

The Dust Jacket



THE ORR'S ISLAND LIBRARY, WHERE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS GATHER

FALL 2017

A Buyers' Market!



September 2. Perfect day for perusing a treasure trove of tempting items! Potential buyers browsed, seeking that "something special". We beat last year's total by \$101. "Thanks" to the volunteers who helped set up, the vendors who provided their treasures, and the bakers whose sweet confections kept our bargain hunters well fed!



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2017 Annual Appeal

"The library saved me again!"

Shortly before closing time on Saturday, a patron came in to the library and went directly to the computer. A couple of moments later the printer whirred. When she picked up the printed sheet, she gave an audible sigh of relief. "The library saved me again!"

The Orr's Island Library is more than a place to pick up books. In a very real sense, the library reflects the best of what we want to be. It encourages us to enrich our minds and expand our horizons in an atmosphere that simply cannot be found anywhere else. This is a welcoming place where we can browse the latest releases of books, CDs and DVDs, choose a movie, chat with friends, research a topic, or print out an important document. We can find more offerings from our favorite author, or ask

Joanne to recommend a new one. Families with children can enjoy a variety of programs tailored to youngsters. We can relax at the jigsaw puzzle and feel satisfied by finding that elusive piece that fits.

The library gives us so many choices and resources, but these are only possible because of our community's generosity. Giving back to the library is convenient too! Either send a check in the enclosed envelope or give securely online with your credit card at www.oilblogcom.org.

Do visit when you can. Enjoy the moments of quiet and intervals of interaction. When you get a need taken care of and feel that sigh of relief, it's great to say, "The library saved me again!"

Dan Hoebeke

Donating from your IRA

Are you over 70½? If so, you may need to take a "required minimum distribution" from your IRA. What you may not know is that you can make a direct gift from your IRA to the Orr's Island Library.

This is one of the most tax-beneficial ways to give, because the gift of your distribution is not included in your income for the tax year.

Just make sure that the IRA plan administrator makes the check directly payable to **Orr's Island Library**. FMI contact us at: giveorrslibrary@gmail.com

The Librarian's Desk

Our library prides itself on having the latest “best sellers” and “movies”. We know you enjoy the newest Louise Penny or Ken Follett.

We seem to have a growing list of items that have not been returned. Please check your bedside table or under your car seat for an errant item that might have an “Orr's Island Library” sticker on it. We have folks whose names are on a waiting list for that “not returned” book, CD, or DVD.

Joanne Rogers



If you haven't seen our signature canvas tote bag yet, surely it warrants a closer look. It has a gusset for plenty of carry room, and an outside pocket! The Orr's Island Library calligraphic image is replicated from the envelope containing the original 1905 deed for the library property. The cost is only \$10.00 and we'll ship it for \$4.00 more.



**We have two computers,
a printer and a copy machine.**

The President's View

As I sit down to write this note, I am basking in the aftermath of a truly inspirational presentation given at the October *First Thursday* program. Pamela White, the former U.S. Ambassador to Gambia and Haiti and career African specialist, presented her ideals about leadership to the fifty attendees. Based on her personal relationships with some of the true leaders of our time, she made subtle points about how leadership should show itself. Pam is an Orr's Island resident and has been a library trustee for two years.

True to form, our Board members took this year to new heights with their ideas, talents and time. Dan Hoebeke agreed to serve as Vice President for Finances. As such, he will have oversight of the treasurer. (I had asked to establish this position on the Board when I accepted the dual roles of president *and* treasurer). Dan is also working on setting up various fund raising mechanisms using Pay Pal and other options. (*See his column on the front page*). When Dan asked for a copy of our IRS documentation, I sent him the 1993 IRS designation for 501 © 3 status. He responded, “it warmed my heart to note that my aunt Wilma Metzger was the president of the library at the time of the designation”. Please note that the memorial granite bench in front of the library is “In Memory of Billie Metzger”.

Vice president Beth Eisman organized the Pihcintu and Bowdoin Music Festival concerts. Beth and new trustee, Whitney Abreu are working on forming a “Friends of the Library” group. Roberta Floccher continues to refine our “*Policies and Procedures Manual*”. Marnie McFarland organized the summer “Kids' Programs”. Sue Rich and Marnie are putting together the 1st **Thursdays** programs for 2018, our sixth year! Thom Colkitt, our computer guru, holds court every Wednesday afternoon at the library to answer computer questions or help folks navigate their systems. Hugh Hardcastle is our liaison to **Harpwell Aging At Home**, an outstanding program which benefits our community. Craig Sipe is busy as a bee with press releases, posters and meeting minutes. And, no surprise, Joanne has already sorted nearly 100 boxes of books for the 2018 Annual Book Sale and Fair!

Last but not least, I must acknowledge the invaluable contributions of our support staff: Dee Miskill, editor/writer of *The Dust Jacket* and mailing list coordinator; John Robbins, expert maintainer of our building, grounds and event logistics; Martha Weir, poet and library historian; and the countless volunteers who work the circulation desk, label mailings, and work or bake for the Annual Book Sale and Fair.

Orr's Island Library is not just about successful book sales, Thursday lectures, bake and yard sales, paper shredding, star gazing parties and the puzzle table. It is about a community of people, all contributing in their own ways to make the library viable, financially secure, and able to give back to our community.

We thank you, our supporters and patrons, for having faith in our ability to deliver our services.

John Webster

Explore the Stacks



New BOOKS

Fiction

- "The Scarred Woman" - Jussie Adler-Olsen
- "Dead in the Dark" - Stephen Booth
- "Onslaught" - David Boyer
- "The Red Hunter" - Lisa Unger
- "The Secret Language of Sisters" - Luanne Rice
- "The Teabury Strangers" - Laura Childs
- "Come Sundown" - Nora Roberts
- "Cross the Line" - James Patterson
- "I Know a Secret" - Tess Gerritsen
- "The Lying Game" - Ruth Ware
- "Forest Dark" - Nicole Krauss
- "The Girl Who Takes an Eye for an Eye" - David Lagercrantz
- "Glass Houses" - Louise Penny

Non-Fiction

- "Draw Your Weapons" - Sarah Sentilles
- "We All Went to Paris" - Stephen Longstreet
- "Talking With My Mouth Full" - Bonny Wolf
- "A Cool and Lonely Carriage" - Susan Ottaway

Poetry

- "Crossing the Field" - Kate Barnes
- "Uncle George" - Robert Chute
- "The American Poets" - Whittier
- "Hamlet" - Harold Bloom

New CD'S

- "True Faith and Allegiance" - Tom Clancy
- "Chaos" - Patricia Cornwell
- "Bear Town" - Frederick Backman
- "The Frozen Hours" - Jeff Shaara
- "The American Spirit" - David McCullough

New DVD'S

- Lethal Weapon
- The Vietnam War
- Wonder Woman
- A Time to Dance
- Megan Leavey
- The Circle
- Mummy
- Paris Can Wait
- The Hero

Best Ever Book Sale & Fair



WOW, what a sale! We made a grand total of **\$11,819**, our **biggest sale** ever, \$1,587 over the 2016 total. The credit goes to so many volunteers and trustees who helped in their own way. HUGE thanks to all.

SAVE THE DATE! MAY 19, 2018

Orr's Island Library
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Free document shredding for Harpswell residents and businesses.

There will also be a Bake Sale.



The Town of Harpswell will have its shred event on Sat. Sept. 2, 2018.

“What in the world would we do without libraries?”

Katharine Hepburn

Martha's Window



Late in September despite a span of warmth I watch summer with its glorious blooming and busy birds, its lavish generosity, slip away. Autumn arrives, the regal season, the season when earth dons red and gold under a royal-blue sky and dawn gilds the treetops. The wind stirs, stripping leaves, leaching from the land all that was green.

All that was lived outward—gardening and boating, picnics and barefoot beach walks—moves inward to warmth and sunless light. So where do we find consolation for fugitive summer?

I find comfort in daily visits from Crow, who tacks up the walk in his wary way for crumbs. I delight in the hungry horde of birds at the porch feeder. I share bread and hearty soup with neighbors at a local church. Bedside I keep the company of beloved authors—Frost and Oliver, E.B. White and Nouwen. And in the dark hours I listen to Schubert and Elgar and Sibelius.

Find your own winter comfort. Keep warm and connected to others. Remember that Spring only sleeps and will wake again.

“Library is not a luxury, but one of the necessities of life.”

Henry Ward Beecher



OIL ship model collection receives beautiful addition

On September 22, **Mark (Bud) and Flo Crowley** presented a stunning model of a pond boat, made by **Sam Doughty**, to John Webster, board president, as an addition to our library ship-model collection. Bud is the grandson of John Tibbets. Doughty built this particular pond boat model based on an actual working boat. In the early 1930's, Bud sailed this very boat in Lowell's Cove, Orr's Island near the site of the present day library Book Sale and Fair. Bud said that Sam had made six of the pond boat models and the local boys would race them and sail them around the cove.

About 30 years ago Bud asked Sam if he had “his” boat. Sam did and gave it to him. Before making the gift to the library, Bud asked nautical conservator David White from North Yarmouth, to make new sails and do the rigging. The boat has never been re-painted, is in excellent condition, and the new sails have been dyed to look like the originals. Bud claims the pond boat was never named.

Sam Doughty captained square-riggers at the end of the 19th century and later. He was a tall imposing figure who later in life became the islands' constable. He made many ship models, some by commission, and the library has a small one which resides in the entrance display case.



Bud's pond boat is a wonderful addition to the library collection of Orr's Island special artifacts. The Board of Trustees offers a huge “Thank you” to Bud and Flo for their generosity. Look for this and other craft made by Sam Doughty on display at the Library in the Spring/Summer of 2018.

OIL welcomes two new trustees

Whitney Abreu and Daniel Hoebeke have recently joined our library's Board of Trustees.

Whitney is a native of Bailey Island, and she lives in the house where she grew up. She and husband, Mike, lived in Massachusetts before relocating back to Maine to raise their family. Sons Michael ("Bru") and Mark are both avid hockey players, and Mom is their most devoted fan. With the kids in college, the "empty nest" allowed Whitney to divide her energies between the family business, *Brumark*, and her desire to contribute more in the community. In addition to being the bookkeeper for *Brumark*, a residential and commercial custom cabinetry shop, she offers inputs for their product designs.



She and her family love vacations, in places like Belize and Sweden, near the water, where they can enjoy sports like scuba diving. She is also a dog lover, as Harley, the older Golden Retriever, and new puppy, Ogie, the rescued Louisiana Catahoula Leopard dog, can attest to!

The Library is the happy beneficiary of Whitney's talents, and we look forward to working with her.

Dan is the Library's new *Vice President of Finance*. He spent a 45-year career as an attorney in the field of charitable estate planning and fund raising in North West Indiana and California.



He and his wife, Ellen, retired to Orr's Island this past July. They have three grown children, and seven grandchildren. Dan's tie to Maine and Orr's Island is through his aunt, Billie Metzger, a longtime resident of Orr's Island. Dan and his family visited

every summer since the early 1980's. Upon Billie's passing, Dan inherited the family homestead and returned to the island annually, at a time that seemed to coincide with the library's Book Sale & Fair. Dan estimates that, of the past 30 years of book sales, he has worked 28 of them!

A man of many talents, Dan enjoys photography, and some of his work is displayed at the Harpswell Town Office. He is also a classically-trained pianist, but has played contemporary Christian music in churches, and participated with jazz bands in clubs. "I can't think of another place I'd rather retire to", said Dan. We gladly welcome Dan to the Board, and look forward to working with him in the future.

Common Good Day deeds benefit library



The Orr's Island Library participated in Bowdoin College's *Common Good Day* on Saturday, September 16th. *Common Good Day* seeks to connect Bowdoin students with local organizations through service. Five student volunteers, from Maine, North Carolina, Illinois, New York and Brazil, painted the trim on the library storage building. The Library is pleased to support these students' efforts to interact with the local community. We enjoyed their time with us and sincerely thank them for the work they accomplished. We look forward to having students return next year!

A shade of difference in the Reading Room



In July, Mike from Budget Blinds installed six new pull-down, room darkening window shades on the original windows in the *Sue Fisher Moren Memorial Reading Room*. A project long in the making, this will make daytime and spring evening programs that use visual presentations more enjoyable. A grant from the Alfred M. Senter Fund of Brunswick helped with the costs.

It's in the stars

ATTENTION! Have you been to a Library "Star Party"? If not, you're missing out on some astronomical fun! Thanks to the expertise and infectious enthusiasm of **Robert Page** and **Ron Thompson** of *Southern Maine Astronomers*, they will enlighten you (no pun intended) on all matters of astronomy.

Our last "Star Party" was held on Thursday, August 24 at Land's End, Bailey Island. It is a perfect spot, indeed, like having our own planetarium with a unobstructed expanse of sky to peruse! There's ample parking, and limited light pollution to obstruct our gazing on a clear night. However, on this particular night the clouds rolled in and blanketed the sky at around 7 p.m. Undaunted by this natural nuisance, Robert and Ron instructed the 50 star gazers, adults and children, how to use their star charts and telescopes. They answered many questions, and everyone enjoyed the yummy star cookies afterward. We hope for clear skies next time, and that you will join us for this delightful program.

Meanwhile you can download your own monthly star chart at <http://www.skymaps.com/downloads.html>. The Library also loans telescopes for your use as well.

"Thank You" to Land's End Gift Shop for supporting this exciting program by graciously letting us use your property. The tip of Bailey Island is such a beautiful spot for stargazing. Your support of the Library means a great deal to us.

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Bowdoin
 INTERNATIONAL
 MUSIC FESTIVAL



July 22 was a glorious summer day for a concert by musicians from the Bowdoin International Music Festival. 50 guests enjoyed performances by a percussion ensemble, french horn, clarinet and violin. Pictured above are three of the musicians. Islanders enjoyed refreshments and conversing with the musicians afterward.

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Monday – 1 to 6 P.M.

Library Wednesday – 1 to 6 P.M.

Hours: Friday – 3 to 6 P.M.

Saturday – 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.



Join us on Dec. 7 when *First Thursday* presents, “*Let's Talk & Taste Chocolate*” with Melinda Richter of the *Island Candy Company*. Melinda will share the origins of her candy company, the family inspiration and legacy that helped her rejuvenate an old island tradition. Sample some holiday treats!



On September 7, Harpswell historian, Ed Phinney and his wife, June, gave an illustrated talk on the emerging tourist trade in Maine and Harpswell with an emphasis on the the 19th Century.