

April 2026



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:

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

FRIENDS OF BOYDEN LIBRARY

Spring Book Sale

2026

THUR MAY 14	10 AM - 8 PM
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SAT MAY 16	10 AM - 3 PM

\$10 FILL-A-BAG SALE
SATURDAY | GENERAL PUBLIC

Special Event: Current Members of FOBL are invited to shop Bag Sale early on Friday, May 15 | 1 PM - 5 PM

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Welcome Spring! After this cold, snowy winter, spring feels wonderful! Hopefully, you had a good supply of books to read for all the time you had indoors. If you are in the mood for Spring cleaning, you can always donate your gently used books in the Friends' wooden bin in the Boyden Library lobby. The Friends also had one Book Drive in March, and another is scheduled for Saturday, April 11 from 10-12 pm. Pull up to the door and a volunteer will happily greet you and bring your books inside! The Friends are gearing up for our Spring Book Sale in May.

The Friends had a great Annual Meeting in February. Betsy Buckland had to step down as Co-President to devote more time to her family. Maureen (Mo) Ryan-Wise graciously stepped up to be Vice-President to help Sue Collins, President. We welcomed Kirstin Stone as a new At-Large Member of the Board. Kirstin was one of four visitors that was interested in finding out what the Friends are all about. The public is always invited to come to our monthly Meetings that are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the Friends Community Room. There are no meetings in July, August, and December.

Many times, people comment to me and others about how much the Friends do. We have a hardworking Board, but we enjoy what we do! Behind the scenes, there is our conscientious Treasurer, Katherine Howard, and our meticulous Secretary, Betsy Lorusso. Margi Rossetti organizes the volunteers who collect and sort all books that are donated. Colleen McManus runs our Membership Drives and Janice Rosado recruits Volunteers. Bernadette Thie publishes the beautiful Newsletter you are reading now! Jen Linskey publicizes our events. Our At-Large Members Ashley Clement, Charles DiPompo, Kirstin Stone and Kelly Conger always volunteer at our various events. Lesleyann Foster is the maestro who tirelessly orchestrates our wonderful bi-annual Book Sales that go off without a hitch!

Come browse and buy your soon-to-be favorite books at our biggest fundraiser. Our Spring Book Sale runs May 14-16, Thursday to Saturday. Mark your calendar! You don't want to miss it! The funds enable us to run all the programs we sponsor for children and adults, museum passes, and much more. Come see us at the Friends Booth on Founders Day, June 6. Shruthi Reddy was a big hit last year, applying beautiful henna designs for a donation to the Friends! We'll have children's books for sale for summer reading, free tattoos, and yard games to play from the Library of Things. The Friends sponsors the Teddy Bear Picnic August 1st this year. It is always lots of fun and the Friends will have a table full of books for sale.

All the Friends appreciate your continued support! Enjoy your time at the library with the many activities that you make possible!

Sue Collins, President

FROM THE DIRECTOR



At the Boyden Library, we've started off the year on a strong note and I'm excited to share a few updates:

Our popular Seed Library is once again available to patrons! We have a nice variety of seeds this year, including flowers, fruits/vegetables, and herbs to check out. For more information, please visit our Seed Library webpage: www.boydenlibrary.org/seed-library.

We had another successful annual Community Reads month! Thank you to everyone who joined us in reading *The Art Thief* by Michael Finkel in March. A special thank you to the Friends of Boyden Library for sponsoring our promotional materials, the take and make craft kits, and the Suminagashi art workshops with Water Lily Designs for teens and

adults!

The Boyden Library Food Cupboard has become an essential resource for our community, with more than 1,200 items given away since its launch in October. If you would like to donate, we would greatly appreciate contributions of unexpired, non-perishable items. While all donations are welcome, our most-needed items currently include cereal, mac and cheese, peanut butter, jelly, pudding, instant meals, pasta sauce, and soup.

Thanks to the generous support of the Friends of Boyden Library, our Tinker Tank Makerspace has become a valuable asset to the Library, providing patrons with the opportunity to schedule dedicated time to explore and use a variety of equipment. This space fosters hands-on learning, creativity, and innovation, empowering individuals of all ages to experiment, build new skills, and bring their ideas to life. To make an appointment, please visit: <https://boydenlibrary.org/tinker-tank>.

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:

Recurring Programming:

Adult Crafternoon workshops with Dana: April 14, 28, May 12, 26 and June 9 from 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Teen Tech Help: April 18 and May 30 from 11:00am – 12:00pm

Tea and Talk (about books!): April 22, May 6 and May 20 at 11:00am

Zentangle: April 17 and May 22 from 10:00 – 11:30am

Special Programming:

April 12, 2:00pm: Áine Minogue concert
April 16, 7:00pm: Bead Therapy with ZMAKESBEADS
April 18, 2:00pm: Soul Speak Alchemy Box with Klassic Kreationz
April 21, 5:30pm: Puzzle Competition for Adults
April 22, 6:30pm: Estate Planning 101
April 23, 7:00pm: Poetry Open Mic Night
April 25, 10:15am: Breathwork and Meditation Workshop
April 26, 2:00pm: Rupert Wates concert
April 28, 6:30pm: Planning a Walt Disney World Vacation: Tips & Tricks for Families
April 30, 7:00pm: Unlock Your Radiance: A Personalized Journey in Color Analysis
May 4, 7:00pm: Vegetable Gardening 101 with Gretel Anspach from Massachusetts Master Gardener Association
May 21, 7:00pm: The Selling of Art – Workshop with Jack Gannon
May 28, 6:30pm: Craft Night with Traci – making a recycled book craft

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

Also, stay tuned—an exciting new Boyden Library logo and a fully redesigned website are on the way! We can't wait to share a fresh look and improved online experience with you soon.

As always, please feel free to stop by or contact me directly at oneill@sailsinc.org. Your feedback is invaluable, and I welcome any suggestions to help enhance the library's services.

Thank you,
Libby O'Neill



Several members of the Library staff and Trustees joined author Michael Finkel at the final event of this year's successful Community Reads month.

Pictured, left to right: Renee, Kevin, Libby, Michael Finkel, Sara, Kathy, Kim, Melinda, Joanna.

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Southwick's
ZOO

Friends of Boyden Library are offering
Discounted General Admission Flex Tickets
available to Boyden Library Patrons

\$20 per ticket
Non-Refundable & Expire on 10/31/26
Purchase at the circulation desk
Cash or Checks payable to "Friends of Boyden Library" Accepted

Visit www.southwickszoo.com for 2026 Visitor information

The graphic features a yellow background with a green vine border at the top. Various animals are illustrated: a monkey hanging from the vine, a raccoon, a blue parrot, a giraffe, an ostrich, and a tiger.

2026 FRIENDS BOARD

Elections were held at our Annual Meeting in February. We are happy to welcome Kirstin Stone to the Board. Due to unexpected family commitments, Betsy Buckland has resigned from the Board. We thank Betsy for her many years of service on the Board and welcome Maureen (Mo) Ryan-Wise to the Executive Board as Vice President.

Executive Committee

President – Sue Collins
 Vice President – Maureen (Mo) Ryan-Wise
 Secretary – Betsy Lorusso
 Treasurer – Katherine Howard

Media/PR – Jen Linskey
 Membership – Colleen McManus

Members At-Large

Ashley Clement
 Kelly Conger
 Charles DiPompo
 Janice Rosado
 Kirstin Stone

Chair Positions

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



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

Welcome New Friends

Alison Bancroft
 Michelle Cotter
 Lisa Gustafson

Courtney Hocker
 Claire Quick

Membership Drawing Winner

Congratulations to Holly Steel,
our membership drawing winner this year!
She received a Friends tote bag filled with
books, a Friends gift card, and other goodies.



Stop & Shop Community Bag Program

The Friends of Boyden Library Foundation has been selected as a nonprofit partner in the Stop & Shop Community Bag Program. The Friends will receive \$1 for each \$2.50 reusable Community Bag sold during the **month of May** at the Stop & Shop located at 141 Main Street, Foxboro. All proceeds will support library programming.

STOP&SHOP

Bloom Better!

Nourishing tomorrow starts today.
STOP&SHOP

From reducing waste to supporting neighbors, good things are blooming all around in May! Buy a \$2.50 reusable Community Bag this month at our selected Stop & Shop and \$1 goes back to our organization. Reuse. Reduce. Give back.

stopandshop.2givelocal.com Community Bag Program

Founders Day Booth



The Friends are getting ready to see a lot of our Foxboro neighbors on Founders Day! We're hoping for a nice sunny day on Saturday, June 6th, and lots of visitors to our Friends Booth right after the parade. Come down to the field and visit us—there's lots of fun in store!

Shruthi Reddy is coming back after a successful debut last year to apply beautiful henna creations! Shruthi is a frequent visitor to our library and is kindly donating her time and talent. Look through the booklet provided, pick your favorite design, and watch Shruthi perform her magic. We ask for a suggested donation of \$5 minimum; all money raised will be donated to the Friends of Boyden Library to fund educational and fun library programs, provide museum and discounted zoo passes and much more.

At our booth, we will be selling children's and young adult books for \$1.00 or less. Anyone who makes a purchase will be entered into a drawing for a beautiful canvas bag filled with books and other goodies. Relax, play with Jenga and other yard games, browse some books, and find out what the Friends are all about. Be sure to come by and say hello.

TEEN HAPPENINGS AT BOYDEN LIBRARY



The year 2026 started off with an arctic blast and fun for the teens at Boyden Library! Now that Spring is here, we are excited to host many fun Friends Sponsored programs for the Teens of Foxborough. March was Community Reads Month with the author of *The Art Thief*, Michael Finkel, as our special guest. One teen read and wrote a wonderful review for the March Teen Newsletter. It is also a time to begin planning Summer Reading. The theme this year is Plant a Seed. Read. The Friends of Boyden Library are sponsoring a lot of fun prizes to incentivize more teens to read over their break, such as a vlogging camera, Shizap (Jenga-like game), a robot to build, and Karaoke machine. Many area organizations have been gracious enough to donate gift certificates as prizes, such as K1 Indoor Karting, Unlikely Story, Monster Mini Golf,

Xtreme Craze, Ice Cream Beach Club, Ally’s Cookies, and more being added as the Spring moves forward. I am planning for this year to be bigger and better than last year!

Planning for the Founder’s Day Parade on June 6th has begun, featuring our Summer Reading theme. Plant a Seed: Read.

Programs sponsored by The Friends of Boyden Library:

January

- Crafty Teens: Beaded Succulents
- Paint Like Van Gogh with Dimple Shah

February

- Crafty Teens: Button Art

March (All programming was part of March Community Reads)

- Crafty Teens: Modge Podge Story Board Canvas
- Teen Take & Make: Glass Magnet Kit
- Suminigashi Printing with Water Lily Designs

April

- Pipe Cleaner Flowers with Sydnye & Aiden (Teen Led Program)
- Soul Speak Alchemy Box with Klassic Kreation

Upcoming Programs Sponsored by the Friends of Boyden Library:

May

- Make it Stick: Teen Sticker Design Workshop with Heidi and Miss Nilo
- Crafty Teens: Recycled Book Project
- Bright Path Project with Saanvi (Teen Led)

June

- June Teen Take & Make: Flowers Designed in a Hoop
- Cricut Mug Press Workshop

Jennifir Huston, Teen Librarian

YOUTH SERVICES



What a wonderful winter in the Children's Room! Some highlights include:

- Winter Reading Challenge for kids in grades 4-6. Participants who read 5 or more titles from the Massachusetts Children's Book Award 2025/2026 Nominees were entered into a special prize drawing for a Cozy Reading Basket, which includes an Amazon Fire Tablet, a plush Warmie, a personalized mug made with our Cricut Mug Press, and more.
- January - With the help of volunteers from the Shishu Bharati School of Languages and Culture of India and the Bihar Jharkhand Association of New England, we hosted a Makar Sankranti celebration, which is a Hindu festival that marks the sun’s transition into Capricorn. Kids decorated paper kites, made Rangoli sand art, and enjoyed traditional treats.
- February - We kicked off school vacation week with a rockin’ performance by Music at the Blissful. Next, we hosted Scott Martell for his fun magic show including a live rabbit! We had a traditional Turkish Marbling Arts program led by a patron of ours, Menekse Cingoz, and Mini Masters art class where kids learned about the artist Piet Mondrian and replicated his art style led by a patron Dimple Shah.

- March - To celebrate our Community Reads event, we hosted a Mini Canvas Art Class, a Lippan Tea Light Holder craft with Water Lily Designs, and an Art Remix Workshop. Thanks to a generous donation from WNDR Museum Boston, any child who attended these programs was automatically entered into a drawing to win 2 free passes to the mind bending, interactive museum.

Future Programs:

Children and their families can look forward to these upcoming programs happening in the Youth Department. For a full list of events, descriptions, and to register for programs, please visit the Calendar on our website or visit the Youth Department.

- Pet Cents-Pet Adoption Simulator (ages 8-12) - Weds, Apr 15 @ 4:30 pm-5:30 pm, registration
- Silly with Storytime (ages 3-5) - Tues, Apr 7, 14, 28 @ 10:30 am-11 am, registration
- Natural Dyes & Fabrics (ages 8-12) - Thurs, Apr 22 @ 1 pm-2 pm, registration
- PAWS to Read with a Therapy Dog - Sat, Apr 4 & 18 @ 11 am-12 pm, first come first served
- Boyden Buds Garden Club (ages 6-12) - Thurs, Apr 23 @ 1 pm-2 pm, registration
- Story Explorers: Cranberry Bog Patriot Place (ages 4+) - Fri, Apr 24 @ 11 am-12 pm, registration
- Meet the Author: Mama Sheep Storytime & Baby Animal Farm (ages 4+) - Fri, Apr 24 @ 2pm & 2:30 pm, registration
- Pollinators of New England (ages 5-12) - Sat, Apr 25 @ 2 pm-3 pm, registration
- Baby Kneads (ages 5 months - 25 months) - Mon, May 4, 11, 18 @ 11 am, registration
- Parent/Child Paint-a-long - Weds, May 6 @ 5:30 pm, registration

Emma Brelsford (she/her)
Senior Youth Services Librarian

Prison Book Program

The mission of the Prison Book Program is “to support people in prison by sending them free books and reading materials that meet their specific needs and interests”. The Friends regularly support this program by donating books at the end of our book sales. Below are excerpts from a thank you letter from Lee, a volunteer with the program, as well as letters from recipients of these donations.

Dear Lesleyann,

Once again, the Friends of the Boyden Library really came through for the Prison Book Program at the book sale on Saturday. As you saw, I was able to find so many books that are useful to PBP and to the people we serve. There were books on crafts, gardening, Christianity, exercise, and trade skills, as well as an abundance of fiction books that we need — fantasy, sci-fi, and thrillers. That’s just the tip of the iceberg, as evidenced by the many bags I gathered! Thanks to your great suggestion, in the children’s sale, I found books on exotic animals that were just what we needed.

You and the Friends are doing a great thing to donate books to PBP, where they will have a vibrant second life in the hands of appreciative readers. Please accept our sincere thanks! I hope the sale was successful for you; I saw lots of shoppers who seemed very happy :)

With gratitude,
Lee

Fantasy, Horror, Manga

Hope you have a wonderful Day.

Thank you so much, Reading has saved my life so many times from my dark thoughts.

My name is Troy, my cell mate tells me that prison book program gives books to inmates? He says that he was given a Dictionary by this company. I have been requesting crossword puzzles from the mental health department here but would really like a crossword book if that is something that is possible to get from your program. If I may get more than one book would it be possible to get an Webster's crossword dictionary along with a regular Webster's Dictionary please. I have taken up reading and find the need of a dictionary to research word meanings since many authors tend to use words like Sisyphus, puerile, inchoate all in an insouciant pen. Thus the need to search out the meaning of words. If this program can help with this request I'd be forever thankful.

I am writing to you this day to request any and all books about the violin - from learning to play a violin to reading sheet music to playing classical music, if at all possible. I use to play the Bass, but that was over 40 years ago.

When I am released from prison 5 years from now, I plan on walking to all 48 states, I am not visiting Hawaii or Alaska. A violin is a small instrument and can be carried easily and doesn't weigh a whole lot. I want to be able to ~~share~~ share my love for the classics other than playing the radio. I want to play on my Violin in every capital in the 48 states. Wouldn't that be something?

Dear Prison Book Program,

For someone like me, who doesn't have a lot of help from the outside, and whose prison library could fit in a shoe box, your charity means the world. I could never save up enough to buy a T.V. so for me books are the cat's meow. Without them I would go crazy with boredom. I would like to thank all of you at Lucy Parson's Book Store. What you do makes a huge difference in my life. Your kindness and generosity fill me with the kind of hope for humanity that is easy to lose in prison. So, thank you! From the bottom of my heart and from the depths of my cell, Thank You!!!

I'm going to leave a list of books I'd like to have, but anything at all will be appreciated and cherished.

- 1- A book of easy cross word puzzles
- 2- "Calligraphy Bible: 100 Projects/Techiques" by Emma Gallery
- 3- "Brocabulary: New Man-i-festo of Dude Talk" by Daniel Maurer
- 4- Zombies
- 5- Fantasy

Gratefully yours,

Edward [redacted]
Din# 2381

Attica Correctional Facility

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

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