

January 2024



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
Bernadette Thie

Annual Friends Meeting

Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 7 p.m.
Community Meeting Room - Boyden Library

All are welcome!!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Happy 2024! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and are now enjoying some down time. The winter months are a great time to catch up on your reading. My go to plan for a cold day is for a warm fire, hot drink and a good book.

The New Year brings our annual membership drive. For your convenience, an envelope is provided with this newsletter for submitting your dues. You may also pay using PayPal - just look for the Friends tab under "About Us" on the library website. 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.

Keep an eye out for our book donation and spring sale dates. We have already started collecting donations and hope to have an equally diverse and plentiful selection as the Fall Sale. Speaking of which, we made over \$5000 between book sales and memberships during our November sale. These dollars will go a long way in supporting the various library programs.

Our Fall Social at Union Straw was a great success. It was fun to chat with everyone while enjoying some wonderful food and drink. The staff at Union Straw could not have been more accommodating.

Our monthly meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month (Sep-Nov and Jan-Jun) at 7 p.m. in the Community Room. We are always looking for new ideas so please join us if you are interested in hearing more about what we do and sharing any thoughts you have. This year our annual meeting will be held on February 7th which will include elections for a number of Board positions. All our meetings are open to the public.

In closing, I would like to wish you health and happiness in the new year and thank you for being a Friend. Hope to see you at the library!

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

FROM THE DIRECTOR



What an extraordinary year it has been for Boyden Library! We successfully implemented a dynamic 5-year Strategic Plan, inaugurated a Seed Lending Library, and significantly expanded our program offerings for patrons of all ages in 2023 with 149 Adult programs, 75 Teen programs and 298 Children’s programs. These accomplishments would not have been possible without the generous support of the Friends of Boyden Library.

As we step into 2024, Boyden Library proudly remains a pillar of knowledge, connection, and cultural enrichment in our community. Some noteworthy initiatives in the new year include:

1. Partnering with the Mass Center for the Book 2024 Reading Challenge. If interested in participating, please visit: <https://www.massbook.org/readingchallenge>
2. Hosting another Community Read program in March focusing on a captivating fiction book. Stay tuned for more details as we unveil the selected literary title and associated programs.
3. Launching a new digital art display, through Padlet, for teens and adults. If you would like to contribute to this online community art exhibit, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/digitalartworks>
4. Offering the Spice Club once again to patrons. Those interested can register to pick up a Spice Club Kit each month. January’s spice will be ginger.
5. Holding ESL Conversation Circles Friday mornings at 11:00am on January 12, 26, February 9 and March 8, as well as Monday evenings at 6:30pm on January 22, February 12, 26, and March 11.
6. Organizing a Human Library program for March 23, 2024, providing attendees the unique opportunity to “borrow” time with a human “book” to delve into diverse experiences and challenge stereotypes. This event aims to foster community connections, heighten awareness, and humanize varying perspectives.

Building on these initiatives, we are thrilled to announce a lineup of exciting winter programs for adults. Some programs require registration; please visit <https://boydenlibrary.org/calendar> to register:

- Thursdays, January 11 – February 15, 10:00-11:00am: Drop in Tech Help
- Every Thursday in January, 6:30pm: Yoga with the YMCA
- Every first Friday of the month, 11am: Coloring for Adults
- January 16, 7pm: Dry January and the History of the Temperance Movement (Virtual program)
- January 20, 10am: Collectibles Appraisal: A Free Community Event with Rick Keller
- January 21, 2pm: Catnip Junkies concert
- January 23, 7pm: Develop the Habits for Staying Organized with Susan McCarthy
- January 24, February 14 and 28, 11am: Tea and Talk (about books!)
- February 1, 6:30pm: Craft Night with Traci
- February 4, 2pm: History of Nancy Drew Talk
- February 8, 7pm: Travel to two Greek Islands with Jeff Klapes (Virtual program)
- February 15, 6:30pm: Boyden Library Trivia Night (Theme: TV shows)
- February 27, 6pm: Local Artists: Creative Networking Event
- February 28, 6:30pm: Sourdough Starter Workshop with Sourdough Brandon
- February 29, 6pm: Alcohol Ink + Posca Art Workshop
- March 3, 2pm: Stanley and Grimm concert
- March 14, 7pm: Celtic Chocolate with Kim Larkin
- March 24, 2pm: Crowe’s Pasture concert

As always, we wish you and your family a happy and healthy New Year! Remember that you are always welcome at the Boyden Library to simply visit, browse our collections and partake in all that the library has to offer!

Thank you,
Libby O'Neill

2024 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS NOW DUE

The Friends of Boyden Library 2024 Membership Drive has begun! Over one-third of our income in 2023 came from membership dues and monetary donations. Joining or renewing membership is an integral part of the Friends success.

Your financial support helped sponsor a variety of programs in 2023. These included passes for the Museum of Science, discounted tickets to the Southwick Zoo, and one Wifi hotspot. The Friends also supported craft and floral supplies for the Adult, Teen, and Youth departments.

The Friends sponsored 28 Adult programs and concerts, including the very popular potting workshop, Dustin Pari program, and Hollow Turtle concert.

The Friends brought 9 programs to the Teen Department. Some of the more well-attended programs were the Escape Room, Shadow Boxes, and Paint an Axoloti. The Friends also provided games and gaming supplies for the Teen Room, prizes, and supplies for school visits and the Makerspace.

The Friends sponsored 19 children's programs, as well as prizes for the Summer Reading Program. Programs included the always popular Teddy Bear Picnic, Mike the Bubble Man, Poop Museum, and Wide World of Reptiles.

We hope you and your families were able to enjoy some of these offerings in 2023. The Library staff is busy planning more exciting programs for 2024.

Please support the Friends and the Library by joining or renewing your Friends membership today. It is as easy as going to www.boydenlibrary.org and clicking on the "About Us" tab at the top of the page, then clicking on the "Friends" link to pay your membership dues online through PayPal (at the bottom of the page). If you prefer, you can use the enclosed membership envelope which can be mailed in or dropped off at the circulation desk.

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.

Membership Raffle

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, a Friends gift card for our book shops and book sale, and some other goodies. The raffle winner will be chosen at the end of February. Each Friend who paid their dues from November 2023-February 2024 is eligible.

Thank you as always for your continued support!

Welcome New Friends

Elizabeth Ackerman-Isaza
Ines Arismendi
Rick Benoit
Barbi Calusdian
Faleelah Dam
Leslie Dunford
Lori Foley
Rita Greeley
Jeanette Harney
Haley Hicks
Kurt Jackson
Nicolette Lammi
Becky Lane

Alison McDonough
Suzanne Mosesso
Shiajeet Mukhejie
Libby O'Neill
Julie Pritchard
Beth Rayner-Zyskowski
Meaghan & Justin Richardson
Bhiniata Sidhwa
Isabel Tang
Diane Thies
Jackson Tribucio
Simone Wildes

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of Boyden Library will be held on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room at Boyden Library. New officers will be elected at this meeting. The monthly meeting of the Friends will be held immediately after the Annual Meeting. The meetings are open to the public and all are welcome.

GIVING TREE and HOLIDAY BOOK DRIVE

The Friends of Boyden Library would like to thank everyone who participated in the annual Giving Tree and Holiday Book Drive. A multitude of brand-new books and approximately 70 wish list items for Foxboro children were donated by generous patrons and were distributed to local families.

A huge thank you to everyone involved including patrons who donated gifts and the library staff who oversaw the gift collection. Your participation and generosity are appreciated!





THANKFUL

The Friends of Boyden Library Fall Book Sale was one of the most successful events to date. The November 2023 event raised over \$4,700 to support library programs and welcomed 22 new members.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the members of our community who generously donated an extensive assortment of quality books and audio-visual materials. We are also extremely grateful to our volunteers who collected, sorted, boxed, moved and sold thousands of books. Your time, energy and dedication made it all possible!


Did you know... Over half of the Friends income in 2023 came from sales of donated book and other materials. So, please keep those like-new book donations coming in, via either the donation bin or at an upcoming book drive.

Mark your calendars...

FRIENDS OF BOYDEN LIBRARY

Book Drive

March 16
April 13
Saturday | 9am - 11am



Please donate your "like-new books". All proceeds from sales benefit library programming. The donation bin is located in the lobby available during library hours.

Volunteers will be curbside on the above dates to accept donations

FRIENDS OF BOYDEN LIBRARY

SPRING BOOK SALE

Thursday, MAY 9 10am - 8pm

Friday, MAY 10 10am - 5pm

\$5 Bag Sale

Saturday, MAY 11 10am - 3pm

WE WELCOME YOUR DONATIONS

TEEN HAPPENINGS AT BOYDEN LIBRARY



Thank you to the Friends of Boyden Library for sponsoring T-shirts for the staff!

I made visits to Foxborough High School, Ahern Middle School, and Foxborough Regional Charter School in the month of October. I would like to thank the Friends for providing fun masks and crayons for me to give students on my visit. It was successful and I have seen quite an uptick in Teen activity in the Teen Room, which is music to my eyes.

The Friends sponsored the Thanksgiving Wood Pumpkin Craft and December's gift wrap station Makerspace in the Teen Room. Other fun programs were Jewelry Making with Juri Love and Glass Painting with Miss Mehta. January is the first month the Teen

Advisory Board will get a new name and look! The teens and I are finalizing a name for it, but it will include making a fun drink, activity, snack, and chatting with each other and will be Teen led.

Programs coming up in January and February include Learn to Draw with Miss Mehta, Crafty Teens Make a Cute Snowman and Make a Chinese Waving Lucky Cat for Chinese New Year in February, Moose Master Game, and Legos for Teens.

Jennifir Huston, Teen Librarian

YOUTH SERVICES



The Fall went by so quickly in the Children's Room. Time really does fly when you're having fun! We would like to give a big shout out to the Friends for sponsoring the following programs:

- Frida Kahlo Fiesta - Cheryl De Oliviera of Music Rocks Foxboro
- Spooky Bones & Creepy Crawlies - Professor Bugman
- Infant Massage & Baby Sign Language classes - Baby Kneads
- Halloween Costume Contest & Trick or Treat through the Library

- *Dr. Rosie Helps the Animals* Author & Illustrator visit - Jennifer Wellborn & Rozillia MH
- Family Yoga -Katie Kourtis of Universal Power Yoga
- The Poop Museum - Susie Maguire
- Winter Wonderland Comic Mime Show - Robert Rivest

Department Updates (please contact Children's Room staff for more information):

- We received a \$2,100 donation from the Foxboro Rotary Club to purchase 6 Google Chromebooks! This donation is in addition to two donations we received from our wonderful patrons Ilyas Taj and Jayden Onwuakor. We will now be able to buy 8 Chromebooks in total to use for a future kids' coding club and for several other projects and programs.
- We are continuing to grow our Tween collection by adding Graphic Novels. Also, our Holiday section is complete and categorized by the month. We are making an effort to purchase more multicultural holiday materials such as Ramadan, Holi, Diwali, Kwanzaa, Lunar New Year, and Jewish Holidays. You can find this section next to the Parent/Pro section.
- We took part in Inktober, a 31-day drawing contest with a different prompt for each day of the month. We held a drawing for those who participated every day and gave a \$25 Michaels Gift Card (funded by the Friends!) to the lucky winner. This was such a success that we will be hosting our first Annual Valentine's Day Community Art Event for all ages called Who Do You Love? Participants can create a portrait of someone they love using any medium of their choice and upload a picture of it to our Padlet.
- Starting in January, children can sign up to be The Little Librarian of the Week! They will get to curate their own book display that will be featured in the Children's Room for one week out of each month. It is a way for kids to recommend books they love to other kids and have their time in the spotlight!

Programs to look forward to:

- LEGO Club (ages 5-12) - Saturdays @ 11 am
- Dungeons & Dragons (GR. 7-8) - Tuesdays from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm
- Story & Sing Along (ages 1-3) - Weds, Jan 17 @ 10:15 & 11:15 am
- Self Help Inc/CFCE We Are Family Event - Thurs, Jan 18 @ 1 pm
- Soothing Sensory Time (ages 3-5) - Fri, Jan 19 @ 11:15 am-12:15 pm
- Silly W/ Story Time (ages 3-5) - Mon, Jan 22, 29 @ 10:30 am - 11 am
- Writer's Workshop (ages 8-12) - Mon, 8 & Jan 22 @ 4 pm-5 pm
- Strange Science (GR. 2-5) - Weds, Jan 24 @ 4 pm - 5 pm
- PAWS to Read w/ Parker the Therapy Dog! (ages 5-8) - Sat, Jan 27 @ 11 am-12 pm 15 min time slots-first come, first served
- Baby Sign Language Party - Tue, Feb 13 @ 11 am

Please register for these programs at <https://boydenlibrary.org/calendar>

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://www.boydenlibrary.org>



**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.

