

**May 2020**



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Library Hours:

Monday: 10-8  
Tuesday: 10-8  
Wednesday: 10-8  
Thursday: 10-8  
Friday: 10-6  
Saturday: 10-5



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 7PM. There are no meetings in July & August. All are welcome to attend.

Board Members:

Janice Rosado, President  
David Crimmins, Vice President  
Sue Collins, Secretary  
Bernadette Thie, Treasurer  
Elaine Biggieri  
Bob Boynton  
Charles DiPompo  
Lesleyann Foster  
Sara Halton  
Jennifer Linskey  
Colleen McManus  
Diane Monahan  
Jennifer Ooi  
Ann Ross

**Letter from the President**

Dear Friends,

I hope this finds you and your family healthy and finding ways to pass the days during this difficult time. It is certainly surreal times we are living through right now and hopefully things will return to normal (or perhaps a new normal) soon.

The Friends Board is doing whatever we can to help the library while it is closed. We have increased funding for e-books and stand by to assist when things reopen. We want to emphasize once again that we are not taking book donations while the library is closed.

I would like to take a moment to thank all those who have renewed their membership. Membership fees provide for a significant part of our budget and support all the programs provided to the community by the Friends. If you didn't renew it's never too late!

As you probably have heard our spring book sale has been postponed. We are working with the library to come up with alternative dates/ways to have the sale. As of right now we have scheduled a children's only sale to coincide with the Teddy Bear Picnic – July 16<sup>th</sup>. We hope to hold mini sales on the Town Common during one or more of the Thursday Farmer's Markets/Jaycees Concerts on the Common. We also hope to expand our ongoing book sale. As you can well imagine everything is on hold, but we are planning the best we can. We will keep you posted as we work out the details.

As always, I would like to extend a big thank you to all our members, book donors, sorters, sale volunteers, library staff and of course the entire Friends Board. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and helps to make Boyden Library a very special place!

Stay safe,

Janice Rosado

## **When the Library Reopens - Did You Know???**

### **The Library has more than books available!** **Consider taking advantage of the following:**

- Discounted passes to the Children's Museum in Providence and Boston
- Discounted passes to the Museum of Science-Boston
- Discounted passes to the Museum of Fine Arts-Boston
- Playaways - self-contained audio books
- A large collection of CDs and DVDs
- Current New York Times best seller books for rent (\$2 each-buy a \$8 gift certificate and you can rent 5 books)
- Numerous magazine and newspaper subscriptions
- An extensive network with other libraries to access books and other resources that are not available in Foxborough
- An adult book club that meets monthly
- A telescope

\*\*And the Friends just donated funding to purchase an additional "hot spot" bringing the total to 9 "hot spots" that can be borrowed when you don't have internet connectivity



## **From the Director**

Dear Community Members,

As I create my message for the Friends newsletter, Boyden Library has been closed for the past six weeks. It has been a struggle for the Library and our Community. We miss our patrons visiting and utilizing our services. There is no timetable when we're going to open, but in the meantime, every measure is being taken to ensure the safety to our community. Once we're given the okay to open, information on procedures will be on our website [boydenlibrary.org/](http://boydenlibrary.org/) and on our Facebook page [facebook.com/BoydenLibrary/](https://facebook.com/BoydenLibrary/)

During the Library's closure, our Librarians have been hard at work (from home) purchasing new titles for our *OverDrive* collection. I also want to express my gratitude towards the Friends of Boyden Library for their generosity during this pandemic.

I'm happy to announce the Library purchased a subscription of the movie streaming service *Kanopy*. *Kanopy* is the Netflix for Libraries. They have new and old films spanning all genres. Their documentaries are amazing too. The *Kanopy* subscription includes *Kanopy Kids* which includes PBS shows like Sesame Street, Franklin and Little Bear. To access *Kanopy*, all you need is a Boyden Library card. To access *Kanopy* or other streaming services like *OverDrive*, *Hoopla* or *Freegal*, please visit our website <https://boydenlibrary.org/>

Regular updates about the Library will be on our website and Facebook page, but if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [mleite@sailsinc.org](mailto:mleite@sailsinc.org)

Till we meet again, I wish you all good health.  
Manny

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## **February 2020 Annual Meeting**



Our annual elections were held on February 5, 2020 in the Community Meeting Room of the Library.

The following individuals were elected unanimously for a one year term as At-Large Members:

### **Re-elected:**

Robert Boynton  
Charles DiPompo  
Colleen McManus  
Diane Monahan  
Ann Ross

### **New Members:**

Elaine Biggieri  
Jennifer Ooi

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## **Membership Drive**

**As always, we thank you for your help. Your much-needed support is invaluable!!!**

We are always grateful for Friends that take the time to renew and are also looking for new Members to join us.

The funds from our Membership enable the Friends to provide and support many multi-generational activities at the library including the purchase of museum passes, e-books, rental books, children's programs as well as sponsoring an expanded adult program that includes author, lecture, music and "how to" themes.

As part of this years' membership drive we offered prizes at each membership level:

### **The prizes were as follows:**

- At the \$75+ level - a "Friends" tote bag filled with books & gift cards for free DVD and book rentals (see picture below)
- At the \$40 level - 2 prizes; each prize would be a tote bag and \$15 worth of gift cards
- At the \$20 level - 1 prize; a \$10 gift card
- At the \$10 level - 1 prize; a \$5 gift card

### **And the winners were:**

- \$75: Paula Lescoe
- \$40: Diane & Neil Rosen;
- \$40 Barney & Marlene Ovrut
- \$20: Kathleen Courtney
- \$10: Larry Fisher



## Rays of Sunshine

In spite of this unprecedented pandemic and the terrible suffering across our town, state, country and world we have witnessed an outpouring of help both large and small. We continue to be amazed by the incredible spirit and support we've seen shown to our Foxborough neighbors and Library friends during these challenging and unsettling times. We have seen and read of so many selfless actions of kindness that shows why Foxborough is such a wonderful place to live and raise a family. We know that if we all continue to demonstrate this and share in this wonderful spirit that the town and our library family will be that much stronger at the end of this ordeal.



- ❖ Amy LaBrache, a native of Foxborough with the help of numerous volunteers collected donations, made Easter baskets and delivered them to a number of needy families in town.
- ❖ The Senior Center has been distributing food and staples once a week free of charge.
- ❖ Neighbors across the town have been reaching out to their elderly neighbors offering help in many ways especially picking up groceries.
- ❖ An anonymous donor contributed \$1200 to the Eaglebrook Salon to distribute free food to the needy/shut-ins in the area. This was matched by the owner of Eaglebrook.
- ❖ The band director of Foxborough schools in the pouring rain wiped down and hand delivered band instruments directly to the cars of students who hadn't taken them home when the schools were closed.
- ❖ The Jaycees could not have their usual egg hunt/meet the Easter bunny, so they drove around town with the Easter Bunny sitting in a convertible to wave to the kids.
- ❖ The Recreation Dept passed out free pizzas, compliments of the Kraft organization on Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ The YMCA has been providing family food bags valued at \$50 every Wed; they are also providing emergency childcare and virtual fitness classes.

## **From the Children's Room**

I hope this column finds everyone safe and well. Here at the library, our first priority has been the health and safety of our patrons and staff. When Boyden Library closed to the public on March 16, our director and staff met to discuss how to safely support our community. The answer to that was to draw awareness to our many wonderful digital resources for all ages and to provide activities and items of interest through social media.

Readers of all ages will be happy to know that digital books are available through Boyden's eBook collection. Youngsters can go to [www.boydenlibrary.org](http://www.boydenlibrary.org) and click on OverDrive eBooks to get started. Once there, they will see the "Kids & Teens" icon, which will take them to their selections. A library card is required. While you are at [www.boydenlibrary.org](http://www.boydenlibrary.org), click on "Search Our Resources" and find the links for Hoopla and Freegal. Hoopla is a digital media service that lets you borrow children's eBooks, movies, music, audio books, comics, and TV shows. Content can be enjoyed on any device and can be streamed immediately or downloaded for offline use later. Five items can be downloaded per library card per month. Freegal is a music download subscription. Use advanced search and type in "Children's Music" then click on "View All" to choose from a huge selection of music for kids. Foxboro patrons can stream up to 5 hours of music per day or download 3 selections per week.

At-home learning can be supported by Boyden's many databases. Click on "Search Our Resources" on the home page to find Statewide Electronic Resources and Databases, which holds a wealth of information on a wide variety of topics in different electronic formats. On the Children's page, World Book Web and Grolier Online (go) provide information, games, and a multi-media features to keep kids busy for hours. And don't forget about TumbleBooks which features eBooks for kids of all ages. Go to the Children's Department at [www.boydenlibrary.org](http://www.boydenlibrary.org). Click on TumbleBooks (left column, bottom,) and enter your library card number.

On Facebook, our children's staff will continue to post stories with Mrs. Rossetti, bedtime stories, and Sixty Second Science with Miss Kacee. There will also be updates from our director, Manny Leite, and links to Boyden's library of digital resources, as well as many links to other sites of interest for all age groups.

Feel free to email me at [mrossett@sailsinc.org](mailto:mrossett@sailsinc.org) with questions about the use of online resources. One last note is to offer many thanks to the Friends of Boyden Library for their generous donation of funds which went toward the purchase of various children's eBooks!

Take good care, everyone!

Margi Rossetti, Children's Dept. Supervisor

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## Our Book Sales Story

2019 was a fabulously successful year for the Friends. We raised over \$8,000 dollars at our book sales in May and November. This is the highest yearly total in over 10 years. A special thank you to our Book Sale Chair, Lesleyann Foster and our President and Book Store Chair, Janice Rosado.

In November 2019 more than 25 volunteers put in many hours covering seven shifts of setting up, sale, and cleaning up. The funds raised will allow the library to increase programming for both adults, young adults and children. We thank everyone who supported the sale by purchasing books and volunteering their time.

Unfortunately, with this awful Coronavirus situation we have had to rethink how we are going to handle the book sale that we would have been held in May of this year. We are currently evaluating this situation keeping in mind the safety and well-being of our “Friends”.

We will be sending out more information about this as it becomes known.



## Below Are Some Book Suggestions from Our Board of What to Read While You “Stay at Home”

- Donna Leon - She writes mysteries set in Venice
- Anthony Doerr - “All the Light We Cannot See”
- Melanie Hudson - “The Last Letter from Juliet”
- Anne Frank - “The Diary of a Young Girl” (This classic reminds us it was like to be “quarantined for over 700 days during the Holocaust)
- C.J. Sansome’s Shardlake series set in the reign of Henry VIII
- Anything by Louise Erdrich
- Therese Ann Fowler - Adult Fiction – “The Well-Behaved Woman”
- Janice Kaplan - Non-fiction – “How Luck Happens”
- Gita Varadarajan and Sarah Weeks-Middle Grade – “Save Me a Seat”
- Delia Owens- Adult Fiction – “Where the Crawdad’s Sing”
- Jasmine Warga-Middle Grade – “Other Words for Home”
- Martha Hall Kelly (author of Lilac Girls); historical fiction - “Lost Roses”
- Louise Penny - Mystery/suspense (part of the Chief Inspector Gamache series) “Kingdom of the Blind
- Susan Orlean - True Crime- “The Library Book”

## **Are Libraries Still Being Used?**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Visiting the library remains the most common cultural activity Americans engage in, by far. The average 10.5 trips to the library U.S. adults report taking in 2019 exceeds their participation in eight other common leisure activities. Americans attend live music or theatrical events and visit national or historic parks roughly four times a year on average and visit museums and gambling casinos 2.5 times annually. Trips to amusement or theme parks (1.5) and zoos (.9) are the least common activities among this list.

Women report visiting the library nearly twice as frequently as men do, 13.4 to 7.5 visits.

### **By Age Group**

<b>18-29</b>	<b>30-49</b>	<b>50-64</b>	<b>65+</b>
Average	Average	Average	Average
15.5	12.3	6.8	8.2

### **By Income Group**

<b>\$100,000+</b>	<b>\$40,000-99,999</b>	<b>Less than \$40,000</b>
Average	Average	Average
8.5	10.4	12.2

### **By Geographical Area**

<b>EAST</b>	<b>MIDWEST</b>	<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>WEST</b>
Average	Average	Average	Average
10.4	10.1	9.2	10.8

Information from a Gallup Poll dated January 20, 2020  
**In U.S., Library Visits Outpaced Trips to Movies in 2019**  
 BY JUSTIN MCCARTHY



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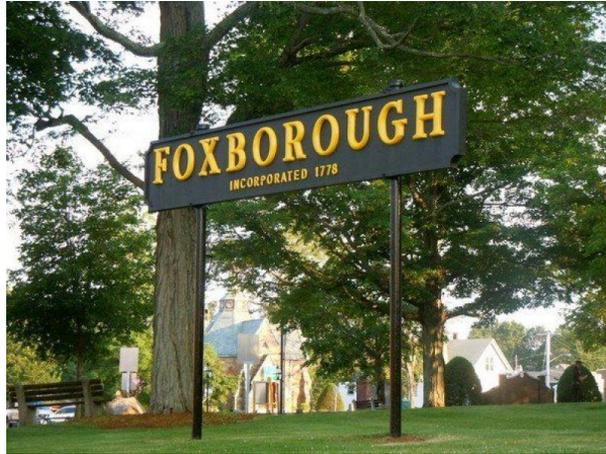
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WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ALL BACK AT THE LIBRARY!**



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