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

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Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a peaceful and safe holiday season. I am sure everyone shares my frustration with the ever-changing covid conditions. It looks like another tough winter but hopefully the strides that have been made will help to get us through.

If you haven't heard our Library Director, Manny Leite has taken a new position in Tennessee and will be leaving us this month. We are so sad to see him go but wish him all the best. Manny has been a true champion for the library and the Friends. He worked hard to reopen the library while many towns kept their doors shut. He worked closely with the Board to allow us to hold our book sales while keeping everyone safe. Manny also worked with the staff and the Friends to provide more on-line programs which was so important during the pandemic. (If you are feeling a little house bound this winter check out all the offerings on the library website.) Finally, Manny made my job as President of the Friends easy! I will certainly miss his guidance.

Speaking of the book sale...our fall sale was extremely successful. I can't thank everyone enough for all their contributions including the patrons who donated books/materials, the volunteers who organized the donations, set up and manned the sale and those who attended the sale. In addition, our ongoing book shops continue to bring in a steady income all of which helps us provide additional resources to the library. I would also like to thank all of you who purchased gifts/books as part of our Giving Tree in support of the Discretionary Fund. I'm sure your donations were extremely welcome by both the parents and the children.

The New Year brings our annual membership drive. For your convenience an envelope is provided with this newsletter for submitting your dues. The money raised allows the Friends to provide a diverse array of programs for all ages. We hope, not only that you will continue to support the Friends with your dues, but also that you will come and enjoy the programs being provided.

As a reminder, our monthly meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month (Sep-Nov and Jan-Jun) at 7 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room. These meetings are open to the public. Please join us if you are interested in hearing more about what we do. We will be holding elections during our Annual Meeting which will be held on February 2nd.

Wishing you all a healthy and prosperous 2022!
Janice Rosado



From the Director

“LIFE IS A JOURNEY, NOT A DESTINATION”
- RALPH WALDO EMERSON

I am writing this farewell letter with mixed emotions, as this is one of the most difficult decisions I have made. It has been a pleasure to serve as the Director of Boyden Library for the past six years. On January 24th, I begin a new chapter in my life as Director of Blount County Public Library system located in eastern Tennessee.

It has been an honor to lead your library and work beside so many superb individuals within in the Town of Foxborough, including our Board of Library Trustees, Town Administration, Department Heads, local community organizations and especially, the Friends of Boyden Library.

I want to thank each and every one of you for supporting the Library, and for helping to make it thrive. I am honored and feel so fortunate to have been given the opportunity to be a part of the Boyden Library Community as it will forever hold a special place in my heart. A very special thanks goes to the amazing staff at Boyden Library, I will miss them greatly.

I leave the Library with great confidence in the staff, knowing that they are capable of overcoming any hurdles that will come up, singularly, and more importantly, together. This provides me with a sense of pride and gratitude that is indescribable. I am also grateful to the Board of Trustees for their support and flexibility during this process, and to the Friends of Boyden Library for all their financial support and dedication to providing great programs for the Library.

Sincerely,

Manny Leite



On Behalf of all the Friends we want to thank Manny for all he has done for the Library and the Foxboro Community over the years. Best of luck in your next chapter!



From the Youth Services Dept.

We are pleased to announce that Katelyn Raposo has been hired as a full-time Library Assistant and Grainne Daly as a part-time Page. We are excited that they have joined the Boyden staff and we welcome them to our team. Katelyn is an avid reader of manga, graphic novels, and fantasy. She comes to us with a background in graphic design and K-5 after school care.

As we enter 2022, we are determined to offer the best programs, materials, and services designed for our new normal. Songs & Stories with Miss Kacee is being held in the Community Meeting Room to allow for social distancing. Crafts are offered “Drop-In” or “To-Go” so that families feel safe. Programs have limited audience size and require registration.

One of our biggest goals for the New Year is to bring new toys to the Spinney Family Children’s Room! The Friends will sponsor a train table and train set, a plastic barn and animals, and Alpha-Bots! These toys will bring joy to many toddlers who visit the Library with their grandparents, parents, and caregivers. For older kids, the Youth Services Department will start circulating board games. We hope to have these available by spring.

Highlights of our collection include many new picture books, easy readers, board books, and graphic novels. For non-fiction fans, we have popular series including *History Smashers* by Kate Messner, *Who Would Win?* by Jerry Pallotta and Rob Bolster, Penguin’s *Who Was?* series, and National Geographic Kids’ *Weird But True!* series. For our audiovisual collection, Karen plans to expand our offerings of Playaway Wonderbooks, which are print books with a ready-to-play audiobook inside. She is also curating an eclectic collection of international animation DVDs.

The Friends are sponsoring several exciting programs this winter. For February break, Dave Marchetti, owner of Animal Experiences, will introduce children 0+ to a variety of unique and thought-provoking reptiles, amphibians, and small mammals. This program will be offered on Tuesday, February 22nd with 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. sessions. For kids ages 7-12, local author/illustrator Scott SanGiacomo will show kids how he made his graphic novel, Bedhead Ted. Scott will help participants to create their own characters and quick comic. This program will be offered on Thursday, February 24th at 2:00 p.m. For teens, the Library is hosting 15-minute free Teen Tarot Readings with Laura Campagna on Saturday, February 26th.

For a full list of our programs and to register, please visit www.boydenlibrary.org and click on the Events Calendar or call the Youth Services Department at 508-543-1246.

Jessica Henderson, Senior Youth Services Librarian

The “State” of the Friends-2021

THE 2ND YEAR OF THE PANDEMIC

Last year when I was preparing the January Newsletter, I mentioned that 2020 was the year to forget!!! Well, many of you might feel the same way about 2021 as the pandemic rages around us BUT the Friends were really encouraged by your support and generosity during 2021.

First, our membership drive was one of the highest in years. Thank you!!

Secondly, our first book sale in May, which had to be limited, and was done by appointment was modestly successful given the Covid constraints and when we had our November book sale, we were able to have a three- day sale open to all. Many patrons choose to come with or without masks. It turned out to be one of the highest revenue producing book sales in our history. Again, we would not have been able to do any of this without our volunteers and you our patrons who support us through book donations and actual sales.

This support allowed us to fund additional children’s programs, young adult programs along with several musical programs. Your generosity made all this possible.

We were especially fortunate that the Boyden Library was able to operate at 100% which included adding back Sunday hours. Our thanks and gratitude extend to the Board of Trustees, the Library Director and staff for making this possible.

During the year the library redesigned their web page and I encourage you to visit it as it provides invaluable information on the services they provide and the on-going and changing programs. There is also a link to the Friends organization.

Boyden Library has been and continues to play an integral role in the fabric of our community proving a beacon of light in these challenging times.

“WITHOUT LIBRARIES WHAT HAVE WE? WE HAVE NO PAST AND NO FUTURE.” UNKNOWN

If you want to help us in our mission please become a Friend: Membership forms for the Friends are enclosed with the newsletter and are also available at the circulation desks or you can join our group by going on-line to www.boydenlibrary.org and click on the Friends of the Library icon to join.

Many thanks to all our wonderful “Friends”. May 2022 bring an end to the pandemic and all its variants and return us to normalcy.

Please stay safe and healthy in 2022!



2022 Annual Memberships Now Due

The Friends of Boyden Library are beginning their 2022 Membership Drive and are asking you to renew your membership. We realize that these are challenging times and hope that if you are able that you will support our mission which is to provide and support multi-generational activities at the library including the purchase of museum passes, e-books, and rental books.

With the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the library, we have been asked to underwrite and support more and varied programs. Our funds are now being used to support in-person programs as well as to provide additional support for various electronic resources for the library and its patrons, allowing more users to access electronic materials safely and easily.

To join or renew your membership is as easy as going to www.boydenlibrary.org and clicking the Friends link on the right-hand side to pay your membership dues online through PayPal. If you prefer to pay in person there are also membership envelopes at the circulation desks at the library.

Please note that becoming a "FRIEND" does not obligate you in any way other than your financial support; however, if you would also like to volunteer your time and talents please reach out to us at boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com.

We always need volunteers.

As an incentive to join the Friends or renew your membership, we are having a free raffle for a "Friends" tote bag filled with books, gift cards for free DVD and book rentals, and some other goodies. The raffle winner will be chosen at the end of February. Each Friend who pays their dues from November 2021 on will be eligible.

Thank you as always for your continued support!





Notice – ANNUAL FRIENDS MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of Boyden Library Foundation will be held on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 7PM in the Community Meeting Room at the library. At this meeting elections of new officers will be held and minor revisions to our By-laws will be voted on.

November Book Sale

Bibliophiles from the local community lined up outside the Boyden Library for the opening of our book sale in November. Their eagerness to attend the semi-annual event was reminiscent of the pre-pandemic years. We raised over \$3,500 in three days. The Friends organization is extremely pleased by the steady increase in sales since 2020.

Thank you to all who contributed toward the success of the sale, including members of the community who donated their collections and treasures to the Friends. Over the past several months we hosted special book collection drives and re-opened the donation bin in the library lobby. Our dedicated team of sorters spent countless hours collecting and organizing the donations in preparation for the event. Their attention to detail was noted as we received many compliments from patrons on the quality of materials offered for sale.

A few changes to the format of the sale this year include extending shopping hours on Thursday morning and afternoon, extending the “Bag Sale” hours to encompass all day Saturday for the public. Members of the Friends of Boyden Library were also invited to fill a bag during a special event on Friday afternoon from 3 -5 pm. Finally, the Children’s book sale was relocated to the Café to allow for a more pleasant shopping experience.

During the three days we had twenty-five members and friends volunteer their time. Many individuals covered multiple shifts by setting up, assisting customers, sorting inventory, and breaking down the event. We remain extremely grateful for each person’s contribution to the overall success. If you have not had the pleasure of volunteering with our team, consider joining us for the spring sale in May 2022! Also, please continue to donate your “like-new” books and media. The ongoing Book Shops and Last Chapter continue to be stocked daily all year long.

One hundred percent of the Book Sale proceeds continues to support the extensive and diverse programming for Boyden Library patrons. This generosity in its many forms reminds us of the importance of reading and the library in our community.

Wishing you a happy and healthy 2022!

Lesleyann Foster - Book Sale Chair





Annual Giving Tree

The Friends of Boyden Library and the Boyden Library once again collaborated with the Foxboro Discretionary Fund by setting up a **Giving Tree** which was adorned with gift tags listing specific items that children were asking for. This year the Boyden Library patrons generously donated 65 children's gifts that were distributed to children in need locally. In addition, the Friends worked with library staff and collected over 50 children's books that will be distributed to the elementary schools in January.

A huge thank you to all for their generosity



Reaching Out

Over the years the Friends have tried to help teachers, groups, and other organizations by donating books to these individuals. This year, as in past years, we donated to several teachers in Foxboro and surrounding communities who were using their own funds to stock their classroom libraries.

One of the other groups that we have given to is the Dedham House of Corrections. This year we were also approached by a volunteer, Lee Rubin Collins, with the Prison Book Program, a non-profit group whose mission is to provide free and appropriate books to prisoners. We donated several boxes of books to them. Here is an excerpt from her thank you note. "I can assure you that your books on crafts, history, self-help, foreign languages, fantasy and more that the library had are going to be cherished when they find their next homes."



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Changes to the Board

2021 brought several changes to our Board. We were delighted to welcome Margi Rossetti to the Board. Margi as we all know spent many years at Boyden as the Supervisor of the Children's Dept. When she retired, she decided to continue her community service by volunteering on our Board. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience for which we are so grateful.

Departures: First we would like to thank Ann Ross for her many years of service on the Board. Ann recently moved out of state. We would also like to thank Bob Boynton and Elaine Brodeur for their service.

"A LIBRARY IS A HOUSE OF HOPE, IT'S A PLACE
WHERE WE ALL, WHATEVER OUR SITUATION,
CAN FEED OUR IDEAS AND DEVELOP OUR
DREAMS."

DOUG WILHELMINA

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