

January 2019



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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  
(through April 30th)

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 7:00 PM. There is no meeting in July & August. All are welcome to attend.

Board Members:

Dave Crimmins, President  
Janice Rosado, Vice-President  
Sue Collins, Secretary  
Bernadette Thie, Treasurer  
Charles DiPompo  
Lesleyann Foster  
Liz Karvonen  
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Barbara Massey  
Colleen McManus  
Diane Monahan  
Ann Ross



**Annual Friends Meeting- 2/6/2019 at 7 pm  
Community Meeting Room-Boyden Library  
All are welcome!!!**

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**Letter from the President**

The holidays are over, and we are settling into the long gray days of winter. What a perfect time to take advantage of all the resources that the library has to offer. Speaking of resources, I was talking to a man the other day while we were outside the library waiting for it to open. I asked him if he was a regular user and he said no that he would like to be but doesn't have the time. I asked him if he used the **Overdrive** application to download books to his kindle and he said he didn't know how to use it. When I told him that the Technical Supervisor was available one on one to help explain this function (I've taken advantage of this several times) he was surprised. One of the areas he was interested in was genealogy, so I asked him if he knew that library had a free subscription to Ancestry.com. Again, he said no. He asked me how I knew so much about the library and I told him I was with the Friends of the Library and he asked me what we did.

It's interesting but this is a question our group gets a lot so I thought I would just list (see page 2) a few of the things we do to make the library a more vibrant asset to the Town but before that I would be remiss if I didn't take this chance to thank all those that make our mission possible.

It all starts with an engaged, hard-working Board. Our Board is supported by all our selfless volunteers that give of their time helping at the book sales, book shops, and book sorting that goes on all year long. Speaking of book sorting, we wouldn't be in business without the donations of thousands of books from our generous community. Of course, none of this would be possible without the support of the Director and the wonderful library staff who are always ready to help us out. Thank you to one and all!!!

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If you would like to help our mission this can be done through our annual membership campaign which runs from January 1 –December 31, 2019 or by volunteering your time and talents. There is additional information about this elsewhere in the newsletter.

I would urge you to renew your membership, or if you are not already a member, come join us at the Friends.

Thanks again for your continued support. The entire Board wishes all our “FRIENDS” a happy, healthy, and prosperous NEW YEAR.

Dave Crimmins

### **Some of the Services and Programs Supported by the Friends in 2018**

- Sponsorship of numerous children’s programs throughout the year
- Contributions to the adult speaker series
- Sponsorship of several museum pass programs
- Contributions towards DVD purchases
- Contributions towards the purchase of best sellers
- Contributions towards various music events
- An on-going book shop in the adult and children’s areas



## 2019 Membership Drive

Joining or renewing your membership is as easy as going to [www.boydenlibrary.org](http://www.boydenlibrary.org) and clicking on the Friends link on the right-hand side. If you prefer to pay in person there are also membership envelopes at each of the circulation desks at the library. Our January newsletter is the only one during the year that is mailed through the Post Office. It will also contain a membership envelope. Please note that becoming a FRIEND does not obligate you in any other way than the financial support. Cont'd on P. 3

2019 Membership Drive - Cont'd from P. 2

To encourage people to join we will again have a free raffle. The raffle will be drawn at the end of February. Each "FRIEND" who pays their dues from November 2018 through the end of February 2019 will be eligible. The prize will be:

A tote bag filled with books, gift cards for free rentals of DVDs, and best seller book rentals

Thank you in advance for all your support.

**"It's the Friends we meet along the way that help us appreciate the journey."**

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## **From the Director-Manny Leite**

### **Boyden Library: We've Got Something for You!**

Libraries have gone through and are still experiencing a revival of sorts. That stunning building located at 10 Bird Street is a learning destination providing resources and tools to support a 21<sup>st</sup> Century world and beyond. In principle, we are your community anchor for education and recreation.

Boyden Library has become many things to people over the years. I feel a great sense of pride in their past accomplishments and we'll continue to provide the community with exemplary programming, electronic resources, museum passes, free Internet, and the traditional Library services. We'll maintain the customary services that our patrons have come to expect, like the latest books, CDs, DVDs, Blu-Rays, audio books and eBooks. Our challenge is to provide these traditional services along with information technology, but always keeping the human element primary.

A strong and popular library reflects well on the entire community. It is our hope that in planning for the future, the standards we have achieved will serve as the benchmark for potential growth. The Foxborough community deserves no less.



## Materials Available at the Library



### Exploring Your Family's History Using Software

Looking to research your family tree? Want to discover who owned your home in the 1800's? Boyden Library has those answers with the Ancestry Library database. Ancestry Library is an extensive resource for genealogy and historical information that can only be used at the Boyden Library. However, this does not mean the information you retrieve can only be accessed in the Boyden Library. When you discover a document using Ancestry Library, the information and document can be saved using the "Send Document" feature. By inserting your email address, Ancestry Library will send an email describing how to access your report at home. Another great feature about Ancestry Library is their enormous database. The database has over 1.5 billion names and includes records from the U.S. Census, military records, courts, land and probate records, vital and church records, directories and passenger lists.

And that's only the beginning, please stop by the Boyden Library and explore your family's history today!



Did you know that the library has a number of museum passes that are free or discounted? They can be picked up at the circulation desk on the first floor or by logging onto the library's web site at [www.boydenlibrary.org](http://www.boydenlibrary.org). The museum passes available are:

Museum of Science-Boston  
Blithewold Mansion  
John F. Kennedy Library  
Isabella Gardner Museum-Boston  
New England Aquarium-Boston  
Roger Williams Park Zoo  
The Hall at Patriot Place

Children's Museum- Boston  
Children's Museum- Easton  
Museum of Fine Arts- Boston  
Mystic Seaport Museum  
Plimoth Plantation  
Mystic Aquarium  
Pawtucket Red Sox Pass

## Book Sale Results

Once again, the Friends of Boyden Library Fall Book Sale was a success, bringing in approximately \$2,700. The funds raised benefit a variety of programming offered at the Library throughout the year. The Friends are grateful for your contribution to the event. We especially appreciate the many levels of support: whether you are a patron purchasing books, a new member who jumps in to lend a hand wherever needed, or a volunteer who continues to help each year from set up to breakdown. Without your dedication and support this fundraiser would not be possible!

Essential to this effort is the ongoing work of a team of sorters who work non-stop behind the scenes between book sales, sorting and boxing inventory. In fact, we are already busy preparing for the Spring Book Sale with our recent donations. Our book sales are stocked with materials graciously donated to the Friends of Boyden Library. Please continue to contribute your gently used books and media in the bin located inside the entrance of the Library. We truly value new releases of fiction and nonfiction in good condition. Each year we make a conscious effort to be more selective about the donations we accept for sale. While our discernment may result in slightly lower quantities available, the average quality is higher. So, please continue to be thoughtful and refrain from donating materials that you would not consider purchasing. The selective sorting coupled with the popular Bag Sale results in a lower number of leftover books. Those books remaining are donated to various organizations.

As a committee, we strive to make improvements to the process each year that will enhance the browsing and shopping experience. Some Friends Member benefits that we have added over the recent years include the member only book sale preview event, a free book, and teacher discount coupons. Please contact Lesleyann Foster at ([laidlawfoster@gmail.com](mailto:laidlawfoster@gmail.com)) if you are interested in becoming more involved and assisting with the upcoming book sales.

One of the things that was new this year was a free raffle. Anyone buying books was given a raffle ticket. Below you see Lesleyann Foster, our Book Sale Chair who drew the winning ticket. The prize was one of our newly designed Friends tote bag filled with books and gift cards for free DVDs and best seller book rentals. Congratulations to the winner Ellen Woodsbie.

Happy Reading in the New Year and please remember to mark your calendars for the Spring Sale on May 16, 17 & 18<sup>th</sup>.



## The Friends Giving Tree Results

Once again the Friends sponsored a Giving Tree under the direction of the Chair, Diane Monahan. Through the generosity of the patrons of the library we successfully collected 60 gifts and gift cards that were turned over to the Discretionary Fund in time for them to deliver them to deserving families. We have found that this is a wonderful way for our Friends especially the children to learn the lesson of sharing and giving back to the community. Thank you to all that contributed.

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## Book Donations Accepted

- All proceeds from our book sales benefit the Boyden Library programming.
- We accept books, CDs, and DVDs. All donations should be in **GOOD** condition. We **do not** accept magazines, VHS tapes, encyclopedias, or condensed books.
- Donations can be left at our “DROP BOX” located in the main lobby of the library during business hours.

### Volunteers are always needed

You can help by emailing Lesleyann Foster at [laidlawfoster@gmail.com](mailto:laidlawfoster@gmail.com).  
As always, our thanks go out to all our FRIENDS who help us in this activity.



## **From the Children's Department- Margi Rossetti**

Happy New Year, Everyone! This winter, we have several exciting activities, many presented by our wonderful Children's Services volunteers. Kids can "Read to Miss Patty" on Tuesdays between 4-5 p.m. Patty Fitzgerald meets with early readers to help them practice their reading skills and gain reading confidence. Call the Children's Desk at 508-543-1246 to find out Miss Patty's schedule and register children in kindergarten to grade 3 for a 15-minute session.

Children ages 3-6 are welcome to join Miss Helina on Saturday, January 26 from 11:00-11:45 a.m. for a fun art class. Children will learn simple art techniques while creating a project that will make them proud. Registration is required and will begin on January 12. Go to [www.boydenlibrary.org](http://www.boydenlibrary.org). Click on "Events Calendar" and find the program by date. Or call the Children's Desk at 508-543-1246. Miss Helina's next class will take place on February 20 at 3:00-3:45 for ages 3-6. Registration will begin on February 6.

The Boyden Library Children's Department now hosts a monthly STEAM Club for youngsters in kindergarten to grade 5. Club activities take place one Sunday per month in the Children's Story & Craft Room, where participants meet and work on STEAM related projects. The club is organized and run by parent volunteers. The next meeting of the STEAM Club will be on January 27 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Please contact Charlie Woods at [crichardwoods@gmail.com](mailto:crichardwoods@gmail.com) to learn more or to register your child.

Look for our annual Valentine decorating table in early February and upcoming February vacation week events. Go to [www.boydenlibrary.org](http://www.boydenlibrary.org) and click on "Events Calendar" to learn about all weekly, monthly, and special events for children and families.



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See us at:

<http://www.boydenlibrary.org>



The Annual Meeting of the Friends of Boyden Library Foundation will be held on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the Community Meeting Room at the Boyden Library. A report from the Nominating Committee will be submitted and nominations from the floor will be entertained followed by an election of officers. The monthly meeting of the Friends will be held immediately after their Annual Meeting.

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