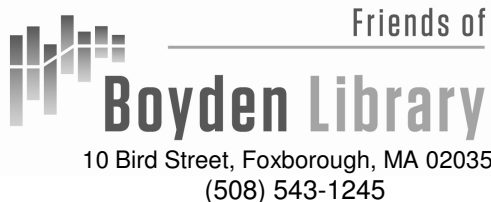


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Library Hours:

Monday: 10-8
Tuesday: 10-8
Wed: 10-8
Thursday: 10-8
Friday: 10-6
Saturday: 10-5
(through June)

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.

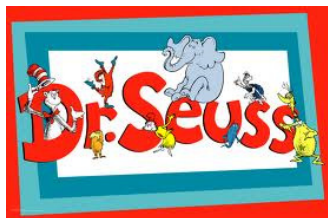
All are welcome to attend.

From the President

This is a happy time for all of us who love, support and use the Boyden Library. We are now back home in our newly renovated and expanded library. The move back to Bird Street allows the Friends of Boyden Library to get back on track with our book sales. While the library was in its temporary location, the Friends were unable to hold their book sales which are the major source of funds. These funds allow us to sponsor programs and provide other kinds of support, e.g., rental books, ebooks for adults and children, bookmarks, and printing. In fact, it was the proceeds from many years of book sales that allowed the Friends to make a major donation to the Capital Campaign sponsoring the Community Meeting Room.

The Book Sale Committee has been meeting regularly to get our book sales back on track. They are an enthusiastic, hard working group with a lot of great ideas they are anxious to put into action. They had a Mini Children's book sale at the time of the Children's Halloween program, with both children's books and books relating to parenting and cooking with children. This sale was a great success and they are planning more mini book sales. The rental books which are taken out of circulation will soon be on display for sale. They can be found on a display rack on the ground floor by the entrance. We will also put out the book & media collection box so patrons can donate their books that are in good saleable condition. We are hoping to have book sales on a regular basis. These sales will be smaller than before but more frequent. Watch for the notice of a sale in the library column in the Foxboro Reporter, on the local cable channel, on Facebook and in the Friends Newsletter.

Diane Monahan, President



"The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

--Dr. Seuss

From the Director

Top 10 Reasons to Visit the “New” Boyden Library

It’s YOUR library – Foxborough taxpayer dollars funded the lion’s share of construction project costs, so you really do have an ownership stake in this extraordinary building!

- 1) The top floor Children’s Room is fantastic! Even if you don’t have a child to accompany you, a trip to the “tree-top” level Children’s Room is a must for any visitor to the library.
- 2) The glass curtain-wall across the entire east side of the main stack area provides an ever-changing pattern of light and shadow throughout the day. The room is light, airy, and spacious yet warm.
- 3) We have the materials you want – in print, audio, video, and on-line. You can get the latest best-seller in regular print, large-print, book-on-compact disc, and as a downloadable e-book.
- 4) Take the opportunity to walk a glassed-in bridge from the Children’s Room to the old mezzanine – a bridge built on the exterior wall of the old building, and suspended from the library roof.
- 5) An improved wireless Internet-access connection with ten wireless access points is nicely distributed throughout the three levels of the building
- 6) Self-Check! You can easily check out library materials at one of our two new self-checkout stations near the Ground Floor Circulation Desk or at the very cool self-checkout kiosk in the Children’s Room. Using the touch screen, library card scanner, and RFID pad you can check out your materials and print a receipt much more quickly than it took me to type this sentence.
- 7) Twenty-eight brand new public computers throughout the building are connected to the Internet with a high-speed Comcast courtesy data line. Check your email, get the latest on RedSox.com, fill out a job application, or play a computer game – all of those things happen every day at our public PCs. Microsoft Office is on all public computers.
- 8) Great new furniture! Much of the pre-renovation library furniture dated back to the opening of the Bird St. building in 1968. Our new furniture is comfortable, visually interesting, and available for you to relax in six days a week.
- 9) Walk the glassed-in Main Staircase to experience the signature architectural feature of the “new” library. The Main Staircase brings you from the ground floor, to the adult non-fiction and fiction collections on the First Floor, and then to the Children’s Room. Viewed from outside the building in the evening, the staircase, with its trio of Louis Poulsen lights, makes a dramatic visual statement.
- 10) Great public service is a continuing hallmark of the Boyden Library staff!

From the Children's Department

If you haven't had a chance to visit the Children's Department in the newly expanded and renovated library, you must come in and check us out. Throughout the planning and design phases of the project, the Children's Services area was always referred to as the "tree house." Now that the building has been completed, I have to say the new Children's wing turned out better than a tree house, though we are certainly up in the trees. With the front glass curtain wall, children now see the changing color of the trees wherever they look. It's like having our own nature lookout. The round lighting fixtures in the middle of the room signify clouds and the end panels on the book cases reflect each of the four seasons.

Those are just a few of the visual features in the Children's Room. We also have increased floor space for books and a separate audio visual section for our growing collections. Youngsters will also find more children's internet computers for homework purposes, and a story and craft room, which is home to our weekly story programs for children and their families.

Speaking of story programs, fall is a great time to become part of our weekly story time and Mother Goose on the Loose groups, which meet weekly in six week sessions. New six-week sessions throughout the school year are scheduled to begin the weeks of October 28, January 6, February 24, and April 14.

Story time for ages 3-5 takes place on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Stories, rhymes, a variety of interactive activities, and music make up the story time program. Mother Goose on the Loose for children who are infants through age 3 is presented on Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00 a.m. Adult partners help guide little ones through the activities, including a story, do-together rhymes, songs, and much more. Not only do children attend with their parents and caregivers, but also these programs are a fun and educational option for grandparents with babysitting duty. It's great to see our long-time customers, who once brought their own children to the library on a regular basis now participating in library activities with their grandchildren.

Evening Story Times will take place Thursday evenings at 6:30p.m. on November 7, 14, 21 & December 5. We are hoping families who are busy throughout the day with work and school will be able to drop in and share library time together during these evening programs. The story times will be appropriate for children ages 3-6. Children are welcome to wear P.J's and bring a stuffed animal. Evening story times will take place in the Story and Craft room in the Children's Department.

New sessions of story time and MGOL, along with other program listings, are always announced in the library's Foxboro Reporter column, on Foxboro Cable Access, in Foxboro Patch, on the library website at www.boydenlibrary.org (calendar of events), and on the library Facebook page at www.facebook.com/BoydenLibrary.

Families with older children will be interested to know that for the first time at the Boyden Library, a service area is dedicated to Young Adult library users. The YA Room is located on the first level of the new Spier Family Wing, adjacent to the reference collection and will house materials of interest for those in grades 7-12. The entire YA collection of books, magazines, graphic novels, and audio books are ready for use. Study tables, online catalogs and internet computers are also available. In keeping with Boyden Library's internet policy, everyone younger than 18 years of age must have an internet permission form signed by a parent or legal guardian before using the internet. Parents and legal guardians can visit the Reference Desk to fill out the form.

Holiday Book Sale

Great News! The Friends are having a Holiday Book Sale in the Community Meeting Room of the Boyden Library. It will be held on Friday, December 6 from 10 am to 6 pm and Saturday, December 7 from 10 am to 3 pm. We will be selling just what you are looking for for the holidays: cookbooks, decorating books, Craft books in addition to Fiction, Nonfiction, Children's, YA, and Media (audio & video). We will also have Rental Book Gift Cards for sale. Five rentals for the price of four. A great last minute gift for the holidays.



The Friends of Boyden Library New Board Members

The Friends of the Boyden Library held its annual meeting on October 2, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at the Boyden Library. Several important items of business were conducted. The nominating committee consisting of Ann Ross, David Crimmins and Howard Siegal reported upon their activities to the entire Friends board. The nominating committee spent considerable time over the summer months discussing appropriate committed nominees for the new Friends board. The committee recommended to the attending Boyden friends that the following people be elected to the described positions:

President: Diane Monahan (2 year term)

Vice President: Neda Joury-Penders (2 year term)

Secretary: Susan Collins (2 year term)

Treasurer: David Crimmins (2 year term)

Book Sale Chair: Ann Ross (2 year term)

Membership Chair: Laurie Magee (2 year term)

Newsletter Chair: Elizabeth Karvonen (2 year term)

Public Relations Chair: Howard Siegal (2 year term)

Members at large (1 year term:) Kathy Brady, Lesleyann Foster, Diane Piper and Bernadette Thie

The members of the Friends engaged in a short discussion and then the slate recommended by the Nominating Committee was elected unanimously. It is nice to note that three (3) new members have joined the Friends board. Welcome to our new members and congratulations to all.



Re-dedication of the Boyden Library

The Boyden Library Board of Library Trustees will hold a re-dedication ceremony on Saturday, November 16, at 10:00 a.m., to formally celebrate the opening of the newly renovated and expanded library. Past and present library board members and representatives from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners will be on hand to offer remarks. Refreshments will be available.

Come and see the highlights of Foxborough's new, beautifully designed 34,000 square-foot public library, which features a total reconfiguration of all service areas and a 14,000 square-foot addition. The enlargement of the building offers more shelf space for all book and audio-visual materials, the addition of a Young Adult Room and Group Study Room, larger public computer areas, improved community meeting spaces, comfortable reading nooks, a café, and a bright, welcoming Children's Room. Also, during the 19-month construction period, all building mechanical systems were upgraded or replaced. Designed by LLB Architects, the Boyden Library will accommodate library users for the next 20 years and beyond.

The \$11.6 million dollar expansion and renovation project was primarily funded through \$7.5 million in town meeting-approved funds and by a \$3.6 million construction grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Additional private funding was raised through the Beyond Books Capital Campaign.

Book Collection Box

The book collection box will be available beginning November 12th for your donations of books & media. Please, give us only materials in good condition. We cannot sell textbooks, encyclopedias, Readers Digest condensed books, National Geographic and books that are in poor condition. It will be located outside the main entrance to the library. If you have several boxes or bags of books to donate, please call Diane at 508-543-4680 for a pickup. Please do not leave anything outside the Book Collection Box.

In Memoriam

The Friends of the Boyden Library were saddened at the passing of a former Trustee of the Boyden Library. Joan Foster, who passed away in July, served on the Board of Trustees from 1985 through 1990.

Meet the staff of the Boyden Library Children's Department



L to R: Kathie Brockway, Karen Dugan, Betsy Buckland, Margi Rossetti

Having moved from the basement to the third floor, the Children's Library can be compared to a moth changing into a butterfly. Light from the three walls of glass shines in on an oasis of color, books, DVDs, computers and decorations designed to make reading an adventure for children and a pleasure for their parents, grandparents and babysitters. The staff of the new Children's Library is even more pleased to be the recipients of this lovely setting and seem to beam when you ask them a question.

This group is headed up by Supervisor, Margi Rossetti and ably assisted by Kathie Brockway and Betsy Buckland, who together have several years of combined experience at Boyden. They were recently joined by Karen Dugan, who herself is an author and illustrator of children's books.

They were quick to point out that the Children's Library has over 35,000 books available to expose children to the world away from the pervasiveness of television and video games. However, books are just part of the library experience. There are four computers with internet capability for homework purposes, two computers to access the SAILS Library Network, and one computer available with interactive games and stories on CD-Rom.

Other nifty things that can be found are audio books and book and CD kits, which present stories for reading and listening, DVDs and PlayAways- all for home entertainment, learning, or long car rides. There is also a variety of multi-media kits that can be shared at home or in a classroom setting.

Story Programs are a primary service in the Children's Library. Margi Rossetti leads the Mother Goose on the Loose series for little ones from infancy to 3 years-old and Betsy Buckland and Karen Dugan are superb as they lead 3 to 5 year-olds in Story Time. Both programs are designed to introduce children to the joys of reading. See Margi Rossetti's column in this newsletter for more specific information regarding program dates and times.

Summer is one of the busiest times in the Children's Library, because, as parents know, children are required to complete school summer reading assignments. So the library staff gears up each year to offer materials that appear on school reading lists and support reading requirements by providing an active summer reading program. In conjunction with the reading program are a variety of events. Past programs have featured animal programs, arts and crafts, puppet shows, magicians, and storytellers, to name a few. This past summer, events were made possible through a generous donation from the Rockland Trust Foundation. The Friends of the Boyden Library continue to be a generous contributor to children's programs as well.

So if you haven't had a chance, please visit the new Children's Library and meet the smiling staff, by climbing the beautiful glass stairway overlooking Baker Street or be whisked up to the "tree house" by elevator. And for all those parents out there who have dealt with "potty necessities," there are now restrooms on each floor equipped with changing tables. What else could you ask for?



Friends of Boyden Library 2014 Membership Dues



Dear Friends of Boyden Library:

Enclosed you will find a new membership envelope (see copy below) for the upcoming calendar year 2014 that was designed to make it easier for you to mail your dues.

If snail mail doesn't appeal to you, you can join or renew your membership electronically by going to www.boydenlibrary.org and clicking on the icon for the Friends and using Paypal.

_____ \$10 Student/Senior	_____ \$20 Good Friend
_____ \$40 Great Friend	_____ \$75 Best Friend
_____ Other-Gift/Donation	

Membership runs from January to December. A tax acknowledgement will be sent for memberships or donations of \$50 or more.

If you had requested your Newsletter by email you should have already received a copy electronically. The newsletters for 2014 will be sent to you by email as you requested.

Once again we want to thank you!!! Your dues make so many things possible.

New Friends Membership Envelope

<p>You can join or renew your membership with the Friends of Boyden Library Foundation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Online at www.boydenlibrary.org by clicking on the icon for the Friends and using Paypal Mailing your tax deductible check payable to: Friends of Boyden Library Foundation, 10 Bird St. Foxborough, MA 02035 Visiting the library and delivering it in person <p>Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____</p> <p>___ \$10 Student/Senior ___ \$20 Good Friend ___ \$40 Great Friend ___ \$75 Best Friend ___ Other-Gift/Donation/Bequest/In Memoriam</p>	<p>I would like to volunteer</p> <p>___ Book Sale ___ Membership ___ Founders Day ___ Programs</p> <p>Please include your company's matching gift form. Friend's tax ID is 04-6137840.</p> <p>THANK YOU!</p>
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You make us who we are-Friends of Boyden Library Foundation

We are workshops and programs for adults and children.
We are the rental books of best sellers and new books.
We are the e-books on the adult Kindles and the children's Nooks.
And we gifted the Community Meeting Room on the first level of the library open to all groups in town.

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THANK YOU!!!!!!

Boyden Library Goes Global (read a book anywhere, any time)

By Dave Crimmins

I'm the first to admit that I'm not the most technically savvy person around; in fact if you ask my kids, they will tell you that I'm closer to being technically challenged. However, one of the services that I have enjoyed the most and found so helpful was the Overdrive function that allows you to download books to your Kindle, Nook or iPad. The staff was most helpful in explaining how to use this function and made it super easy even for someone like myself.

Well, recently my Kindle gave up the ghost and I decided to buy myself an iPad and where I was going to be traveling I decided a mini iPad would be smaller and weigh less and be more compact on the road. We had planned a trip to Poland and being super organized I downloaded 3 books before I left Foxborough to save me carting around all that weight. Well, wouldn't you know it that I finished all three close to the end of the trip and had nothing to read since I don't read Polish. So one night when we were in Gdansk I turned on my iPad and since the hotels all have Wifi I decided to try to log onto the Boyden Library site. Was I surprised!! There was the Boyden web page right in front of me.

In a matter of seconds I was scrolling through the site and decided to try the Overdrive function to see if I could download a book and lo and behold, within seconds I was reading a book that I had downloaded. I swear it was easier than doing it from my home in Foxborough.

This is just one of the many services and fun things that the Boyden offers. Come on in and check out your new library. It is a gorgeous building and it's full of exciting things for all ages.