

May, 2021



Library Hours:

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

Board Meetings:

Friends of the Boyden
Library monthly Board
Meetings are held on the
first Wednesday of the
month on-line via Zoom at
7:00 PM until further notice.
There are no meetings in
July, August and December.
All are welcome to
participate.

Board Members:

Janice Rosado,
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Letter from the President



Dear Friends,

Welcome Spring! What a difference a year makes. Last year I decided to get a jump on my spring letter to you all by writing it in early March. By the time the newsletter was ready to go to print we were in lock down and I realized I needed to rewrite it since things had changed so drastically. The library had closed, we were trying to figure out how to meet via zoom and anxiety was high. A year later we have learned how to live with this virus and are making great strides to getting back to normal via a robust vaccination program.

Spring brings not only flowers, but it also brings hope!

In Foxboro we have been very fortunate to have a Director and staff that worked extremely hard to ensure the community had access to books, movies and a wide of variety of programs even when the library was closed. They quickly ramped up curbside pick-up, added a number of streaming services and moved programs on-line. The library opened up in July while many area libraries doors remained shut. In the fall we were one of the very few Friends groups in the area that were able to hold a book sale.

As you may know, the Friends have not been able to have our donation box in place. With the spring approaching we were concerned with not having adequate inventory to put on a spring book sale. Once again, the Director and staff came to the rescue allowing us to hold a number of curbside donation days and use additional space inside the library to store and sort the books. See picture on page 2. Thanks to the many quality donations we received we have been able to maintain our ongoing Book Shop and the May Book Sale is sure to be better than ever!

I wish to thank all of you for your support. Your membership dues, Book Shop and Book Sale purchases and book donations continue to bring in money to support the library. The past year has brought fiscal challenges, but we are so very fortunate to be part of a giving community.

Wishing you the very best.

Janice Rosado

From the Director

Wishing you a happy spring, which brings with it hope and renewal. I believe that libraries also have transformative powers, giving local residents the chance to pursue their dreams and goals.

Now more than ever, Boyden Library is a forum to exchange ideas and opinions, meet new friends, make new discoveries, and immerse ourselves in the arts, culture, and lifelong learning.

This is also a great time to recognize the people who make it all possible—our dedicated Library Employees.

Library staff have always been on the frontline of community service, but the pandemic has heightened their role like never before. Throughout this challenging time, our staff members have continued to adapt our resources to meet your needs. We have been open to the public since July 2020 and if you haven't ventured into Boyden Library, we invite you to stop by and visit us soon. If you're still hesitant, please enjoy the resources (streaming, databases, eBooks) from our website: www.boydenlibrary.org

Manny Leite

What is a book sale without books?

Because of the requirements that books be quarantined before they can be lent or in our case sold as part of a book sale we had to come up with a plan to meet library and state guidelines. The Friends presented a plan to the library trustees whereby a drive-by book collection would be held every two weeks in the parking lot. Volunteers from the Friends set up a schedule on-line and by phone limiting the number of people donating books. These patrons were then greeted by our volunteers who retrieved the books from the cars without our patrons having to get out. We collected over 25 boxes of boxes each collection day. The Friends then sorted the books and put them into a quarantined area in the library to await our May book sale. Our patrons were very pleased that they were able to donate their excess books and we were delighted to receive an excellent and quality supply for our upcoming May book sale and to stock our various book shops..



Our "volunteer" Friends collecting books.



From the Youth Services Dept.

Summer Reading is almost here! We anticipate an action-packed, fun-filled, safe and socially distanced Summer Reading Program. Participants will log their reading online, and attend programs outside. Through the generous support of the Friends of the Boyden Library, we are able to offer an exciting line-up of performers, and a variety of incentives for youth who participate in our online Summer Reading Program.

Currently we have 9 performers booked for the Foxboro Common. *Rockabye Beats* will perform a bilingual concert at our *Teddy Bear Picnic* on Thursday, July 22 at 10:00 a.m. Other highlights of the Children's Summer Reading Program include *Malik! Magical Comedy Entertainer*, a *Family Concert with Matt Heaton*, and long-time favorite, *Pumpernickel Puppets*. To keep things safe, all events require registration and space is limited.

We will have a *Teen Summer Reading Kick-Off Party* on Monday, June 28 at 5:00 p.m. *Wicked Good Henna* will demonstrate how to make henna paste and do henna designs for attendees. Each attendee will receive a frozen novelty bar from Dairy Queen, and a coupon for a free book at the Friend's Book Shop or Book Sale. We have another special teen program in July, *Copper Keychains: Metalsmithing with Heather Beck*.

Our popular *Crafts To-Go*, created by Miss Karen and Miss Kacee, and sponsored by the Friends of the Boyden Library, will continue through the summer. Miss Kacee's *Great STEAM Challenge*, will continue through August. Participants may complete STEAM activities from the 60-second-science segments at Boyden Library on Instagram, as well as register for a special STEAM kit each month.

The library will offer *Outdoor Storytimes* most Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m., starting May 11. Locations will include Foxboro conservation sites, playgrounds, and local family destinations. We also hope to have Storytimes at some Farmer's Markets.

As we continue to adapt our services to adhere to Covid19 Guidelines, the library appreciates the ongoing support and flexibility of the Friends of the Boyden Library.

To register for programs, please visit www.boydenlibrary.org and click on the Events Calendar or call the Youth Services Department at 508-543-1246.

Let's all stay safe while having fun this summer!

Jessica Henderson, Senior Youth Services Librarian

Milestones in the year 1961, the year of our founding

- January 1961- John Fitzgerald Kennedy sworn in as the 35th President.
- The Beatles make their debut appearance in Liverpool.
- President Kennedy establishes the Peace Corp.
- Trial of Nazi war criminal, Adolf Eichmann, one of the major organizers of the Holocaust.
- Allan Shepard becomes first American in space aboard Freedom 7, the first crewed flight of Project Mercury
- American involvement in Vietnam begins officially as 400 troops and helicopters land in Vietnam.
- Berlin Wall is built dividing East and West Germany.
- American-backed Cuban exiles fail in attempt to invade Cuba at the Bay of Pigs.

“WITHOUT LIBRARIES WHAT HAVE WE? WE HAVE NO PAST AND NO FUTURE.” Unknown

Friends Membership Information

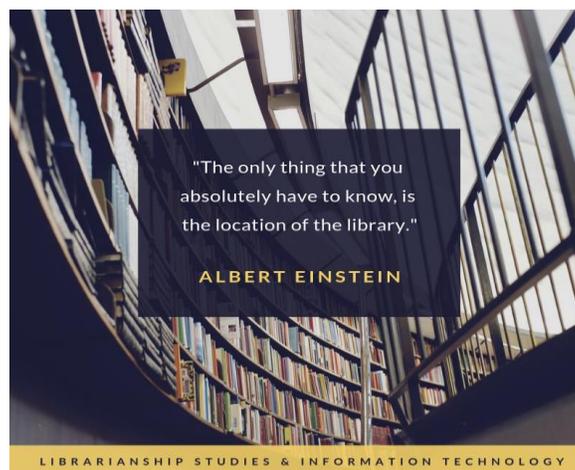
This years' membership raffle winner was Linda Picard. Congratulations!

Thank you to all who have paid their 2021 membership dues already.

If you have forgotten or misplaced your membership envelope you can still pay your dues.

Membership forms for the Friends are available at the circulation desks or you can join our group by going on-line to www.boydenlibrary.org and click on the Friends of the Library icon to join.

Many thanks to all our wonderful “Friends”. May 2021 bring everyone health and a continued return to normalcy.





A Brief Recap of the History of the Friends of Boyden Library Foundation

The first meeting the Friends of Boyden Library was held at the old Robinson Hill School (now the Foxborough Regional Charter School) on March 23, 1961. At that meeting the guest speaker was Ms. Marie Sullivan, a Library Specialist from the Division of Library Extension who discussed the history behind the formation and evolution of Friends groups and compared them to the PTA or PTO concept where the organization is centered around the needs of an individual town, with the understanding that the Library Friends organization has no power or jurisdiction over the library or the Board of Trustees. Primarily it is a public relations group giving moral and vocal support when needed to overcome indifference, to help raise funds for specific purposes, to serve on a volunteer basis, and to educate the community at large. Ms. Sullivan went on to say that the organization should have a definite objective, should be kept simple, and have modest dues. It should comprise members representative of the community with a variety of different interests, ready always to lend a hand to the library.

At the business portion of the meeting the group elected the following:

- Lawrence Powers- President
- Helen Lamson-Vice President
- Adele Flashman-Secretary
- Delphine Saparoff- Treasurer
- Constantine Penkos and Francis Frost- Publicity Committee
- Frances Spillane, Francis Corliss and John Lee- Membership Committee

Based on the above principles they agreed that a constitution should be drawn up and submitted to their next meeting on April 12, 1961.

Over the years the Friends have worked diligently along side the library staffs to support various programs some of which are the summer reading programs; town-wide reading programs; guest speaker and musical programs; the purchase of books, electronic equipment, digital media, arts and crafts and museum passes etc.

Among our most significant accomplishments have been working with the library staff and town boards to build a new library which was opened in 1966. And when it was determined that this library needed significant upgrading almost 50 years later we were once again actively working to gain support from the town to update the library. This turned out to be a multi year project with us finally being successful in 2013 with the grand rededication of the newly renovated and expanded library. Not only did we help to garner public support but we were involved in community fund raising and contributed funds towards the completion of the Community Meeting Room.

None of this could have been accomplished without the time and talents of our many FRIENDS over this 60 year period!!!! THANK YOU!!!!





May Book Sale

Sign up by clicking on this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b44afa72fa4fe3-spring>

FRIENDS OF BOYDEN LIBRARY

SPRING BOOK SALE

THURS MAY 13	10AM - 8PM
FRI MAY 14	10AM - 5PM
SAT MAY 15	10AM - 3PM

By Appointment with Online Reservations

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

Book Shop

If you cannot make it to the May book sale, please remember we have a mini bookstore for adults on the first floor behind the computer stations and for children on the second floor near the walkway to the mezzanine. These are stocked with more recent best sellers and items of interest. And for the real shoppers there is the Last Chapter located in the stairwell on the ground floor where you can get bargains for a \$1.00. The inventory is updated routinely.

Lesleyann Foster- Book Sale Chair

Welcome to the Library!

A collaboration between the library staff and the Friends has changed the Giving Tree which adorned the entrance way to the library for the winter holidays. During that time, it displayed holiday decorated cards denoting a gift card for a child sponsored by the Foxboro Discretionary Fund. Since then, it has been changed to reflect different holidays and seasons and to add an upbeat touch to the lobby. On the left is the original Holiday Tree, the center picture is the St. Patrick's Day theme and on the right is the harbinger of Spring. Stop into the library see more updates in the future.



Guardian Angel

Periodically we thank individuals who have been especially generous to the Friends. This shout out goes to one of our newer Friends who asked if we would be interested in bookmarks as she loved to crochet and had made some gorgeous bookmarks with bird images-see below. The colors and stichery are fabulous and would make a lovely gift for your "Friends".

This newest Friend is Beth Morrell who has donated a number of these bookmarks to the Friends. They are currently selling for \$7.00 at the ground floor circulation desk at the library. We hope to have some available at our May Booksale.



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We're on the Web!
 See us at:
<http://www.boydenlibrary.org>

Southwick Zoo Tickets

The Friends are once again sponsoring tickets to the Southwick Zoo. During the Pandemic the Friends bought another block of tickets which are currently selling for a discounted price of \$20.

Southwick's ZOO
 FRIENDS OF BOYDEN LIBRARY IS OFFERING
DISCOUNT TICKETS
 AVAILABLE FOR FOXBORO LIBRARY PATRONS

\$20 per ticket

Maximum of 4 tickets per library card
 All ticket sales are non-refundable, no expiration
 Purchase at the circulation desk
 Payment methods include:
 Checks payable to Friends of Boyden Library
 or cash (for the exact amount, please)

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