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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:

Dave Crimmins, President
Sue Collins, Secretary
Bernadette Thie,
Treasurer
Lesleyann Foster
Liz Karvonen
Julie Law-Linck
Laurie Magee
Barbara Massey
Diane Monahan
Jennifer Ooi
Diane Piper
Ann Ross

Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

As I write this there are still mounds of snow everywhere - will Spring ever come? We've been busy since the last newsletter in spite of all the snow. First we had our annual election at the beginning of February. The slate of officers is listed to the left of my letter. I look forward to working with each of the Board members as the year progresses. At this point I would like to publically thank them for the countless volunteer hours and hard work they give to support the library. Without them the level of programming at the Library would certainly suffer.

One of the upcoming events is the Foxborough Kids Reads Program which encompasses a number of segments within the program and is based on the popular book "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" geared towards kids in the 3rd to 8th grades and their families. Behind the scenes a group comprised of Laurie Magee, Barbara Massey, Jennifer Ooi and Margi Rossetti have been busy for months planning and organizing the various components of this program. They are doing a fabulous job. Please read the separate article in this newsletter about this wonderful program and stay tuned for further announcements in the Reporter, in the schools and our own email blasts. We are pleased to report that part of this program is being funded by a grant from the Partners in Patriotism group.

We also have a separate group (Sue Collins, Barbara Massey, Diane Monahan, Ann Ross and Bernadette Thie) working on our semi-annual book sale which will be held on May 14, 15 and 16. The proceeds from the book sales and those from our membership drive represent about 90% of the funding used to support the various programs at the library. These projects and your support of them are incredibly important to our ability to underwrite programs such as the Foxborough Kids Reads and the author series addressed in the enclosed article by Jerry Cirillo. We hope you take advantage of all the exciting programs coming up and don't forget if you haven't renewed your 2015 membership dues you can send a check or log on to www.boydenlibrary.org and click on the Friends icon and pay using Paypal.

Your support is invaluable.
Our sincerest thanks to all our generous donors.

Dave Crimmins, Friends President

Friends Rental DVD's

The new Friends Rental DVD collection is up and running!...and being well received by our library patrons. Featuring the most popular and most in demand new releases, these rental DVDs are available on a first-come, first-serve basis – following the same model as the Friends Rental Book collection.

Funded by an initial grant from the Friends, the revenue generated by DVD rentals will return to the Friends and be used to establish a sustainable rental DVD collection...a collection that will give library patrons a great opportunity to enjoy popular movies soon after their DVD release.

DVDs can be rented for one week for a \$2.00 fee, and renewed for an additional week for another \$2.00.

All DVDS in the Rental collection are duplicate copies of DVDs in the library's regular circulating collection – but no holds can be placed on rental collection DVDs.

Newly-released DVDs often have a long waiting list – so finding that new title on the rental shelf for immediate loan for a \$2.00 fee benefitting the Friends is a great option for our borrowers.

Friends Rental Gift Cards, through which you get free rental after four paid rentals, can be used interchangeably for book or DVD rentals.

Among the titles available on the DVD rental shelf are *Gone Girl*, *Birdman*, *The Interview*, *Lucy*, *Foxcatcher*, *Fury*, *Boyhood*, *Into the Woods*, *Mazzerunner*, and many more.

This year's *Spring Author Series, Plus One!* Got off to a great start with an appearance by Michael Blanding, author of *The Map Thief*, on February 19. "The Map Thief" is the fascinating true story of esteemed antiquarian map dealer E. Forbes Smiley III, who spent years doubling as a map thief until the day he was arrested while delicately tearing maps out of books in the Yale University Library. A small audience of eighteen, on a bitterly cold evening, heard a very informative and interesting presentation.

Columnist and author Alex Beam visited the library on March 19 to speak on his latest work, *American Crucifixion: The Murder of Joseph Smith and the Fate of the Mormon Church*. Beam was engaging and informative, and graciously answered dozens of questions from a very enthusiastic audience.

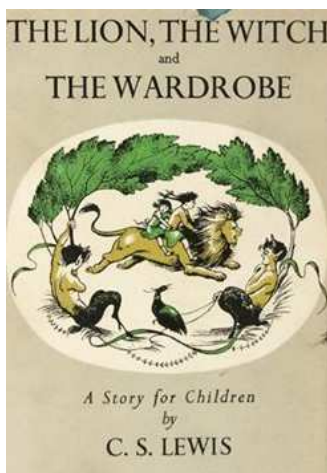
The *Series* continues with an appearance by noted investigative reporter and acclaimed mystery novelist Hank Phillippi Ryan on April 16, and concludes with a talk by Ken Gloss of the Brattle Bookshop – and Antiques Roadshow fame – on June 18.

All author appearances are generously funded by the Friends of Boyden Library.

Jerry Cirillo, Library Director

From the Children's Room

Foxborough Kids Reads: "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" is a wonderful children's classic story written by C.S. Lewis. Though it was published in 1950, it took the author 10 years to write. C.S. Lewis worked on his manuscript from 1939-1949, with many starts and stops along the way. It wasn't until lions began appearing in Lewis's dreams that Aslan became part of the story and pulled the whole thing together. The book has been translated into 47 different languages and remains one of the top selling children's stories of all time. See enclosed brochure for details of the events!



If you are unable to make it to any of our events, consider placing the title on hold to read and discuss together as a family. Common Sense Media recommends the book for ages 8 and older. We have found that the book can be discussed on many levels through adulthood.

Some questions to spark discussion among kids and families might include:

- Should Lucy have entered the wardrobe alone?
- Which of the characters- Peter, Susan, Edmund or Lucy would you want as your best friend? Why?
- To what do you owe Edmund's awful behavior?
- How would you react if your best friend or brother or sister told you about an adventure that sounded unbelievable, but you could tell they really believed it happened?
- What genre does this book fall into? What in the story makes you think so?
- "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" is sometimes called a "Magic Doorway" story. What other stories do you know about that might fall into this category?

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Friends Spring Book Sale – May 14th – May 16th

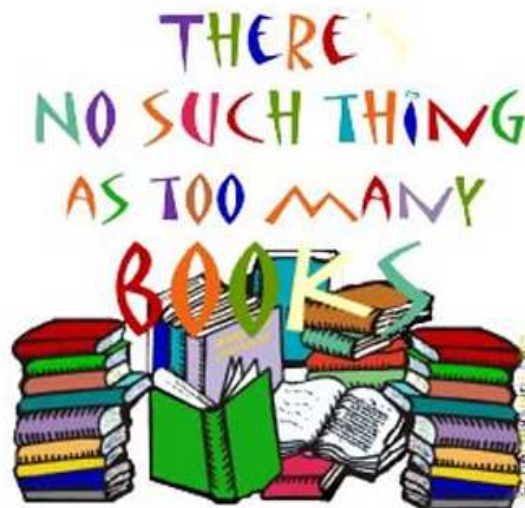
Our Spring Book Sale is almost here! The sale will be held in the Community Meeting Room of the Boyden Library on May 14th-16th (Thursday 5pm-8pm, Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday 10am-3pm).

We are still collecting items for the sale, so please consider donating your gently-used adult or children's books, CDs and DVDs (please no textbooks, Reader's Digest condensed books, magazines or anything in poor condition). The donation bin is in the entryway on the ground floor. If you have several bags or boxes and need help getting them to the library, please contact David Crimmins at (508) 543-7496 or davidcrimmins@comcast.net to arrange a pickup.

Volunteers are always welcome! We need help both setting up and working the sale itself. Setup will begin on Thursday morning at 10am, and will involve moving crates and boxes of books from the storage room upstairs down to the Community Meeting Room via the elevator, as well as organizing the books once they are downstairs. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Diane Piper at dianepiper@hotmail.com.

The book sale is a major fundraiser for the Friends, and the proceeds allow us to provide many wonderful programs for our community. We hope to see you there - you will definitely find some great bargains while helping to support your library!

Each member of the Friends will get a \$2 coupon toward a free book.
Please stop by the book sale to claim your coupon!!



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 15 or life on it, your dues are up to date for 2015 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:

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

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 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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- When the characters ruled Narnia as adults, they became known as “Peter the Magnificent,” “Susan the Gentle,” “Edmund the Just” and “Lucy the Valiant.” Which word would you like to have follow your name? Think about the kinds of things you would do and the people you would become to deserve those titles.

These are a few discussion-starters that will be used in our book discussion programs. You'll most likely think of your own discussion questions as you read through the book.

In other Kids News, May 4-9 is Children's Book Week. To celebrate, kids will be encouraged to check out a “Spring Surprise”, a book wrapped up like a birthday present, when they visit the library. All books will be fun stories chosen to encourage family read-alouds and independent reading. “Spring Surprise” books will be available for three reading levels; picture books, easy/transitional readers and middle readers. Please limit one surprise per child per visit.

Also Boyden Library's Summer Reading Program is currently in the planning stages. “Every Hero Has a Story” is the 2015 theme. Be on the look-out for pre-registration information and the line-up of summer events for all ages. Right now we know some of programs to be held for younger children will include “Who Is Your Hero?” on Monday, June 22 for children ages 3-5. Presented by Carol Carver of Self-Help Inc. the program will be a story and craft event for preschoolers. Hugh Hanley will return on Wednesday, June 24 for a Musical P.J. Party at 6:30 p.m. for preschoolers and parents. The Teddy Bear Picnic will be held on Foxboro Common on Thursday, July 16th with a rain date of July 23.

What are kids reading? The picture book crowd is after “Aqualicious” (in the “Pinkalicious” series) by Victoria Kann and “The Adventures of Beekle” by Dan Santat, this year's Caldecott Medal winner. After many weeks on the New York Times list of best sellers, children are still reading “The Day the Crayons Quit” by Drew Daywalt, “The Book with No Pictures” by B.J. Novak, “Dragons Love Tacos” by Adam Rubin and “Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site” by Sherri Duskey Rinker and Tom Lichtenheld.

Middle grade readers are asking for “Public School Superhero” by James Patterson, “Frank Einstein and the Electro-Finger” by Jon Scieszka and “Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library” by Chris Grabenstein. Still appearing as best-selling books for this age group is “Wonder” by R.J. Palacio, “The One and Only Ivan” by Katherine Applegate and “Flora and Ulysses” by Kate DiCamillo.

2015 Friends of Library Board

Introducing the new Friends of the Library Board!



From Left to Right – Barbara Massey, Jennifer Ooi, Laurie Magee, Elizabeth Karvonen, Bernadette Thie, Dave Crimmins, Sue Collins, Julie Law-Linck, Diane Piper, Ann Ross (missing Lesleyann Foster & Diane Monahan)

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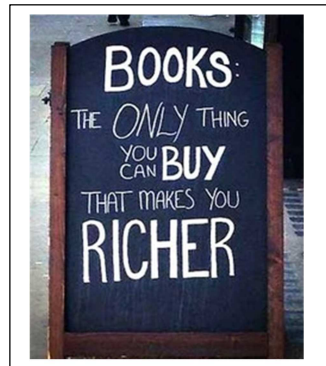
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Books in the Pantry

As a way to reach more Foxborough readers the Friends have initiated a program at the Food Pantry located on Neponset Avenue. Cheryl Hixon, the Pantry's director, has provided us with shelves to offer for circulation a variety of adult book selections as well as children's books for different age groups. After the books are read, we ask that they be returned to the Friends' pantry shelves. We plan to renew the supply of books on a regular basis; then over the next months we will evaluate the success of the program.

This project is just one of many scheduled for the spring. The Friends of Boyden Library have been busy!



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