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Library Hours:

Monday: 10-8
Tuesday: 10-8
Wednesday: 10-8
Thursday: 10-8
Friday: 10-6
Saturday: 10-5
Sunday: 1-5

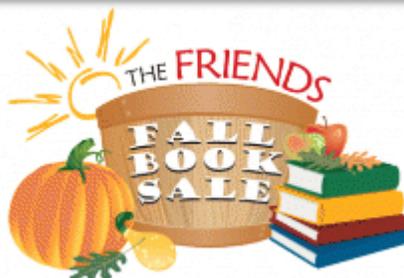
Board Meetings:

Friends of the Boyden
Library monthly Board
Meetings are held on the first
Wednesday of the month in
the Community Meeting
Room at the Library at 7:30
PM.
There is no meeting in July &
August.
All are welcome to attend.

Board Members:

Dave Crimmins, President
Jennifer Ooi, Vice-President
Sue Collins, Secretary
Bernadette Thie, Treasurer
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Laurie Magee
Barbara Massey
Diane Monahan
Diane Piper
Janice Rosado
Ann Ross

SAVE THE DATE
FALL BOOK SALE
11/19/15 - 11/21/15



Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

Our summer hiatus is over and the Friends, like the rest of the town, are back at work preparing for our bi-annual book sale. Additional information about the book sale is listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Our whole Board gets involved in this as it requires hundreds of volunteer hours to prepare and hold them. Not only do I want to thank our Board members for their tireless work but a special thank you goes out to all those patrons that donate books that make the book sale possible. This in turn allows us to support and sponsor a number of library programs, some of which are mentioned in the newsletter articles by Jerry Cirillo, the Library Director and Margi Rossetti, the Children's Librarian.

I also want to take this opportunity to publically thank Jerry Cirillo for all his support, help and "FRIEND"ship to our Group over the last 12 years. The entire Board extends to him best wishes for every success as he turns the page in the next chapter in his book of life. Bon voyage and continued health, happiness and "good reading"!!!!!!

There were several Board changes announced at our September meeting. Janice Rosado joined the Board and is already busy working with Barbara Massey on sponsoring and hosting a new adult book club. The second change was the appointment of Jennifer Ooi to the position of Vice President. Thanks to both of them for their enthusiasm and willingness to take on these responsibilities.

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From the Director – Boyden Library’s Fall Speaker Series and Live Music Programs

Fall adult programming is in full swing. We began with a talk by local nature writer Marjorie Turner Hollman. Foliage Detective: Easy walks to local leaf-peeping” drew a Saturday afternoon audience of 25. An enthusiastic group of 23 came to Julie Salvato’s “Happy Veg Head- Green Smoothies” program. We had a near-capacity crowd of 58 for Brenda Sullivan’s “Gravestone Girls” presentation on a Thursday evening. Next speaker up is Christopher Daley with “Mass Murder” on November 5 at 7 pm.

Live music will begin on our first Sunday open, October 18, with roots rocker Becky Chace accompanied by guitarist Brian Minisce. Sonny & Perley will perform on Sunday, November 22; Colby and Keila on January 17; and Howie Newman on February 28. The live music series concludes with a return engagement of “Two Old Friends” on Sunday, March 13.

Thanks to the Friends for funding this very popular live music series!

Already on our speakers agenda for Spring 2016 are Stephen Collins presenting “Irish Voices” in March, “Golf Links” by Chuck Burgess in April, “Brilliant Beacons: A History of the American Lighthouse” by Eric Dolan in May, and “Louisa Catherine: The Other Mrs. Adams by Mary Michelmore Hayes in June. Thanks to Kathy Bell-Harney for planning and presenting both the speaker series and music series.

This is the last note for the Friends newsletter by this library director. I will be retiring from my position at the end of October. I want to thank all members of the Friends for their extraordinary support for the Boyden Library through the 12-plus years of my tenure – a tradition of support that long preceded my taking over the reins at Boyden, and will, I’m sure, continue to benefit the Library for many years to come.

Jerry Cirillo, Library Director

Book Sale Reunites “Friends”

Ann Ross, one of our board members, was surprised at the last book sale, when she ran into one of her former students, who credited Ann for instilling in her a lifelong interest in reading.

Here is a pic of Ellen (McAuliffe) Babbitt and Ann Ross





From the Children's Room

Happy Fall from the Children's Room! We had a great summer with some wonderfully popular programs that brought in one hundred more children and families than we saw last year. Dumbing with Mystic Drumz, Flash! A program about Weather and Atmosphere with Attleboro's Oak Knoll Audubon Sanctuary, Living with Robots with Michael Marks, featuring different types of robots, Creature Teachers, an animal program and many more events were all very well received and generously sponsored by the Friends of the Boyden Library.

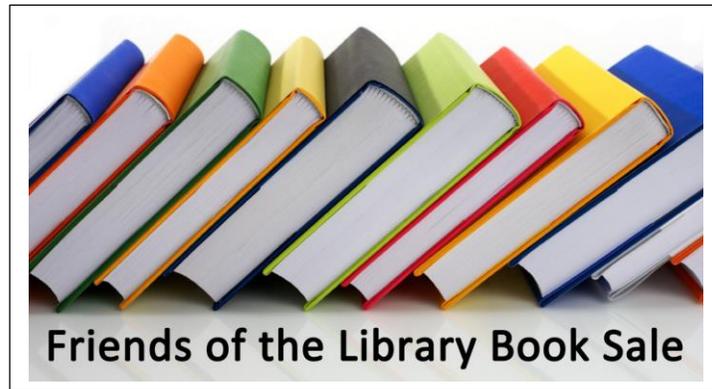
Reading Specialists at all schools worked tirelessly to create summer reading lists filled with fun suggestions to keep reading skills from sliding backward during the summer months. Hoping to influence kids and families to adopt a reading lifestyle rather than approach summer reading as an assignment was the goal. This is a practice that can begin any time of year, not just in the summer, with children of all ages. Twenty minutes of reading per day for enjoyment can make a huge difference in the progress of a reluctant reader. If twenty minutes is too much, begin at ten minutes with a book of the child's choosing.

This fall will bring a new crop of sequels and series additions to kids' wish-to-read lists. Look for the new "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School" by Jeff Kinney, "Auggie & Me" by R.J. Palacio, sequel to "Wonder" and "The Day the Crayons Came Home" by Drew Daywalt sequel to "The Day the Crayons Quit." "Full Moon at the Napping House," a companion to "The Napping House" by Audrey Wood, is new this fall as is a new Dr. Seuss book, "What Pet Should I Get?" "I Survived the Joplin Tornado 2011" by Lauren Tarshish is a new addition to the very popular "I Survived" series and kids will get to read a new Mr. Terupt story with "Saving Mr. Terupt" by Rob Buyea. New titles are owned or on order at the Boyden Library and can be checked out or placed on hold.

"America the Beautiful" is the newest addition to our informational database collection this year. It can be found on the Children's page on the library website. Go to www.boydenlibrary.org, click on Children's, find Grolier Online (GO) then click on "America the Beautiful." This database offers a treasure trove of information about each state, including history, geography, fast facts, economy, culture, governments, cities and profiles of famous people born in that state. There are also biographies of U.S. Presidents, timelines and games. All you need is a library card to access this invaluable resource for completing homework assignments, browsing information or settling arguments.

Please visit www.boydenlibrary.org or the library's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/BoydenLibrary to keep up with upcoming children's events. Programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Boyden Library and there is no charge to attend.

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Friends Fall Book Sale – November 19th – November 21st

The Friends are having their Fall Book Sale on Thursday, November 19th from 5-8 pm, Friday, November 20th from 10 am-6 pm, and Saturday, November 21st from 10 am-2 pm. Look for us in the Community Meeting Room on the lower level of the library.

We will have for sale your favorite authors and titles in hard cover and paperback. Fiction, nonfiction, young adult and children's books, decorating and craft guides and cookbooks will be available, as well as audio collections. Friends rental book Gift Cards will also be available for sale.

Proceeds from the book sale allow us to provide many wonderful programs for our community. We hope to see you there - you will definitely find some great bargains while helping to support our library!

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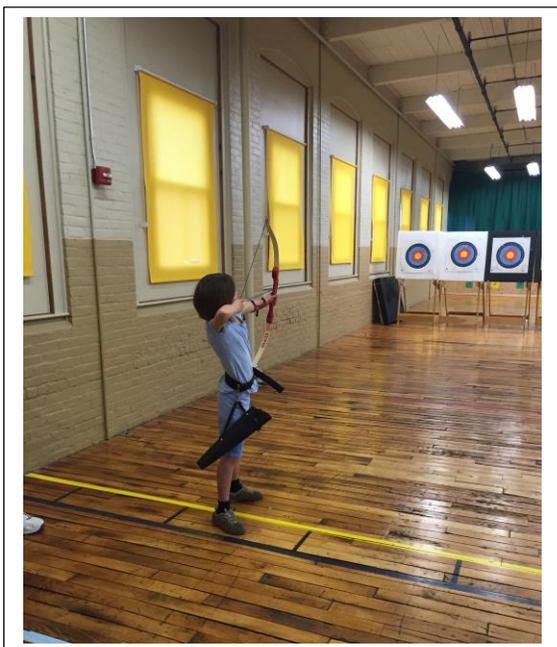
Each member of the Friends will get a \$2 credit toward a free book. Please stop by the book sale and don't forget to mention you are a Friend of Boyden Library!

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Volunteers are always welcome! We need help both setting up and working the sale itself. Setup will begin on Thursday morning at 10am, and will involve moving crates and boxes of books from the storage room upstairs down to the Community Meeting Room via the elevator, as well as organizing the books once they are downstairs. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Diane Piper at dianepiper@hotmail.com.

Foxboro Kids Read Recap

The first ever Foxborough Kids Read was a huge success! Held for 3 consecutive weeks in April and May, kids read *The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe*, by C.S. Lewis. 233 children participated in book discussions, archery, magic shows, a magic workshop, mask, crown and shield making, a tea party, and Turkish Delight cooking demonstrations. The program concluded with a showing of the movie *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* at the Orpheum Theatre. We received positive feedback from participants and look forward to holding another Kids Read in the future.



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October in the Children's Room:

Monday, October 19 at 10:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. Fun and Music for Little Pumpkins with Miss Pam Atanasoff of Musical Journeys. The program will include Halloween music and activities just right for children ages 9 months to 5 years-old. Because of the anticipated high demand, Miss Pam will hold one session at 10 a.m. and another at 11 a.m. in the Community Meeting Room on the ground floor of the library. Register for one time slot (no group registrations, please) beginning October 9. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Call the Children's Department at 508-543-1246 to register. Space is limited.

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For those of you that plan far in advance another change that was announced at the September Friends Meeting was the rescheduling of our Annual Meeting from February 3, 2016 to January 27, 2016.

Our Board, like the rest of the library, is getting ready to welcome a new Director. We look forward to working with Manuel Leite who joins the Library on October 19th. Manny comes to us from East Bridgewater where he has been the Library Director since 2007. WELCOME ABOARD!!!

I would also be remiss if I didn't mention the Friends Membership Program. These dues and income from the book sales account for 95% of the over \$5,000 we will have contributed in 2015 to the library to sponsor the author and music programs for adults and the many and varied children's programs throughout the year as well as another \$5,000 towards purchasing eBooks, books, DVDs and materials for the library. Membership runs from January 1st through December 31st each year. A reminder will be sent out in January.

THANK YOU TO ALL THAT PAID THEIR DUES. WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT WE NEVER WOULD BE ABLE TO SPONSOR THIS WIDE SELCTION OF ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES.

Have a wonderful Fall and may we be lucky enough to have a mild winter.
Dave Crimmins

Starting Sunday, 10/18, the library is open from 1:00 – 5:00





Welcome to the newest Friends of the Library Board Member Janice Rosado and congratulations to Jennifer Ooi for being elected Vice-President



The Board of Trustees welcomed two new trustees at their May 12th Meeting, Deborah Stone and Collin Earnst. They succeeded Ellen Pillsbury and Frances Spillane, both of whom served during the renovation and construction of the new library building.

Manuel Leite has accepted the position of Library Director at The Boyden Library starting in late October or early November. Leite has been the Library Director of the East Bridgewater Public Library in East Bridgewater, MA., since 2007. Leite pointed out that he is already a member of the SAILS Inc. Network, the library network that includes both East Bridgewater Public Library and The Boyden Library and this should help his transition. Leite told the Foxboro Reporter that he wants to bring a variety of programs to the library, including local author talks and music and theater programs and perhaps resume writing workshops, noting that the library could be a resource for job seekers.

He concluded his interview with the Reporter by saying "I'm always open to suggestions (for programs) as well," he said. "We're here to serve the public in any way we can."

A Food Pantry Library

Providing shelves of books at Foxborough's Food Pantry has been very successful so far. Both adults' and children's books have been equally popular. Books are replenished every few weeks, stamped to be returned to the Pantry for others to enjoy. According to Pantry Director Cheryl Hixon, the program, which has been in place since last spring, is very successful. The Friends plan on continuing this program in order to reach more readers, young and old, in our community.

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It's new- The Friends of Boyden Library Book Club

The inaugural meeting of the Friends of the Boyden Library Book Club was held on Wednesday September 9th in the Fuller Conference Room at the library. The group is made up of board members and other Friends of the library. We had a lively discussion of our first book The Orchard, a memoir by Adele Crockett Robertson. Topics included the Great Depression, managing and working an apple orchard (as a single lady alone in the early 1930's), the perseverance and spirit of the main character and more. We discovered the diversity of interests of our members which is always stimulating. At the conclusion of the meeting we all gave a rating of the book from 1 to 5 and our average was a 3.6. Many discussed the beauty of the writing with the descriptions of bee keeping, the weather etc. painting a picture for us but some felt the book was a little too quiet and gentle for their tastes.

Since our space is small our numbers need to be kept small which is a good thing for a book club! At present we are at capacity for the room, but we would love to develop a waiting list of friends who would like to be included. If we know ahead of time that we will have some members missing (we do have some snowbirds among us), we will reach out to you to see if you are interested in attending. If you have interest, please email Barbara Massey at barbaramassey29@gmail.com. Other founding organizers are Beth Bayuk and Janice Rosado. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday October 14th and our book choice is Crossing to Safety by Wallace Stegner. It is a beautifully written book by the Pulitzer Prize author. The story is about the relationships of two couples who become lifelong friends and ranges from 1937-1972.