



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Bainbridge Branch of the Kitsap Regional Library is dedicated to increasing reading by Islanders of all ages; and

WHEREAS, access to libraries and literature are fundamental elements of a strong, democratic civil society; and

WHEREAS, the multiple information and entertainment sources of our changing world could diminish attention given to the continued value of books and reading to our society and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, events surrounding reading play an important role in the lifeblood of this island; and

WHEREAS, the Bainbridge Branch of the Kitsap Regional Library has been honored as a grant recipient for The Big Read initiative sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts; and

WHEREAS, the Library, Island Theatre, the Bainbridge Island Arts and Humanities Council, Field's End Writer's Community, Eagle Harbor Book Company and other community partners have arranged numerous activities focused on *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury; then

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island, I do hereby proclaim February as

"BAINBRIDGE ISLAND BIG READ MONTH"

and hereby urge all Islanders to enrich themselves and this Island by participating in these activities.



Signed and sealed this 4th day of February, 2008.


Darlene Kordonowy, Mayor