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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

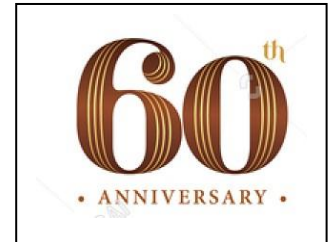
Board Meetings:

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

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Letter from the President



Dear Friends,

Signs of fall are everywhere – the kids are back in school; the leaves are turning color and alas it gets dark much sooner each afternoon. The Friends have returned to in person meetings after a year of Zoom! We have been very busy since the last time I wrote to you. We had a very profitable Spring book sale and are currently preparing for our Fall sale. The drive by donation events (see picture on page 5 have been so successful that we continued them this fall and reopened our collection box located in the entryway. To all of you who have made donations we thank you!

I am happy to report that our membership numbers remain strong, and we greatly appreciate your participation. Without you we would not be able to provide the books, programs, on-line resources, and general support to the library.

With the meeting rooms open once again, the speaker and music programs are back! The library staff has been busy setting up some wonderful events for the fall. There is something for everyone so keep your eye out for the announcements.

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 Room. These meetings are open to the public. Please join us if you are interested in hearing more about what we do.

In closing I would like to extend my personal thanks to the Board members, the library staff and our many volunteers for helping to make Boyden Library such an incredible resource for the community.

As the holidays approach I wish you all good health, happiness and the very best in 2022!

Janice Rosado
President, Friends of Boyden Library

From the Director

As we end 2021, I would like to reflect on the services provided at the Library. First our new Senior Youth Services Librarian Jessica Henderson had a dynamite Summer Reading Program! Storytellers, musicians, and magicians performed outside at our Town Common. We also had an ice cream truck at all these events. It was refreshing to have our Teddy Bear Picnic return and was well attended. A very special thanks to the Friends of the Library for providing these resources, we couldn't do it without their support.

Back by popular demand, Sunday Hours have returned! With COVID cases on the decline, the Library was able to reopen on Sundays beginning in October.

The Sunday Concert Series has returned as well! We have folk, bluegrass, country, and rock musicians performing in our Community Room. The Library is currently booking musicians for the winter/spring 2022. These concerts wouldn't be possible without the generosity from the Friends of Boyden Library.

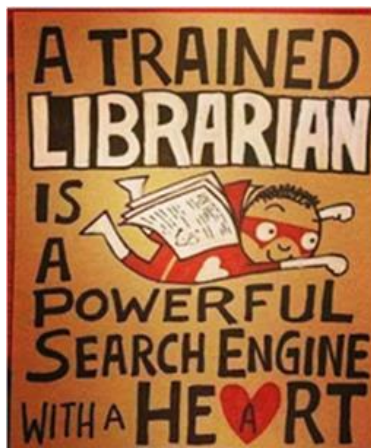
Our Librarians are hard at work purchasing the latest books in fiction and trending topics in non-fiction. We are cataloging new music and movies on a weekly basis. If there is a subject or specific title you would like to see at Boyden, please speak to the staff at the Circulation Desk.

In closing, 2021 seems to be a turning point for society and especially the Library. We are open seven days a week providing new resources, books & services for our patrons.

Thank you for your patience and support through these challenging times.

Stay well Foxborough!

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From the Youth Services Dept.

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends, we were able to offer a sensational Summer Reading Program with concerts, puppets, storytelling, and magic on the Common. For tweens and teens, we had Henna, metalsmithing, and cartooning programs in the Community Meeting Room. Families were thrilled to be out of the house, seeing friends, and returning to the Library! We also offered 100 crafts-to-go a month, and 130 comic-themed crafts-to-go for "Free Comic Book Day." To encourage kids and teens to keep reading over the summer, we ran an online reading program with popular weekly prize drawings such as a LEGO Friends Heartlake City Organic Café, a Deluxe Acrylic Paint Set, and a Kindle Fire.

The Library enjoyed working with other town departments, Patriot Place, and the Jaycees. We hosted Storytimes with the Police and Fire Departments at Payson Playground and with the Recreation Department at the Farmer's Market. We also held Storytimes at the Bass Pro Shop and the Summer Stage at Patriot Place, and were honored to host a craft table at National Night Out on August 3.

In addition to sponsoring performers and crafts, the Friends donated their time. The Friends made the Teddy Bear Picnic run smoothly, gave out crafts to eager crowds at National Night Out, and more recently volunteered at the Fall Harvest Celebration at Patriot Place.

As we savor the crisp autumn air and beautiful fall foliage, we are pleased to move into school year programming. Our fun fall programs include "Rainforest Reptiles" on October 23rd, "Trick-or-Treat in the Library" on October 30th, and "Virtual Gingerbread Houses" on December 8th. Cool crafts-to-go include our 1st Inktober Event and Pun-ny Pumpkin Puppets. We also reinstated the display case program so children in the community can showcase their toy collections.

For those wishing to spread kindness this holiday season, the Youth Services Department has a couple of special programs. In November we will host a food drive for the Foxboro Food Pantry as part of our "T. Rex Trot: Pop-Up Storywalk and Food Drive." In December we will have a "Bake for Good, Kit & Zoom Program," sponsored by King Arthur Baking Company. Children will learn how to bake bread from scratch. They will bake 2 loaves; one to keep and one to share with someone in need, or as an act of kindness.

Looking ahead, the Library has exciting school vacation programming in store! On Tuesday, December 28th, families are encouraged to wear pirate attire for "Captain Robbie Bones Pirate Magic Show." Captain Robbie will present a treasure chest full of magic with everything from juggling Cannon balls to a snake in a basket. During February vacation local author Scott SanGiacomo will show kids how he made his graphic novel, *Bedhead Ted*. Did you know that Scott wrote part of *Bedhead Ted* in the Boyden Library? During April vacation Historic New England will run weaving workshops for middle and high school students.

To register for programs, 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

60th Anniversary of the Founding of the “FRIENDS”

We are delighted to announce that Jack Authelet, our Town Historian, has agreed to speak to our group about the role the Friends have played in Foxborough since our founding 60 years ago. Jack, the consummate “TOWNIE” having lived here his entire life realizes the important place volunteers play in all aspects of the community. His speech will address how the “Friends” and the library have worked together over the years to provide a nurturing environment for the entire community to thrive.

Please join us on November 14th at 1PM in the Community Meeting Room. All are welcome!!!

Some interesting information about our early days follows:

Mrs. Corondon Fuller of the Library Board (aka Trustees) instituted the Friends of the Boyden Library group in May 1961. 47 residents signed up to be charter members. Lawrence Powers was named Temporary Chair of the Friends.

In February 1961 a Library Facility Planning Committee was formed to find a new location instead of Memorial Hall that was much too small. The Friends Group was instrumental in working with town government and the community to galvanize support for the new library.

By October 1961, the Friends had over 100 members. At the first meeting at Bethany Congregational Church in October, 15 people attended. A partial quote from Lawrence Powers at the inaugural meeting sheds some light on the direction the Friends Group would take -- "...this organization can mean so much for the cultural development of this community."

The Friends held their 1st Annual Book Fair at the First National Store on 10/13/62 which soon became one of the main avenues to raise monies to support various programs and functions that are not covered by town funds. This tradition has continued through the years.





2022 Annual Memberships

Last year at our November 2020 book sale several people asked if they could renew their 2021 membership dues or if they signed up as a new member would that qualify for paying their 2021 dues. ABSOLUTELY!!

So, if you visit us at the November Book Sale and want to pay your 2022 membership dues, we would be delighted to assist you.

Membership dues are integral to our mission and account for over 50% of the funds that the Friends provide to the library to help purchase museum passes, e-books and rental books and the underwriting of various adult, children, and musical programs.

If you want to help us in our mission please become a Friend: Membership forms for the Friends are available at the circulation desks at the library 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.



Volunteers working at one of the “Covid” safe outdoor book collections.





November Book Sale

The Friends of Boyden Library Fall Book Sale will be held on November 18-20 at the Community Meeting Room in the library.

As a thank you to our dues paying members, we will offer a free raffle. The prize will consist of one of our newly designed tote bags filled with books, gift cards for rental books and DVDs.

Running a book sale requires countless hours of work, all of it done by volunteers. We always need VOLUNTEERS!!! If you are interested in helping to collect books, set up, sort books, assist at the sale or dismantle the book sale at the close please reach out to us at boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com.

VOLUNTEERS make our book sales and the other programs we sponsor possible. A big shout out and thank you to our dedicated volunteers! We are forever grateful for your generous donation of time and talent! (See picture on page 5)

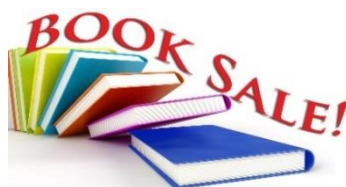
Patrons are always invited to visit our ongoing Book Shops. Adult best sellers, non-fiction, and DVDs are located on the first floor near the tutoring room and a small Young Adult Book "Shop" is in the Young Adult Room. The Children's Book Shop is located on the second floor in the Children's Department. In addition, there is the Last Chapter located on the ground level which has discounted books for purchase. Inventory in all our book "Shops" is continuously replenished and updated by a team of volunteers.

If you would like to donate "like-new" condition, or recently published books or media for our book sales our collection bin is once again set up in the entrance lobby of the library. We only accept books and DVDs that are clean and gently used. (Please no moldy, water damaged or books that have been marked up.)

Are You Looking For a Way to Become More Involved?

Are you looking for a way to become more involved with the Friends organization? We would love to have you join our team of volunteers to assist with both set up and working during the book sale. Set up will be on Wednesday, November 17th. We will have two shifts available- 1PM-4PM and 5PM - 8PM. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Lesleyann Foster at laidlawfoster@gmail.com.

Lesleyann Foster, Book Sale Chair



Thanksgiving Theme

As we approach the Thanksgiving Holiday there are several library related activities that we are thankful for in 2021.

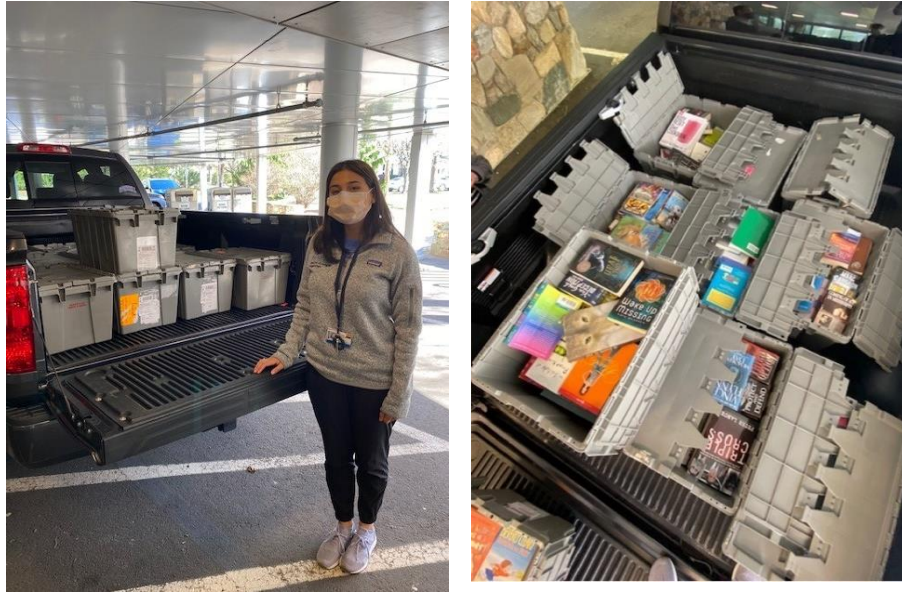
- We lost Margi Rossetti as the Children's Library Supervisor BUT gained her as a valued member of the Friends Board!
- We were able to expand the number of discounted passes to the Southwick Zoo, all of which were purchased by our patrons.
- We held 6 outdoor book collections enabling us to reinstate our May and the upcoming November Book Sale.
- VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS- We can't begin to say how THANKFUL we are for your time and talents.



Annual Giving Tree

The Friends of Boyden Library and the Boyden Library will once again support the Foxboro Discretionary Fund by setting up a **Giving Tree (see picture below)** on the first-floor library lobby starting November 8th. This year the Discretionary Fund will return to their pre-Covid policy where we will hang holiday cards on the tree listing a specific item a child would like and we would once again ask you to take a card, purchase the item listed and return it unwrapped to the "Giving Tree" area by December 11th.





Guardian Angels

Periodically we thank individuals who have made significant contributions to the “Friends”. Our first “G.A.” is Laura Ebraico who works at Brigham and Women’s in Foxborough. She approached us with the idea of connecting to the community by donating books to the Friends. Over a period of 4-6 weeks Laura set up collection boxes at B&W, sorted, packed, and delivered 11 crates (hundreds of books), all in great shape to us in time for the May book sale. We were delighted to have a partner working with us. Our book sales are one of our biggest fundraisers during the year and quality books are essential for a successful book sale. Laura is planning on doing this again next year.

Our second “G.A.” is Adam Rouille who approached us several years ago with an idea of partnering with us to sell selected donated books on Amazon. We were immediately interested as this was one of the ideas our Board had discussed but had determined that we had neither the personnel nor the expertise to do this. Over the past several years Adam has worked with our President and Book Store Chair to periodically review our donated book inventory to select those he feels he can sell on Amazon. After making his selections he advertises the items on Amazon, tracks the sales, handles the mailing of the items, provides a quarterly computerized record and payment to the Friends. This collaboration was a huge success right from the beginning requiring minimal volunteer time from the Friends and a significant infusion of funds to the group. A huge “thank you” to both Laura and Adam.

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Annual Notice – Friends Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of Boyden Library Foundation will be held on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 in the Community Meeting Room at the library. At this meeting elections of new officers will be held.

All are welcome to attend.

