

January, 2015



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Library Hours:

Monday: 10-8  
Tuesday: 10-8  
Wednesday: 10-8  
Thursday: 10-8  
Friday: 10-6  
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 in the Community  
Meeting Room at the Library  
at 7:30 PM.

There is no meeting in July  
& August.

All are welcome to attend.

Board Members:

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## Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

At the beginning of each year, it is good to look back at the past year and reflect on what we were able to accomplish for the benefit of the Foxborough community and then look forward to doing even more in the coming year. The Friends book sales are the primary fundraiser which enables us to fund so many programs throughout the year. We had two very successful book sales, one in the Spring and another in the Fall. This was possible because of our very hard-working Book Sale Committee who worked tirelessly week after week sorting the donations, then with additional volunteers set up the books, worked the many hours of the sale, dismantled the tables and packed up the leftover books. Some of these books were saved for future sales, while others were donated to VA hospitals and to another nonprofit organization. Our thanks to everyone who came to our Book Sales and purchased books!

The proceeds of the book sales funded the Spring Author Series. Four authors came and spoke. They answered our questions and autographed their books. This series was well attended. It seemed that no one wanted to miss Ted Reinstein of "Chronicle".

In the Fall, a Speaker Series was presented with a diverse group of speakers from a standing-room-only crowd for the inspirational "It's Not About the Hike" to an intriguing presentation on the Lizzie Borden axe murder controversy, to our own Jeff Peterson's "Legendary Locals of Foxborough".

This Spring, the Friends and the library are excited to sponsor a "Kids Read" for the first time. "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" is the selected title. Book discussions for both children and families, archery, cooking and crafts will be offered and the movie will be shown at the Orpheum Theatre.

This past December, the Friends again sponsored a successful Giving Tree which held tags listing a specific toy for a deserving child in support of the Foxboro Discretionary Fund.

This is also the time of year to renew your 2015 membership to the Friends. Membership dues are another important source of funds which enable us to support the library with programs for children and adults and program materials for the summer reading program, bookmarks, prizes, and awards. Please join and support your library by becoming a Friend.

Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Community Meeting Room at the Library. We would love to have you join us.

Diane Monahan, Friends President

## Sunday Afternoon Music at Boyden Library

The Boyden Library will continue to be open on Sunday afternoons from 1 – 5 pm through the end of April (closed Easter Sunday, April 5), and will be featuring live music on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> – two great opportunities for the whole family to enjoy some singing, guitar picking, and maybe even a little dancing!

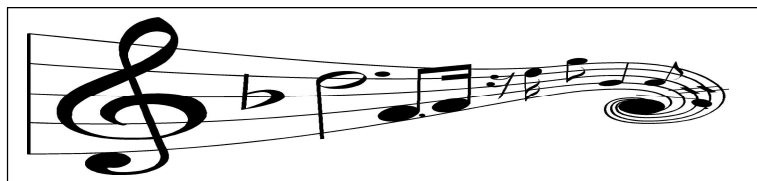
February's performance is by *Jumpin' Juba* – a guitar and piano duo who will offer a mix of blues and roots-rock, on both originals and classic covers. Steve Hurl plays electric guitar and blues/boogie piano player Bruce Ward is on keyboards.

New Orleans swamp-rock, classic boogie-woogie, folk, Memphis rock & roll, and everything from calypso to country are stirred into the band's blue stew. In *Jumpin' Juba* performances Steve gets to bend the guitar strings a little harder and sing with a little more pepper than your average folkie, and Bruce alternately pounds and glides over the piano keys – as you would expect from someone whose musical heroes are Professor Longhair, Otis Spann, and Jimmy Yancey.

*Two Old Friends* will join us on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Jim Prendergast and Emery Hutchins are musicians who play and sing a unique combination of Celtic and American country music, and in their performances seek to show the connection between the two genres. Emery is a well-known performer of a variety of different styles of acoustic music, ranging from traditional Irish tunes to vintage American country music songs. Jim worked for thirty years in the recording studios and orchestra pits of Nashville, TN. Jim now resides in NH and is an active participant in New England's thriving Celtic/Folk music scene.

A *Two Old Friends* performance will give you plaintive ballads and foot-stomping shout tunes, soaring instrumental solos, traditional Irish tunes, and story-telling. There is truly something for everyone. There are American blues pieces juxtaposed with Irish jigs and reels. Original melodies, songs and stories by the artists are part of a performance that tells the story in music of loss and renewal, despair and hope, anguish and joy that is the story of the Irish and of every other group of people who have traveled to America -- and within America. It is a performance that is informative and entertaining and above all, seeks to show that to understand the music of a culture is to understand the heart of a culture.

Hutch and Jim will be singing and playing the banjo, guitar, mandolin, concertina, bodhran and the octave mandolin.





## From the Children's Room

This winter, the Children's Department added two new AWE Early Literacy Stations to the children's computer table, replacing the old PC/ CD-ROM software system. The bright and inviting ELS stations are all-in-one computers preloaded with educational games and stories for children in preschool through early elementary grades. Children can choose content relating to six different themes: Math, Science and Nature, Art and Music, Reading, Words, and Phonics, Writing and Computer Skills, and Social Science and Geography. The programs operate through the use of touch screen or by a mouse. Register your children for a one-hour session at the children's desk and enjoy the programs right along with them. The AWE Early Literacy Stations were funded by The Beyond Books Capital Campaign.

The Friends of the Boyden Library are in the planning stages of a Kids Read program this spring. This town-wide event, planned to take place in April, will feature the book "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" by C.S. Lewis. Stay tuned for more information about upcoming events which will celebrate the themes in this classic children's story. In addition to The Kids Read program, the Children's Department has set the following programs to begin in February:

- Monday, February 9 at 1:30 p.m. Valentine's Day Story and Craft for ages 3-6. We are adding an extra Story Time this week along with our Wednesday, February 11 program at 1:30 p.m. for Valentine's Day activities. We'll start with a story and then everyone can make Valentines for the ones they love. Registration is not required. It will be held in the Story/Craft Room in the Children's Department.
- Tuesday, February 17 at 2:00 p.m. National award-winning puppeteer Deborah Costine will present "Turtle's New Home." Learn about animal wetland homes and what happens when the wetland habitat becomes threatened by land development. This program is provided courtesy of the performer and through a gift by Janet Haynes. Registration begins at the Children's Desk on February 5 (508-543-1246). This is appropriate for ages 4-11 and will be held in the Community Meeting Room on the entry level.
- Monday, April 6 at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. "Spring into Music with Miss Pam Atanasoff" will be presented by Miss Pam from Musical Journeys who will return with musical activities for children ages 9 months- 5 years. Register your child for the 10 a.m. or the 11 a.m. session beginning March 26 at the Children's Desk (508-543-1246). This is sponsored by the Friends of the Boyden Library and will be held in the Community Meeting Room.
- Tuesday, April 21 at 2:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. "Barn Babies," the popular petting zoo will return. Sign up for one session at the Children's Desk beginning April 7 (508-543-1246). This is appropriate for ages 3 and older and is sponsored by the Friends of the Boyden Library in the Community Meeting Room.

## What are Friends For?

Where can you explore the seven seas, perform research on the intricacies of the universe, trace your family roots or just sit in a quiet corner reading a newspaper. Yes, this is all available at the Boyden Library where the Friends of the Boyden Library are hard at work helping to expand the programs that are offered to the town.

The Friends have had a busy year since the grand re-opening. Working with the Library staff they have held a Spring and Fall series of author/speakers on a variety of topics. The series was so popular that 2015 will see a continuation with new and exciting presenters. Stay tuned!!

Not to be forgotten is the ever-popular Children's Room where many Friend's-sponsored programs are held high above Foxborough in their new "tree house"-themed Children's Dept. The Friends support the longrunning Story Time for pre-schoolers which this year was expanded to add a pajama night so that working parents could attend. Another new event this year that was a huge hit was the Whalemobile program. Children were allowed to actually crawl through a life-size whale that was set up in the Community Meeting Room. This program, along with other season-themed craft activities offered throughout the year, was made possible through funding from the Friends of Boyden Library.

Now that the Library is fully functioning in their renovated and expanded space The Friends and the Library are looking forward to sponsoring and offering a town-wide Kids Read program this Spring based on the classic book "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" by C.S. Lewis. A number of events relating to the story are planned. Based on the success of the "Memoirs of a Geisha" held in 2010, the Friends are expecting this family-oriented program to reach over 500 people.

In addition to these programs, book rentals of newly released best sellers, e-books for Kindles and Nooks as well as a new program offering newly released DVDs for rent are made possible by the generosity of the people in town through their participation in the book sales held by the Friends or through membership dues to the Friends. Stop by the Library and enjoy any number of programs being offered or just sit in a cozy corner and catch up on the news or the latest best-seller.

**Become a Friend.** Membership forms for the Friends are available at the Circulation desk or join the group by going on-line to [www.boydenlibrary.org](http://www.boydenlibrary.org) and click on the Friends of the Library icon to join.

## 2015 Annual Membership Now Due!

Hello Friends:

If you have not yet had the opportunity to renew your membership or start a new one, we want to remind you that the 2015 Friends membership dues are now due. If your address label has a 14 or life on it, your dues are up to date for 2014 or you have been “grandfathered” as a life member. Thank you!! If your label does not have either of these on it, your dues are now due. Please use the enclosed envelope to forward your dues for 2015.

We ask you to help defray the adult and children's programs supported by the Friends by renewing your 100% tax-deductible membership, increasing your membership, or inviting a friend to join us.

Membership levels for the calendar year 2015 are:

<b>\$10</b>	<b>Student/Senior</b>
<b>\$20</b>	<b>Good Friend</b>
<b>\$40</b>	<b>Great Friend</b>
<b>\$75</b>	<b>Best Friend</b>

**Other: Gift/Donation/Bequest/In Memoriam**

Please make checks payable to Friends of Boyden Library, 10 Bird Street, Foxborough, MA 02035 or you can now pay your dues via Paypal by going to [www.boydenlibrary.org](http://www.boydenlibrary.org) and clicking on the FRIENDS box and then clicking on the appropriate box under MEMBERSHIPS.

*The Friends of the Boyden Library is a non-profit foundation providing support and enrichment to the Foxborough community through support of the public library.*

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Please cut on dotted line and mail with check to Friends of Boyden Library, 10 Bird Street, Foxborough, MA 02035.

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## Annual Notice – Friends Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of Boyden Library Foundation will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 in the Community Meeting Room in the Boyden Library where elections of new officers will be held.

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## Be a Friend to the Environment - Go Green

If you are receiving your Friends' Newsletter via mail, we don't have your correct email address! Please send an email to [Boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com](mailto:Boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com) with "Electronic Newsletter" as your subject line and we will add that address to our list and you will receive your newsletter electronically.

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## National Readathon Day Comes to the Boyden Library

Join the Boyden Library as we celebrate National Readathon Day on Saturday, January 24, and help the National Book Foundation fight illiteracy and expand its audience for literature in America. As a participating venue, the Boyden Library will welcome Foxboro readers to take part in a marathon reading session between 12-4 p.m. at the library. Whether or not you take part in the readathon, you can contribute by helping the Boyden Library reach a fundraising goal of \$1,000. Contributions can be made on our FirstGiving donation page at <https://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/boyden-library/national-readathon-day>. Proceeds will help support programs like BookUp, The Innovations in Reading Prize, and the National Book Awards. On the afternoon of the readathon, readers will be invited to find a comfortable reading chair in the library and make themselves at home with a book. Refreshments will be provided.

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## Kids Read - "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe"

The Friends of the Boyden Library and the Boyden Library will co-sponsor a town-wide Kids Read program based on the children's classic book "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" by C.S. Lewis. This program will parallel the very successful Foxborough Reads program for adults held in 2010 that featured "Memoirs of a Geisha" by Arthur Golden. The program will include book discussion groups for families and children, craft programs, a magic show, archery, a "Turkish Delight" candy-making demonstration and the showing of the film at the Orpheum Theater. The program will be geared toward youngsters ages 8 and older and their families. All events will take place between April 13 – May 1, 2015.



## Annual Giving Tree Recap

The Friends of Boyden Library and the Boyden Library supported the Foxboro Discretionary Fund in December, 2014, with a **Giving Tree**. The Giving Tree adorned with tags was located in the entrance area of the library. Patrons, Friends and Staff took a tag, purchased the gift and returned them to the library for distribution to families through the discretionary fund. Over 40 gifts were donated!



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## From the Children's Room (cont'd. from P. 3)

What are kids reading?

The picture book set and those who read to them ask for the “Gerald and Piggie” stories by Mo Willems. The newest is “Waiting is not Easy”. Also popular is “The Book With No Pictures” by B.J. Novak, “Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site” by Sherri Duskey, and books by Herve Tulliet including “Press Here” and “Mix it Up”! Still popular after many weeks on the best-seller list is “The Day the Crayons Quit” by Drew Daywalt. Of course books about super heroes and princesses are always in fashion.

A day doesn't go by without middle school readers asking for “Diary of a Wimpy Kid” books by Jeff Kinney. The newest title in that series is “The Long Haul”. Also very popular with this age group is “Percy Jackson's Greek Gods” by Rick Riordan, “Wonder” by P.J. Palacio, the “Minecraft” handbooks, the “Captain Underpants” series by Dav Pilkey, and LEGO visual dictionaries.

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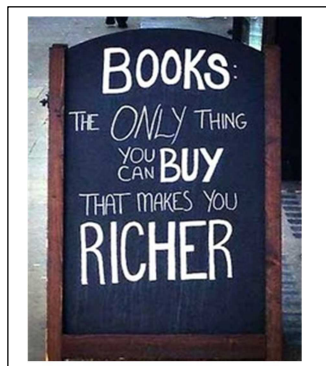
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## The Case of the Missing Book Box

In early February the Friends' familiar book donation box should be back in its original place just outside the main entrance of the Boyden Library. We have had to delay collecting new donations in order to relocate the Friends' storage workspace and install bookshelves. As we begin plans for a May book sale to support the many programs offered to the public, we rely again on generous contributions from the community to provide the Friends with books and other media to sell. Watch for the return of the book box!



**Save the Date!**  
**Spring Book Sale**  
**May 14, 15, & 16**