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

FALL 2019

OIL welcomes four new Board trustees

Four new trustees recently joined the Orr's Island Library Board. Please welcome: Margo Almeida, Sue Baker, Dana Eidsness, and Helen Kitchel.

MARGO ALMEIDA, originally from Ardsley, NY grew up in Massachusetts. She came to Maine, and Orr's Island in 1984 where she and her husband, John, built their first house on Blueberry Lane. She has two grown children, and three grandchildren. She worked as a Special Education teacher for 18 years in grades K through 5.

In 1998 the Almeidas sold their home, and embarked on ten-year, around-the-world sailing trip, with lengthy stays in New Zealand, the Solomon Islands and the Azores.

Returning to Orr's Island in 2008, John and Margo built their second house on Blueberry Lane where they now reside.

Margo enjoys writing and knitting, an interest that she took up on the trip. Her interest in writing came naturally, born out of the constant journaling she did on their global adventure, where she captured the spirit of the places they went, but also her feelings about them. She is

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Annual Fund Appeal

The "gratitude attitude" at OIL

As we approach the "Season of Giving Thanks", ask yourself, "What am I grateful for"? Blessings abound if you look for them, and the Orr's Island Library is no exception.

Some people say you can't get anything for free anymore. Folks love to pursue a good bargain, especially if the bargain is free! If you believe that "the best things in life are free," then look no further than the Orr's Island Library for bargains galore! OIL happens to offer quite a few of life's "best things":

Free document shredding (our spring event)

Free children's programming

Free First Thursday adult programming

Free Wi-Fi

Free personal computing and business center

Free space for community events

Free lending of books, DVDs, CDs and audio books

Free access to **Ancestry.com**

That's quite a list! But, no surprise, even some best things might come with an underlying cost.

These and other vital community services are only possible because of our supportive community. We are ever grateful to the Town of Harpswell, who provides us with a generous annual grant, and The Senter Fund, along with other thoughtful donors, provide funds to underwrite specific projects. We also raise money through our Book Sale & Fair, Yard Sale, assorted bake sales and Library memorabilia. With all that, a gap still remains.

You can help bridge that gap with a gift of any size. In a small community such as ours every gift has a major impact. Whether you have given before or are inspired by what you read here, please give generously, using the enclosed envelope, or securely online at: orrislandlibrary.org/giving. You are a valued member of our library family. Thank you for your support!

Dan Hoepeke, President

"The best things in life are really free. Love, honor, a noble mind. . . and my local library."

Beverly Tona

The Librarian's Desk

You came up the steps and in the door – on your left was a quilted wall hanging of the library – in front of you a china closet with memorabilia of Harpswell and you stopped to peer in – you turned left and saw two walls of DVDs and over 600 books on CD – and computers for you to use and a printer – you went into the main room and found the newest best sellers and wonderful corner of children's books

Mysteries? Just go back to the entry and straight ahead a wall of your favorite writers – sit and put in a piece in the puzzle – have a bit of candy from the basket – read the paper – enjoy chatting with a friend – if you had not guessed by now, you are at the Orr's Island Library. A very special place for all to enjoy.

Joanne Rogers

OOPS! Did you forget something?

Everybody forgets, sometimes. We forget our keys, cellphones, glasses and the list for the grocery store. Sometimes we even forget to return items we borrowed from the library.

When books/CDs/DVDs aren't returned, they aren't available for other patrons, and we often need to purchase replacements.

If the fine is holding you back, we'll waive it. If you're embarrassed, we promise not to take away your birthday. Use the book drop, if need be, but please understand our situation. We'd rather spend the money making the library a better place for everyone, including you.

Now where did I put my keys?

President's Message

"Really?" That's what our friends in San Francisco said when, two years ago, we told them we were retiring to Maine. You'll have to excuse them, though. Most have never been here.

My wife, Ellen, and I (along with children and grandchildren)

have been annual summer visitors for more than 30 years—almost always coinciding with the Book Sale & Fair. We simply love this place. So when the opportunity came to retire here, we didn't give it a second thought.

Becoming president of the library wasn't a goal of mine (especially following in John Webster's footsteps), but I take on the responsibility with gratitude.

To begin with, my aunt, Billie



Metzger was a former president. So she is probably looking down at me from somewhere, proud that I'm adding to a family tradition and hoping that I don't mess things up too badly.

I am grateful to be part of an amazing community resource. Institutions do not last and thrive for more than 100 years without doing things right and being

responsive to changing needs.

I am grateful to the Town of Harpswell for recognizing the library's value with annual funding grants.

Finally, I am thankful for you and what you represent. The Orr's Island Library will continue to provide learning, inspiration, camaraderie and personal friendships as long as our community—permanent residents and visitors alike—shares their resources, time and good wishes.

Dan Hoebeke

Farewell and Thank you, John!

When John Webster moved to Orr's Island, I'm sure he had no idea how profound his impact would be on the Library.

In his more than ten years on the Board, John assumed a variety of roles. Most recently, as both president and treasurer, John met those challenges head on, quite successfully. He led by example, and if a job needed to be done, John made sure it was accomplished.

Perhaps John's greatest legacy is the library renovation that was financed and built while he was

president. Much needed space was added and beautifully renovated, and he was instrumental in seeing the library become fully ADA compliant.

At John's farewell party in September, he noted what a joy it was to see the library grow and thrive, a joy that all who knew him share.

John has moved back to North Carolina to begin a new chapter in his life. He will be missed and remembered fondly.

Martha's Window

Almost overnight my window reveals the incisive light of autumn limning a feast of color. The trees have given up green and taken fire. Ready or not, change is here.

Summer slipped away quietly, leaving in memory the lush blooming of peony, lily, and rose. In exchange, nature offers goldenrod, hydrangea, and towering sunchoke. Instead of warm sea scent the cooling air carries swarms of dragonflies and the gossamer fluff of milkweed. Monarchs drift across the meadow, replacing the butterflies of summer. Change is everywhere.

In the house a warming blanket now covers the bed, replacing a thin quilt my mother made. My feet, no longer bare or in sandals, wear socks and clogs. I enjoy warm cider and hot chili instead of watermelon and homemade lemon sherbet. The cat curls up in a pool of sunlight, no longer seeking the cool air of an open window. More changes.

When the grandeur of fall flames out, I will cede to this season's end and look forward. Change is unchanging. Inhabit the hour, the day, the season at hand. Embrace it with a willing heart.

We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future.

George Bernard Shaw

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currently working on a book that collects and narrates the most meaningful encounters of those sailing years.

SUE BAKER, a native of Woonsocket, RI, describes herself as a "third generation summerer" on Orr's Island throughout her childhood, and young adulthood. She moved to Orr's Island permanently in 1969 when she married her husband, Stan. Sue has one grown child, and a granddaughter.

Prior to moving to Maine, she worked as Executive Assistant to the Chief of Medicine at Children's Hospital in Boston. Once in Maine, she worked at Sweetser for thirty-five years, both in the Mental Health and Medical Records fields.

Sue enjoys gardening, knitting, and reading, and she is the organist at the Episcopal Chapel. She is a dedicated member of the Orr's Bailey Yacht Club, where she has served as Commodore. Currently she is on the board of the OBYC, and is one of the four "quad-chairs" of the Abbot Fletcher Sailing School. Sue is also no stranger to the Orr's Island Library Board, having served several terms in the past, dating back to 1969, when she served as Secretary and Treasurer.

DANA EIDSNESS was born in Lowell, MA but grew up in Maine where she lived on Peaks Island and in Portland. Today, Dana and her husband live on Orr's Island with their two daughters, ages 12 and 17. Dana runs the Maine North Atlantic Development Office for the State of Maine, and works at the Maine International Trade Center in Portland. In her work, Dana develops trade, investment and collaborative activities between Maine, the North Atlantic and High North regions. She also ensures that Maine is included in conversations regarding the future of the Arctic.

Dana enjoys hiking, reading, painting, gardening, and is a self-described "crazy" fan of live music. She and her husband enjoy cooking and entertaining together.

HELEN KITCHEL comes from Media, PA. She began summering on Orr's Island in 1950 in the family cottage built in 1894. Helen has early memories of attending the Book Sale & Fair as a child, (then known as the "Library Fair") and her mother, Katherine, served on the Board of the Library. Helen settled on Orr's Island permanently in 2015.

Helen spent a forty-year career as a Reading Recovery Teacher in the first and second grades, initially in Middlebury, VT, and then in Sanford, ME. Reading Recovery is an intense one-on-one tutoring program for at-risk students. She is currently working seasonally at L.L. Bean. Helen has a passion for reading and teaching young children to read. She loves outdoor activities such as kayaking and swimming. Helen has a Golden Doodle named Fenway, which reflects her love of baseball—first as a Phillies fan in her PA days, and now as a Red Sox fan.

Welcome Margo, Sue, Dana and Helen to the Orr's Island Library Board. We look forward to tapping your energy and wealth of creativity, skills and talents to forge a promising future for the Library in our community.

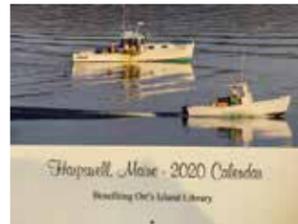
In case you didn't know...



Five-star TripAdvisor review!

[OIL is a] "Delightful village library!"

"If you love finding great local places with history, check out this well-stocked, attractive small library and chat with its informative librarian Joanne Rogers. Comfy chairs, local décor and a main room built in the early 1900s. A great place to while away some quiet time on a hot or rainy day."



The perfect Christmas gift!

Give a calendar! The 2020 Harpswell Maine Calendar is now available. This 8-1/2 x 11 calendar on solid paper stock contains 12 stunning photos of Harpswell. All proceeds benefit the library. The cost is \$20.00 at the library or \$23.00 when mailed to you.



amazon smile

Here is an easy way to support the library. . . and it costs you nothing!

Instead of logging directly onto Amazon, go to smile.amazon.com. On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you are prompted to select a charitable organization from the list of eligible organizations. Yes, the Orr's Island Library is there! With every purchase, the library receives a portion of what you paid. It's as simple as that.



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The Library made some changes recently. If you're looking for your favorite Mystery Section, just peek around the corner to your right, once you enter the building. Mystery(ies) solved!

Gifts to secure the future: Will, Trust or IRA distribution

The Orr's Island Library has been serving the community for well over 100 years, thanks to a combination of visionary leadership and generous supporters.

As a "family member" of the Library, through your constant support and personal usage, you can ensure that the Library and all it offers can continue to provide knowledge, entertainment and a place to socialize for future generations.

There are several avenues from which you can choose. For example, your will or trust, or an IRA distribution.

Regarding the IRA choice, even with the most recent tax changes, there are still ways to make a gift that provide a tax benefit. If you are over 70^{1/2}, you already know that there is an annual "required minimum distribution". If you direct your plan administrator to make the distribution directly to a qualifying charity, you will owe no tax on the distribution. The requirements are minimal, but they are specific. For more information on these "charitable IRA rollovers, please email giveorrslibrary@gmail.com.

We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.
Winston Churchill

Explore the Stacks



BOOKS

NEW FICTION

- "GINGERBREAD" – HELEN OYEYEMI
- "A BETTER MAN" – LOUISE PENNY
- "ONE GOOD DEED" – DAVID BALDACCI
- "THE CHAIN" – ADRIAN MCKINTY
- "THE CHESTNUT MAN" – SOREN SVEIRSTRUP
- "COLD STORAGE" – DAVID KOEPP
- "WOLF PACK" – C.J. BOX
- "BACKLASH" – BRAD THOR
- "LABYRINTH" – CATHERINE COULTER
- "THE TESTAMENTS" – MARGARET ATWOOD
- "THE INSTITUTE" – STEVEN KING

NEW NON-FICTION

- "REVOLUTION SONG" – RUSSELL SHORTS
- "THE MASTERMIND" – EVAN RATLIFF
- "TALKING TO STRANGERS" – MALCOLM GLADWELL
- "THE SECOND MOUNTAIN" – DAVID BROOKE
- "COUSINS MAINE LOBSTER" – TSELIKIS/LOMAC
- "THE LAST WHALERS" – DOUG BOCK CLARK
- "MAID" – STEPHANIE LAND



NEW DVDS

- CORALINE • WILD ROSE • XMEN: DARK PHOENIX • THE GRUFFALO
- YESTERDAY • BOOKSMART • A DOG'S JOURNEY • LOCAL HERO



OIL's open-for-business center

Do you need to check your email, scan a copy of a document, or do research on the internet? Well now you can, locally, conveniently and in the warm, homelike atmosphere of the library.

OIL is excited about its full-service Business Center, providing the essentials to get some work done without leaving the islands.

The Center comprises two computer stations for surfing the Internet, checking your e-mail, or indulging your more creative whims using the suite of Adobe Creative Cloud software (InDesign, Photoshop, Lightroom, Adobe Acrobat, and Dreamweaver), for curious beginners and aspiring artists/designers. Also, the computers are connected to both black & white and color printers.

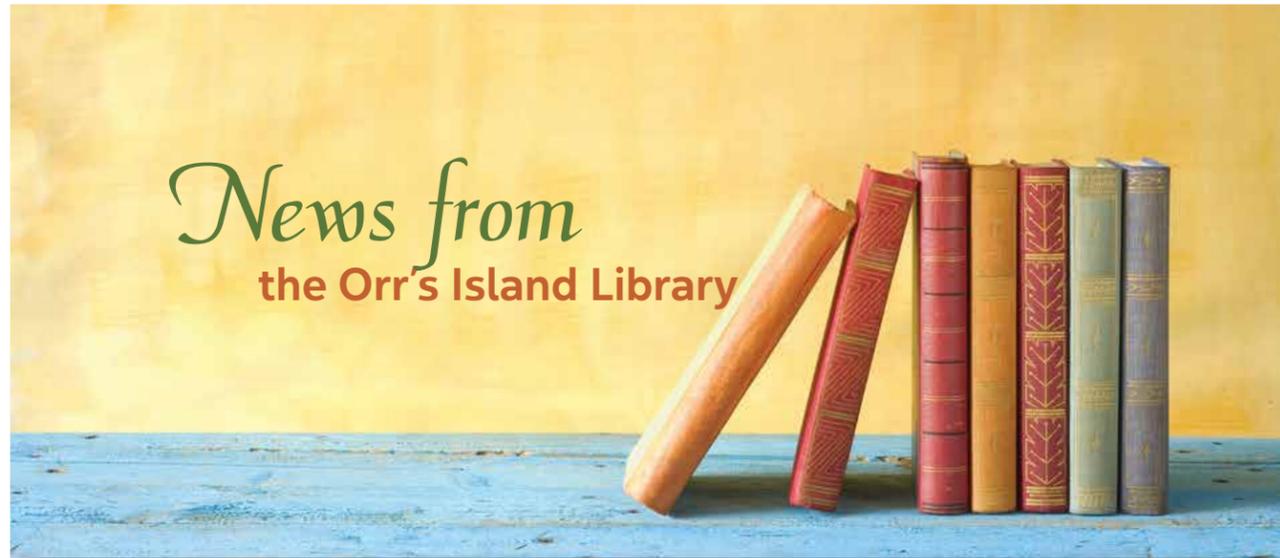
The Center also includes a copy machine, which will save you a 24-mile round trip to town for that one or two copies you need.

Don't forget the **free** WiFi, inside or out of the library walls!

What a deal, and you thought we were just a library!



". . . careful what you wish for, it might come true". How many times have OIL patrons wished they didn't have to go **all the way** to town to make one copy of an important paper, or quickly look up something on a computer (they don't have at home), or play with creative ideas (they don't have the design or artsy software)? OIL to the rescue! Now patrons can do **all those things** at their neighborhood library. Yes, folks, the Business Center is here, up and running! With additional free WiFi access, what more could you wish for?



Children's summer programs put the "fun" back in summer

Once again this year, July meant children's programs at the library. Every Wednesday, many local children and summer visitors convened for a morning of interactive activities. Kicking off the season was *"Pirates on Parade"*. In conjunction with Maine State Music Theatre's production of *"Treasure Island"*, a Pirate Costume Parade was held on the library lawn. Many kids came dressed as pirates and enjoyed games, prizes, and treats. Some even walked the plank! Each child received an eye patch and a tattoo. The Island Candy Company provided free ice cream cones. Many thanks to Melinda Richter!

Other highlights included presentations by the Chewonki Foundation. *"The Bugmobile"* included models, costumes and live arthropods! Children learned about animal adaptations for survival such as mimicry, camouflage, armor and the use of venom.

"Fur Feathers and Feet" was an introduction to birds and mammals. Costumes and specimens showed special adaptations. As an added bonus, Chewonki's Mallard Duck made a surprise appearance.

Children are an integral part of the library's programming. Through these summer activities, they are learning that the library, and especially the children's section, is a fun place to be—to read, do puzzles, and maybe play with the stuffed animals.

The Annual Book Sale – an outstanding success

For more years than many of us can count, the first Wednesday in August heralded the Library's Annual Book Sale & Fair. This year didn't disappoint. Jack Sylvester, again, graciously allowed us to use his field by Lowell's Cove, the ever prime location.

Thousands of books, DVDs, CDs, "white elephant" items and more found new homes and eager bargain hunters. Children enjoyed games and face painting, and of course, there was food—delicious baked goods from our talented volunteer "chefs", and freshly cooked hamburgers and hot dogs by our grillmasters.

This annual event, perhaps more than any other, makes us thankful for our many stalwart volunteers. Volunteers are the heart and soul of any thriving nonprofit. We love them all.

Common Good Day

On a beautiful September Saturday, five seniors from Bowdoin College arrived with broad smiles and strong backs to work at the library. *Common Good Day* is an annual Bowdoin event when student volunteers give back to the community.

The students set to work eagerly and, among their accomplishments, emptied and helped reorganize our two storage sheds. Following a few hours of hard work, they were treated to ice cream cones at the Island Candy Company.

Bargains galore at Loongest Yard Sale

Folks came from near and far (don't ya know) to shop at the Library's annual Fall event on Labor Day weekend. Twenty-nine tables set up on the front lawn of the library as buyers and sellers wheeled and dealed. Others simply came for the food, no surprise! Tempting baked goods, prepared by talented local residents, quickly disappeared. And if you missed getting Craig Sipe's famous chili, well, there's always next year!

First Thursdays

What do the space shuttle, Maine State Music Theater, growing mushrooms and Harpswell history have in common? They were four of the engaging topics in this year's *"First Thursdays"* programs held monthly at the library.

When the library's 43" smart TV is connected to a presenter's computer the presentations come through as crisp, easy-to-read illustrations.

We are currently putting together the schedule for next year but there are still a few openings. If you have ideas for presentations, please let us know!

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth."

Mohammed Ali

Have you been to any of these Library events?

If not, you're missing out on a lot of fun, socializing with your neighbors, meeting new friends, learning new stuff!



These are just a few of the events hosted by OIL each year.

- *Upper Left*--Our famous Book Sale & Fair held in August. Books, CDs, DVDs, "white elephant" items and great food abound to tempt bargain hunters.
- *Next below*--YUM! While enjoying all that the Book Sale & Fair have to offer, you can take a "lunch break" and enjoy great food.
- *Middle photo*--OIL & Without a Trace provide a Shredding Event where folks can bring any personal papers that need to be shredded. And don't miss the Bake Sale too!
- *Bottom photo*--The Longest Yard Sale, held around Labor Day weekend. Folks rent tables & bring their sundries to sell. What bargains!
- *Above*--Curt Dale Clark, Artistic Director of Maine State Music Theatre, visits OIL every summer to promote the season's latest shows. Sometimes he brings a friend! Fabulous entertainment!!

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