

January 2021



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Library Hours:

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

Board Meetings:

Friends of the Boyden
Library monthly Board
Meetings are held on the
first Wednesday of the
month on-line via Zoom at
7:00 PM until further notice.
There are no meetings in
July, August and December.
All are welcome to
participate.

Board Members:

Janice Rosado, President
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Letter from the President



Dear Friends,

I write this as we are in the final days of a very difficult year. But despite these challenges I find myself reflecting on all that I am thankful for and would like to share just a few of these things with you. On top of my list is that I am thankful for the health and safety of my family and friends. With regard to the library I am so very thankful –

...to the library staff for their hard work in keeping the library open to the community. Many local libraries have kept their doors closed to patrons and we are so very fortunate to have ours open
...to Margi Rossetti for all her years of service and friendship; may she enjoy her well-earned retirement
...to Jessica Henderson, our new Senior Youth Services Librarian, for her knowledge, enthusiasm, abundance of ideas and for hitting the floor running
...to all the library patrons for supporting the Friends and the community through their support to our book sale/book shops, membership drive and Giving Tree
...to the Trustees for supporting all our efforts
...and a special thanks to the wonderful Friends Board and our many volunteers for helping us see our way through these challenging times.

Now as we look forward to 2021, I am hopeful for a slow but steady return to “normal.” While there are still challenging days ahead there is also hope. From a Friends perspective we hope to be able to hold our May sale with perhaps a few less restrictions and we hope we can reopen our book donation box and bring live programs back to the library. Being able to see our friends in person rather than on Zoom is also high on my list!

A few reminders....as noted in this newsletter our membership drive is underway and we hope you can continue to support the library through your dues. Also, our book shops remain open and are frequently restocked. Lastly our annual meeting will be held in February via Zoom. If you are interested in joining us and do not receive an invite please email us at boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com. We anticipate a few vacancies on the Board and encourage anyone interested in joining us to contact us through email or through a current member.

May the New Year bring you continued health and happiness.
Janice Rosado

From the Director

2020 was one for the record books! Back in January, I never would've thought masks would become a fashion statement or I would be on Zoom everyday (heck I never heard of Zoom until March). The Library was gearing for another successful year and that came to a halt by March. While I was securing the safety of staff and patrons, I had the task of finding a replacement for Margi Rossetti, a staple of the Boyden Library for the past 31 years. With help from Kathy Bell-Harney (Senior Adult Services Librarian) and Mike Johns (Assistant Town Manager) we successfully went through the hiring process and when the dust settled, we hired Jessica Henderson as our new Senior Youth Services Librarian. Jessica was the 'diamond in the rough', her experience and success as the Head of Children Services at the Sharon Public Library distinguished her as the right person for the job. I look forward to seeing Jessica's vision of the Youth Services Department in 2021. See picture below.

So, what else will 2021 bring?

I'm an optimist by nature so I've got to believe there are some good things coming up this year. Going to the movies? Going to a baseball game? Seeing family during the Holidays? All the toilet paper and paper towels you want at any time?? Bottom line, it's going to be a whole new world. Not all of this is going to happen right away, and some may take longer than others but it will happen. There will be starts/stops and some gloom may remain but the further we get into '21, the further away '20 will be.

Happy New Year!

Manny Leite



From the Youth Services Dept.

I am so honored and excited to begin my journey as the new Senior Youth Services Librarian at the Boyden Library. This is truly a wonderful library with an outstanding staff and unique opportunities for outreach.

The Friends of Boyden Library were quick to welcome me. Several Friends visited me during my first week to make introductions. I also regularly see Friends re-stocking the popular Friends' Book Sale Shelves near the children's DVDs.

Through the Friends' generous sponsorship, the Youth Services Department was able to offer 2 exciting Winter Break programs: A Noon Year's Eve Party with Goody Bags, and Pop Up Art School: Miniature Chocolate Box. For both programs, participants picked up a kit at the library and then participated in a Zoom program.

For the Noon Year's Eve Party, participants made crafts, played Bingo, and counted down to Noon on December 31. The Pop Up Art School program was directed towards youth ages 10-18. Kits included clay, paint, and tools for sculpting a miniature chocolate box and adorable animal bonbons. Registration for both programs filled quickly. All 40 Noon Year's Eve Goody Bags, and all 15 Miniature Chocolate Box kits made their way into the hands of eager kids.

The Youth Services Department continues to offer Virtual Storytime and Crafts To-Go. "Stories and Songs with Miss Kacee" is posted to Facebook on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. Crafts To-Go are available most Mondays at 2:00 p.m., with weeks alternating between crafts for ages 3-8 and 8-13.

Future plans include online reading programs for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten and Summer Reading, outdoor Story times at different locations throughout Foxborough once the weather gets warmer, and Virtual American Sign Language Storytime performed by ASL Honor Students from Foxborough High School.

For more information, please visit www.boydenlibrary.org and click on the Events Calendar, or call the Youth Services Department at 508-543-1246.

I am so happy to be here and look forward to getting to know each and every one of you!

Jessica Henderson, Senior Youth Services Librarian

The “State” of the Friends-2020

THE YEAR OF THE PANDEMIC

This was the year that most people want to forget. The pandemic upended everyone and everything, but as bad as things got there were periodic rays of sunshine. As we embark on what has to be a brighter new year we thought it would be informative to share with our “FRIENDS” some of this positive news.

The Friends were fortunate to elect two new Board members at the February Annual Meeting. We are pleased to welcome Jennifer Ooi back to the Board and to have Elaine Biggieri join the group.

Because of the pandemic we were forced to cancel our May book sale, but due to the tremendous work of the Board and a wonderful group of volunteers we were able to have a modified sale in November that was quite successful in spite of the restrictions of Covid-19. Your financial support at this sale and through your membership dues helped us sponsor an expanded group of on-line programs, purchase on-line software, and offer discounted museum passes to the Southwick Zoo.

We also funded several children’s programs, offered a wide variety of museum passes, and purchased newly released best sellers, e-books, and DVDs. Your generosity made all this possible.

We were especially fortunate that the Boyden Library was one of the first libraries to re-open. Our thanks and gratitude are extended to the Board of Trustees, the Library Director, and all the library staff for making this possible. Even as I write this there are several libraries in the state that are still closed.

Boyden Library has been and continues to be a beacon of light in these challenging times.

“WITHOUT LIBRARIES WHAT HAVE WE? WE HAVE NO PAST AND NO FUTURE.” Unknown

The Library is open. The staff has taken extraordinary measures to ensure your safety so please stop by and remember you can also order materials on-line. The library even provides curbside service so that you don’t even have to leave your car.

If you want to help us in our mission please become a Friend: Membership forms for the Friends are enclosed with the newsletter and are also available at the circulation desks or you can join our group by going on-line to www.boydenlibrary.org and click on the Friends of the Library icon to join.

Many thanks to all our wonderful “Friends”. May 2021 bring everyone health and a return to normalcy.

Please stay safe.

2021 Annual Membership Now Due!

The Friends of Boyden Library are beginning their 2021 Membership Drive. If you're able to continue your support for the library during these times please consider joining or renewing your membership, we could especially use your support!

Membership funds enable the Friends to provide and support many multi-generational activities at the library including the purchase of museum passes, e-books and rental books. With the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the library, we have been able to use a portion of these funds which typically had been directed towards in-person programs to provide additional support for various electronic resources for the library and its patrons, allowing more users to safely and easily access electronic materials while the library was closed or limited in hours.

To join or renew your membership, click [here](#) to pay your membership dues online through PayPal. If you prefer to pay in person there are also membership envelopes at the circulation desks at the library.

Please note that becoming a "FRIEND" does not obligate you in any way other than your financial support; however, if you would also like to volunteer your time and talents please reach out to us at boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com.

We always need volunteers.

As an incentive to join the Friends or renew your membership, we are having a free raffle for a "Friends" tote bag filled with books, gift cards for free DVD and book rentals, and some other goodies. The raffle winner will be chosen at the end of February. Each Friend who pays their dues from November 2020 on will be eligible.

Thank you as always for your continued support!



Annual Notice – Friends Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of Boyden Library Foundation will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 on Zoom at 7PM. At this meeting elections of new officers will be held and minor revisions to our by-laws will be voted on. If you are interested in attending by Zoom please reach out to the Friends email address- boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com and you will be provided with a link to the meeting.

November Book Sale

The annual Friends of Boyden Library Fall Book Sale was modified for the current climate and well received by our patrons. Board Members decided to hold a physically distant, by appointment sale after surveying members about their interest and comfort level. Adjustments were made with respect to the layout and format, to comply with safety guidelines. The sale generated approximately \$2,100 in proceeds to be applied to future library programming. Thank you to the members who thoughtfully completed the survey, along with everyone who attended the event. We would also like to thank all our dedicated volunteers! We are forever grateful for your generous donation of time and talent!

Patrons were invited to enter a free raffle. We are pleased to announce that the winner of the book bag filled with literary treats was Jessica Feinzig.

We are looking forward to our Spring Sale in May 2021. Patrons are invited to visit our ongoing Book Shops until then. Adult Best Sellers, Non-fiction, Young Adult, and DVDs are located on the first floor near the tutoring room. Our Children's Book Shop is located on the second floor in the Children's Department. In addition, the Last Chapter located on the ground level has discounted books for purchase. Inventory is continuously replenished and updated by a team of volunteers. We are still unable to take donations at this time and are exploring innovative options for the near future. Please stay tuned for upcoming announcements regarding changes to the collection policy.

Wishing each of you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Lesleyann Foster- Book Sale Chair

Board of Trustees

2020 brought several changes to the BOT. Tom Magee stepped down after a number of years on the Board.

We are happy to announce that Joyce Parlapiano was appointed to the BOT by the Board of Selectmen in November and want to extend our thanks to Tom for his years of service.

Annual Giving Tree

The Friends of Boyden Library and the Boyden Library continued their support of the Foxboro Discretionary Fund with a **Giving Tree**. Like everything else the Pandemic forced the Discretionary Fund to replace wish tags for specific items to wish tags that requested gift cards. Despite this change, many patrons came forward and generously returned the wish tags with gift cards for local stores. In addition, the Friends collected children's books that will be distributed to the elementary schools in January.

83 gift cards and over 80 books were donated! The Discretionary Fund, The Library, and the Friends extend a huge thank you to all for their generosity.



Guardian Angel

Periodically we thank individuals who have been especially generous to the Friends. This shout out goes to an anonymous donor who came into the library on the last day of the Giving Tree drive and took 2 tags. When the person was leaving, they noticed that there were still 11 tags left on the tree with just a few hours left before the deadline. One of the staff noticed that the person without any fanfare and wishing to remain anonymous came back in the next day and returned a total of 13 gift cards to the library. A truly selfless act and wonderful way to give back.

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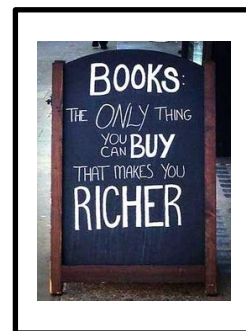
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Book Donations

Please note - due to the pandemic the Friends are **NOT** currently accepting book donations at the library. However we do need books that are in good shape to stock our on-going book stores so if you have relatively new books in good condition either adult or children's please send an e-mail to boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com and we can arrange to pick them up.

Your donations help us stock the year-round "bookstore" which are designated bookshelves on the 2nd floor and in the Children's Dept. on the 3rd floor. In addition, we have a "Last Chapter" area located in the 1st floor stair well where books that have not sold in the regular bookstore are available for \$1 or under.



"Libraries should be open to all—except the censor. We must know all the facts and hear all the alternatives & listen to all the criticisms. Let us welcome controversial books and controversial authors." John F. Kennedy

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