

# BAILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, June 3  
Mr. Rob Music Time 10:30am

Monday, June 8  
Trustee Meeting 6:30pm

Tuesday, June 9  
Music Time w/ Buster B 10:30am

Friday, June 12  
Amphibians Explored Live Animals 2pm

Wednesday, June 17  
Kids Yoga 10:30am

Wednesday, June 17  
Community Read Discussion 6pm

Tuesday, June 23  
Story Hour w/ Ms. Jenn 10:30am

Tuesday, June 23  
Community Read Author Visit  
Eleanor Morse 6:30pm

Friday, June 26  
Rocks Rock! 2pm

Friday, June 26  
Library Camp In 6pm

# Charles M. Bailey Public Library is Officially Open

Guest Column by Trustee Laurie Graves via [www.hinterlands.me](http://www.hinterlands.me)



There! After a week of folderol and brouhaha, the new and improved Bailey Library is officially open. There was a ribbon cutting ceremony, with Sarah Fuller, the chair of the Winthrop Town Council, doing the honors. Before cutting the ribbon she quoted from Cicero: "A room without books is like a body without a soul." Hear, hear!

Edie Smith, from Senator Angus King's office, told a charming story of coming to Bailey Library as a young girl. She would find a book and read perched on the window sill in the reading room until Mrs. Dow, the head librarian, would say, "Edith Ann, it's time to go home."

After the ribbon cutting, people stayed to chat, admire the library, and check out books and DVDs. Many commented on the happy vibes that filled the library.

We were indeed all happy: the trustees and campaign volunteers who have worked so hard to raise the million dollars for the project; the library staff who have also worked hard to move the library from its temporary location and to make everything presentable for the opening; the patrons who now have an expanded library filled with light and oak shelves and plenty of room to sit and read.

We were all smiling, smiling, smiling.

My friend Margy Knight said, "We're so in love with libraries that people might think we're loony for libraries." Loony for libraries. Margy certainly got that right.

Later in the day...happy teens in the new teen section.



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# Library Chainsaw: W-h-o-o-o's Reading?

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On the last Wednesday of May, we had a chainsaw man—aka Dan Burns—come to Bailey Public Library. But don't worry—nothing was destroyed or cut down. Instead something beautiful and unique was created. Dan Burns, of Burns Bears, is not kidding when he calls himself a "Pro Chainsaw Carver." How Burns manages to coax various animals—bears, eagles, and in this case, owls for the library—out of stumps and branches will remain a mystery to most of us. But coax them he does, and Bailey Library now has a charming sculpture of three owls surrounded by books.

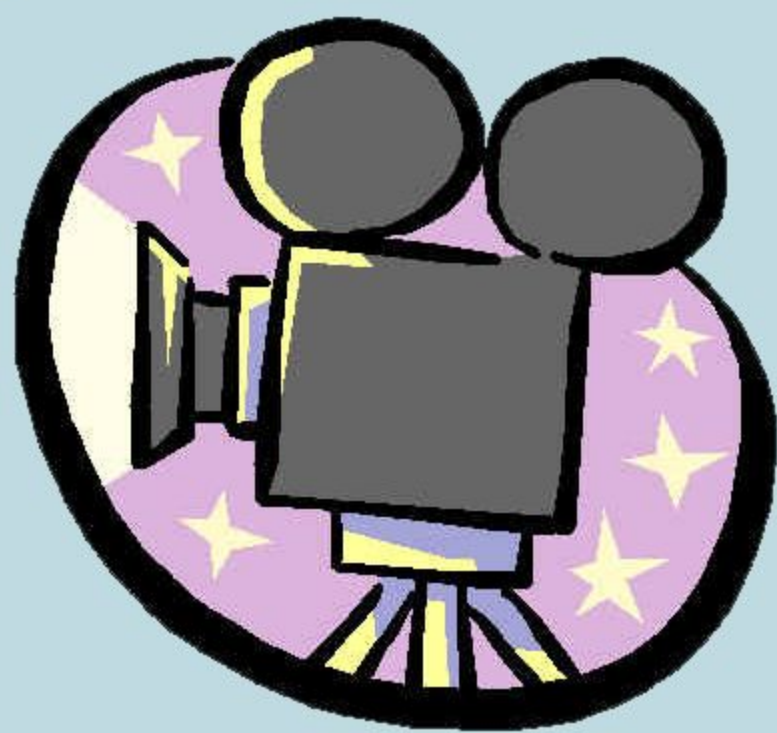
Burns brought the sculpture partially finished and added books, letters, numbers, and another owl. For two hours he took his chainsaw to the pine branch, used various flames to give the wood depth, and did a bit of spraying as well. The finishing touches were eyes for the three owls.

What a fine addition those owls will be in our newly expanded library. One more gem in a gem of a library.

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## Coming Soon in DVD

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The Babadook directed by Jennifer Kent

Big Eyes directed by Tim Burton

Cake directed by Daniel Barnz

Selma directed by Ava DuVernay

The Seven Five

directed by Yann Demange & Tiller Russell

Strange Magic directed by Gary Rydstrom

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## Book to Film

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NEW DVD AT THE LIBRARY:

The Homesman directed by Tommy Lee Jones



Jones stands out as a filmmaker (and as an actor) for being willing to tell this powerful story, despite the fact that it's not an easily marketable idea. One of the characters notes, "People like to talk about death and taxes but when it comes to crazy, they stay hushed up." Jones was willing to take on this subject, and a unique heroine, who was thrust into a task that she's oftentimes ill-prepared for. The Homesman is unrepentant, unrelenting and engrossing.

# Community Read: Eleanor Morse



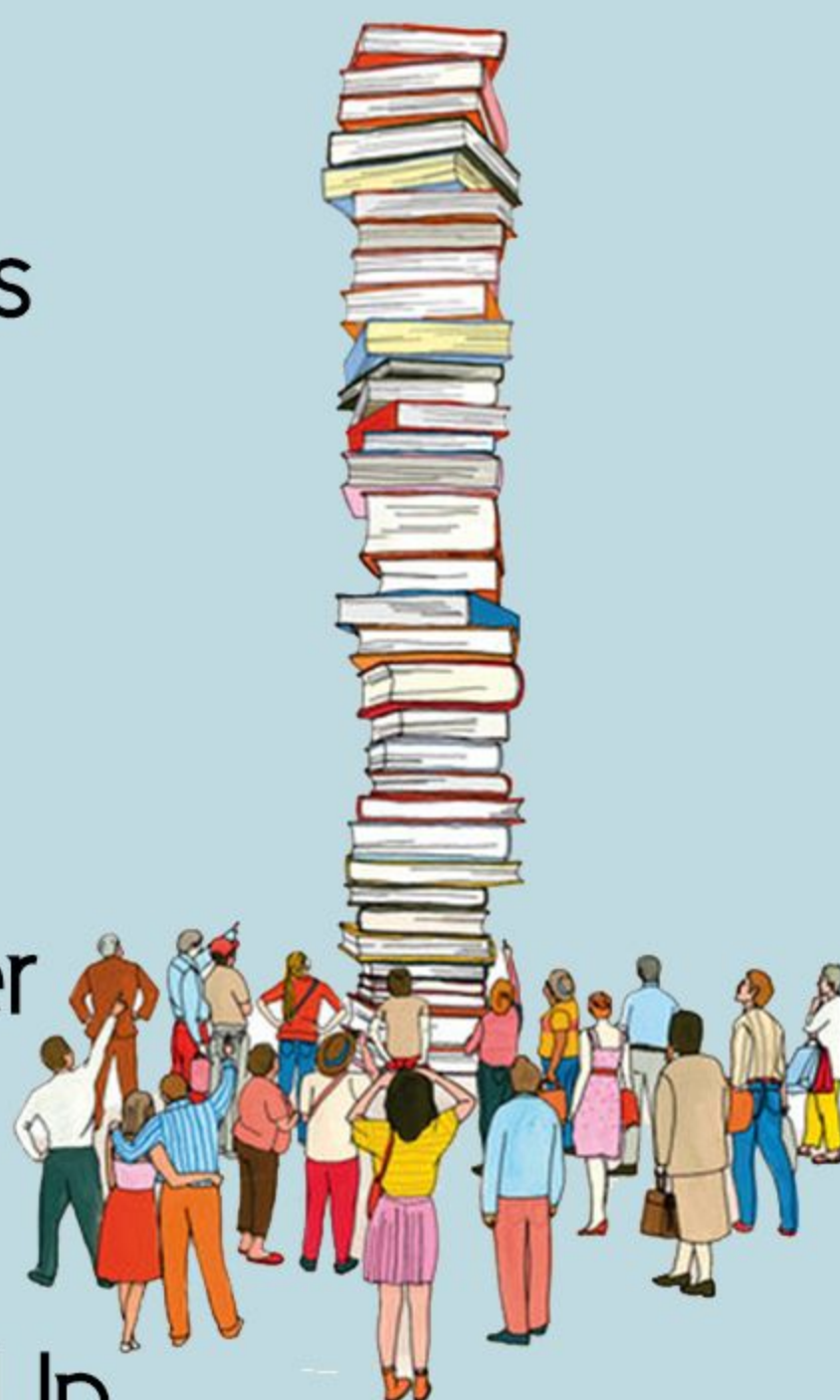
Critically acclaimed author Eleanor Morse will be reading from her new novel, "White Dog Fell from the Sky" on Tuesday, June 23 at 6:30pm. Adult Services Librarian Shane Billings will host a community discussion on the novel the week before Morse's talk on Wednesday, June 17 at 6:00pm. The story is set in 1977 and centers on Isaac Muthethe, a medical student who flees South Africa after military officials throw one of his peers under a train. Publisher's Weekly describes the book as an exploration of "the strength of friendship" and "the bonds of love." The book was a must read pick from Oprah Winfrey, who described the novel as "tense and heartfelt."

Morse has an MFA in creative writing and is also the author of the award winning novel, "Enchanted Forest." In "White Dog Fell from the Sky," Morse draws on her experience of living in southern Africa for a number of years. Morse, who resides on Peaks Island, has taught in adult education programs, prisons, and university systems, both in Maine and Africa.

## Bailey's Most Wanted

### Last Month's Most Requested Items

1. White Dog Fell from the Sky by Eleanor Morse
2. The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins
3. All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
4. Memory Man by David Baldacci
5. The Precipice by Paul Doiron
6. A Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler
7. The Imitation Game directed by Morten Tyldum
8. The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up by Marie Kondo
9. The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah
10. 14th Deadly Sin by James Patterson



## Notable Coming Soon

- Bitter Bronx by Jerome Charyn
- Finders Keepers by Stephen King
- The Long Utopia by Terry Pratchett
- Our Souls at Night by Kent Haruf
- The Rumor by Elin Hilderbrand

