRIDAY FORAGERS

Six Friday afternoons of reading, discussion & special activities for 5th & 6th graders. Please register.  
Friday 3:30PM Sept 23-Oct 28

### ABC KIDS

Games, stories & crafts for children ages 3-6  
Saturday 11AM Sept 24-Dec 3



BRING A FRIEND!

## Tiffany Exhibit by Susan Smith



New Exhibits

COMING SOON...to the glass cases in the Reading Room & to the Lobby stairway near the Veazie portraits, an exhibit based on the Library's Tiffany Collection. We have bits & pieces rescued from Tiffany's studios when it went out of business; photographs of cartoons for stained-glass windows (and one original cartoon), tracings used to transfer designs, materials from his Ecclesiastical Department, & more.

Learn about Tiffany's life, the history of his company, his favorite window designers, what he used for inspiration, his mosaics, lamps, windows and Favre glass vases. Today the creations of Tiffany, whether they are lamps, windows, or inkstands, are treasured around the entire world; his love of nature, creativity & drive combined to create a unique American art form.



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[www.bpl.lib.me.us/](http://www.bpl.lib.me.us/)

## Meet the Author

On Tuesday, Sept 13 at 6:30PM, Maine author, **Beatrice Blake**, will bring us her latest, **New Key to Costa Rica**. Ms. Blake, a former native of Costa Rica, brings us a dynamic power-point presentation, introducing us to the ins & outs of Costa Rican travel, covering topics from hotels and transportation to ecotourism.

Maine Poet **Ken Nye** visits the Library on Thursday, September 22 at 6PM. Mr. Nye, author of **Searching for the Spring**, celebrates the beauties & inspirations of our beautiful state in his poetry. On this, the first day of Autumn, what better way to kick off that most nostalgic and achingly lovely season. Poet Nye, a former academic, will also host a **Poetry Slam**. After introducing us to his work, share some of your own poetry with us!

**Susan Lubner**, author of **Noises at Night**, will be the Goody Gang's special guest on Sept. 30 at 10AM. Ms. Lubner will also be at the Library on October 1 at 2PM for a "Meet the Author" event.



*Authors in September & October*

UMO Academic, **Michael McCauley**, visits the Library on Saturday Oct 1 at 2PM, introducing us to **NPR: The Trials & Triumphs of National Public Radio**. Many of us realize that Public Radio is not what it used to be. Come find out why, and what we can expect in the future.

**Barbara Goldscheider** brings us her book **Al-Naqba: The Catastrophe**, a tale of love and loss in occupied Palestine. Ms. Golscheider brings to her writing her experiences with the Israeli military. She will be appearing on Tuesday, Oct 11 at 6:30PM.

On Saturday, Oct 22 at 2PM, Maine author **William Krohn** brings us **Manly Hardy: The Life & Writings of a Maine Fur-Buyer, Hunter & Naturalist**. Hardy was the father of Fanny Hardy Eckstorm, whom he introduced to the Maine Wilderness and its native peoples.

## Staff/Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

The Friends of the Library treated the staff & volunteers to a picnic last July 22. Board member Bill Sullivan donned his chef's hat to cook up some fine burgers, & Circulation Head, Barbara Higgins was spotted in her camp hat. The Friends certainly know how to show their appreciation! Speaking of employees, the Library welcomes several new staff members... Jim in Reference, & Kelly, Sarah & Emily in Circulation. Jim! You're not in Kansas anymore (We're glad!). Sarah comes to us from the UMPI Library, Kelly from the Princeton Library, & Emily from the Penobscot Theater Box Office! Jan Lima, whom many of you know from Circulation has been promoted to a position in Periodicals.