

The Dust Jacket



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

SUMMER 2018

Library trustees go the extra mile for fun!

Hello readers! If you thought that being a library trustee mostly involved managing the business of the library—rather serious, sometimes even a little ho-hum—there's a plot twist! The trustees of our beloved library not only promote the library and its many programs, but often join other community groups, on behalf of the library, to reach out when help is needed.

For example, last December at The Bailey Island Library Hall, a community group of parents held a Christmas Party for local children. No special club affiliations, just good fun from volunteers. Library trustee, **Craig Sipe**, played the Jolly Old Elf. **Linda Kremer** baked a ton of cookies to decorate, and other trustees helped little hands in the decorating process.

The Harpswell Community School sponsored their Annual Science Night in January. Our trustees helped bring Slime Making to new heights! Donning

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Remembering Thom

Thompson M. Colkitt, "Thom" to everyone, passed away at his home on Bailey Island January 1, 2018. Behind the familiar curmudgeon's image he liked to project, was a man of remarkable intelligence, quick wit and generous heart.

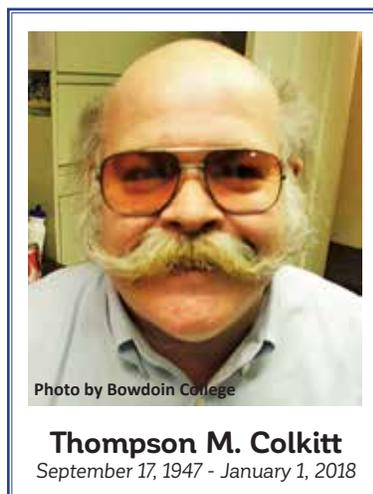


Photo by Bowdoin College

Thompson M. Colkitt

September 17, 1947 - January 1, 2018

Born in Anchorage, Alaska, his father was a career Army officer, which meant they moved a lot. After graduating from the University of Michigan, Thom found his way to Maine and worked with the Bowdoin College Theatre Department for several years, assisting with the technical side of productions, or acting with summer theatre groups. Next to his love of books (he was a voracious

reader), he was a film aficionado and served as advisor to the Bowdoin Film Society on campus.

For more than 25 years Thom was a trustee of the Orr's Island Library. Volunteering was in his blood. Wednesday afternoons at the library, he would share his expertise of computers with local residents, answering questions or helping them navigate their way through the information age. He worked the library circulation desk on Saturday mornings, and eagerly assisted with the Annual Shredding event. Each year, he attended the Annual Book Sale and Fair at Lowell's Cove, sharing his enthusiasm for books with friends, neighbors and visitors from away.

After his retirement from Bowdoin College (nearly 10 years ago), Thom volunteered at Mid Coast Hospital, shuttling passengers from

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The Librarian's Desk

A library has books – and books on CD – and magazines – and a copier – and jigsaw puzzles – summer programs for kids – monthly programs for adults – directions when you are lost – an elevator if you need a lift! – local art work – a Maine History Room – paperbacks for a trip – the daily paper (minus my crossword puzzle) and conversation and always a piece of chocolate. If this sounds like the Orr's Island Library you are right! Come and join us for the newest best sellers or movies and hopefully we will become a habit!

Joanne Rogers

Library Hours:

Monday – 1 to 6 P.M.

Wednesday – 1 to 6 P.M.

Friday – 1 to 6 P.M.

Saturday – 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Please!

Our library has far too many overdue books, CD's and DVD's. It strains our budget if we have to purchase replacements. Please check around to see if you have any overdue items and return them, ASAP. Thank you.

*John Webster,
Library Trustee President*

The President's View

Moving Forward While Preserving the Past

The week of December 10 was an exciting one at the Orr's Island Library. After nearly 10 years, the last of the envisioned new construction projects was completed. A donor saw our *Wish List* in the Summer 2017 edition of "*The Dust Jacket*" and donated funds to cover the cost of the awning over our front door. The room-darkening blinds, also on the *Wish List* for the Sue Fisher Moren Memorial Reading Room, were paid for with help from the **Alfred E. Senter Fund** in Brunswick.

Two days later, another donor walked in and handed Joanne a check that would help replenish the library's Reserve Fund which was depleted when the library contributed \$70,000 to its own construction costs. The goal had always been to establish one year's budget equivalent in reserve.

To date, the Orr's Island Library renovation, new construction and reserve project has totaled \$538,000, all fully paid for. In 2008 Roberta Floccher, board president at the time, encouraged the trustees to approve moving ahead with the project even though the economy was in free fall. Roberta noted we had a committed board and \$70,000 in reserve for a special project. She said it might take a few years but that now was not the time to wait. Contractors were begging for work, there would be cost savings for acting now....and as history shows, she was right.

Raising money for the annual budget is another matter, and Dan Hoebeke has addressed this issue on page 7 of this "*Dust Jacket*".

The success of the Orr's Island Library would not be possible without the countless volunteers who work 12 months of the year providing myriad services and functions for the library. Success would not be possible without the 32-year guidance of our dedicated librarian, Joanne Rogers. Success would not be possible without our donors from 38 states, and counting! And, needless to add, the wonderful folks who graciously provide funds, baked goodies, labor, lectures and moral support when needed.

New projects are on the horizon! We are presently discussing an automated check-in-check-out system, coupled with an easily accessible database of our entire collection. A complete inventory of our art and antiquities collection is also a work in progress.

Come, join our progressive team of volunteers and help move the Orr's Island Library forward during its next era.

John Webster

Explore the Stacks



BOOKS

NEW FICTION

"The Flight Attendant"

- Chris Bohjalian

"Macbeth" - Jo Nesbo

"Raspberry Danish Murder"

- Joanne Fluke

"The Four Legendary Kingdoms"

- Matthew Reely

"Dangerous Minds"

- Janet Evonovich

"Fifty Fifty" - James Patterson

"Paris By The Book"

- Liam Callahan

"The Silence of the Llamas" -

Ann Canadeo

"Fruit of all Civil"

- Paige Shelton

"Snow Day" - Billy Coffee

"Infamy" - Robert Tanenbaum

"The Painted Queen"

- Elizabeth Peters

"Varina" - Charles Frazier

"The Good Pilot Peter

Woodhouse"

- Alexander McCall Smith

"Count to Ten"

- James Patterson

NEW NON-FICTION

"North" - Scott Jurek

"Dying" - Cory Taylor

"Enlightened Aging"

- Eric Larson, MD

"The Book" - Burkhard Spinner

"What Are We Doing Here"

- Marilyn Robinson

"Born a Crime" - Trevor Noah

NEW CDS

"War Hawk" - James Rollins

"Vicious Circle" - C.J. Box

"The Pacific" - Hugh Ambrose

"The Fear" - Robert Harris

"Solitude Creek"

- Jeffrey Deaver

"Running Blind" - Lee Child

"Brett Marie Was Here"

- Frederick Backman

"Killers of the Flower Moon" -

David Grann

"Fire and Fury" - Michael Wolff

"Seeing Red" - Sandra Brown

"Two Kinds of Truth"

- Michael Connell

"Born a Crime" - Trevor Noah

NEW DVDs

Coco

Wonder

Nostalgia

Black Panther

Lady Bird

Dunkirk

Phantom Thread

The Post

Peter Rabbit

Blade Runner 2049

12 Strong

Downsizing

The Shape of Water

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the Hospital to their vehicles.

Thom's library "family" will miss him dearly, as will the community he served and his many friends. We know he was an intensely private person who would, no doubt, have objected to this memorial being published. A memorial event is planned for June at the Orr's Island Library.



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their "scientific" rubber gear, they followed their fearless leader, **Beth Eisman**, in assisting students with creating slime in numerous colors. "Science-minded" attendees got quite a "touchy-feely" experience with this concoction. Appropriate charts showed the "science" behind it, making this event fun as well as educational!

In February, the Library volunteered to host the Valentine's Day Harpswell at Home (HAH) Lunch With Friends held at the Bailey Island Union Church. The full compliment of trustees and library volunteers personally prepared an array of hot dishes, soups, sandwiches, salads and desserts to serve 40 guests. We definitely have some great cooks!

The library also helps at the Harpswell Community School when needs arise. So, being a trustee has its perks. You not only keep the library growing and flourishing for the community, but occasionally, you step outside the box and show the community your fun side!



Saturday, July 21st

Bowdoin International Music Festival Student Concert

Music to my ears! From 2–4 p.m. students from the Bowdoin International Music Festival will give a free concert, open to the public, at the Orr's Island Union Church. Introduction at 1:45. Our library will host this special event. Watch for more details on our website and in the press.

Wednesday, August 1st

Annual Book Sale & Fair Lowell's Cove, Orr's Island

Friends, neighbors and curious folks from away will gather once more at the library's Annual Book Sale & Fair, from Wednesday, August 1st through Saturday, the 4th. Please note that the **Fair events**—"white elephant", lunch, bake sale, raffles and kids' events—are **only on Wednesday, August 1st**. There will be plenty of time to peruse the treasure trove of books, puzzles, CDs and DVDs through Saturday, the 4th. All proceeds support our beloved library.

Saturday, September 1st

Loongest Yard Sale Returns 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Welcome to the 6th Annual Longest Yard and Bake Sale hosted by the Orr's Island Library.

Participants sell household goods, antiques, collectibles, and all sorts of interesting treasures. Selling and browsing are highly encouraged!

The table-reservation list is already available for sign-ups. One 6-foot table is provided for \$10. Folks may bring additional tables on their own. Deposits are not needed. **Table reservations are required.** Please contact John Webster at 833-5430 or jwebster85@comcast.net.



July 5: **Paul H. Nadeau: Every Stone Tells A Story**

As a Geological Specialist and Professor II at Stavanger University, Stavanger, Norway, Paul will talk about the geology of Maine and how our island rocks were made.

August 1: **Annual Book Sale**

The Fair part is done, the Book Sale continues till August 4th chock full of goodies for all bookworms, movie buffs and puzzlers of all ages! Discover books, CDs or DVDs you thought you'd never find; and puzzles to entertain, or challenge your perseverance. This wonderful opportunity will satisfy your curiosity and support your favorite library!

September 6: **Frank Connors: The Rewards and Dangers of Self-Publishing**

Frank has been the Member Services Manager for People Plus for 15 years. He will talk about self-publishing and read from his book, "*Speaking Frankly*". He will also reveal some details about his next work in progress.

October 4: **Ben Williamson: Magazine Cover Photographs**

Brunswick resident and Director of Photography for Down East magazine, Ben's photographs have graced many front covers over the years. When the light is just right in Harpswell, you might find Ben and his camera looking for the next cover shot.

November 1: **Susan Beegel: "Harriet Beecher Stowe's The Pearl of Orr's Island & Maine Summer Tourism"**

Susan, a PhD, presents an illustrated lecture to explore how "Pearl"-based tourism helped a small Maine fishing village reinvent itself for a new summer economy.

December 6: **Bob Garver: Let's Talk and Taste Coffee**

Bob, Orr's Island resident and the owner of *Wicked Joe Organic Coffee* will talk

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about his mission to source exceptional coffee from around the world, guarantee sustainable wages for the farmers who grow the wonderful beans, and roast epic coffee for each and every customer. This will be the 4th December tasting on our 1st Thursday Programs.

SAVE THE DATE

Seasonal cleaning? Downsizing your file cabinets, desk, attic, Fibber McGee's closets? Collect all those outdated papers, sensitive documents, whatever, and bring them to SHREDDING DAY!

**SATURDAY
MAY 18, 2019**

SHREDDING DAY

9 A.M. - 12 NOON

AND

BAKE SALE

AT THE
ORR'S ISLAND LIBRARY



Brad McFadden and friend, Simmie, came to Shredding Day with lots of goodies: paper for the truck and fresh, warm bread for the bake sale. Yum! Hope to see them again next year!

CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAMS

At your Orr's Island Library

Suitable for children kindergarten age and up
Wednesdays * Orr's Island Library * 10:00–11:00 a.m.
Programs are **FREE** and last about one hour

July 4:
Celebrate the 4th of July family style! No kids' program today.

July 11:
The Chewonki Foundation presents
Owls of Maine
Learn habits and adaptations. Identify characteristics and calls. Three live owls will be on hand for inspection.

July 18:
The Chewonki Foundation presents
Fur, Feathers and Feet
An introduction to birds and mammals. Costumes and specimens show special adaptations. Chewonki's Mallard Duck and a surprise mammal will delight young and old!

For more information about these programs, please call 207.833.7811

July 25:
Conjuring Carroll
Carroll Chapmen returns to amaze and delight with his blend of magic and instructional lessons for young readers.

August 1:
Hula Hoop Mania
returning to the Annual Book Sale & Fair. Amanda supplies the hoops, or bring your own. Held at the Children's Tent. Other games and events available until 2:00 P.M.

Watch for Otto the Moose, who is returning to this year's Book Sale & Fair.



At Home or on Vacation

Hey kids! Build a better world, one book at a time. If you like baseball and you like to read, here's a fabulous opportunity to enjoy both this summer! The Orr's Island Library, partnering with the Portland Sea Dogs, is offering free, general-admission game vouchers to all children who register for our **Summer Reading Program**. All children can participate—independent readers and those who are read to. Vouchers available while supplies last. Sign up TODAY!

Summer Reading Program

BUILD A BETTER WORLD

PORTLAND Sea Dogs

Get In The Game. READ!

Martha's Window



After a winter that lingered well past its welcome and March hill was truly steep, I see that April rain has painted yard and field with newborn green and tree-tops with that ethereal rosy hue. Spring with its first heron, first crocus, first birdsong has finally arrived to grace our days. One season ends and another begins.

Soon the dainty bells of lily of the valley will ring out their heady scent. Soon ribbons of sunlight will spool across the meadow, and angel-hair clouds will drift slowly aloft. The resident catbird, that charming trickster, will mimic the calls of other birds from his post in the garden.

I look forward to the long light of summer, rich with blooming and the gathering of family and friends, living outwardly as if time were not finite. But these miraculous days will pass, as always, though I ask them to slow and stay.

So we bid welcome and farewell to each season of earth and the heart, as we do to those we love.

“ibraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life.”

Sidney Sheldon

Was there a *shred* of evidence that a *mystery* was afoot?

Saturday, May 19th dawned bright and beautiful following threatening weather the week before! The library's Annual Paper Shredding



Photo by Daniel Hoebeke

The Orr's Island Library held its annual Shredding Event and Bake Sale on May 19th. Looking over this display of goodies, who could resist such temptation while waiting to shred their personal documents? Based on the empty containers at the end of the sale, no one!

Day began at 8:30 a.m. with local folks bringing their fresh baked breads, muffins, pies and "Royal" scones (to celebrate the Royal Wedding Day, of course), to tempt the patrons waiting their turn to destroy unwanted personal documents. And tempt they did! We raised our best bake sale proceeds in four years!

collected in 2017 to 21 bins, our biggest haul yet! Thanks to our donor and to those who shredded truck loads of paper, keeping it out of the landfills.

While shredding and the bake sale were in full swing, people, from as far away as Brunswick (don'cha know), were mysteriously mixing with the "locals" around the Library.



Wooden "Croquet" sculpture by Forest Walker Orr, part of the Orr's Island Library collection.

It seems the **Pejepscot Historical Society Hidden**

Mystery Tour was also underway. The Orr's Island Library, the Old Orr's Island Meeting House and Orr's Island Cemetery harbored some of the "hidden historical mysteries" included in the 12-stop tour beginning in Brunswick.

More than 25 adults and children travelled 12 miles down Route 24, to view these sights. The tour was designed to highlight some unknown mystery items, e.g. the library's wall-size 1888

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Orr's Island Library hosted its annual shredding event and bake sale. It was also a featured stop on the Pejepscot Historical Society Hidden History Tour. Enjoying the tour stop are (L to R) Mariah Richards, Tamara Watson and Michele Richards.

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“Orr’s Island Bridge” painting by Norris Edgar Card (see “The Dust Jacket” Summer 2016 issue for details). Also on display, and the image used on the historical society’s website, was the wooden “Croquet” sculpture by Forrest Walker Orr from the library’s collection. Later that afternoon, Larissa Vigue Picard, the executive director of Pejepscot Historical Society, e-mailed us that one child had said, at the end of the tour, that her favorite site was the Orr’s Island Library, the bridge painting, and the hidden signature.

Recent tax law changes and charitable giving

If you feel confused about the most recent tax law, you are not alone!

True, fewer people will be itemizing deductions, but others may still find the charitable deduction works for them.

Other benefits of charitable giving remain unchanged. Gifts of stock remain valuable because you still avoid capital gains taxes on those gifts. And direct gifts from your IRA (if you are over 70-1/2) are not included in your gross income.

Regardless of the tax benefits, the main reason you give—to have an impact on your life and those of others—remains. Now more than ever, charities such as the Orr’s Island Library need your support.

The gift that keeps on giving

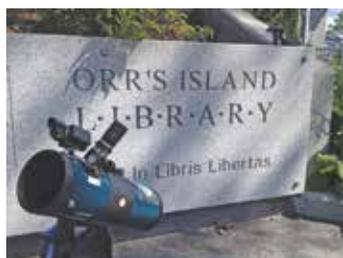
It’s raining. The yard work must wait, and the idea of going out to run errands is unappealing. It’s great weather to curl up with a good book.

The Orr’s Island Library is a great place to find that book, or to get a recommendation if nothing immediately comes to mind. Perhaps you’ll work on the puzzle while you’re there or have one of those easy conversations that seem to spring up out of nowhere.

Keeping the library running smoothly doesn’t happen automatically. We are gratified for our many volunteers, but we also rely on the generosity of many people, like you, who provide the funds to support all of our programs.

Whether you call the area home year-round, or occasionally return for the beauty and relaxing pace of life, you are part of the Orr’s Island Library family. All gifts matter, regardless of amount. Thanks again, we appreciate your support.

Dan Hoebeker



The library has 2 Orion Night Telescopes ready to loan. With our dark skies away from the city lights, a summer star-gazing party at your home would be a fun family event. FMI call 833-7811.

“If truth is beauty, how come no one has their hair done in the library?”

Lily Tomlin

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Time to celebrate again at our annual

BOOK SALE & FAIR

(RAIN OR SHINE!)

August 1 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

at Sylvester Field, Lowell's Cove on Orr's Island

BOOKS ♦ CDS ♦ DVDS ♦ PUZZLES ♦ "WHITE ELEPHANT
ITEMS" ♦ HOMEMADE BAKED GOODIES ♦ YUMMY LUNCH
STUFF ♦ KIDS' GAMES ♦ HULA-HOOP MANIA ♦
AND OTHER ASSORTED ENTERTAINMENT.

**THE BOOK SALE CONTINUES THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
UNTIL ALL THE BOOKS ARE SOLD!**

*Don't miss out on this once-a-year opportunity to have lots of fun
and part with your \$\$\$ for a great cause!*