

Spring is in the Air !!

Call for Volunteers Opportunities

Library Garden cleanup starts this month
Join us at the Library Friday April 12th at 9:30 am

... And Then ...

Help us clean up after the plant sale! →
Sunday 4/28 @ 3 pm

Thomas Pynchon

Thomas Ruggles Pynchon Jr. was born on Long Island in 1937. He attended Cornell University for a couple of years, then dropped out of school and enlisted in the Navy. Many of his stories draw upon his experiences at this time. After his discharge from the military, Pynchon returned to Cornell, earned a degree in English, and became a successful writer.

Pynchon's writings – both fiction and non-fiction – cover a vast array of topics. He seems to take special delight in creating protagonists who buck the Establishment. Whether you're among literature's *cognoscenti* or just an average reader like me, you're going to find his writings tough sledding. He's best known for *The Crying of Lot 49* (1966) and *Gravity's Rainbow* (1973), for which he won a National Book Award. Both novels are classics; but be forewarned, they're also dense and complex. (To give you an idea of what I'm talking about, *Gravity's Rainbow* is often compared to James Joyce's *Ulysses*.)

Other Pynchon books of note include *V* (1963), *Mason & Dixon* (1997), and *The Bleeding Edge* (2013). A writer who enjoys his privacy, Pynchon closed his blinds on the world in the 1960's. Thus, I know little more about him.

Essay by Bill Lounsbery

RRL has all of these Thomas Pynchon books and more.

ONGOING SALE: Pre-owned Books are
On Sale every day during normal Library Hours.

For Adults

Writers Cafe: Monday, April. 1st 6-7:30 pm

Work on your own writing with quiet companionship. All genres, styles and levels of experience are welcome. Coffee and tea provided. *Repeats on 1st Monday in May*



GREAT GIVE KITSAP - April 23rd

Dear supporters of the Manchester Library,

Once again this year, the Friends of the Manchester Library will be participating in the **Kitsap Great Give** on Tuesday, April 23rd. We hope you can help out this year with a donation of any size.

Here is an overview of the event: The **Kitsap Great Give** is a 24-hour, online giving event organized by the *Kitsap Community Foundation* and their Presenting Partner, the *United Way of Kitsap County*, for the benefit of charities in the greater Kitsap area. About 200 charities are participating this year, including the *Friends of the Manchester Library*. The event will be held on Tuesday April 23rd, 2019, all day until 11:59 p.m. (Pacific Time). Anyone can go to the website www.kitsapgreatgive.org and donate to as many participating nonprofits as they wish.

All donations made during the event will be proportionally matched by a local bonus pool organized by *Kitsap Community Foundation* and sponsorship dollars donated by the *United Way of Kitsap County* and corporate and individual sponsors.

You can also donate during **Early Giving** April 9th through April 22 at 6 p.m. at www.kitsapgreatgive.org. Your donations to the *FOML* will grow with the help of **Great Give**. Thanks for your on-going support of our great little Library in Manchester!

Kind regards, Thomas Uemoto, President

