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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 3
Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 4
Mandala pin craft 3:30pm

Wednesday, September 5
Bailey Yoga Night 6pm
Story time 10:15am
Mr. Harley music time 10:30am
Lego Fun 3:30pm

Monday, September 10
Preschool playtime 10:30am

Tuesday, September 11
Paper bag scarecrow craft 3:30pm

Wednesday, September 12
Kids Yoga Hour 10:30am
Lego Fun 3:30pm

Monday, September 17
Preschool playtime 10:30am

Tuesday, September 18
Leaf rubbing craft 3:30pm

Wednesday, September 19
Story time 10:15am
Mr. Harley music time 10:30am
Lego Fun 3:30pm
Bailey Title Waves 6pm

Saturday, September 22
Poetry Hour w/ Claire Hersom 10:30am

Monday, September 24
Preschool playtime 10:30am

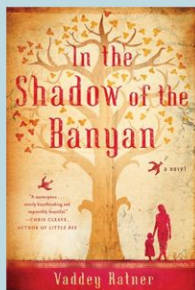
Tuesday, September 25
Foam pencil craft 3:30pm

Wednesday, September 26
Mr. Harley Farewell Party 10:30am
Lego Fun 3:30PM

Debut Author Snapshot

NEW BOOK AT THE LIBRARY:

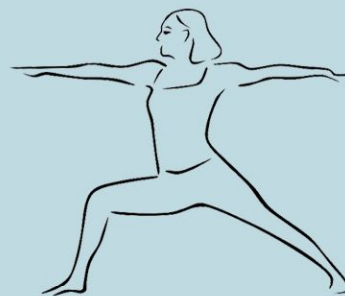
In the Shadow of the Banyan
by Vaddey Ratner



When the Khmer Rouge took control of her homeland in 1975, Cambodian author Vaddey Ratner was merely a child. She now fictionalizes her extraordinary story of survival in her debut novel. Seven-year-old protagonist Raami, the privileged daughter of a prince, sees her family split apart by the ruling party's radical policies and witnesses the horror of the killing fields. This novel traces the footsteps of the author's own family as they fled Phnom Penh for the countryside.

Ratner arrived in the U.S. as a refugee not knowing English and, in 1990, went on to graduate as her high school class valedictorian. She is a summa cum laude graduate of Cornell University. In recent years she traveled and lived in Cambodia and Southeast Asia, writing and researching, which culminated in her debut novel.

Yoga for Kids and Adults!



We are excited to offer our monthly yoga program for another year. Thanks are extended to the Friends of the Library, for funding the program, which is free and open to the public. Suzanne Imbruno Cobb of Winthrop's Panacea Yoga Studios will be the new instructor. The class meets regularly on the first Wednesday of each month and runs from 6 to 7pm.

Suzanne states that "A lot of people are afraid to try yoga, but yoga is for everyone. I teach as though it's a class." She encourages people to drop by without reservation, regardless of skill level.

In related exciting news, the library will now offer a Children's Yoga hour with Suzanne as well. This interactive yoga session will incorporate music, stories, and nature poses into a fun and creative hour. Our first will be September 12th at 10:30am!

Screen It! New DVD at the library: 50/50 directed by Jonathan Levine



A brief movie review by Richard Fortin

The film follows Adam (Joseph Gordon-Levitt), a young public radio employee in Seattle, who goes to see the doctor with a sore back and leaves with a 50/50 chance of survival. The premise doesn't sound like a comedy, but it succeeds as one. The script revels in the unease, the tension, and the heartbreak that a potentially life-threatening diagnosis brings about, and finds a sensitive balance between comedy and tragedy.

The humor is (at times) unexpected, which serves to make Adam's diagnosis all the more jarring to the audience, and culminates in a scene that captures the patient's unfathomable fear. Levitt's performance is nuanced, deftly blending an unusual combination of moods, and thoroughly poignant.

Footnotes / / a column by Shane Billings

Book Review: *The Green Shore* by Natalie Bakopoulos

In her excellent debut novel, *The Green Shore*, Natalie Bakopoulos focuses on a pivotal period in the history of Greece, often referred to as The Greek Military Junta, or The Regime of the Colonels. In 1967, military leaders overthrew the government and instigated a dictatorship that lasted for seven years. During this time, many people were imprisoned, beaten, and threatened simply for their beliefs or political leanings.

What makes *The Green Shore* such a unique entry into the historical fiction genre is the author's choice to downplay the behind-the-scenes machinations of the coup d'état, and instead, to shine the spotlight on the everyday lives of Greek citizens. In fact, other than crucial scenes at the beginning and ending of the novel, Bakopoulos hardly refers to the military or the government other than in passing. Her point, perhaps, is that even in the darkest hours of a country's history, people must go on living. And thus she presents us with a cast of characters who do just that.

The story is divided primarily among Eleni, a widowed doctor; her eldest daughter, Sophie; youngest child Anna; and her brother, the poet Mihalís. Each character reacts to the dictatorship in different ways, whether by moving to Paris (Sophie), starting a clinic for the injured (Eleni), or turning inward to question his beliefs (Mihalís). Although Sophie's five year sojourn in France provides one of the novel's most interesting stretches, it is Anna who demonstrates the largest growth, turning from a shy agoraphobic to a vociferous rebel.

Bakopoulos writes very real characters, and her prose is first-rate. The novel has a relaxed, laid back feel in spite of the heavy subject matter. I found myself engrossed, eager to read more, and very satisfied by the conclusion. What a wonderful debut novel!



Bailey's Most Wanted

Last Month's Most Requested Items



1. Fifty Shades of Grey by E. L. James
2. Fifty Shades Darker by E. L. James
3. Fifty Shades Freed by E. L. James
4. The Fallen Angel by Daniel Silva
5. When We Were the Kennedys by Monica Wood
6. Friends Forever by Danielle Steel
7. Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn
8. Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows directed by Guy Ritchie
9. The Hunger Games directed by Gary Ross
10. Mockingjay by Suzanne Collins

Notable Coming Soon

Telegraph Avenue by Michael Chabon

In Between Days by Andrew Porter

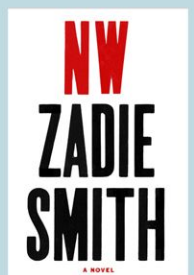
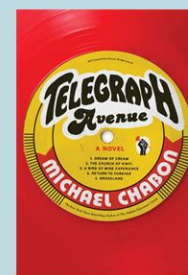
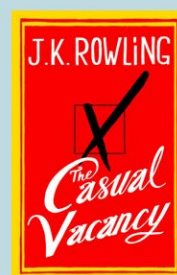
The Yellow Birds by Kevin Powers

The Casual Vacancy by J. K. Rowling

NW by Zadie Smith

Between Heaven and Here by Susan Straight

Skagboys by Irvine Welsh



Readers Advisory



The most-cited title on Summer 2012 reading lists, *Where'd You Go, Bernadette* by Maria Semple was released last month, and hit #45 in Books on Amazon.com (the week it was released). Semple wrote for television shows including *Arrested Development* and *Mad About You*, and lives with her family in Seattle, where the novel takes place.

In the book, Bernadette Fox is notorious. To her Microsoft-guru husband, she's a fearlessly opinionated partner; to fellow private-school mothers in Seattle, she's a disgrace; to design mavens, she's a revolutionary architect; and to 15-year-old Bee, she is a best friend and, simply, Mom. Then Bernadette disappears.

A compulsively readable and touching novel about misplaced genius and a mother and daughter's role in an absurd world.

Poetry Hour



We are pleased to welcome local poet Claire Hersom as the September guest in the popular Lakes Region Forum. She will speak in the library's historic reading room on Saturday, September 22, at 10:30am. Claire is a native Mainer whose latest poetry book, *Drowning: A Poetic Memoir*, was published by Moon Pie Press of Portland. *Drowning*, a memoir about poverty, will be used as a supplemental textbook by the Rockland UMA Campus for Human Services classes in the Fall of 2012. Claire's work appears in several poetry journals and anthologies, as well as in *Yankee Magazine's* New England Memories series. In 2011, Claire was nominated for and subsequently awarded an Emerging Artist Grant in Literature from the St. Botolph Club Foundation of Boston. Her poem "Norman Lee" was awarded first place by the Maine Poets Society as Best Poem About Maine in 2007. Claire has three grown children and several grandchildren. She lives in Winthrop.

Trustee Profile: Laurie Graves

by Shane Billings
photo by Richard Fortin



Laurie Graves was born in Waterville, ME, where she resided until she was almost eight years old, at which point her family moved to a big farmhouse in North Vassalboro. With lots of land for outdoor games and activities, Laurie spent the rest of her childhood and teen years in North Vassalboro, attending high school at Oak Grove Coburn.

After graduating, Laurie studied at Earlham College in Indiana, and later at the University of Maine at Orono. She had known she wanted to be a writer since she was in the 5th grade, and she did not waste any time putting that plan into action.

Laurie always wrote and occasionally contributed pieces to small magazines. In 2002, a huge dream was realized. She and her husband Clif founded *Wolf Moon Journal*, an eclectic literary magazine that would feature diverse content and a panoply of contributing writers. One of Laurie's goals was "to be a literary and artistic presence in Maine," and with *Wolf Moon*, she and Clif succeeded, offering subscriptions as well as selling the journal in bookstores. *Wolf Moon* had a successful seven year run, before ceasing operations in 2009.

These days, Laurie continues writing and connecting with people via her popular, food-oriented blog, *A Good Eater*, which focuses primarily on food and food issues. She lives in Winthrop with her husband Clif, their dog Liam, and two cats, Sherlock and Miss Watson. Laurie and Clif enjoy visits from their daughters, Dee and Shannon.

Laurie loves reading, and a list of her favorite authors includes Robertson Davies, Miss Read, William Shakespeare, Anne Tyler, and J.R.R. Tolkien. Among her other hobbies and interests are movies, theater, and biking. She is the newest member of the Board of Trustees. When she was asked to run in January of this year, she says she could not refuse. "Libraries have been invaluable to my life," she says. One of the things she loves most about the Bailey Library is that it "is such a central place." She hopes to help the library along in whatever way she can.

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