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## Whidbey Reads Presents: Brian Payton

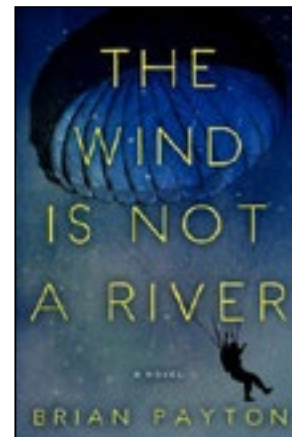
Meet Brian Payton, the 2016 Whidbey Reads author, at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Freeland. Payton's novel, *The Wind Is Not a River*, tells the tale of World War II journalist John Easley and his wife Helen. John heads north from Seattle to investigate the Japanese invasion of Alaska's Aleutian Islands, a story censored by the U.S. government. While accompanying a crew on a bombing run, his plane is shot down. John must struggle to survive in the wilderness and hide from the Japanese invaders while Helen joins the United Service Organizations (USO) in an effort to follow him and discover his fate. This is a gripping tale of survival and an epic love story in which a husband and wife — separated by the only battle of World War II to take place on American soil — fight to reunite in the starkly beautiful Aleutian Islands.

*The Wind Is Not a River* was chosen as an American Booksellers Association IndieNext "Great Reads" Selected, an Amazon Book of the Month, and a "Best Book

of the Year" by the *Seattle Times*. Payton lives with his family in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Payton's lecture is in the main church building by the back parking lot 18341 State Route 525.

Generous funding provided by the Friends of the Freeland Library, other Whidbey Island Friends groups and the Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation supports the purchase of copies of *The Wind is Not a River*, the author's visit and additional programs.



Brian Payton is the author of the Whidbey Reads 2016 novel, *The Wind Is Not a River*.

## Special Related Programs

The Freeland Library has scheduled several programs related to the major themes of *The Wind is Not a River*. To keep up with other Whidbey Reads 2016 programs, visit the [Whidbey Reads Sno-Isle Libraries website](#).

- **Tuesday, March 15, 9:30 a.m.** Join the **Third Tuesday Book Group** for a great discussion of *The Wind is Not a River*. Everyone is welcome even if you don't normally attend this book group!
- **Friday, March 18, 2 p.m.** Books2Movies: *Snow Falling on Cedars* by **David Guterson** is a masterpiece of suspense set on an island in Puget Sound during World War II. Read or listen to the book and then join us to watch the movie. Brandon Henry, who you may have seen at the Clyde Theater, will lead the discussion.
- **Saturday, March 26, 11 a.m.** In this Made-by-Hand program you'll make a **Survival Wrist Band** out of paracord. How can a wrist band save your life? Unravel it and use the cord to go fishing, trap food,

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## Job Search Aid Now

WorkSource Whidbey presentations are on the second Wednesday of each month at the Freeland Library.

For many years, the library district and WorkSource have teamed up to help those who are unemployed or underemployed in Snohomish County. The workshops are designed to give job seekers an edge in a competitive job market, help them get noticed by application screeners, and create a strategy for targeting their job search.

- March 9, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Orientation to WorkSource
- March 9, 1:30 to 3 p.m., Skills and Abilities Analysis
- April 13, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Orientation to WorkSource
- April 13, 1:30 to 3 p.m., Job Search Strategies
- May 11, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Orientation to WorkSource
- May 11, 1:30 to 3 p.m., Effective Applications, Resumes and Cover Letters

- June 8, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Orientation to WorkSource
- June 8, 1:30 to 3 p.m., Interviewing Techniques

Find the full schedule at [sno-isle.org/explore/worksource](http://sno-isle.org/explore/worksource).

Sno-Isle Libraries also provides free workshops and

WorkSource Freeland, see [page 4](#)

# President's Message: Audio Books Make Road Trips Go Faster

Hello Friends, I hope you all had a good start to the new year. 2016 already! Remember all the fuss when we were approaching the millenium? It doesn't seem that long ago.

Do check out the Sno-Isle homepage now and again. The Sno-Isle sponsored TEDx talks are now available on line. I can highly recommend listening to them. I heard them the day of the presentation last fall and am eagerly awaiting this year's event.

Recently, while driving to Salem,

Oregon, I was reminded how great audio books are. The weather was awful. The rain was coming down in buckets. Luckily, my son brought *Teacher Man* by Frank McCourt, read by the author himself. It was such a treat and made the miles go so much faster.

My daughter-in-law listens to audio books on her phone with something called OverDrive®, an application she learned about through Sno-Isle. She raves about it. She is currently listening to *The Given Day*

by Dennis LeHane.

We will be missing Meri McCormick as chairperson of our Archive committee. If you, or if you know someone, that would like to fill that position please give me a call or anyone on the board. We want to thank Meri for the time she gave to the Freeland Library Friends and hope to see her at our meetings as her time allows.

See you at the library.

— Else Christensen, president

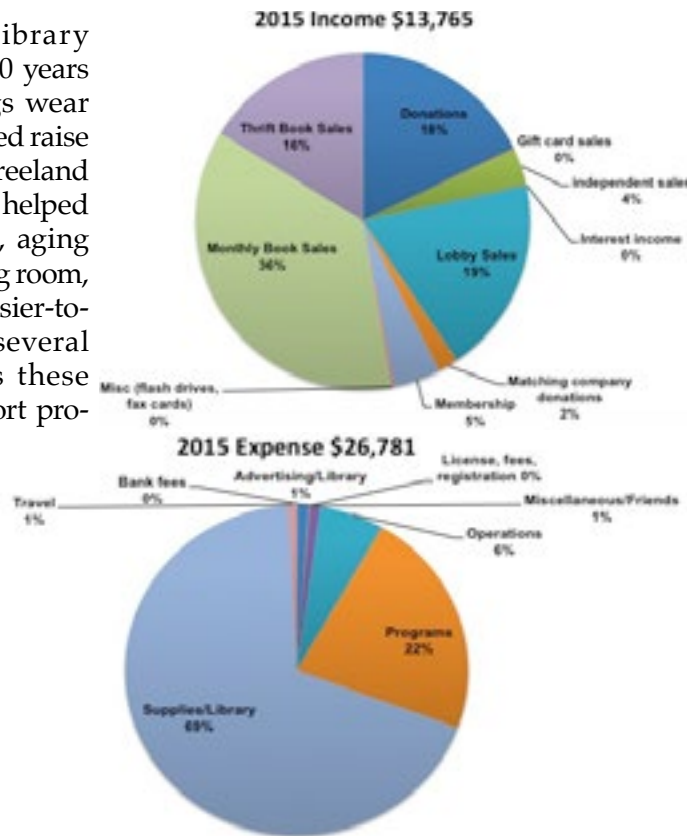
**Editor's note:** Check out Audio and eBooks powered by OverDrive® on the [Sno-Isle Libraries website](#). Look under "Electronic Media." Ask a librarian for help setting up your account.

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## 2015 Friends of the Freeland Library Income and Expenses

The Freeland Library facility is over 20 years old now and things wear out. Funds you helped raise as Friends of the Freeland Library supporters helped to replace shelving, aging blinds in the meeting room, heavy tables for easier-to-move tables and several other things. Plus these funds helped support programs such as Made by Hand, popcorn for films, Summer Reading Program awards and supplies and extra books and expenses for Whidbey Reads.

Thank you for your membership and donations to support our library.



**Deadline for the Spring 2016 Newsletter Issue is Monday, April 11**

Please send articles, pictures, inspirations, etc. to the editor.

[email Prescott](mailto:email.Prescott@freelandlibrary.org) (click blue text) or call 360-682-8642

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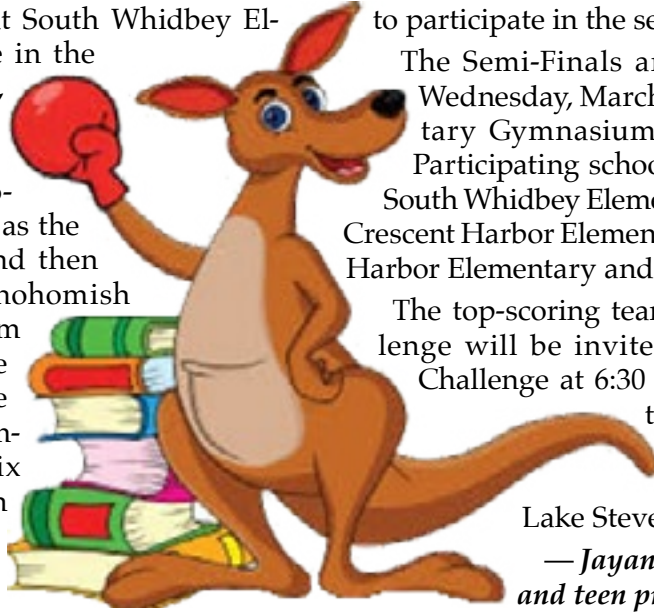
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Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings. All meetings begin at 1 p.m. in the Freeland Library program room at 5495 Harbor Avenue. The next meetings are Tuesdays, March 15 and the annual meeting, May 17.

# Sno-Isle Libraries Mega-Fun, Biblio-Trivia, Rockem-Sockem Third Grade Reading Challenge

This is the fourth year that South Whidbey Elementary will participate in the Sno-Isle Libraries Mega-Fun, Biblio-Trivia, Rockem-Sockem Third Grade Reading Challenge. This literary trivia program for students started out as the Island Reading Challenge and then was expanded to include Snohomish County schools. The program encourages children to have fun and enjoy reading while honing their literacy and teamwork skills. After reading six books, children participate in In-School, Semi-final and final Reading Challenge events in a book knowledge quiz bowl game to determine champion teams. Last year's South Whidbey Elementary team "The Rampaging Readers" made it all the way to the Finals.



to participate in the semi-finals and finals.

The Semi-Finals are to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16 in the Oak Harbor Elementary Gymnasium, 151 SE Midway Boulevard. Participating schools are Coupeville Elementary; South Whidbey Elementary; Broad View Elementary, Crescent Harbor Elementary, Hillcrest Elementary, Oak Harbor Elementary and Olympic View Elementary.

The top-scoring team from each Semi-Final Challenge will be invited to participate in the Final Challenge at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29 at the Lake Stevens High School Performing Arts Center, 2908 113th Avenue Northeast, Lake Stevens, Washington 98258.

— Jayanne Bixby, librarian for children and teen programs

## Related Programs, from [page 1](#)

- start a fire, mark a trail, repair a backpack or make shoelaces.
- **Thursday, March 31, 2 p.m. *Songs and Stories of the 1940s.*** The world was at war, there was rationing of goods, and no one knew what tomorrow would bring. Through it all, Americans kept up their spirits and held their chins up high by dancing and singing to the popular songs of the day. Come and hear the stories behind the songs and sing along as Sno-Isle's Bryan Stratton presents the songs that kept America strong during World War II.
- **Tuesday, April 5, 2 p.m. *Wilderness Survival Essentials – Using Knowledge and Skill to Thrive in the Outdoors*** is presented by Alderleaf Wilderness College in Monroe, Washington. Learn about the keys to effective shelter-building, water purification, fire-making, wild edibles foraging, and other skills that can keep you alive in an emergency and enhance your outdoor experiences.

This year's reading challenge titles are:

- *Adventures of a South Pole Pig* by Chris Kurtz (a 2015-2016 Sasquatch Award nominee)
- *The Great Cake Mystery* by Alexander McCall Smith
- *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies
- *The Mouse and the Motorcycle* by Beverly Cleary
- *Odd, Weird, & Little* by Patrick Jennings
- *The Sasquatch Escape* by Suzanne Selfors

Each year the books chosen represent a range of reading levels, are often the first book in a series, and usually include titles that support science or math. The third graders form teams of six to eight kids. Each team member must read at least one of the titles, but we find that they usually read many (if not all) of the books. The kids then practice quizzing each other. Sno-Isle provides two sets of the challenge books to each team (which the school gets to keep), t-shirts for all participants, prizes, and an author visit. This year, schools will get visits from one of two local authors: Patrick Jennings and Suzanne Selfors. Patrick Jennings visited South Whidbey Elementary on February 1.

If you have a chance, I would encourage you to attend either the Semi-Final or Final, and experience the students' excitement over reading and learning. The top-scoring team from each in-school challenge is invited

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## Facebook for Small Business

Matt Cail covers the latest trends in social media and best practices for a business from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 25. Come for refreshments at 5:15.

Learn how to keep content active, avoid common mistakes and determine what social media platforms work best for your business.

Matt has worked in social media, search engine marketing, web design and online advertising. His company, Super Charge Marketing, provides digital marketing support and services for Northwest businesses. Matt was also a featured speaker for the first TEDxSnoIsleLibraries event last November.

This event is made possible through the generous support of the Friends of the Freeland Library.

## WorkSource Freeland, from [page 1](#)

programs, computer classes, job hunt assistance, books, free Wi-Fi, and premium electronic resources to support job seekers. For the link to click [Sno-Isle Libraries](#).

## Program for Young Readers

Sno-Isle Libraries is offering a new online service called Beanstack, which offers free personalized recommendations for books, apps, events and more.

According to said Leslie Moore, children's and outreach services manager for the library district. Beanstack tailors its recommendations to each child's age, interests, reading level and background. It also provides tools that help families and classrooms keep track of what they are reading and earn recognition as they read more.

Residents of Snohomish and Island counties can sign up and use Beanstack from their home computer, mobile device, or in any of Sno-Isle's 21 community libraries. They do not need a library card to get started. Details are available online. Click [Sno-Isle Libraries Beanstack](#).

## Volunteer Archivist Needed for the Friends

The Friends of the Freeland Library is looking for someone to maintain a record of its activities. The Friends have decades of fascinating newspaper clippings, certificates, photographs, videos and more that illustrate the fun its members have had all these years. The materials are kept in scrapbooks and also uploaded to the Friends' website on Shutterfly. The Friends' newsletters are also archived there.

## Watch the Talks

Last November 2015, TEDxSnoIsleLibraries was held at the Edmonds Performing Arts Center and simulcast here in Freeland. Because of that event, Sno-Isle was invited by the TED organization to simulcast one day of the TEDx conference. This was done at the Coupeville Library February 16, 2016.

If you missed the announcement at the library you can find all of the TEDx talks from last November's TEDxSnoIsleLibraries event available for viewing. Enjoy the compelling thoughts from the rich set of ideas shared by 23 speakers on the [Sno-Isle Libraries TEDx website](#).

TED is a nonprofit devoted to spreading ideas, usually in the form of short, powerful talks (18 minutes or less). TED began in 1984 as a conference where Technology, Entertainment and Design (TED) converged, and today covers almost all topics — from science to business to global issues — in more than 100 languages. Meanwhile, independently run TEDx events help share ideas in communities around the world.

As for TEDx, the *x* indicates it is an independently organized event. The TEDx Program is designed to help communities, organizations and individuals to spark conversation and connection through local TED-like experiences. At TEDx events, a screening of TED Talks videos — or a combination of live presenters and TED Talks videos — sparks deep conversation and connections at the local level. TEDx events are planned and coordinated independently, under a free license granted by TED.

Mark your calendars for the second annual TEDxSnoIsleLibraries event which will be held this year on November 18, 2016.



Swil Kanim, violinist, native storyteller and actor addressed *The presence of honor* at TEDxSnoIsleLibraries.

If you have an itch for history and can help, please leave a message with the library staff for President Else Christensen. Friends of the Freeland Library have some very good times. The time it takes to do this work is very flexible and requires only the time you have to give.

A special thank you goes to our most recent archivists. Meri McCormick has served since last Spring. Preceding her for several years was Diana Carew.

## Seattle Opera Preview: *The Flying Dutchman*



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*The Flying Dutchman* features some of Wagner's most thrilling music for chorus.

Join the Seattle Opera Education department at noon on Tuesday, April 19 for an hour-long introduction to the history, music and stagecraft of *The Flying Dutchman* by Richard Wagner. Come to the Freeland Library meeting room.

The theme of the opera is about a cursed ship captain, condemned to wander the seas for eternity, who sets his foot on land every seven years to search for a bride who can end his suffering. A young woman in a fishing village, obsessed with his legend, hopes to be the true love who can bring him peace.

### Gift Certificates for Books

Looking for a birthday gift or perhaps a housewarming gift for a new neighbor? The Friends have gift certificates on sale to be redeemed at the monthly used book sales of the Friends of the Freeland Library. They are raffle-ticket size and come with a card. They can be made out for any amount, but must be used within 12 months from the date issued. Ask the library staff about purchasing some. Consider purchasing certificates as gifts all year around for friends and family.

### Made By Hand: Leap In

Join Kristi O'Donnell to celebrate Leap Year through craft. Come from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 27 to the Freeland Library meeting room. Make a stuffed frog, a lily pad jump, or something else that leaps.

### Internet for Beginners

Develop your digital literacy skills by learning how to access and use the internet on your own at the library from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 24. In this hands-on class taught by Keith Bowers, learn how to use the Internet, what it can do, and how much fun it can be to surf the Web. This class is intended for beginning computer users with basic keyboard and mouse skills. A limited number of laptops computers will be available or bring your device. Please preregister online. For Windows and Mac users.

For information about upcoming Freeland Library events, go to the Sno-Isle Libraries website; look on the lower half for the purple banner, "Classes & Events," or [click](#). A new page opens with a list of libraries; select "Freeland Library" (or any other library of interest) and view a calendar. Scroll to the month you wish to see. To refine your search, select the event types and the age group of interest to you.

### AARP Tax-Aide

Get free tax return preparation and e-filing help at the South Whidbey Senior Center every Thursday through April 7 from 1 to 6 p.m. This service is for taxpayers with a low or moderate income, especially those age 60 and older. Call 360-678-3000 to schedule an appointment. It is supported by American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Foundation.

### Take Control of Your PC with Open Source Alternatives

On Wednesday, March 16 special guest presenter Joel Kennedy will examine the rise of alternative operating systems based on Linux. This open source system is rapidly gaining market share among those wanting to escape the control of the two standard operating systems. Joel will cover the operating systems themselves AND alternative software applications for standard computing tasks.

Linux Alternatives to Windows & OS X is at 10 a.m. and open source alternatives to common software is at 11 a.m.

### Password Management

Overwhelmed by all the passwords in your life? Join staff member Keith Bowers from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 20. This informational presentation demonstrates techniques for creating strong, secure, yet memorable passwords. Software solutions and do-it-yourself approaches will be examined. For all digital device users.

### Light and Shade: Digital Photography Techniques

Description: Whidbey Island photographer David Welton presents valuable practical techniques for enhancing your enjoyment of your camera. This three week program is from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the library meeting room on Thursdays, April 14, 21 and 28. Register ahead.

## Your Donations Help the Freeland Library

Each time a newsletter is published, individuals, families and businesses join the Friends of the Freeland Library by making a donation. Membership is only \$10 annually and payable in January. All donations will have \$10 entered as your membership dues annually. Those who renewed in November and December 2015 are considered members through 2016. All donations help provide extras for the library, such as new work tables, book shelves, event supplies, etc. Our library benefits in countless ways from your support. *Thank you!*

**J**oin Friends of the Freeland Library with a donation. Donors automatically become members at \$10 and receive a quarterly newsletter, program invitations, participation in meetings and early notice of events. Membership renewals are due each calendar year. Contact your current or former employer about matching your donation.

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