

October 2025



Library Hours:

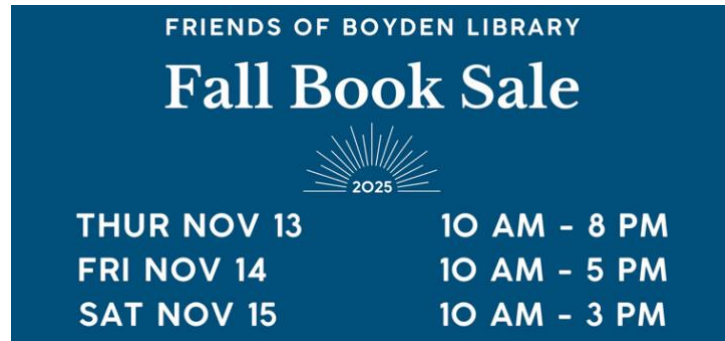
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Thursday: 10-8
Friday: 10-5
Saturday: 10-5
Sunday: 1-5

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,
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FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Fall - we hope you all enjoyed the summer! The Friends had a great time meeting a lot of you at Founders Day. Our booth on the field was the busiest ever! Foxboro resident Shruthi Reddy donated her time and talent to apply beautiful henna designs on many people who donated generously to the Friends. Shruthi and her family have long been loyal library patrons; this was a wonderful way for her to give back to her community and to Boyden Library. Many children's books were sold to young readers, both at Founders Day and at July's Teddy Bear Picnic on the Common, sponsored by the Friends. The Toe Jam Puppet Band kept everyone moving; we loved seeing all the children and families dancing, singing and popping bubbles!

Time to gear up from the lazy days of summer to all the fun fall activities ahead. Need to change from a summer "beach read" to something more substantial? Look no further than our Fall Book Sale! Mark your calendars now: book sale set-up is on Wednesday, November 12th, and the sale itself, Thursday through Saturday, November 13th – 15th. To gear up for the sale, the Friends had a Book Donation Drive on September 27th and will have another one on Saturday, October 25th, from 10am-12pm. No appointment necessary - just drive up to the library entrance, pop your trunk and let our volunteers take your gently used, current books.

When you attend the Book Sale in November, you'll easily spot the Friends who volunteer their time. All will be wearing a snazzy ID button made at the Library's new Tinker Tank Makerspace, partially sponsored by the Friends - come check it out! And at the Book Sale, the Friends will have a Membership Table where you can join the Friends and see how you can help support the library - stop by and say hi. When you become a Friend at the Book Sale, your membership will be valid through December 2026.

Come join us for a nice evening out at our Friends Fall Social on Wednesday, October 22nd from 6:30-8pm. A committee of Betsy Lorusso, Mo Ryan and Ashley Clement have cooked up something bigger and better than previous years! It will be at the Cannon Forge Clubhouse, 25 Cannon Forge Drive, which has lots of parking. There will be plenty of appetizers, and wine and

other beverages will be served. Look for your email Evite; you can register by email, or online at the Library's Calendar of Events page. Come meet many of the Friends Board members. Join the Friends and/or bring a buddy to join and your name will be entered into a drawing for a lovely prize.

We appreciate your continued support and hope to make more Friends in 2026!

Happy Reading!
Sue Collins & Betsy Buckland
Co-Presidents

FROM THE DIRECTOR



The Boyden Library continues to flourish as the heart of the Foxboro community! In the last fiscal year, which ended June 30, 2025, we hosted 672 programs that welcomed a total of 10,055 attendees. This marks an impressive 13% increase from the previous year, when we held 594 programs with 9,914 participants.

Our summer reading program was also a tremendous success, thanks in large part to the generous support of the Friends of Boyden Library. Their sponsorship made it possible to offer a wide variety of engaging programs and to provide exciting prizes for participants of all ages.

Additionally, we're pleased to share with you a few important updates from the Boyden

Library:

- **Tinker Tank Makerspace:** Thanks to the support of the Friends of Boyden Library, our Tinker Tank is now open on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30pm and every other Friday from 10:30am-12pm. This creative space invites patrons of all ages to tinker, explore, and learn new equipment and skills. We hope to expand our hours in the future -- if you're interested in volunteering, please reach out to me at honeill@sailsinc.org.
- **Access to Justice Partnership:** The Boyden Library is now a proud partner with the Trial Court Law Libraries' Public Library Initiative, a program designed to enhance access to justice for the community. Patrons can attend court hearings remotely or connect with a Law Librarian via Zoom using library-provided laptops and Wi-Fi.
- **Boyden's Food Cupboard:** Launched in early October, our Food Cupboard is located right outside the library entrance and provides the community with 24/7 access to free food resources.
- **Library Chef:** Explore *Library Chef*, our new online resource that brings fun cooking experiences right to your kitchen! With your Boyden Library card, you can join live, online cooking classes, discover exciting recipes, and enjoy programs for adults, teens and kids.
- **Save the Date:** Our Community Reads author event will be held on Tuesday evening, March 31, 2026. Stay tuned for more details!

This Fall, we're thrilled to announce our upcoming adult programs, and we hope you'll join us:

Tech Help by appointment: Tuesdays in October, 10:30am – 12:00pm
Zentangle workshop, 10:00am: October 17, November 21 and December 19

October 21:

4:00pm: Narcan Training with SAFE Coalition

6:00pm: Speed Friend Matching Event

October 22, 11:00am: Common Talk (about books!)

October 23, 6:30pm: Henna Program for Adults

October 29, 7:00pm: Boston Light Presentation with Sally Snowman

October 30, 7:00pm: Burn Boston Burn: Author Talk with Wayne Miller

November 2, 2:00pm: Al Testa Jazz Trio concert

November 6, 6:30pm: Fall Cardmaking workshop with Marcia

November 8, 1:00pm: "Dyeing" to Wear It – create your own wearable art! With Rhonda Fazio

November 12, 11:00am: Tea & Talk (about books!)

November 16, 2:00pm: Knock on Wood concert

November 20, 6:30pm: Craft Night with Traci

December 7, 2:00pm: Olde Towne Carolers concert

December 8, 6:30pm: Sound Healing workshop for Adults

As always, I invite you to visit the Boyden Library or reach out to me directly at elloneill@sailsinc.org. Your thoughts and ideas are greatly valued, and I welcome any suggestions for enhancing our services.

Thank you,
Libby O'Neill



The Friends invite you to join us for a Fall Social in appreciation of your ongoing support. Members are welcome to bring a guest who may be interested in hearing more about what the Friends do. We will have membership forms for anyone wanting to join, which will be good through December 2026.

Registration is required as space is limited.



Please note our revised materials donation guidelines...



FRIENDS OF BOYDEN LIBRARY MATERIALS DONATION GUIDELINES



YES! THANK YOU!

- Fiction and Current Non- Fiction Books for Adults, Teens and Children in like-new to good condition (hardcover or paperback)
- Cookbooks if published within the last 8 years, or older industry standards
- AV in original packaging: audio books on CD; music CDs; DVDs; phonograph records in good shape; current video games



NO, THANK YOU!

- Soiled, yellowed, moldy/mildewed, dusty or damp items
- Outdated Non-Fiction
- Books without covers
- Textbooks
- Encyclopedia sets
- Magazines
- Reader's Digest Condensed Books
- VHS/Cassette tapes, 8-track

HOW TO DONATE:

2 boxes or less: place items in donation bin located in Boyden Library's lobby. More than 2 boxes: drop off during a Book Donation Day or schedule a drop off by emailing boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com or leaving a message with the Library Circulation Desk at 508-543-1245.

Your Donations Help Support Library Programming! Thank You!

FRIENDS OF BOYDEN LIBRARY

Fall Book Sale



THUR NOV 13

10 AM - 8 PM

FRI NOV 14

10 AM - 5 PM

SAT NOV 15

10 AM - 3 PM

\$10 FILL-A-BAG SALE

SAT NOV 15 | GENERAL PUBLIC

Special Event: Current Members of FOBL are invited to shop Bag Sale early on Fri, Nov 14 | 1 PM - 5 PM

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

BIGGER & BETTER

\$10 Fill-a-Bag Sale



**Member
Early Access**

**Friday
Nov 14, 2025
1 PM - 5 PM**

Current Members of
the Friends are invited
to shop Bag Sale early

New Bigger Reusable Bag
provided with purchase

All proceeds benefit library programming

Welcome New Friends

Matthew Alpert
Lorena Rosero Arevalo
Ellen Dean
Janet Fisher
Karen Golden
Richard Lee

Mark & Joanne Leeuwenburgh
Darrolyn McCarroll
Janis Pendergast
Christine Thayer
Audrey Tracy
Marcia Walker

FOUNDERS DAY BOOTH



Founders Day was a lot of fun this year! We are always happy to sell Children's books at our booth so the kids can relax and read something fun over the summer. We had Jenga and Connect 4 games borrowed from the Library of Things for families to play with, as well as a Drawing Basket filled with kids' books and toys. Everyone who purchased a book could take a chance; a very happy Foxborough Grandmother took home the prize for her grandkids!

Temporary tattoos drew children and teens to our booth. However, what drew the most people of various ages was Foxborough's own Shruthi Reddy who artistically drew henna designs on anyone who donated to the Friends. She provided a multitude of designs to pick from; everyone loved their unique creation and left with a smile. We are grateful that Shruthi donated so much of her time and expertise to help support the Friends! Shruthi said she greatly enjoys coming to the library with her family and was happy to help the Friends bring more programs and materials to the Boyden Library.

Thanks to Betsy Buckland, Katherine Howard, Betsy Lorusso and Sue Collins who set up the canopies, tables and materials. Come to our booth next Founders Day and see what fun activities we will have!

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC



Toe Jam Puppet Band provided a lot of giggles, bubbles and dancing for a lot of young children on the Foxboro Common in July. The Friends of the Boyden Library were happy to have a table filled with beautiful board books and picture books that were available for parents and grandparents to purchase. We love to see the children and adults get totally absorbed with the beautiful pictures and fun ideas in those books.

Thanks to Ashley Clement, her son Archie, Colleen McManus and Sue Collins for setting up and managing our table for the Friends of the Boyden Library. Any funds collected help the Friends provide programming and materials for the Boyden Library.

TEEN HAPPENINGS AT BOYDEN LIBRARY



The Teen Department at Boyden Library had an extremely successful Summer Reading Program themed Level UP, with 68 registrations, an increase of 18 from last year's 40. Prizes sponsored by the Friends of Boyden Library were Jellyfish Lava Lamp, Buttonmaker Kit, 6 in 1 Brainteaser Game, and two Tosy Magnetic Toys. The Friends sponsored the Summer Reading Program Teen Escape Room: Trapped in a Video Game, in conjunction with the Children's Department.

I would like to thank The Friends of Boyden Library for sponsoring the following programs:

- July: Teen Take & Make: Suncatchers
 Escape Room: Trapped in a Video Game
 Crafty Teens: Make a Glass Pendant
- August: Crafty Teens: Beaded Keychain
 Felted Panda Hoop with Pop Up Art School

September: Quilling with Miss Nilo
Cricut Craft with Miss Nilo & Heidi

October: Crafty Teens: Paper Witches & Ghosts

Upcoming Programs Sponsored by The Friends of Boyden Library

November: Crafty Teens: Decorate a Pumpkin

December: Crafty Teens: Chalkboard Ornaments

January: Crafty Teens: Beaded Succulents
Madhubani Design with Natural Dyes with Water Lily Designs

February: Crafty Teens: Modge Podge Canvas

This year, I am hitting the ground running with a robust volunteer group and October school visits offering notebook, pen, and sticker giveaways graciously sponsored by the Friends, while I share all that the Boyden Library has to offer the teens of Foxboro!

Jennifir Huston, Teen Librarian

YOUTH SERVICES



The Children's Department *Leveled Up* for the Summer Reading Program this year with a whopping 496 sign ups! We gave out goodie bags to the first 100 kids who signed up, which included a Snowflake the Fox on a popsicle stick. We encouraged the kids to take pictures of the fox on their summer travels and post them to our Padlet. Miss Jeanne made an awesome bulletin board with a map of the United States and throughout the summer we put pins in the places that Snowflake traveled to. Throughout the summer, Babies-age 4 logged 5,442 books and ages 5-12 logged over 235,494 minutes of reading. For prizes this year, kids could earn up to 5 Croc charms to add to a silicone bracelet. They could also enter our special prize drawings for gift cards and free tickets that local businesses and organizations such as Ice Cream Beach Club, Ally's Cookies, One Up Games, Xtreme Craze, Great Wolf Lodge, Museum of Illusions Boston, Treetop Adventures and many more donated to the library. We would like to give a big shout out to the Friends for sponsoring the following programs that were extremely fun, creative, and educational:

- Talewise Science Heroes "Adventure of the Lost Color" - STEM demonstration
- Teddy Bear Picnic - Toe Jam Puppet Band & Imagine That Face Painting
- Pop Up Art School - Minecraft Clay Bobbleheads
- Mysteries, Puzzles, and Mind Twisters Storytelling Program with Rona Leventhal
- Ultimate Mobile Gaming: Video Game Bus
- Tie Dye Tote Bags with Creative Wanderings Art Center
- Animal Adventures - live animal experience
- Mini Big Top Circus
- Messy Art Day on the Common
- Ready, Set, Kindergarten

Department updates:

- We now have a staff book recommendation display in the children's room. Check it out to see what children's books your librarians are reading!
- The Boyden Buds kids garden club had a successful first season growing vegetables in our garden that they started from seed. Once a month through spring and summer, the kids helped us weed, water, and harvest the plants. We can't wait to do it all again next year!
- We are still offering access to Fiero Code, a self-paced learn-to-code software program for kids ages 8-18. Starting October 1, kids can join their worldwide coding competition Light Quest for the chance to win some really cool prizes. The goal is to create a video game that guides the robots on their quest to reignite the light of Planet Fiero! To access Fiero Code, visit the Kids Online Resources tab on our website www.boydenlibrary.org.

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.

- Silly with Storytime - Tues, Oct 14 & 21 @ 10:30 am
- Strange Science: Spooky Slime - Weds, Oct 15 @ 4 pm
- Patriot Place Storytime Series - Thurs, Oct 16 @ 11 am
- Harvest Pumpkin Concert with Elijah T. Grasshopper - Sat, Oct 18 @ 3:30 pm
- Baby Kneads- Bonding with Baby - Mon, Oct 20 @ 1:30 pm
- Paper Haunted House Craft - Mon, Oct 20 @ 4 pm
- Super Coders - Weds, Oct 22 @ 5 pm
- DIY Flying Monster Craft - Thurs, Oct 23 @ 3:45 pm
- Cozy on the Common - Thurs, Oct 23 & Nov 6 @ 4 pm
- Tippy Toe Time - Fri, Oct 24 @ 10:30 am
- Writer's Workshop: Spooky Stories - Mon, Oct 27 @ 3:45 pm
- Halloween Event - Weds, Oct 29 @ 5 pm
- DINO Adventures - Sat, Nov 1 @ 11 am

Emma Brelsford (she/her)
Senior Youth Services Librarian



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.

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