

October 2023



Library Hours:

Monday: 10-8
Tuesday: 10-8
Wednesday: 10-8
Thursday: 10-8
Friday: 10-5
Saturday: 10-5
Sunday: 1-5

Board Meetings:

Friends of Boyden Library monthly Board Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Community Meeting Room. There are no meetings in July, August, and December. All are welcome to participate.

Board Members:

Janice Rosado, President
Betsy Buckland Vice President
Sue Collins, Secretary
Sara Halton, Treasurer
Charles DiPompo
Lesleyann Foster
Katherine Howard
Don Jenkins
Jennifer Linskey
Colleen McManus
Margi Rossetti
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FRIENDS OF BOYDEN LIBRARY

**FALL
BOOK SALE**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

I hope this summer's wacky weather didn't interfere with your plans. While my lawn stayed green, the heavy rains did not do wonders for my garden. My husband and I are now gearing up for another ski season – hoping La Nino will be kind to the ski areas.

We hosted our first Friends' Social in May. It was a pleasure to meet and talk with you all. We will be holding an evening social at Union Straw on Tuesday, October 17th from 7-9pm. Join us for a drink, appetizers, door prizes and good conversation. Space is limited and reservations required so make sure to sign up on the library's website.

We had a very successful Founders Day and thank Sue and the other board and family members for their hard work. A shout out goes to Jennifir and Emma for joining us for both the parade and field events. The lawn games were a big hit and it was fun to see them interacting with local families. I would also like to thank the Trustees for sponsoring the horse and carriage which afforded representatives from the Friends and Library staff the opportunity to ride in style.

A couple of reminders, the Friends will be holding a donation drive on Saturday, October 28th and the Book Sale will be held November 16-18. Make sure you mention that you are a Friend when checking out to receive a \$2 credit. We had quite a few large donations this summer so there should be something for everyone. As always, thanks to all of you who have made donations and thanks to our team of volunteers who have worked endless hours to collect and sort donations in preparation for our sale.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for being a Friend of the library. We welcome you to join us at any of our regular meetings held the first Wed of each month (Jan-Jun and Sep-Nov) at 7 p.m. in the Community Room. As a friend your input is important to us.

All the best,
Janice Rosado
President, Friends of Boyden Library

FROM THE DIRECTOR



The Boyden Library had a tremendously successful summer program thanks to the Friends of Boyden Library supporting numerous programs and purchasing prizes for participants of all ages!

In addition to the fantastic summer programs, we introduced several improvements aimed at benefitting our community. Some of these include:

- Expanding our offerings with two new electronic resources, now available to all patrons:
 - *Niche Academy* which delivers immediate accessible online trainings on the e-resources that the Boyden Library provides as well as trainings for other platforms and software such as Facebook, Microsoft Excel, etc.
 - *Brainfuse* offers live online tutoring for all learners. Patrons can access real-time assistance through the online classrooms. Live tutors are available online between the hours of 2-11pm.
- Growing our Library of Things collection to include an array of items, featuring a Bluetooth sound bar, a stud finder, sunoculars, a food dehydrator, a karaoke machine, an Oculus, and more.
- Creating a Board Game collection for adults with titles such as: Catan, Cards Against Humanity, Azul, and Scrabble.

This Fall, we're really excited about the program line-up for adults and hope you'll join us:

- Tuesdays through November 7, 10:00-11:00am - Drop in Tech Help
- October 15, 2pm - PanNeubean Steel concert
- October 16, October 30, November 6 and November 20, 3pm - Monday Matinee on Immigration
- October 17, 6pm - Local Artists: Creative Networking Event
- October 18, 7pm - Blame and Political Attitudes: The Psychology of America's Culture War with Gail Sahar
- October 19, 7pm - "We're Not Making This Up": A panel of true crime and mystery authors
- October 21, 10am - Collectibles Appraisal: A Free Community Event
- October 30, 7pm - In Times of High Strangeness with Dustin Pari
- November 2, 6:30pm - Craft Night with Traci
- November 3 and December 1, 11am - ESL Conversation Circle
- November 4, 11am - ChatGPT Workshop
 - 2pm - Holiday Gift Card Holder Craft
- November 5, 2pm - The Kaufman Stone Duo concert
- November 13 and December 11, 3pm - ESL Conversation Circle
- November 19, 2pm - Matt York concert
- November 30, 6pm - Metalsmithing

Lastly, with invaluable input from the community, dedicated library staff, and the Strategic Planning Committee, we are thrilled to unveil our new Strategic Plan for the Boyden Library. In the upcoming five years, we aspire to implement a series of enhancements, including:

- Expanding our program offerings to cater to patrons of all ages, with a specific emphasis on fostering STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) interests.
- Cultivating a vibrant Makerspace environment within the Boyden Library, offering patrons the opportunity to explore, discover new skills, and engage in meaningful connections with others.

- Elevating the library's presence within the community through proactive outreach efforts and developing innovative partnerships.

As always, please feel free to stop by or contact me directly at eoneill@sailsinc.org. I love hearing from patrons and welcome any suggestions or feedback to benefit the library. Hope to see you soon at the Boyden Library.

Thank you,
Libby O'Neill

Friends Fall Social

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17th 7:00—9:00 PM
Union Straw, 8 Mechanic Street, Foxboro

The Friends invite you to join us for a Fall Social in appreciation of your ongoing support. This event will take place in the private room at Union Straw. The Friends will provide an assortment of appetizers.

As a thank you, all current members will receive one drink ticket good for a glass of wine, beer or non-alcoholic beverage. A cash bar will be available. Members who attend will be entered into a drawing for several door prizes.

Members are welcome to bring a guest who may be interested in hearing more about what the Friends do. We will have membership forms for anyone wanting to join, which will be good through December 2024.

Registration is required as space is limited. Register at <https://boydenlibrary.org/> under the Events tab.

Welcome New Friends



Samantha Bailey
Wendy McPeck
Velma Ayala Jones
Julie Philibert
Gerry Comeau
Jaclyn Budreckis
Jake Holdcraft
Allan Fournier
Jaleen Hu

Kevin Fulcher
Amanda McCloy
Mehmed Ulcay
Katherine Oliver
Carole Goldenburg
Pam Riccio
Mary Ellen Shriver
Edward Miller

FRIENDS OF BOYDEN LIBRARY

Book Drive

October 28
Saturday | 9am - 11am



Scan code to register for the event

Volunteers will be curbside to accept your donations

This special event will be a curbside, contactless drop off outside of the main entrance. Patrons are welcome to make reservations by either scanning the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/Oct2823>. Donors are always welcome to drive through during the posted hours and volunteers will be available curbside to assist you. Please note that donations will not be accepted by the Boyden Library staff. For larger donations, please email boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com.

We continue to seek donations of books and media in like-new condition, recently published. Please refer to our Materials Donation Guidelines below for a list of accepted items. Adult, Young Adult and Children's fiction are always in demand! Donated books will be offered at our upcoming Annual Fall Book Sale on November 16-18, 2023. The proceeds from the sales provide thousands of dollars annually to support library programming and your generous donations make this possible!

Friends of Boyden Library Donation Guidelines



Thank you for thinking of Friends of Boyden Library when you have items you would like to donate. Your unwanted books and audio-visual materials can be sold at our semi-annual book sales and translate into funds that help support library programs and museum passes. Because we are a small volunteer group with limited time and storage space, we ask that you please pay attention to our donation guidelines.



- Fiction and Current Non-Fiction Books for Adults, Teens and Children in like-new to good condition (hardcover or paperback)
- Cookbooks if published within the last 8 years, or older industry standards
- Textbooks
- AV in original packaging: audio books on CD; music CDs; DVDs



- Outdated Non-Fiction Books without covers
- Encyclopedia sets
- Magazines
- Reader's Digest Condensed Books
- Soiled, yellowed, moldy/mildewed, dusty or damp items
- Video or music cassettes

How to Donate:

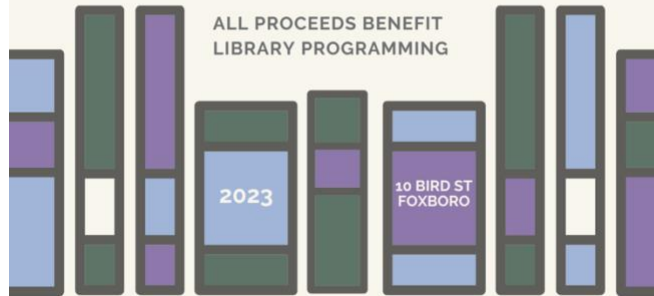
2 boxes or less: place items in donation bin located in Boyden Library's lobby.
More than 2 boxes: drop off during a Book Donation Day, or schedule a drop off by emailing boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com or leaving a message with the Library Circulation Desk at 508-543-1245.

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\$5 FILL-A-BAG SALE
MEMBER EARLY ACCESS

FRI NOV 17 - 1PM - 5PM

Active Paid Members are invited to
shop before the general public.



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

Large Book Donations

It seems that the summer of 2023 was a time when many local families and individuals found themselves cleaning-out, moving-on or regrouping. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to those who thought of Friends of Boyden Library when it came time to donate the treasures of their home libraries. The Friends of Boyden Library reaped hundreds of books and AV items that will be available at the November Book Sale. Look for increased inventory in our history, mystery and classics categories.

We would also like to express our gratitude to our small but mighty volunteer core of “book warriors,” who responded to an unusually high number of calls from donors. Between June and August, Friends volunteers, including board members and our daily sorters, lifted, lugged, organized and boxed the large influxes of materials. Our thanks go to Janice and Kerry Rosato, Sue Collins, Bernadette Thie, Charles DiPompo, Bob Rossetti, Jeanne Rush, Alyne Ricker, Norma Leemon, Marlene Ovrut and Deb Wendell.

Proceeds from the Friends Book Sales help the Boyden Library in a multitude of ways and we are grateful for so much community support shown over the summer.

Margi Rossetti

In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we announce the recent passing of two long-time board members and past presidents of the Friends. Both talented and dedicated women, Joanne Pratt and Diane Monahan gave many years of hard work to build up the Friends organization and ensure its continued success.

Joanne was on the Friends' board for over two decades, serving as President for most of that time. She was instrumental in developing a strong board, increasing membership, and raising awareness of the Friends in the community. She led the Friends in establishing biannual book sales, which continue to be our largest fundraisers.

When Joanne stepped down, Diane, a long-time librarian at Boyden, took up the mantle as President. She continued the strong leadership and brought the Friends into the 21st century.

The Boyden Library community owes both Joanne and Diane a debt of gratitude. Their years of service are greatly appreciated and their friendship treasured. They will be missed!

Betsy Buckland & Margi Rossetti

Founders Day Parade



Trustees Jen and Christine, Friends Betsy and Katherine, and the library's newest librarians Emma and Jennifir rode in style in the Founders Day Parade.

Founders Day Booth



Lots of fun at the Friends table after the parade. Families stopped by to enjoy free lollipops and temporary tattoos, buy Children's books and tote bags, make donations to the Friends, and play lawn games with Emma and Jennifer.

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC



Sue and Sara enjoyed representing the Friends at the annual Teddy Bear Picnic on the Common in July. They sold Children's books and gave out free lollipops to the large crowd.

TEEN HAPPENINGS AT BOYDEN LIBRARY



It was a fun and busy summer for Teens at Boyden Library. Summer reading was a success with sixteen teens signing up and five prizes with donations from Xtreme Craze, An Unlikely Story, Patriot Place, the Bruins, and of course the Friends of Boyden Library. I have wonderful success connecting with Foxborough High School, Ahern Middle School, and Foxborough Regional Charter School. I will be holding office hours at the schools.

The Xbox has been used on an almost daily basis since school has started; thank you to the Friends for contributing it to the Teen Room.

The Friends have also made it possible to host amazing programming this summer such as an Escape Room for Tweens, Teens, Adults and Social Media and Teens, PopUp Art School's Paint an Axolotl. Supplies were provided by the Friends for Crafty Teens: Shadow Boxes and Succulent Fun.

As we move into October, Teen Services, with the help of the Friends and the library itself, will be offering Spirits of New England with Dustin Pari of Ghosthunters, Let Freedom Read Read-In, Tarot Readings with Lady Grim Goddess, Inktober for Teens, Here Comes the Sun-Solar Eclipse Education and Fun, Crafty Teens: Wood Craft Pumpkin, and Metalsmithing.

Jennifir Huston, Teen Librarian

YOUTH SERVICES



The 2023 Summer Reading Program: Find Your Voice was a huge success! We had 355 children sign up for the program with babies-age 5 logging 3500+ books and ages 6-12 logging over 16,000 minutes of reading. We have also given away a total of 600 prizes to these fabulous readers! We would like to give a big shout out to the Friends for sponsoring the following programs that were extremely fun, creative, and educational:

- One Up Games - Virtual Reality and Indoor Mini Golf events
- Julie Stepanek - Find Your Voice Music Program
- Mike the Bubble Man
- Wild Reptiles
- Teddy Bear Picnic - Philip Alexander and the Wild Things Band & Let's Party Balloon Artist
- Pop Up Art School - Insect Shadow Boxes

Department Updates

We now have a World Language Collection that features bilingual stories and books written in several languages like Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, and Japanese. We also consolidated all of our holiday books into one section so they are easier to find. Now, when your child gets their first library card, they can opt to take a polaroid picture with their card to go on display in the room!

Future Programs

Children and their families can look forward to these upcoming programs happening in the Youth Department. For a full list of events and descriptions please visit the Calendar on our website or visit the Youth Department to pick up a calendar.

October

- Silly w/ Story Time (ages 3-5) - Mon, Oct 16, 23 @ 10:30 am
- LEGO Club (ages 5-12) - Sat, Oct 14, 21, 28 @ 11am
- Kindness Matters w/ Self Help Inc. (ages 3-5) - Mon, Oct 16, 23, 30 @ 10:30 am
- Story and sing-a-long Fun (Ages: 1-2 years old) - Wed, Oct 11, 18, 25 @ 10:15 & 11:15 am
- Chunky Monkey's (infants-pretalking) - Tues, Oct 24 @ 10:30 am
- Graphic Novel Book Club (ages 8-12) - Wed, Oct 11 @ 4 pm
- Temporary Tattoo Day (all ages) - Fri, Oct 13 10-4 pm
- Drop in Chess Club (all ages) - Sat, Oct 14 & 28 @ 2:30-4:30 pm
- Preschool Picassos (ages 3-5) - Tues, Oct 17 @ 3:30 pm
- Professor Bugman: Spooky Bones & Creepy Crawlies - Wed, Oct 18 @ 5 pm
- Baby Kneads: Infant Massage for Parent & Newborn to Pre-crawling Baby - Fri, Oct 20 @ 10:30 am
- Here Comes the Sun-Solar Eclipse Stations (ages 6-17) - Sat, Oct 21 @ 2-3:30 pm
- Strange Science (ages 8-12) - Wed, Oct 25 @ 4 pm
- Homeschool Hangout (ages 6-12) - Thurs, Oct 26 @ 1 pm
- Trick or Treat & Costume Contest (all ages) - Tues, Oct 31 @ 3-5pm

November (more programs to be announced!)

- Dr. Rosie Helps the Animals-Author Visit (ages 4-8) - Wed, Nov 15 @ 4 pm
- The Poop Museum (ages 4-12) - Sat, Nov 25 @ 11 am

December (more programs to be announced!)

- Winter Wonderland Show w/ Comic Mime Robert Rivest (all ages) - Wed, Dec 27 @ 1 pm

Emma Brelsford (she/her)
Senior Youth Services Librarian

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**ADDITIONAL
LIBRARY
PARKING
AVAILABLE**

Spaces can be found:

- Around the Foxborough Town Common
- On Bird Street
- In the Schneider Lot
 - Intersection of Bird & Railroad Ave
 - Yellow striped spaces

Thank you for your cooperation.



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