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UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS TEMPORARILY AT THE
WINTHROP COMMERCE CENTER, 149 MAIN ST.
UNLESS NOTED

Wednesday, January 7
Prof. Smartyants 10:30am

Thursday, January 8
Story Time w/ Ms. Jenn

Monday, January 12
Trustee Meeting 6:30pm
-at Town Hall

Tuesday, January 20
Title Waves Book Group 6pm

Wednesday, January 21
Kids Yoga 10:30am

Tuesday, January 22
Music time w/ Buster B 10:30am

My Top 5 Books of 2014

BY SHANE BILLINGS



5. *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan. A High Court judge, Fiona Maye, finds her marriage disintegrating at the same time that she must try the most difficult proceedings of her career as a magistrate. A seventeen year old musical prodigy named Adam, a Jehovah's Witness, is refusing medical treatment on religious grounds. A powerful and controversial topic that is given a rich and layered treatment at the impeccable pen of Ian McEwan.

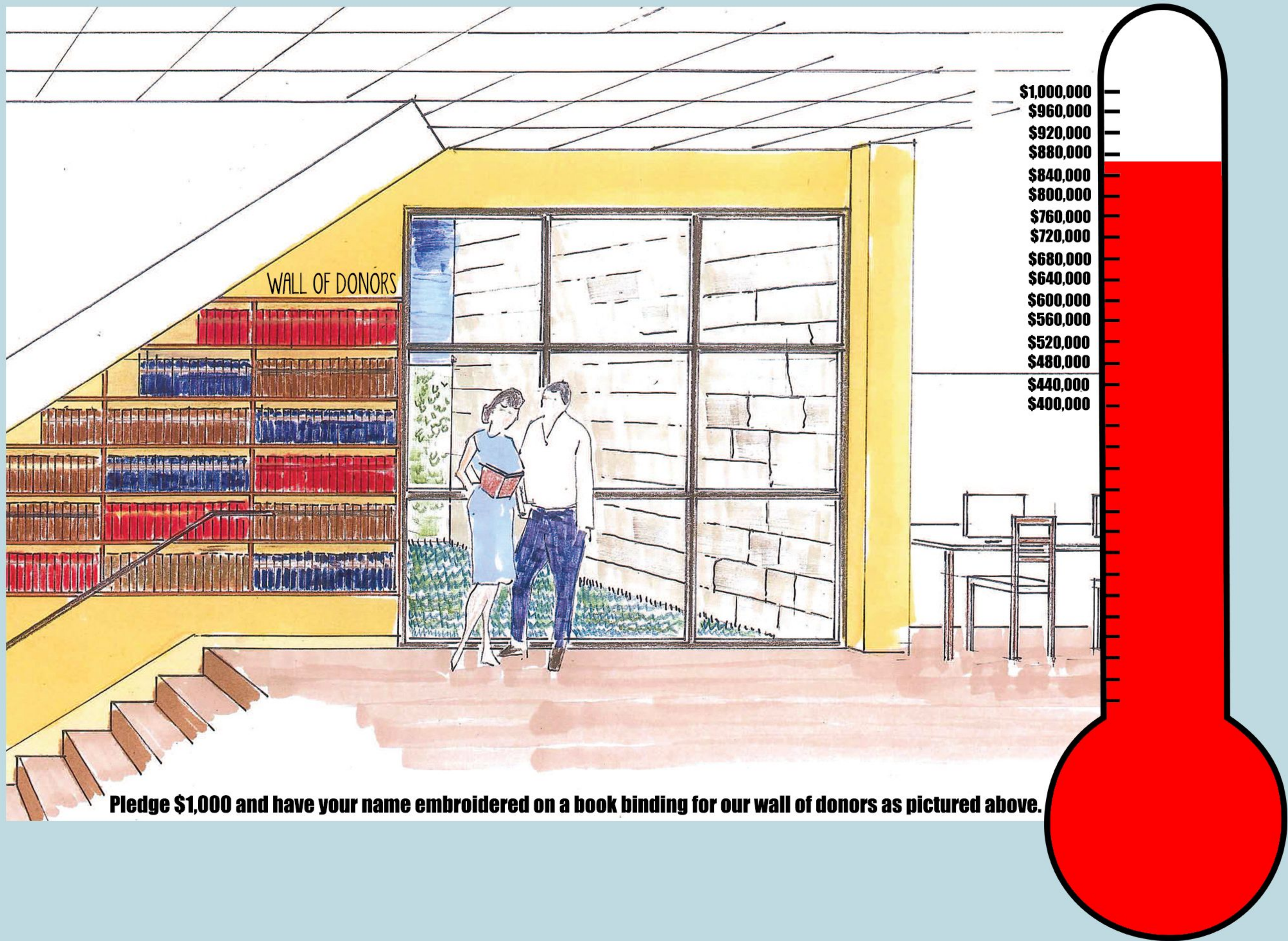
4. *The Assassination of Margaret Thatcher* by Hilary Mantel. Two time winner of the Booker Prize, Mantel turns her attention to the short story in this flawless collection. With elegantly drawn situations, intriguing characters, and some great surprise endings, it impressed me thoroughly in terms of both style and content.

3. *The Arsonist* by Sue Miller. This book was underrated by the critics in my opinion. Frankie returns home to New Hampshire after several years of relief work in Africa. Someone is setting fire to the homes of the summer people in the small town to which her parents have retired. Frankie starts an affair with the local newspaper reporter, as they try to track down the arsonist. Meanwhile, her father is sinking into the horrors of dementia, and her mother can no longer deal with him. Miller touches expertly on class warfare and the battle between the haves and have nots. The book fell flat for some readers. Several complained that Miller didn't wrap up the loose ends. I say, that's how life is.

2. *The Snow Queen* by Michael Cunningham. The story of four misfits in Manhattan: two thirtysomething brothers, a spunky middle aged shop owner, and a dying bride. I feel like Michael Cunningham understands who I am. I love his writing and his characters so very much; I feel their pain rather deeply. Another one that was overlooked by the critics in this busy year for books.

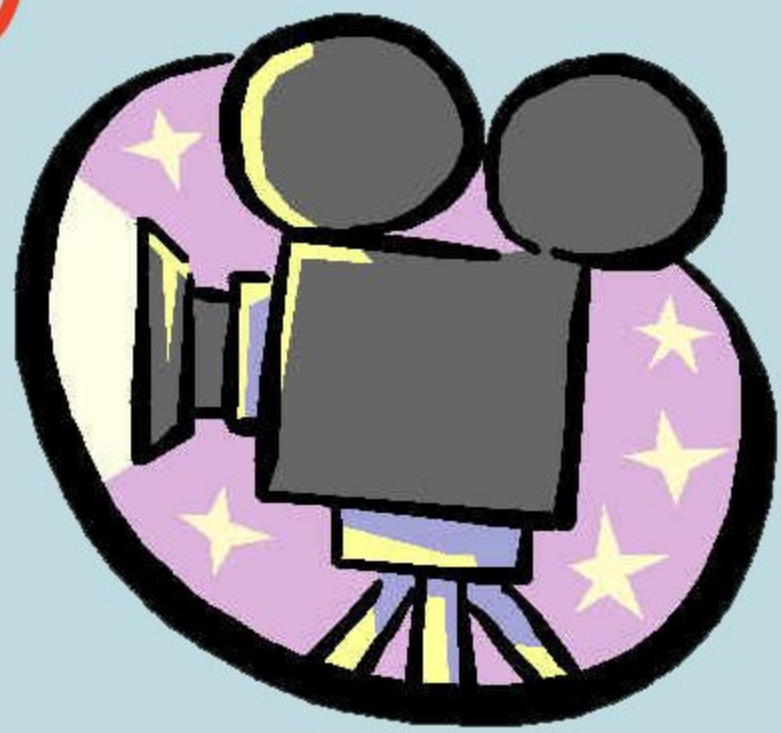
1. *Euphoria* by Lily King. This one was NOT overlooked! It's been on most of the critics' lists, and our own Maine gem Lily King won the first annual Kirkus Literary Prize for Fiction and 50,000 dollars with it. Based loosely on the life of legendary anthropologist Margaret Mead, the prose in *Euphoria* is cut like a diamond and sparkles just as brightly. Make no mistake, this is an unabashed love story as much as a historical novel, and what a tragic one it is. The ending will crush you, absolutely break your heart, and as for that final sentence: unbeatable. Fiction doesn't get any better than this. Recommended to all without reservation.

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Coming Soon in DVD



- Dawn of the Planet of the Apes directed by Matt Reeves
- Dolphin Tale 2 directed by Charles Martin Smith
- The Equalizer directed by Antoine Fuqua
- Frank directed by Lenny Abrahamson
- Guardians of the Galaxy directed by James Gunn
- The Hundred-Foot Journey directed by Lasse Hallström
- The Maze Runner directed by Wes Ball
- Pride directed by Matthew Warchus
- The Skeleton Twins directed by Craig Johnson
- The Trip to Italy directed by Michael Winterbottom

Book to Film

NEW DVD COMING SOON:

The Hundred-Foot Journey directed by Lasse Hallström



Chocolat director Lasse Halstrom serves up another delicious little treat in The Hundred-Foot Journey, an amiable adaptation of the Richard C Morais novel with a comforting conviction that even the bitterest of enemies can blossom into the best of friends. If only.

Warm sunshine, gorgeous picture postcard locations in the South of France and old pros such as Helen Mirren and Om Puri are the chief ingredients of this blandly unadventurous but still very enjoyable fare.

Lakes Region Forum: Helen Peppe



The library will host award winning writer and photographer Helen Peppe on Tuesday, January 13 at 6:30pm. All library events are being held at the temporary library location on the first floor of the Winthrop Commerce Center at 149 Main Street during construction of the addition to the historic Bowdoin Street building.

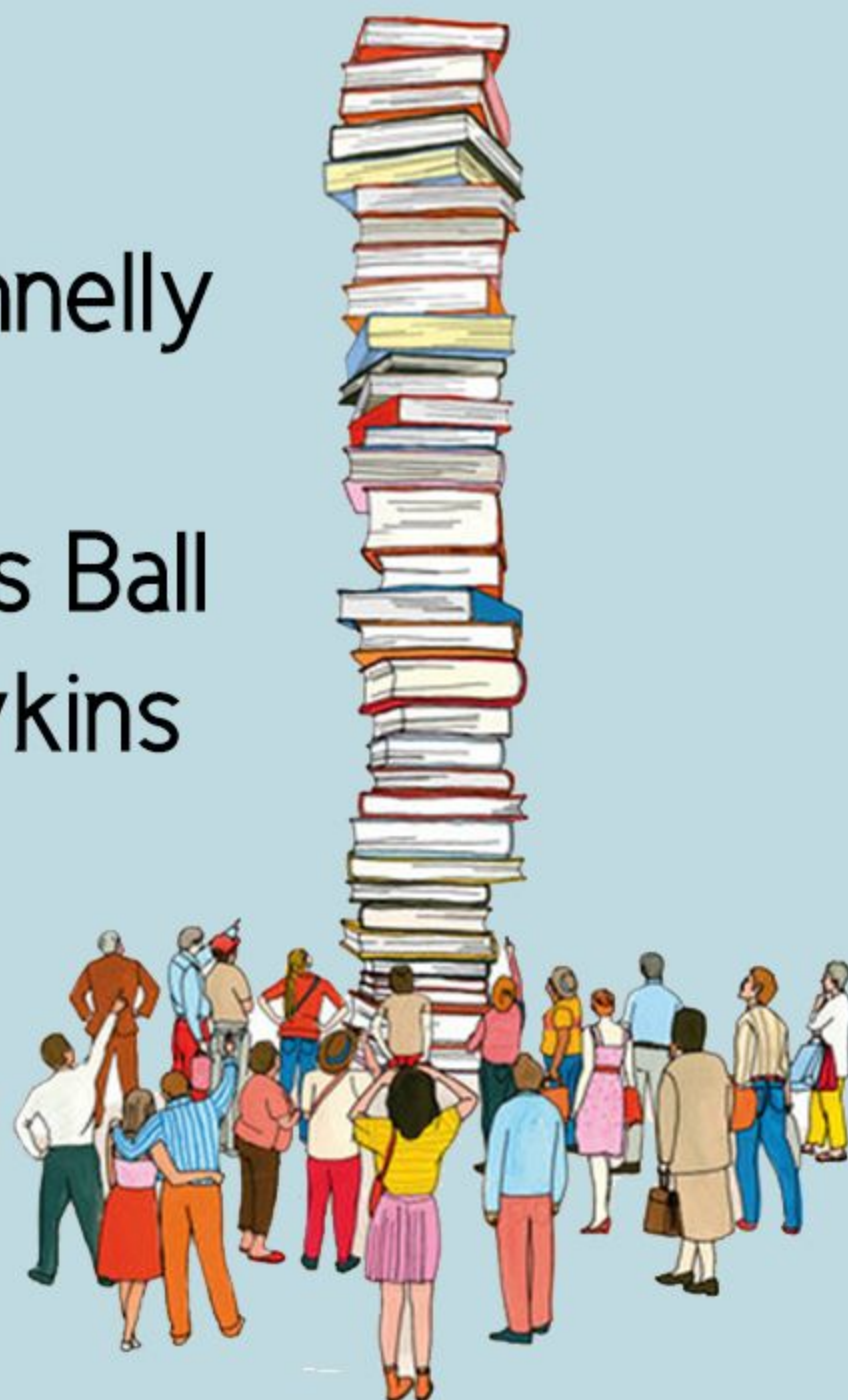
Helen's photography and written work have received numerous awards and recognition, including placing first in the 2009 Word Worth Essay and Fiction Contest, and The Starving Writer Literary contest twice. She was one of seven finalists for the 2011 Annie Dillard Creative Nonfiction Award, as well as a Maine Literary Award repeat finalist. She has an M.F.A. in creative writing from the Stonecoast Low-Residency MFA program at the University of Southern Maine, where she returns as an alumna to teach and photograph. Helen's new memoir, "Pigs Can't Swim," is a 2014 Indie Next List title. She is currently working on a teen novel and her second memoir, "Chasing the Light," which focuses on photography.

The event is free and open to the public. Apple Valley Books will have copies of Peppe's new biography for sale at the event. For more information, call the library at 207-377-8673.

Bailey's Most Wanted

Last Month's Most Requested Items

1. The Escape by David Baldacci
2. Being Mortal by Atul Gawande
3. Hope to Die by James Patterson
4. The Burning Room by Michael Connelly
5. Revival by Stephen King
6. The Maze Runner directed by Wes Ball
7. The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins
8. Killing Patton by Bill O'Reilly
9. All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
10. Gray Mountain by John Grisham



Notable Coming Soon

- The Bishop's Wife by Mette Ivie Harrison
Descent by Tim Johnston
The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins
The Magician's Lie by Greer Macallister
The Rosie Effect by Graeme Simsion
Vanessa and Her Sister by Priya Parmar

