

April 2025



Library Hours:

Monday: 10-8
Tuesday: 10-8
Wednesday: 10-8
Thursday: 10-8
Friday: 10-5
Saturday: 10-5
Sunday: 1-5

Board Meetings:

Friends of Boyden Library monthly Board Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Community Meeting Room. There are no meetings in July, August, and December. All are welcome to participate.

Board Members:

Betsy Buckland,
Co-President
Sue Collins,
Co-President
Betsy Lorusso, Secretary
Katherine Howard,
Treasurer
Ashley Clement
Kelly Conger
Charles DiPompo
Lesleyann Foster
Katherine Howard
Jennifer Linskey
Colleen McManus
Janice Rosado
Margi Rossetti
Maureen (Mo) Ryan-Wise
Bernadette Thie

A poster for the Friends of Boyden Library Spring Book Sale. It features the title "FRIENDS OF BOYDEN LIBRARY" at the top, followed by "SPRING BOOK SALE" in large green letters. Below this, the dates and times for the sale are listed: THUR MAY 8 (10 AM - 8 PM), FRI MAY 9 (10 AM - 5 PM), and SAT MAY 10 (10 AM - 3 PM). At the bottom, there is a section for a "\$10 FILL-A-BAG SALE" on Saturday May 10, 2025, which is a special event for current members. The poster also includes a note that all proceeds benefit library programming and is decorated with illustrations of books.

FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Dear Friends,

Happy Spring! As the days lengthen, our thoughts turn from cozing up by the fire with a good book to stretching out on the patio next to the fire pit, with a good book and a cold beverage in hand. Reading is a year-round activity and is one reason we love our library: it enriches us and our community all year long!

Spring has brought several changes to the Friends of Boyden Library Board. After many years on the Executive Committee (including 6 years as President), Janice Rosado has stepped down to become a member-at-large. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Janice for her guidance and dedication to the Friends--she provided years of steady leadership and left our organization in wonderful shape. At our February Annual Meeting, a new Executive Committee was voted in: Betsy Buckland & Sue Collins as Co-Presidents (we joke that it takes 2 to do everything that Janice did!); Betsy Lorusso as Secretary; and Katherine Howard as Treasurer. Everyone has hit the ground running, and we thank Sara Halton for her work as Treasurer and Sue Collins, who moved from a 15 (!) year run as our intrepid Secretary into the Co-President position. In other news, we welcome new board members Kelly Conger and Ashley Clement. Kelly is no stranger to the Friends, having served on the board many years ago, and Ashley is a Foxborough native; she and her family have always been huge supporters of the library. We are excited to have their energy and fresh perspectives moving forward!

We just completed a successful Annual Membership Drive, thanks to Colleen McManus, our Membership Chair, with help from the Board at large. Annual Membership in the Friends is the very best way to support the library, with all dues going directly to the library "extras" that we know and love: excellent programming, various museum passes, library of things items, craft supplies and prizes for our Youth Department, etc. If you attend just one library program a year, you have

already made up your annual dues by accessing quality entertainment for FREE. Plus, your membership entitles you to a free book at our bi-annual book sales as well as early access to our popular Bag Sale. We thank every first-time or renewal member for your support. And if you haven't sent in your dues yet, there is still plenty of time! You can do so online at <https://boydenlibrary.org/friends-library>, by mail, or in person at the library circulation desks.

There's lots of activity ahead this spring for the Friends—we hope to see you at one or more of our events! Help your spring cleaning along by donating books during our next Book Donation Drive on Saturday, April 26 from 10-12. Volunteers will be curbside to pick up your gently used books and media for our May book sale. And speaking of Book Sales, mark your calendar for our Spring sale: Thursday through Saturday, May 8th, 9th, and 10th. The bi-annual book sales are our biggest fundraisers: come browse, shop and support your library among other book lovers. And don't forget Founder's Day on Saturday, June 7th—we'll have a booth on the field with games, henna and children's books—come over and say hi! Also, we'll have a table at this July's Teddy Bear Picnic, a cornerstone children's program supported by the Friends—bring the family down.

Thanks for your continued support--We wish you a wonderful spring and summer!
 Cheers,
 Betsy Buckland & Sue Collins
 Co-Presidents

FROM THE DIRECTOR



We've had a fantastic start to the year, and we're excited to share some updates:

The Seed Library is back & better than ever! Now in its third year, our Seed Library is once again available to patrons – with even more to offer. Visit our Seed Library webpage for more details: www.boydenlibrary.org/seed-library

A Successful 2025 Community Reads month: Thank you to everyone who joined us in reading *The Cliffs* by J. Courtney Sullivan in March. A special thank you to the Friends of Boyden Library for sponsoring our promotional materials and the kick-off event featuring psychic and spirit medium Tiffany Rice.

New "Turning the Page to Recovery" Collection: In collaboration with the Town of Foxboro's Health Department, we've created a new collection of addiction and recovery resources. These materials are available for patrons to take home – no checkout required.

Boyden's First Fixit Clinic: We're hosting a Fixit Clinic at Boyden Library on Sunday, April 27 and still seeking skilled volunteers to help out. If you love tinkering and repairing items, we'd love to have you! Please contact the Library for more info.

We're also thrilled to announce that a makerspace is coming to the Boyden Library. Launching this June, our makerspace will offer hands-on opportunities for creativity and innovation. Please stay tuned for details on drop-in open hours, demo days, and even volunteer opportunities to get involved.

We have a lot of exciting programs planned this Spring and Summer for all to enjoy at Boyden Library! Here are some of the upcoming adult programs being offered:

April 13, 2:00pm: Crowes Pasture concert
April 15, 7:00pm: Boston Marathon Author Talk with Paul Clerici
April 22, 3:00 – 6:00pm: Office Hours with a Social Work Intern
April 25 and May 16, 10:00am: Zentangle
April 27, 2:00 – 4:00pm: Fixit Clinic
April 28, 7:00pm: Historical Fiction Author Talk with Janis Robinson Daly
April 30, 6:30pm: Mentalist Show with Ryan Lally
May 5, 6:30pm: Quilling Art Workshop for Adults
May 20, 7:00pm: Massachusetts Chocolate History Talk
May 22, 29, and June 5, 7:00pm: Yoga with the YMCA
May 31, 11:00am: Author Event with Eddie Doherty

Please check our calendar: www.boydenlibrary.org/calendar for more details on programming for adults, including the return of our Summer Reading Bingo Challenge!

As always, please feel free to stop by or contact me directly at elloneill@sailsinc.org. I love hearing from patrons and welcome feedback. Hope to see you soon at the Boyden Library!

Thank you,
Libby O'Neill

FRIENDS OF BOYDEN LIBRARY

Donate Books

Book Drive

April 26 10 am – 12 pm



Volunteers will be curbside to assist | 10 Bird St, Foxboro, MA

FRIENDS OF BOYDEN LIBRARY

SPRING BOOK SALE

THUR MAY 8

10 AM - 8 PM

FRI MAY 9

10 AM - 5 PM

SAT MAY 10

10 AM - 3 PM

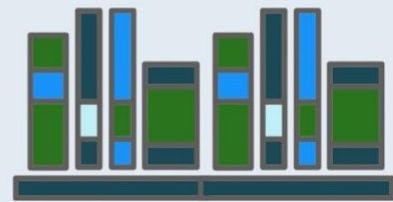


\$10 FILL-A-BAG SALE

Saturday May 10, 2025

Special Event : Current Members of the Friends
are invited to shop Bag Sale early
Friday, May 9, 1 PM - 5 PM

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LIBRARY PROGRAMMING



BIGGER & BETTER

\$10 fill-a-bag sale



**Saturday
May 10, 2025
10 AM - 3 PM**

Special Event:
Current Members of the
Friends are invited to shop
Bag Sale early
Friday, **May 9**, 1 PM - 5 PM

New Bigger Reusable Bag
provided with purchase

All proceeds benefit library programming

ATTENTION, TEACHERS!

Are you an active teacher who purchases classroom books with your own funds? If so, you are eligible to participate in the **Books For Teachers Program** sponsored by the Friends of Boyden Library. Please present a **valid school ID** to a Friend at check-out and receive a 20% discount off qualifying purchases.



DISCOUNT NOT VALID DURING \$10 FILL-A-BAG SALE



FRIENDS OF BOYDEN LIBRARY ARE OFFERING

DISCOUNT TICKETS

AVAILABLE FOR BOYDEN LIBRARY PATRONS

\$20 per ticket

Maximum of 4 tickets per purchase

Ticket sales are non-refundable & tickets expire on 10/31/25

Purchase at the circulation desk

Payment methods include:

Checks payable to Friends of Boyden Library

Cash, VENMO & PayPal

Visit www.southwickszoo.com
for 2025 Visitor information

2025 FRIENDS BOARD

Elections were held at our Annual Meeting in February. We are happy to welcome Ashley Clement and Kelly Conger to the Board. We thank Janice Rosado for her many years of service on the Executive Board. She has stepped down from the Presidency to become a member at-large.

Executive Committee

Co-President – Betsy Buckland
Co-President – Sue Collins
Secretary – Betsy Lorusso
Treasurer – Katherine Howard

Chair Positions

Book Shop – Margi Rossetti
Newsletter – Bernadette Thie
Book Sale – Lesleyann Foster

Media/PR – Jen Linskey
Membership – Colleen McManus

Members At-Large

Ashley Clement
Kelly Conger
Charles DiPompo
Janice Rosado
Maureen (Mo) Ryan-Wise



Seated, L-R: Katherine Howard, Betsy Buckland, Sue Collins, Betsy Lorusso
Standing, L-R: Bernadette Thie, Margi Rossetti, Ashley Clement, Colleen McManus, Kelly Conger, Lesleyann Foster, Charles DiPompo, Maureen Ryan-Wise
Missing: Jen Linskey, Janice Rosado

Membership Drawing Winners

Congratulations to Bob & Pat Murphy, our membership drawing winners this year! They received a Friends tote bag filled with books, a Friends gift card, and other goodies.

Thank you to all our Friends for your support!



Welcome New Friends

Holly Steel & Jane Berry-Steel
Nicole Antoinette
Richard & Lisa Benoit
Claudia Chery

Adam & Blaire Jenkins
Leslie McDonnell
Aimee Medicke

Founders Day Booth



On Founders Day, look for the Friends of Boyden Library booth on the field! A new attraction this year will be Shruthi Reddy, who can give you a beautiful henna design! There will be many designs to pick from and it'll only take 2-3 minutes!

Children's Books will be on sale for a \$1 or 2/\$1! Anyone who buys something or makes a donation will be entered into our drawing for a beautiful container full of fun things! Free, temporary tattoos & lollipops will be given away. Play a fun game from the Library of Things, such as Giant Jenga! See you June 7th!

TEEN HAPPENINGS AT BOYDEN LIBRARY



The year has started with a lot of fun activities in the Teen Department. I want to thank the Friends of Boyden Library for sponsoring an After-Hours Ghost Hunt with Noah Faraday in March as part of our Community Reads, as well as Weave Your Own Bookmark. I am happy to report Boyden Library is not haunted!

We have an exciting couple of months planned for the Teens. With the end of the year and exams looming, April will bring in relaxation with an Aromatherapy session with Klassic Kreations where teens will make dream pillows, create a foot healing salt soak, and make deconstructed soaps, all using dried botanicals and essential oils. At the end of April, Mentalist Ryan Lally will awe their minds with his craft.

Upcoming Programs:

May: Crafty Teens: Pressed Flowers
Watercolor Painting with Miss Mehta

June: Crafty Teens: Pine Cone Bird Feeder

July: Crafty Teens: Make a Glass Pendant
Video Game Themed Escape Room with Wicked Fun Games

August: Crafty Teens: Pebble Art
Felted Panda Hoop with Pop Up Art School

We are also preparing for summer reading. This year's theme is Level Up, and I have been choosing prizes for drawings for Teens who log the minutes they read. The Friends of Boyden Library are sponsoring a Button Maker kit, Jellyfish Lava Lamp, Tossy Magnetic Toy, and 6 in 1 Brain Teaser and Memory Game.

I will be visiting schools in May to promote summer reading, so summer promises to be full of activity for the Teens. Thank you to the Friends of Boyden Library for all you do for the Teens of Boyden Library.

Jennifir Huston, Teen Librarian

YOUTH SERVICES



Happy Spring from the Children's Department! We had a wonderful start to 2025 here in the Children's Room.

- We added a new addition to our collection: a Tonie Box and Tonie Figurines! The Tonie Box is a screen-free audio player for kids 3+ that is great for bedtime stories, music, and education. The corresponding Tonies are figurines that when placed on top of the box automatically start playing. Check them out next time you visit!
- Our new database Fiero Code went live. Fiero Code is a gamified coding platform designed to engage kids, teens, and adults in learning computer programming through self-paced lessons and interactive challenges. Our Super Coders club has been using it frequently and really enjoying it. Library card holders can access Fiero Code through the Kids Online Resources tab on our website.
- We celebrated Take Your Child to the Library Day on Sat, Feb. 1, with a Library themed story time, DIY bookmark station, fairytale photo book, and a fun scavenger hunt to test the kids' book finding skills.
- For February vacation week, we had a Black History Month scavenger hunt all week, as well as Kids Karaoke and a special performance by Evan of Music at the Blissful.
- In March, we prepared for our annual Community Reads event with author J. Courtney Sullivan by hosting a Home is Where the Heart Is story time with a special appearance from Parker the Therapy Dog and a traditional Wampanoag pottery class led by Plimoth Patuxet Museums.

2025 Summer Reading Program: Level Up At Your Library! This will be an 8-week program starting Mon, June 23, and ending Fri, Aug 15. We will be offering Beanstack to our participants, an easy-to-use website/app where kids ages 0-12 can track their reading and activities over the summer to earn digital badges and real rewards. Children ages 5-12 will get a silicone charm bracelet when they register. When certain milestones are reached on Beanstack, kids will be prompted to come to the library to choose a Croc charm to add to the bracelet. They can collect up to 5 charms over the summer. Babies-Age 4 will get to choose a stuffie each time they unlock special badges on Beanstack! Every badge that you unlock gives you 3 digital raffle tickets that you can put towards the prize of your choice! At the end of the 8 weeks, we will be holding a large prize drawing for free passes and gift cards to local organizations such as Tree Top Adventures, Ice Cream Beach Club, Ally's Cookies, Monster Mini Golf, Xtreme Craze, and more. This summer will be jam packed with fun, educational programs and performances and we can't wait for you to join us!

Programs to look forward to:

*Please check the library website for the most up to date calendar of events and to register for programs!

Preschool Picassos (ages 3-5) - Tues, Apr 15 @ 3:30 pm

Earth Day Upcycle (ages 7+) - Tues, Apr 22 @ 2 pm

Terrific Trees Scavenger Hunt (all ages) - Tues, Apr 22 @ 10 am-4 pm

Out of This World: Space Crafts - Weds, Apr 23 @ 6 pm

Boyden Buds Garden Club-time to plant - Thurs, Apr 24 @ 1 pm

Boyden Buds Garden Club-get scrappy - Mon, Apr 28 @ 3:45 pm

Build & Topple Domino's Challenge - Thurs, Apr 24 @ 4 pm

Mini Big Top Circus Performance - Sat, Apr 26 @ 11 am (on Town Common)

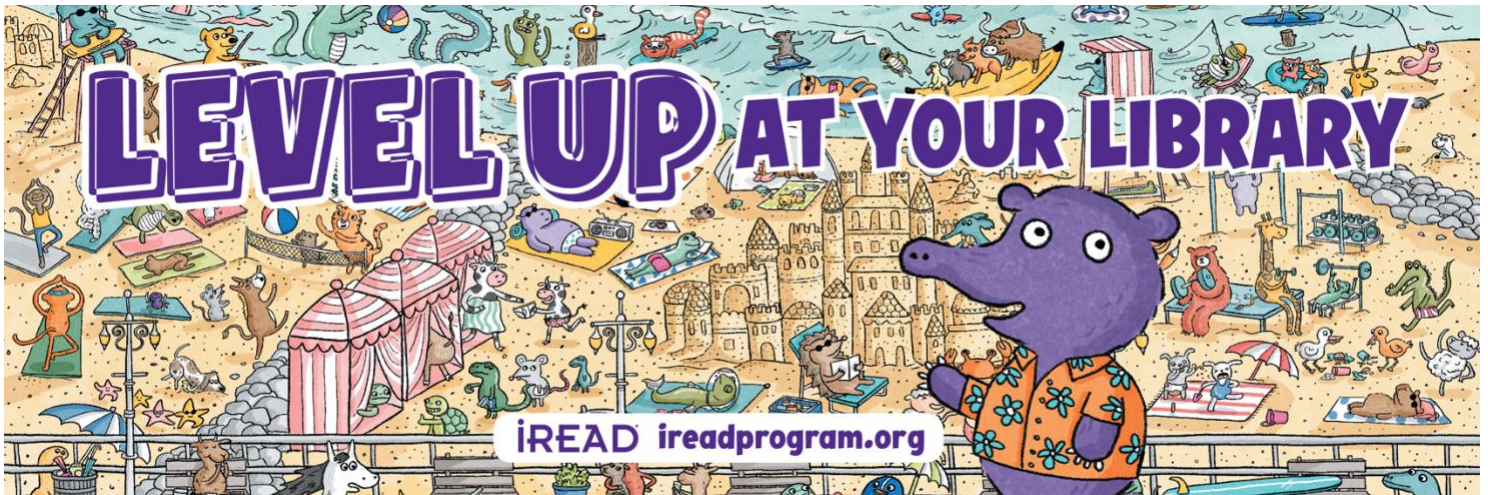
Super Coders Club: LEGO Robotics w/ Code Wiz Quincy - Weds, May 14 @ 5 pm

PAWS to Read w/ Parker the Therapy Dog (ages 5+) - Sat, May 17 @ 11 am

Patriot Place Story Time (ages 2+) - Thurs, May 22 @ 11 am

Emma Brelsford (she/her)

Senior Youth Services Librarian



A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never-failing spring in the desert. – Andrew Carnegie

10 Bird Street
Foxborough, MA 02035

PHONE:
(508) 543-1245

E-MAIL:
Boydenlibraryfriends
@yahoo.com

FACEBOOK:
[http://www.facebook.com/
friendsboydenlibrary](http://www.facebook.com/friendsboydenlibrary)

ADDITIONAL LIBRARY PARKING AVAILABLE

Spaces can be found:

- Around the Foxborough Town Common
- On Bird Street
- In the Schneider Lot
 - Intersection of Bird & Railroad Ave
 - Yellow striped spaces

Thank you for your cooperation.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://www.boydenlibrary.org>