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Library Hours:

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

Board Meetings:

Friends of the Boyden Library monthly Board Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Fuller 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
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A special welcome to Colleen McManus & Christine Metcalf who were voted in as Directors at our Annual meeting.

Letter from the President

Dear FRIENDS:

I want to wish everyone a Happy Spring as we all look forward to bright flowers, warmer days and eventually summer vacations. During the winter the Friends have been diligently working behind the scenes sorting the book donations you so kindly bring to the library for the first of our two book sales.

We want to stress that the book sale would not be possible without your donations and the hundreds of hours our Book Sale group spends on this fund-raising event. Not only are your donations sold at the book sale to help our funding activity, but they are also donated to the BIT (Burrell, Igo and Taylor) PTO group, to a local Veterans organization, a Peace Corps literacy group, teachers for their classrooms, the Discretionary Food Pantry and the Dedham Correctional facility. It is a win-win for everyone. A big THANK YOU to all!!!!

In order to recognize the support of our dues-paying members we are once again going to give each paying member a free book at the book sale. The book sale will commence on Thursday, May 11th with a special preview from 5 PM to 6 PM just for our members. At 6 PM it will open up to the general public and remain open till 8 PM when the library closes. The hours on Friday will be from 10 AM to 6 PM and Saturday from 10 AM to 3 PM. We are also launching a raffle that will be on display right at the entrance to the Library. See all the exciting details in a separate write-up elsewhere in the newsletter.

We are now in the midst of our annual membership drive and want to thank so many of you who have already paid your annual dues. Your support is critical to the level of support the Friends provide to the Library through sponsorship of children, young adult and adult programming along with book and DVD rentals, museum passes and selected musical programs. We continue to work with the Director to determine what areas of the library need our support in order to address all town residents.

If you haven't already renewed your 2017 membership which runs from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017, you can do so by going online to www.boydenlibrary.org and clicking on the Friends of Boyden Library icon and then clicking on the PayPal icon or you can also download the membership form and send it to the Friends of Boyden Library, 10 Bird Street, Foxborough, MA 02035. Even better, we would love you to visit the library where you can drop it off and at the same time enjoy the many things the library has to offer. The Friends want to hear from you if you have suggestions on how to better improve our mission or if you would like to volunteer. As you can imagine where this is an all-volunteer group we are ALWAYS in need of volunteers. Please feel free to contact us at www.boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com. We hope to see you at the May book sale or at any of the number of exciting library events scheduled for the spring and summer.

Dave Crimmins

Save the Date!!!
Spring Book Sale
May 11th – 6:00P – 8:00P
May 12th – 10:00A – 6:00P
May 13th – 10:00A – 3:00P

Special Preview for
Members of the Friends
Thursday, 5/11 – 5:00P –
6:00P

From the Director – Manny Leite

Books Suited for Every Month of the Year

Looking for something to read? Here's a list of books suited for every month of the year.

January: The third Monday in January is Martin Luther King Jr. Day; look into reading [Between the World and Me](#) by Ta-Nehisi Coates or [Citizen: An American Lyric](#) by Claudia Rankine.

February: February is of course most famous for Valentine's Day; try reading [Paris: A Love Story](#) by Kati Marton or the classic [Wuthering Heights](#) by Emily Bronte.

March: For women's history month, try [Dust Bowl Girls](#) by Lydia Reeder or [My Own Words](#) by Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

April: National Pet Day is April 11; try [Secret Language of Dogs](#) by Victoria Stilwell or [Faithfully Yours](#) by Peggy Frezon.

May: Armed Forces Day falls on the third Saturday of the month and if you enjoy military history or historical fiction, it's hard to go wrong with Jeff Schaara; give [To the Last Man](#) a read.

June: June is the month of Father's Day, so for a more lighthearted though bittersweet story of fathers and their children, check out [Life, Death, and Bialys: A Father/Son Baking Story](#).

July: For the Fourth of July, read up on American history by checking out [The Turncoat](#) by Donna Thorland.

August: The 9th of August is Book Lovers Day; have carte blanche this month!

September: Some choices for Labor Day (celebrate that last week of summer) are [Empire Rising](#) by Thomas Kelly and [Accordion Crimes](#) by Annie Proulx.

October: There's no shortage of books to read for Halloween, no matter where your tastes lie. Try Shirley Jackson's [The Haunting of Hill House](#).

November: For something suspenseful, try [Bitter Harvest](#) by Susan Bowden. For something humorous, [Turkey Day Murder](#) by Leslie Meier

December: No matter what winter holiday you celebrate, you're sure to find a festive book for the occasion. Try [The Snow Child](#) by Eowyn Ivey.



Foxboro Founder's Day

Once again the Friends will host a booth at the town's annual Founder's Day Celebration at the Booth Playground on Saturday, June 10, 2017. We will have a selection of children's books for sale. The winners of the raffle for the Lego set, American Girl doll and a "bouquet" of lottery tickets will be drawn at the conclusion of the day. Those individuals signing up to be a "FRIEND" for the first time at our booth will be given a free raffle ticket.

Please stop by and say hello, buy some books and take a chance. Your support goes towards underwriting various programs that the library sponsors.

The Friends Book Club

Our Friends Book Club will be completing its second year of meetings in June. We have added several new members to our group this year and are at capacity right now for the Fuller Conference Room. We would be glad to put anyone on a waiting list as people do leave the group at times for various reasons. Please email Barbara Massey at barbaramassey29@gmail.com or Janice Rosado at karjec@comcast.net if interested. Our meetings are the second Wednesday of each month, September through June at 7pm. We are a diverse group of readers. This often leads us to lively discussions as we sometimes have quite varying opinions on a book read. We are always aware that one of the positives to a book club is that we are exposed to some books we would never choose to read and sometimes we even like them!

The following is a list of the books we have enjoyed the most in our first almost two years together ranked in order. We rate the books on a 5 point scale at the conclusion of each meeting- Crossing to Safety by Wallace Stegner, 84 Charing Cross Road by Helene Hanff, Circling the Sun by Paula McLain, In Cold Blood by Truman Capote, Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly, The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh, and The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown. As you can see these books compose old and new and a number of genres. Perhaps you have enjoyed some of these books or will want to give one a try!

Happy reading whatever you choose!

Reminder to our Members and Other Readers

WE ARE NOW GREEN!!!

In our January Newsletter we informed the readers that starting in April the newsletter will no longer be sent out through the US mail. If we don't have your email address, please forward it to www.boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com. We do realize that not everyone has or uses a computer, so we will continue to make hard copies available at the Library, Senior Center and Town Hall. You can also use one of the computers at the Library and go online to www.boydenlibrary.org and click on the Friends of Boyden Library icon to find this edition of the newsletter as well as previous ones.

From the Children's Room

Margi Rossetti

There is a lot happening at the Children's Room this busy spring, but I would like to begin by thanking everyone who contributed to our Boston Bruins PJ Drive last winter. With a goal to collect 100 pair of pajamas, the Boyden Library collected more than 120 pair. The pajamas were distributed to children in need throughout the Commonwealth through Cradles to Crayons and the Department of Children and Families Fund. We saw new pajamas come in every day for babies, children, and teens. Statewide, this year's drive collected 12,150 new sets of pajamas. I'm so happy that we were able to take part in this wonderful effort and once again, the residents of Foxboro showed their generosity.

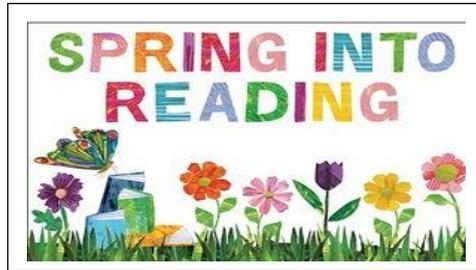
Children's programs to look forward to this spring include "Spring Into Music with Miss Pam from Musical Journeys." Miss Pam Atanasoff will return on Monday, May 15, with springtime music and activities just right for children ages 9 months- 5 years. Miss Pam will hold one session at 10 a.m. and another at 11 a.m. in the Community Meeting Room. Please register for one time slot (please, no group registrations) beginning May 3. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Register online at www.boydenlibrary.org. Click on the Events Calendar and go to the program date where you will see the registration button. Or call the Children's Room at 508-543-1246. Sponsored by the Friends of the Boyden Library; there is no charge to attend.

"Kindergarten Readiness" will be presented by Michele Davidson of Self Help Inc. on Thursdays, May 11-June 15 at 1:15-2:30 p.m. This program is intended for children who will be making the transition between preschool and kindergarten in Fall, 2017. The focus of the group will be to promote kindergarten readiness skills along with learning how to make the kindergarten transition less stressful for you and your child. Children will participate in meeting time, story time, a theme-based project, and music and movement. There will be a 15 minute "Parent Time" at the end of each session. Registrations will be taken at the Self Help Inc. site at www.selfhelpcpc.org.

"Hugh Hanley's Circle of Songs" will take place on Monday, June 19, at 11:15 a.m. Preschoolers to age 6 and their grown-ups are welcome to attend. Get ready for this sing-along, dance-along, and hop-along musical program. Hugh Hanley, a former preschool teacher, brings a variety of instruments and presents a lively interactive program. Registration begins on June 5 online at www.boydenlibrary.org or call the Children's Desk at 508-543-1246. Sponsored by the Friends of the Boyden Library; there is no charge to attend.

Even though the calendar says spring, summer program planning is well underway. This year's Summer Reading theme is "Build a Better World." Like every year, children will be encouraged to read throughout the summer and will receive a prize for each week they take part in the six-week program. Registration will begin the week of June 19 and the program will last through August 6. Look for a balloon-twisting workshop with Ed the Wizard, a Yoga camp, another Harry Potter Trivia event and many more super activities—all sponsored by the Friends of the Boyden Library and offered free of charge.

New this spring in the Children's Room is a puzzle exchange. Puzzles for kids ages 12 and younger are available to take home and return when you are through. There is no check-out of the items, so a library card is not required. If you have children's puzzles at home that are no longer used, we would welcome them to become part of our swap. We only ask that all of the pieces are contained in the original box.



Spring Book Sale – May 11th – May 13th

The Friends of Boyden Library are hosting their Annual Spring Book Sale on Thursday, May 11th. The event begins with a special Friends' Member Preview hour from 5 – 6 pm. If you aren't a member and would like to be, you are welcome to register before you enter the sale.

The general public are welcome Thursday, May 11th from 6 – 8 pm, Friday, May 12th from 10 am – 6 pm, and Saturday, May 13th from 10 am – 3 pm. Look for us in the Community Meeting Room located in the lower level of the library.

Also, each member of the Friends who has paid their current dues will receive a \$2 credit towards a purchase. Don't forget to mention you are a Friend of the Boyden Library when you check out! If you have not paid your 2017 membership, it is the perfect opportunity. We will now be accepting credit card payments in addition to cash and personal checks.

The sale will feature a wide selection of fiction and nonfiction for adults, young adults and children. Look for your favorite authors, series and titles available in hard cover and paperback. We will also have CDs and DVDs available for purchase.

The event will conclude with the popular bag sale (\$5 per bag) on Saturday, May 13th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Bags will be provided by the Friends and you are invited to fill it with as many books as possible. Don't miss this chance to catch some great deals!

Friends rental book Gift Cards will also be available for sale. These gift cards make great gifts for patrons who frequent the library and enjoy borrowing the new releases.

Remember, all proceeds from the book sale allow us to support the many wonderful programs offered at the Boyden Library. We hope to see you there!



Special Friends Member Preview

The best selections go fast, so plan to attend the Special Friends Member Preview on Thursday, May 11th, from 5 – 6 pm. [Join or renew your membership now](#) or before entering the Book Sale on the Library's lower level. Proceeds from your membership and Book Sale purchases are used for special library programs.

Friends of Boyden Library Fundraiser

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Raffle Prizes

 Purchase Tickets at the Circulation Desk

 On Display in the Main Lobby

American Girl®
 18" Doll, book, Spotlight Outfit, & Guitar
 Value ~ \$180


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 VALUE \$150



Drawing to be held on Founders Day, June 10th - All proceeds benefit Boyden Library Programs

 Friends of Boyden Library

Instructions for Raffle

- Raffle tickets are available for purchase at the Circulation desks located in the Main Lobby and Children's Department. *You must be 18 yrs. or older to enter.*
- Cost to enter is \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5
- Please be sure to complete name and phone number on the reverse side of each ticket. *
- Place your ticket in the respective labeled container.
- Winning Tickets will be drawn on Founders Day ~ Saturday, June 10th.

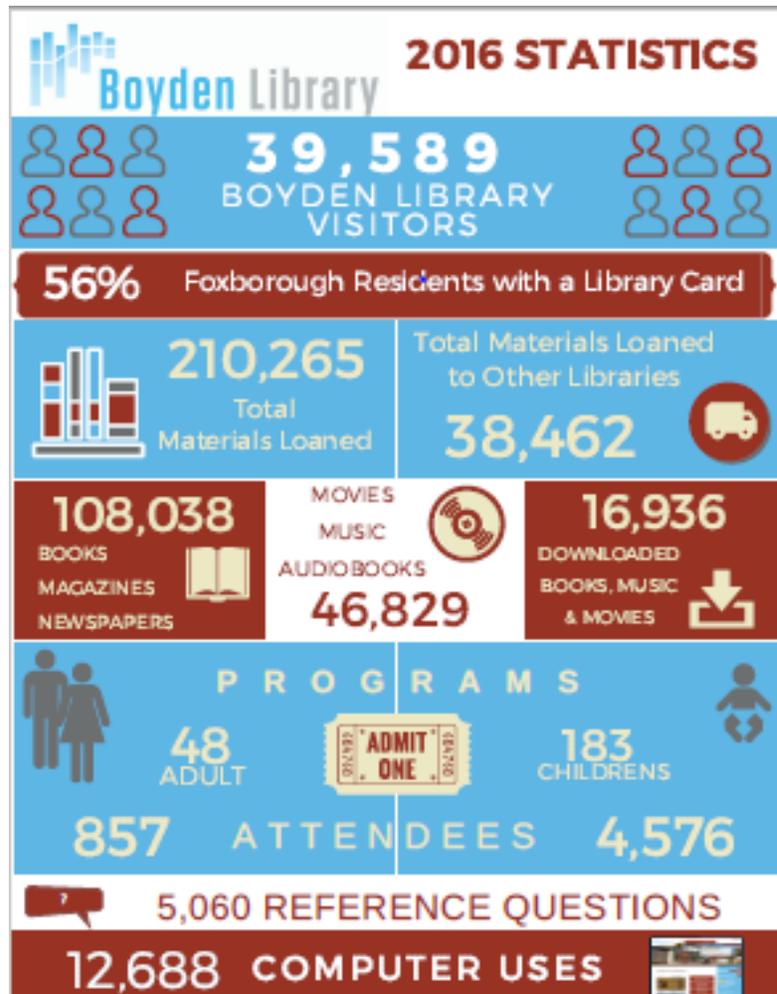
*Winner does not need to be present if information is completed on the reverse side of the ticket.

Sponsored by the Friends of Boyden Library - All proceeds benefit special programming at the library

Volunteers Always Welcome

Please consider volunteering your time to help with the book sale. We need volunteers to assist with both the set up and working during the sale itself. Setup will begin on Thursday morning at 10am, and involves moving crates and boxes of books from the Friends' storage room to the Community Meeting Room. The remainder of the morning will be spent organizing the books. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lesleyann Foster at laidlawfoster@gmail.com.



Fundraising for the Friends!

Would you like to help the Friends financially without spending a dime???

TD Bank is sponsoring a program whereby they will make an annual contribution to a charitable organization based on the activity of all participating members' TD Bank accounts. A number of companies are doing this- obviously another way for them to attract customers. See the article on P. 8 for the AmazonSmile program.

So if you are a member of the Friends or a patron of the library or someone else that you know that would like to help out the Friends of Boyden Library, all you have to do is to inform TD Bank at the time you open up a checking, savings, Money Market, CD or retirement account, that you would like to join their "Affinity Membership Program". If you are already a TD customer, you can inform them that you would like to join the "Affinity" program.

For each new or existing account that is set up, they will donate money to the Friends. In addition they will make an additional donation once a year based upon the average annual balances of savings and checking accounts for all "Affinity" members.

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Then, every time you shop at Amazon, remember to start at <http://smile.amazon.com>. You'll see the same prices and selection as on Amazon.com, and AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of your eligible purchases to the Friends of Boyden Library.

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Thank you for your support!