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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, January 7
Snowmen crafts 4pm

Wednesday, January 8
Lego fun 4pm

Tuesday, January 14
Story time w/ Ms. Jenn 10:30am
Dreamcatcher crafts 4pm
Lakes Region Forum w/ Wesley McNair

Wednesday, January 15
Lego fun 4pm
Bailey Title Waves 6:00pm

Tuesday, January 21
Penguin crafts 4pm

Wednesday, January 22
Kids Yoga 10:30am
Lego fun 4pm

Tuesday, January 28
Music time w/ Buster B. 10:30am
Chinese New Year crafts 4pm

Wednesday, January 29
Lego fun 4pm



WESLEY MCNAIR
BAILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
TUES. JAN 14 AT 6:30PM

From the Desk of Mary Jane Auns



The past year was a great one for the Bailey Public Library and the *Expanding Our Boundaries* Capital Campaign. Total gifts and pledges for the building expansion now stand at more than \$700,000 toward our \$1.35 million goal. We are looking forward to the coming year and being able to complete our fundraising and begin construction.

Among our many generous donors are several local businesses. These business owners understand the value that the library brings to the community. As Robin Struck of D.R. Struck Landscape Nursery summed up, "The library is attractive to people looking to purchase real estate in town, summer residents take advantage of the services and programming, and people from neighboring communities without a library are drawn to Winthrop. It's good for families, it's good for the community, and it's good for business."

Gifts to the library campaign can be pledged and paid over a period of three years. If you or someone you know would like more information about the campaign, please contact me at mjauns@fairpoint.net or 377-6142. I am happy to talk with anyone who has questions about the library expansion project and the opportunities to support the campaign.



Literary Favorites



NEW BOOK COMING SOON: *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd

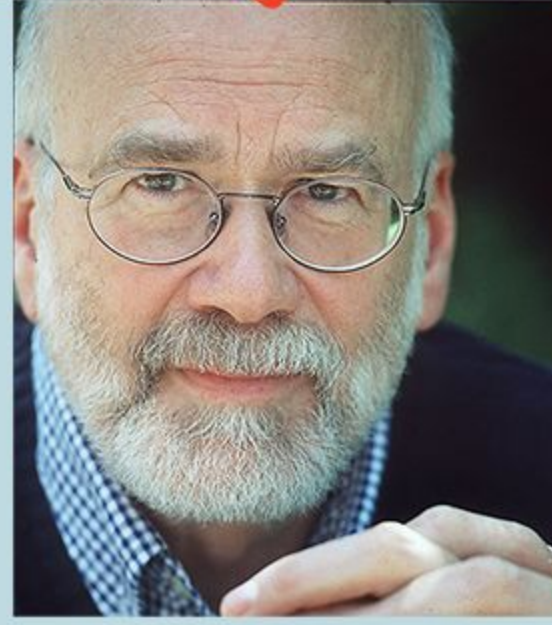
Kidd hits her stride and avoids sentimental revisionism with this historical novel about the relationship between a slave and the daughter of slave owners in antebellum Charleston. Sarah Grimké was an actual early abolitionist and feminist whose upbringing in a slaveholding Southern family made her voice particularly controversial. Kidd re-imagines Sarah's life in tandem with that of a slave in the Grimké household.

Told in first person, the chapters alternate between the two main characters' perspectives, as we follow their unlikely friendship from childhood to middle age. While their pain and struggle cannot be equated, both women strive to be set free --Sarah from the bonds of patriarchy and Southern bigotry, and Handful from the inhuman bonds of slavery. Kidd is a master storyteller, and with smooth and graceful prose, she immerses the reader in the lives of these fascinating women as they navigate religion, family drama, slave revolts, and the abolitionist movement.

Kidd's portrait of white slave-owning Southerners is all the more harrowing for showing them as morally complicated, giving Handful the dignity of being not simply a victim, but a strong, imperfect woman.

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Lakes Region Forum



Maine's Poet Laureate Wesley McNair will speak at the library on Tuesday, January 14th at 6:30pm. McNair will discuss his new memoir, "The Words I Chose," which will include selective readings.

McNair has an extensive and distinguished career. He is the recipient of fellowships from the Rockefeller, Fulbright, and Guggenheim Foundations; a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship in Literature; two National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships for Creative Writers; and in 2006, a United States Artists Fellowship, fifty of which were awarded to a selection of "America's finest living artists."

Following his talk and question and answer session, McNair will sign his book, which will be available for purchase from Apple Valley Books.

McNair has received multiple honors and has read his poetry at the Library of Congress, as well as a wide range of colleges and universities. A television series on Robert Frost, for which he wrote the scripts, aired on affiliates of PBS and received an Emmy Award. He has received three honorary degrees for literary distinction. He has appeared 14 times on Garrison Keillor's Writer's Almanac, in the Pushcart Prize Annual, in two editions of The Best American Poetry, and in over 60 anthologies and textbooks. He has served four times on the nominating committee for the Pulitzer Prize in Poetry.

The event, sponsored by the Friends of the Bailey Library, is free and open to the public.

Bailey's Most Wanted

Last Month's Most Requested Items

1. We Are Water by Wally Lamb
2. The Valley of Amazement by Amy Tan
3. Sycamore Row by John Grisham
4. The Signature of All Things by Elizabeth Gilbert
5. Allegiant by Veronica Roth
6. The Bully Pulpit by Doris Kearns Goodwin
7. The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt
8. Doctor Sleep by Stephen King
9. Cross My Heart by James Patterson
10. Takedown Twenty by Janet Evanovich



Notable Coming Soon

- A Star for Mrs. Blake by April Smith
- The Bird Skinner by Alice Greenway
- In the Blood by Lisa Unger
- The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd
- The Kept by James Scott
- Shovel Ready by Adam Sternbergh
- The Wind Is Not a River by Brian Payton

