

May 2022



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:

Janice Rosado, President  
David Crimmins, Vice President  
Sue Collins, Secretary  
Bernadette Thie, Treasurer  
Betsy Buckland  
Charles DiPompo  
Lesleyann Foster  
Sara Halton  
Don Jenkins  
Jennifer Linskey  
Colleen McManus  
Jennifer Ooi  
Margi Rossetti  
Diane Monahan (Emeritus)

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Welcome Spring!

First, I would like to say how excited I am to have our new Director on board. Elisabeth "Libby" O'Neill's first day was March 28th and she is off and running. Prior to coming to Foxborough, Libby has held Director positions at both the Norfolk Public Library and the Elizabeth Taber Library in Marion, MA. She brings with her not only experience but a wealth of ideas and boundless enthusiasm. The Friends are very much looking forward to working with her.

I would also like to introduce our two new Board Members. Betsy Buckland and Don Jenkins joined us in February. Many of you may know Betsy as she is a long-time resident of Foxborough and recently retired from the Children's Department of the library. We met Don at our Fall Book Sale; he had moved to Foxborough and expressed an interest in volunteering. Betsy and Don have already proven to be valuable additions to the Board.

I would like to recognize Kathy Bell-Harney for serving as interim Director this winter. Kathy did a fantastic job keeping the library running smoothly and she and the entire staff should be commended for all their efforts. We are so fortunate to have such a great group!

As we prepare for our next Book Sale (May 19-21), we have held several curbside donation drives. Thank you to all those who dropped off books/media and for those who have left donations in our Friends bin in the library foyer. Also, thank you to Lesleyann Foster, Book Sale Chair; Margi Rosetti, Book Shop Chair and the team of volunteers who have worked endless hours to collect and sort donations in preparation for our sale.

Our 2022 membership drive has been quite a success. Thank you for your support and to Sara Halton, Membership Chair. Your membership dues, Book Shop and Book Sale purchases and book donations continue to provide thousands of dollars annually to support library programming. If you missed sending in your dues, it's never too late! Payment can be mailed to the Friends, dropped off at the library or can be made online using PayPal. Check out the library's website for more information (click on Friends under the "About Us" tab) or email us at [boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com](mailto:boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com).

The Friends will be participating in this year's Founders Day event "Together Again". We hope to see you at the Booth Field Saturday June 11th.

Wishing you the very best.

Janice Rosado

## FROM THE DIRECTOR



I am thrilled to be Boyden Library's new Director! Libraries and books have always been, and continue to be, an important part of my life. I remember that special moment when I was a small child and my father took me to get my first library card. That wallet-sized card opened a whole new world to me. I recall organizing my personal book collection, by author of course, and begging my father to assign me a research paper over the summer just so I could spend my time at the local library surrounded by books, information and reference materials. To those who knew me, it came as no surprise that my love for books guided me to my future career as a librarian.

A little background about me: I completed my undergraduate studies at the University of South Carolina as a history major. I then received my Masters in Library Science from Simmons College. Before starting in Foxborough, I was Director of the Elizabeth Taber Library in Marion for five years and Director at the Norfolk Public Library for three and a half years. I live in Mansfield with my husband and two children. We have frequented the Boyden Library for several years, mostly checking out children's books and attending live animal programs.

My vision for the Boyden Library is to have this library be the focal point in town, serving as a vibrant center that inspires lifelong learning, provides access to information, and hosts programs that enrich the community. Libraries are continually reinventing themselves to stay current and while books are still extremely important, both in print and digital form, libraries are now so much more than that. An exemplary library serves as a community hub where people gather, connect with each other, and explore new things.

I look forward to meeting the Foxborough community, and working with the staff, Trustees, and Friends of the Boyden Library to enhance programming and services offered to residents of all ages. As Director, I intend to focus on outreach with town and community organizations to strengthen partnerships and collaborate on new initiatives. I welcome any suggestions and feedback from the community as I settle into this role and I encourage you to stop by or contact me to discuss how the Boyden Library can better serve you!

Thank you,

Libby O'Neill

## FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT



The staff in the Spinney Family Children’s Room are totally excited for the 2022 Summer Reading Program! We will offer an online reading program where participants track their reading and activities for badges and prize drawings. We also have a fantastic lineup of Summer Reading performers, Storytimes, and programs. The Summer Reading prizes and performers are made possible through the generous support of the Friends of Boyden Library.

This year’s Summer Reading theme is *Read Beyond the Beaten Path*, featuring art by beloved authors Dav Pilkey, Jessica Gibson, and Kayla Miller. Incentives include brag tags, books, a Dragon Plush, Bigfoot Caller, Ceramic Camp Mug, Summer Reading Patches, a Lego set, toys, and gift cards to local restaurants.

Our Summer Reading performers include:

- Animal Adventures with Dad:** Sat., June 18 at 10:30 a.m., Foxboro Common
- Family Concert with Tom Sieling:** Sat., July 9 at 10:00 a.m., Foxboro Common
- Anyone Can Draw Cartoonagrams, Ages 7+:** Tues., July 12, Sessions at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m., Community Meeting Room
- Puppet Story Time with Leigh Baltzer, Ages 3-8:** Tues., July 19 at 10:30 a.m., Foxboro Common
- Teddy Bear Picnic:** Tues., July 21 at 10:30 a.m., Foxboro Common
- Learn Ukulele with Julie Stepanek, Ages 8-12:** Mon., July 25 at 2:00 p.m., Foxboro Common
- Family Concert with Philip Alexander:** Thurs. July 28 at 10:00 a.m., Foxboro Common
- Family Theatre on the Common: To Bee or Not to Bee:** Wed. Aug 3 at 6:30 p.m., Foxboro Common
- Jenny the Juggler:** Sat., Aug 6 at 10:00 a.m., Foxboro Common
- Circus Minimus Presents: Circus in-a-Suitcase, Ages 3+:** Tues. Aug 9 at 2:00 p.m., Community Meeting Room

This year’s Teddy Bear Picnic features Rolie Polie Guacamole, an award-winning "kindie" band from Brooklyn, NY whose high energy, interactive show mashes funk, rock and folk music into original tunes about natural living, eating healthy and staying active! After the show, join us for a special visit with New England Revolution Mascot [Slyde The Fox](#).



The Library will host a Police Storytime on Thursday, July 14 at 10:30 a.m., and a Fire Department Storytime on Thursday, August 4 at 10:30 a.m. These will be held at Payson Playground so that children may visit with the vehicles after the Storytime.



Grandy’s Ice Cream Truck will have ice cream for purchase at the end of many of the outdoor programs.

For a full list of our programs and to register, please visit [www.boydenlibrary.org](http://www.boydenlibrary.org) and click on the Events Calendar, or call the Youth Services Department at 508-543-1246.

Jessica Henderson, Senior Youth Services Librarian

## 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

At our Annual Meeting in February, the Board welcomed new members Betsy Buckland and Don Jenkins. Betsy retired from her position as Senior Library Assistant after 16 years of service, and we couldn't let her slip away! Don Jenkins spent 36 years as a teacher, principal and school district administrator in suburban Atlanta. He and his wife Marcia recently moved to Foxborough from Hampton, NH to be closer to their son and daughter-in-law. Welcome to both of our new members!

Board positions filled at the meeting included 4 At-Large members for 1-year terms: Colleen McManus, Charles DiPompo, Betsy Buckland, and Don Jenkins, whose terms run from February 2022 to February 2023.

We also voted in two new chairpersons for the same 1-year terms: Margi Rossetti will be responsible for the ongoing Friends book shops, and Jennifer Ooi will handle the newsletter.

The Annual Meeting also approved a change to the By-Laws which defined a quorum as a simple majority of members.

### WE NEED YOU!

The greater the membership of the Friends of Boyden Library, the more we can do for the Library. Please consider becoming a member or renewing your membership

Also, become more involved to volunteer with:

- Program awareness and publicity
- Book Sales
- Donations
- Membership

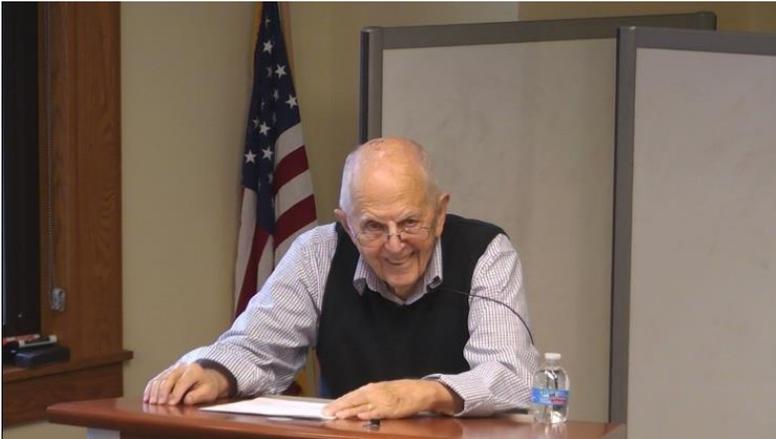
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boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com.



**Join our mission and become a Friend!** Membership forms are available at the circulation desks or you can join our group by going on-line to [www.boydenlibrary.org](http://www.boydenlibrary.org) and click on the Friends of the Library icon to join.

Have a safe and healthy Spring 2022!

## Friends 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Jack Authelet



On November 14, 2021, Jack Authelet, Foxborough's Historian, helped the Friends of Boyden Library celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Here is a recap of Jack's presentation:

Boyden Library was founded in 1871 and was originally located in Memorial Hall. It was named after Uriah Boyden, who donated money for the first books. By the 1950s, the post-war population boom meant that a larger facility was sorely needed. In 1961 the Library Trustees formed the Friends of Boyden Library, and their first major task was planning and fundraising for a new building. Rex Bristol donated his property on the corner of Bird &

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Baker Streets and in 1964, Friends President Edward Lawson presented the building proposal at Town Meeting.

Once their new library was complete, the townspeople were still confronted with a major problem – how to move the books? The solution was a huge human chain beginning on the steps of Memorial Hall, continuing across two streets, through the Common and up the stairs to the library. That exemplifies the Spirit of Foxborough!

Jack expressed his pride in the wide variety of programs sponsored by the Friends for townspeople of all ages. The annual Teddy Bear Picnic on the Common is a cherished memory for many residents and is a highlight of the many programs sponsored by the Friends.

During the recent remodel and expansion of the Boyden Library, the Friends made a substantial contribution to finance the Friends Community Room. Jack is proud that a multitude of people from a wide variety of organizations meet here at no charge. The Community Room also regularly hosts wonderful art by members of Foxborough Art Association, local artists and Foxborough High School art students. Jack acknowledged that the Friends have been a big part of this community and he knows they will continue to contribute their time and resources in the future to the library.

Jack covered a great deal of Foxboro history in his presentation, you can see the full presentation on the FCATV Youtube channel by following this link [Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Friends of Boyden Library with Town Historian Jack Authelet](#) or going to <https://youtu.be/DDQGbRxy8aE>.

### **MANY THANKS, ADAM ROUILLE**

In 2018 Adam Rouille, a resident of Foxboro, reached out to the Friends and offered to help maximize our profits through online selling of items that typically do not appeal to our customer base. The Friends set aside any books we think he might be interested in and he handles the entire sales process.

It has been a very profitable relationship and ensures that the library benefits to the greatest extent from our patrons' donations. Adam is primarily interested in non-fiction books including textbooks and DVDs - the more obscure the better! Profits from these sales are split with the Friends 50/50.

Thank you for all your hard work, Adam!

## SPRING BOOK SALE

Friends of Boyden Library are pleased to announce our upcoming Spring Book Sale on May 19 - 21. We look forward to welcoming you back into the Community Meeting Room, Fuller Conference Room and Café.

The sale will feature a wide selection of fiction and non-fiction for adults, young adults and children. Look for your favorite authors, series and titles available in hard cover and paperback. We also have media available for purchase. Remember, each member of the Friends who has paid their current dues and attends the sale will receive a \$2 credit towards a purchase and be entered into a free raffle.

We will also feature our popular bag sale on Saturday, May 21st from 10:00 – 3:00pm. Bags will be provided by Friends, and you will be invited to fill them for \$5 each. Our reusable bags will also be available for purchase. We are now accepting PayPal in addition to credit card, debit card, cash and personal checks.

### FRIENDS OF BOYDEN LIBRARY

#### PRICE LIST

#### ADULT & YA

Hardcover		\$2 each
Trade Paperback		\$2 each
Paperback		\$1 each
DVDs / CDs		\$1/ea. to \$5

#### CHILDREN

Hardcover		\$1 each
Paperback		2 for \$1
DVDs / CDs		\$1/ea. to \$5

All specialty items are priced as marked

All proceeds from the book sale allow us to support many of the programs offered at the Boyden Library. We would like to thank all our members who continue to donate materials in the book drop and those who participated in the recent Book Drives! Over the past several months we have collected hundreds of books and media of various topics and in excellent condition. Please know that your overwhelming support and generous contributions make the event a success!

Lesleyann Foster  
Book Sale Chair

Cash, credit, debit, checks, and PayPal are accepted

*Learn more about the Friends*





FRIENDS OF BOYDEN LIBRARY

# SPRING BOOK SALE

THUR MAY 19	10AM - 8PM
FRI MAY 20	10AM - 5PM
SAT MAY 21	10AM - 3PM

## SPECIAL EVENT - \$5 BAG SALE

Member Early Access - Friday 3PM - 5PM

General Public - Saturday

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

2022

### NOW ACCEPTING

## BOOK DONATIONS

Friends of Boyden Library held their last Book Drive for the season, but are still accepting donations. Materials received by 5/14/22 will be offered at the Spring Book Sale from 5/19 to 5/21/22. Please drop your "like new" books inside the bin during regular operating hours. For larger donations requiring assistance contact [boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com](mailto:boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com) to make arrangements.

DONATION BIN IS LOCATED IN THE LOBBY

10 Bird Street  
Foxborough, MA 02035

PHONE:  
(508) 543-1245

E-MAIL:  
Boydenlibraryfriends  
@yahoo.com

FACEBOOK:  
[http://www.facebook.com/  
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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://www.boydenlibrary.org>

10 Bird Street  
Foxborough, MA 02035

**Visit *all* the Friends of Boyden Library Book Shops:**

Book Shops & The Last Chapter are open during regular library hours

**1 The Last Chapter**  
*Located on the ground floor, left of the stairwell*  
Adult fiction & non-fiction books  
Prices from \$0.50 - \$1

**2 The Book Shop**  
*Located on the first floor, left of the stairwell beyond the computers*  
Adult fiction, non-fiction books & media, including more recent best sellers  
Prices range from \$1 - \$3

**3 Young Adult Book Shop**  
*Located on the first floor, in the Young Adult Room*  
YA fiction, non-fiction books & media for ages 12-19  
Prices range from \$1 - \$2

**4 Children's Book Shop**  
*Located in the Children's Department, on floor 2C*  
Fiction, non-fiction books & media for ages 0-12  
Prices range from \$0.50 - \$1

Cash or check payments are accepted at both Youth Services and Adult Circulation Desks.