



Speaking Volumes

Bangor Public Library Newsletter

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Calendar Events



Saturday, November 4
"Bangor to Bangor" Opening
Lecture Hall
1-3 PM: Formal Opening

Wednesday, November 8
Spiritual Book Discussion
Group w/James Bean
7 PM in the Lecture Hall



Friday & Saturday,
November 10 & 11.
The Library will be closed in
observance of Veterans Day.

Tuesday, November 14
G. K. Wuori
Booktalk/signing
7 PM in the Lecture Hall



Wednesday, November 15
Diana Muir
Booktalk/signing
7 PM in the Lecture Hall

Tuesday, November 21
Walter MacDougall
Book talk /signing
7 PM in the Lecture Hall

Thursday, November 23
The Library will be closed in
observance of Thanksgiving.



Monday, December 25
The Library will be closed in
observance of Christmas.



Monday, January 1
The Library will be closed in
observance of
New Year's Day.



Watch for Chamber Music
for the Very Young right
before the holidays! Targeted
at preschool and elementary
aged children and sponsored
by the Arcady Music Society.

From the Library Director

Barbara McDade



I'm happy to announce that Bill Cook, once with Fogler Library's Special Collections (as well as other distinguished places), is now our Local History Librarian. In the short time he's been with us, he has come up with a plan, spotted several treasures just sitting on our shelves and given them special care, and begun work to make the Vickery Collection accessible to the public. We're also happy to welcome Amy Clifford and Danielle Careddu to the Children's Room. And, we have a new team on Project GOALS. If you remember, Project GOALS is a program to teach parents, students, teachers and librarians to use computers and the Internet. Our team members are Lorie Zientara, Carolyn Hart, Lucy Eaton Hawkins and Avery Olmstead.

Even though the snow has already flown, I've noticed how pretty the garden in front of the Children's Room is—even this time of the year. Thank you to everyone who donated, and to the Greater Bangor Horticultural Society for planning, planting and caring for it. Thank you too, to the Altrusa Club for the new tree outside the Children's Room.

I'm working with many partners in the city on a grant application to Hewlett Packard for the formation of a model Digital Village. Even if we don't get the money from HP, the Digital Village is a doable thing for Bangor that could help businesses, economic development and everyone living in and around the city. A day in the digital village would not be that different from what we have now, but we would be using technology to work for us. We could check if Dick and Tom's hardware store had the size nail needed, compare the price with the big place at the mall, order it and have it delivered that afternoon. Browse the menus of Bangor's restaurants, make a reservation, get tickets to the theater on line, find a babysitter, order the groceries, check to see what your child's history assignment is (and when it's due), get books for your class from the library and have everything delivered by 9 that night. You could then drop your dad a line telling him that you've ordered your mother's anniversary present--all this while drinking your morning cup of coffee. We need to get people excited about creating local content—getting local business on line in a usable, meaningful way—getting organizations on-line with ways of helping not just explaining where the office is—getting City Hall on-line with interactive forms so you can renew your car license, pay your taxes, register your child for hockey, get a building permit. This is all possible now.

The digital village will add to our lives. I'm convinced that it will not mean the end of shopping in stores or visiting the library. We will still do those things, but we will also use the Internet to comparison shop, to arrange deliveries (especially for the homebound or those lacking transportation—but also for those of us too busy to park at ten different locations on the way home from work) or to do those things that we may just be too shy to do.



Dinner and a Book



The Maine Humanities Council will once again be holding its spring Book Discussion series at the Bangor Public Library. This year's theme is "Living on the Edge" and will be led by Marge Irvine. The group meets once a month from January through June and enjoys dinner and a lively discussion of a selected book. If you are interested in participating (the cost is \$190 for the series which includes the price of all dinners and books, and the scholar), please call Trudy at the Humanities Council: 773-5051.



Gift Books

The following gift books were donated to the Library since August 24, 2000:

~ *I Love Fishing and Fishing in a Brook*; given by friends at the Winnie-the-Pooh School in memory of Daniel Deveau.

~ *Raising Milk Goats the Modern Way*; given by Mainely Goats club.

~ Juvenile Books given by Maine Agriculture in the Classroom:

~ *Keepers of the Earth; Day of the Dead; Celebrations; Pancakes, Pancakes; The Very Hungry Caterpillar; The Midnight Farm; Blueberries for Sal; From Seed to Plant; Tree; Worms Eat Our Garbage; Germs Make Me Sick; Gardening Wizardry for Kids; How a House is Built; Tool Book; Dear Children of the Earth; Stalking the Wild Asparagus; The Fascinating World of...Bees; The Poetry of Robert Frost; Itse Selu; The Reason for a Flower; Looking at Plants; My First Kwanza Book; Walter the Baker; Ben & Jerry's Homemade Ice Cream & Dessert Book; All About Seeds.*

~ *The Book of Musical Anecdotes; On the Art of Singing; The Four Seasons*; given in celebration of the marriage of Kay Byther & Clif Eames from Susan & David Carlisle.

~ *Bats!, April, A Pueblo Storyteller and Remarkable Rocks*; given in memory of Louise H. Bubar by John H. Bubar.

~ *Nothing Like It In The World*; given in memory of Darrel B. Currie from Robert & Rita Gallon.

~ *Dream of the Far North*; donated by Stephanie Harp in honor of Barbara King.

~ *Islam and World Peace*; given by Anna Beltrani.

~ *Descendants of Joseph Killgore, 1690-1764*; given in memory of Dr. Terrance Edward Hogan by Jean Hogan Wood.

~ *Moonbeams*; given in honor of Clara Striar on her special birthday by Beatrice Kaskin.

“Bangor to Bangor” Exhibit at the Library

"Bangor to Bangor" is an exchange exhibition of contemporary original prints between Seacourt Print Workshop, Bangor, Northern Ireland and the Greater Bangor Metro Area, Maine, USA.

From a chance meeting at a safe printmaking workshop in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1997, and from subsequent exchanges of information in the years following, Seacourt Print workshop and University of Maine Professor Susan Groce devised the idea for an exchange exhibition between the two Bangors as a way to celebrate the new millennium. From one Bangor to another, fifty-three contemporary artists are extremely pleased to share in this unique cultural exchange that reaches across ocean, and borders, time and space, to celebrate the art of printmaking.

We would like to thank the following for sponsorship of the Bangor to Bangor Original Print Exchange; UK sponsors: Seacourt Print Workshop, Arts Council of Northern Ireland, National Lottery Fund, The British Council, Visiting Arts; USA sponsors: The City of Bangor, The Bangor Public Library, University of Maine.

*The opening for this exhibit will be Saturday, November 4 from 9 to 5, with a formal opening from 1 to 3 PM in the Lecture Hall. See the exhibit November 1 - 30 during Library hours.



Christy's Reference Tips

by Christy Coombs, Reference Librarian

“Two Trusted Names in Investment Information”

Choosing the best mutual funds or stocks in which to invest your hard earned dollars is a daunting task in today's market. There are thousands of choices and as many opinions about which ones will make you rich the fastest. From television, magazines, newspapers, the Internet, and maybe your own financial advisor come a sea of opinions. To help wade through this sea, the Library carries two highly regarded financial services: *Morningstar Mutual Funds* and *Value Line Investment Survey*. These services, especially popular for their ratings, provide careful review and analysis, and information you can trust to guide your decisions.

For a full-page report on your favorite mutual fund with performance, risk, and rating data, or general commentary on issues in the mutual fund industry, *Morningstar* is the source for you. At first glance this large volume looks challenging to use, but it's easy once you understand the two basic sections. First is the 40 page Summary Section tucked in the pocket of the front cover. Here use the alphabetical index to locate fund reports by page number, read commentary on topics in the mutual fund field, or scan the month-end performance chart. Second, and the real guts of the volume, is the ten part Analysis Section. Each part covers a different type of mutual fund, so this is where you find out how your favorite fund is doing in relation to its peers. Expect a new report on your favorite fund about every five months and a new summary twice a month.

Value Line is the source for history, performance, risk and rating data on stocks as well as coverage of industry sectors. It is divided into three sections: one volume for the "Summary and Index" and "Ratings and Reports," and a separate volume for "Selection and Opinion." To find a full-page on your favorite stock, check the index for a page number. It leads you to the industry group in the "Ratings and Report" listing that stock. For general discussion of the stock market, investment strategies or featured stocks turn to the "Selection and Opinion" volume. Expect updates on your favorite stocks four times a year, new summaries and commentary weekly.

In addition, *Value Line* publishes a separate volume called the *Expanded Edition* to review smaller, lesser known stocks. It uses the same format found in the main volumes.

* *Morningstar Mutual Funds* and *Value Line Investment Survey* are located in the Reference Department. Talk to the Reference Librarians about these and other great investment sources owned by the Bangor Public Library.

Food Drive



Forgot to return your books on time? Feel like giving a little more this holiday season? The Library is again conducting its holiday food drive from December 1 through the 24th. Bring in two or more nonperishable food items and have your overdue fines erased. All proceeds will benefit the Salvation Army.

Exhibits at the Library

November

Lecture Hall: "Bangor to Bangor"

Stairwell Lobby: Photographs by David Warrington

December

Lecture Hall: Art work by Patricia Isgro

Library History

Trying to find that perfect gift for the person who has everything? Let the Library help you in your gift-giving decisions.

How about giving a copy of "Seven Books in a Footlocker: A Commemorative History of the Bangor Public Library?" This informative book, only \$9.49 (tax included), was compiled by those close to the Library. It tells the history from the time when there were only "seven books" to the renovation in 1997. A must-have for any Library patron or Bangorite, past or present. Copies may be purchased at the Adult Circulation desk.



Nicer November



For a nicer November, mark your calendar for the following events: Children's Book Week is November 13-19! Celebrate the 81st annual event by choosing a new book from the shiny editions on our loaded New Book Shelf and puzzle over a scavenger hunt based on this year's Book Week theme: "Fuel Your Mind." The winner, chosen at random from the completed scavenger hunt forms, will win a Book Week T-shirt.

Grandmas and grandpas are invited to bring their grandchildren for "Kids and Books, Grams, Gramps and Goodies" on Tuesday, November 21st from 6 to 8 P.M. in the Children's Room. We offer the occasion to encourage grandparents to spend time at the Library sharing stories with their grandkids. We'll supply yummy desserts and drinks to enjoy after stories.

Walter the Giant Storyteller is six feet seven and a half inches tall and he has spent most of his adult life entertaining and enlightening both children and adults with books. He doesn't just read books, he performs them. Walter will be touring in New England (he lives in California) and will bring stories alive on Saturday, November 25 from 11-12 in the Story Room. Walter co-authored Valerie and Walter's Best Books for Children: a Lively, Opinionated Guide with Valerie Lewis. Their book will be available to purchase and he'll share his extensive knowledge of children's literature in a question and answer period. Walter's stories will be targeted at ages 5-10, but his enthusiasm for books will appeal to all ages.

The Latest at the Library

All book talks/signings are in the Lecture Hall

November 14 at 7 PM

G. K. Wuori

Author of "An American Outrage: A Novel of Quillifarkeag, Maine"

"This is neither the first nor the last time that Wuori's work has been compared to the moral compass of the Coen brothers' films. The town called Quilli is peopled with folk whose names are so outrageous and whose actions are so off the beaten track that we fall in with them instantly...Disturbingly funny." --*Booklist*

November 15 at 7 PM

Diana Muir

Author of "Reflections in Bullough's Pond: Economy and Ecosystem in New England"

"An extraordinary book, a combination of polemic and all encompassing scholarship...Rather than Thoreauvian musings on an idyllic spot, Muir's ponderings ranged far...The writer asked why it is that New England has always been prosperous. She concluded that it was Yankee ingenuity- "our cleverness" -that not only created wealth but influenced the industrialization of the world." --*The Boston Globe*

November 21 at 7 PM

Walter S. MacDougall

Author of "The Old Somerset Railroad: A Lifeline for Northern Mainer"

"At heart, this is a tale of middling ambitions, heroic labors, hardscrabble lives along the tracks and continually changing technology...It is the social history-the people and how they lived in a span of more than fifty years-that shines through. This is an extraordinary story and a most enjoyable read." --*Maine Sunday Telegram*

New Millennium Celebration

You thought last year was the end of the millennium? If that were true, when is the 10th year of the new millennium-2009? Keep your eyes and ears open for the Library's Real New Millennium Celebration-coming soon!



LibraryHours

Monday - Thursday 9 AM - 9 PM
Friday & Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM
Closed Sunday

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Gifts for the Holidays



Give a gift that can be shared by many. Donate a book to the Library in honor of that special someone. The Library will place a commemorative plate inside the book and you will have the satisfaction of knowing you did something generous for your community.

We will send a festive holiday card to the party telling them that a book was donated to the Library in their name (we send cards for any occasion).

So think of the Library when you think of the holidays this year.



Story Times

Please call ahead at 947-8336 x 111 for more information. The last scheduled story time for this year is December 9. There are no story times on November 10, 20, & 21.

Monday
Monday Story Time 10 AM

Tuesday
Story Time Craft 9:30 AM
Tuesday Fun 3:45 PM

Wednesday
Mother Goose 9:15 AM
Tiny Tot (registration is required)
10 & 11 AM

Thursday
Tiny Tot (registration is required)
9:30 & 10:30 AM
Lullaby Story Time 6:30 PM

Friday
Friday Foragers 3:30 PM
(registration is required)

Saturday
Saturday Special 11 AM

Intro to Genealogy

Hi Everyone! My name is Phil Getchell and I am a volunteer here at the Bangor Public Library. I help others with their family history. I invite you to join my "Introduction to Genealogy Class" through the Bangor Adult Education Division. This is a seven-week class about how and where to start tracing your family tree. With this course, you will learn where to find and how to interpret valuable information about your family and its descendants.

The first class will be held at the high school and will consist of a classroom lecture and getting to know each other. The last six weeks will be held at the Library.

Call 941-6310 for more information. Classes start Thursday, November 16 at 6:30 PM.