

October 2020



Library Hours:

Updated

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

Board Meetings:

Friends of Boyden Library monthly Board Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM. Meetings are currently being held virtually.

There is no meeting in July, August and December.

All are welcome to attend.

Board Members:

Janice Rosado, President
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Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

As always I hope you and your family are staying healthy. It has been a long seven months for us all but with everyone's help we can slowly but steadily return to what will certainly be a new normal.

I would like to open by extending the Friends sincerest best wishes to Mrs. (Margi) Rossetti who retired last month after serving as the Children's Library Supervisor for 31 years. Margi always made every child who visited the library feel special and took the time to help them find the perfect book. She brought in enrichment programs for children of all ages, including her wonderful story hours and annual Teddy Bear Picnic. She has served the town's youngest library patrons well and will be sorely missed.

We are so fortunate to have the library open as many area libraries have chosen to remain closed. The staff has done a phenomenal job taking all the necessary precautions to keep the library a safe environment – masks for all, plenty of hand sanitizer, protective shielding, signage, social distancing and sanitizing protocols. While the library hours have been reduced, additional hours will be phased in as conditions permit and curbside pickup remains an option.

The Friends recently conducted a survey to gauge interest in a fall book sale. We are excited to report that there was tremendous interest and we will therefore be working hard to put together a sale in November. We anticipate a smaller scale event, perhaps by appointment, to allow for social distancing. Masks will be required and we will ask people to use hand sanitizer before entering. Please stay tuned!

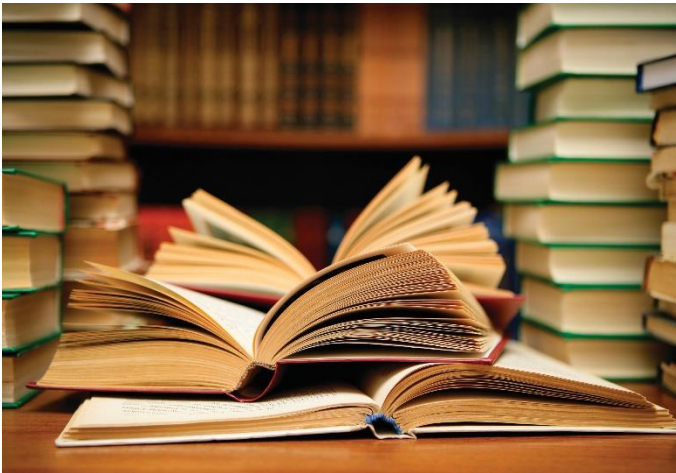
I would like to reiterate that at this time our book collection bin is not available. Our storage room is full and the requirement to quarantine books before making them available for sale exacerbates the situation. We are seeking small donations (i.e. one or two bags) of gently used recent Best Sellers and Children's books to help keep our Book Shops current. To make such a donation leave your contact information with the library staff and a board member will be in touch. Please bear with us during this complex time.

Due to its popularity, the Friends recently purchased a second block of discounted tickets to Southwick Zoo! Tickets can be purchased at the library for \$15 each (a savings over current pricing of \$25/adult and \$20/children & seniors). The tickets are non-refundable but do not expire. Reservations must be made in advance by visiting the Zoo website.

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From the Director

2020 is the year that keeps on giving! New challenges, new ways of providing library services, and a new way to start the school year. As school doors open, Boyden Library will be here to assist students every step of the way. If you're not quite ready to come into the Library yet, curbside service is still available by placing your order on the [library catalog](#) or by calling 508-543-1245.



Research papers and homework assignments can be tackled using the Library's online newspapers, magazines, encyclopedias and more through our [online databases](#) on our [website](#). Librarians are available to assist you in person, or by telephone (508-543-1245), or online through our [Ask a Librarian](#) service.

All Library programs will continue to be virtual through the Fall but that hasn't stopped us from filling our [calendar](#) with programs for all ages. Please check our event calendar on our website (boydenlibrary.org) for details.

This fall join us in the Library or online as we continue to mold our services to meet your needs during this eventful year. Welcome back!

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With the library open we have been able to reopen our Book Shops. We have recently restocked all the shelves with a great selection of children's books (2nd floor), bestsellers (1st floor) and discounted adult fiction and non-fiction books (ground floor) with prices ranging from \$3 to 2/\$1. Stop by and check it out!

Thank you to all our members for bearing with us during these ever-changing times. The Board strives to help the library provide services that reflect the current environment. Your suggestions and feedback are always welcome – please email us at boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com.

Stay safe,
Janice Rosado



From the Children's Room

As I retire as Boyden Library's Supervisor of Children's Services, I look back at all that has happened over the last 31 years. Throughout it all, I don't remember a time when the Friends of Boyden Library were not there to lend a helping hand to the Children's Department. Whether it was through program sponsorship, providing seed money for the upstart of a new service, or to offer assistance during a raucous program, the Friends were there.

During the library renovation and expansion project, the Friends gifted a new Community Meeting Room to provide free meeting space for local organizations and a place to hold library programs. Their support has been a constant. From Teddy Picnics to art and science programs to a Children's Community Read Program, the Friends of Boyden Library truly live up to their mission. "Providing support and enrichment to the Foxborough Community through support of the Public Library" is what they do.

During the Covid-19 lockdown, the Friends proactively considered the needs of Foxboro families who were stuck at home and helped the library subscribe to two great online services: Creativebug and Kanopy.

I have often said that the Children's Department couldn't do what we do without the support of the Friends of Boyden Library. Hundreds of children and families have been positively impacted by the Friends' hard work and dedication. They are a bright sparkle in a town known as the "Gem of Norfolk County."

Thank you all for a great 31 years. It has been an honor and a joy working with every one of you!

Margi Rossetti



The Giving Tree

We are pleased to announce that once again the library and the Friends of the library will sponsor a holiday tree in conjunction with the Foxborough Discretionary Fund, who each year supplies food and toys to families in need.

In the past the tree has been decorated with tags listing items for those children. This year because of the coronavirus and the concern for everyone's safety, the Discretionary Fund has decided not to buy or collect individual items but instead will collect and distribute gift cards to families in need.

This year the need is much more severe with the serious economic downturn as a result of the pandemic. We hope with your help to be able to provide a ray of sunshine to these families.

The Holiday Tree will be set up right in front of the entrance way on the ground floor on November 5th. The final date to donate will be December 9th.



"A library is a house of hope, it's a place where we all, whatever our situation, can feed our ideas and develop our dreams." -Doug Wiselmina

Tribute to Margi Rossetti

The Friends want to extend our sincerest thanks to Margi for her dedicated service to the library as the Supervisor of the Children's Library for over 3 decades. During this time she has seen generations of children take their first steps in the library starting with looking at picture books, moving on to the Dick and Jane (this was the famous series many years ago) and helping them progress to where they could pick out their own books (usually with her help) and read on their own always providing the right amount of guidance for each child. The tributes have poured in from all corners of the town and far beyond as these early readers have moved far and wide but always remembering the wonderful start that Margi provided that in so many cases has been the start of a life-long love of reading.

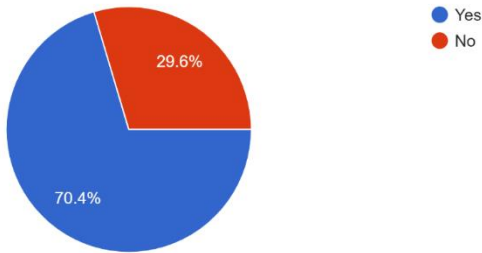


Fall Book Sale: November 5-7

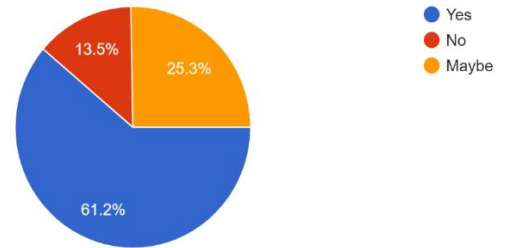
Thank you to all who responded to the survey regarding a Fall Book Sale. Since the Spring we have been exploring available options and working diligently with the Director. We received 348 responses and over 70% respondents said they would be interested, with the caveat it is done safely.

Below are the results of the survey:

Have you attended our book sales in the past?
348 responses



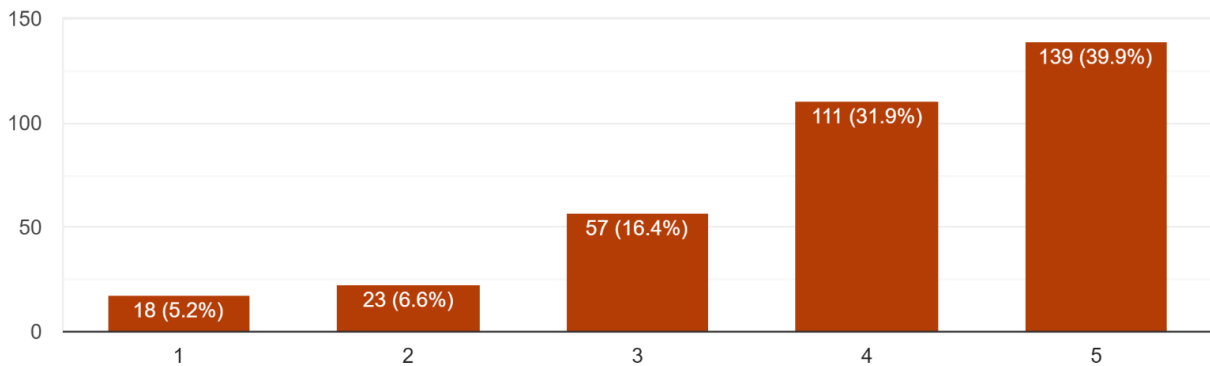
Are you interested in attending a book sale this fall?
348 responses



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How comfortable would you be with attending a sale this fall? Please note that precautions would be taken to alter our setup to limit capacity and allow for social distancing.

348 responses



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While our upcoming sale will look and feel a bit different, we are excited to welcome you to our physically distant, **by appointment** Fall Book Sale from **November 5th-7th**. We will be sending an invitation and sign-up form for our members to reserve time to shop.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions additional safety precautions will be taken, including:

- Reservations will be for 30 minute of shopping time.
- Limited amount of patrons will be admitted at one time.
- The sale will be set up in three separate areas of the building.
- Face coverings are required at all times.
- Sanitizing stations will be set up throughout.
- Social distancing at all times will be encouraged.
- Books have been quarantined and sanitized.
- Grab and go bundles will be available for purchase.
- Contactless checkout available.

Members of the Friends of Boyden Library will be receiving the invitation prior to extending the offer to general Boyden Library cardholders. Please check your email for information including a link to sign up for a shopping appointment.

"The world belongs to those that read." Rick Holland

2021 Membership Drive



With the pandemic it seems like we lost a whole year, but in reality the library and the Friends have been working behind the scenes buying additional books, DVDs, digital resources for patrons, and even additional passes to the Southwick Zoo as our patrons are looking for safe ways to entertain themselves and their families as the pandemic continues without any real end in sight. Your ongoing support through your membership dues to the Friends provides us with the funds needed to support and continue these purchases and future events. We appreciate any support you can give us during this time!

Our membership drive is kicking off in November for the upcoming year. Click [here](#) to pay your membership dues online through PayPal.

As part of the 2021 membership drive we will be holding a drawing for a prize - a "Friends" tote bag filled with books, gift cards for free DVD and book rentals, and some other goodies! Please send in your dues as soon as possible to have a chance to win this great prize!



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“As we practice social distancing, let’s not distance ourselves from books. They will keep us company and connect us back to people, back to society.” Ibram X. Kendi

