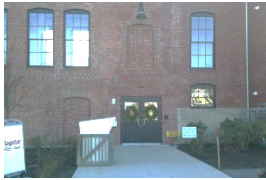


March, 2012

# Friends of Boyden Library



Temporary Location Chestnut Green, 16 Chestnut Street, Suite 210, Foxborough, MA 02035  
(508) 543-1245

Website: <http://www.boydenlibrary.org>

Email: [boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com](mailto:boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com)

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/friendsboydenlibrary>



## Library Hours:

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

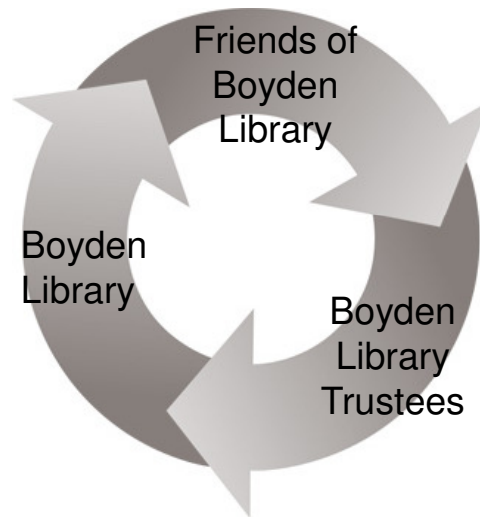
## Board Meetings:

Friends of the Boyden Library monthly Board Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at the Council on Aging (rear entrance), 75 Central Street at 7:30 PM.

All are welcome to attend.

## Friends of Boyden Library Mission Statement

The Friends of Boyden Library is a non-profit foundation established to stimulate interest in the use of the library facilities; to receive and encourage gifts, endowments and bequests to the library; to assist in securing library materials which may not be available through town funding; and to provide programs that will enhance the lives of the residents of Foxborough.



# 58%

of Americans have a Library Card.  
Do you have yours?  
(Source: Harris/ALA, 2011)



## How to get to the Temporary Library!

Directions from the Boyden Library at 10 Bird Street to the Temporary Library at Chestnut Green:

Go north on Baker St. and turn left onto Chestnut St. Follow Chestnut St. to Payson Rd. Turn right onto Payson Rd. Take the second right into the parking lot. (across from the old auditorium). The library entrance is located to the right of the Norwood Hospital Medical Group Offices.

## Letter from The President

Dear Friends,

We are mailing this issue of the Friends Newsletter to all residents of Foxborough to keep you informed of what's going on at your library while it is temporarily located at Chestnut Green. If you haven't visited yet, I urge you to do so. It is all here, just in a smaller package. The same friendly staff will greet you and take care of all your library needs...books, newspapers, magazines, dvds, music, audiobooks, internet access, *Foxboro Reporter* on microfilm, study space, reference, and more. As you can see, your library is more than just books. And it needs your support. Support of the Boyden Library through membership in the Friends of the Boyden Library is more important than ever before.

The Friends provide financial support for enrichment programs and the other needs of the library not covered by town appropriation. This financial support comes from membership dues and the Annual Book & Bake Sale. Due to lack of space the Book & Bake Sale cannot be held while the library is located in their temporary location. While our income during this time is seriously impacted, our support is not. That will continue. The Friends will pay the rent for Story Time to be held at St. Mark's. Programs sponsored by the Friends will still be offered but at an off-site location. Children's dvds will still be purchased. Rental books will still be available. These things and everything the Friends provide to the library and its patrons will still be provided.

I ask you to support your Boyden Library through membership in the Friends of the Boyden Library. If you would like to be more involved beyond membership, come to our monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Senior Center. We look forward to your support and your ideas.

If you haven't yet joined the Friends of Boyden Library or sent in your renewal, now is the time to do it.

Diane Monahan, President

P.S. - Did you know...there are more public libraries in the United States than there are McDonald's restaurants!



## Be a Friend to the Environment! Go Green!



If you would like to receive your Friends' Newsletter via email, please send an email to [Boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com](mailto:Boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com) with "Electronic Newsletter" as your subject line and we will add that address to our list and you will receive your newsletter electronically.

Thank you for helping the Friends defray mailing costs and also making the publication more accessible to others. Feel free to recycle your current newsletter by passing it on to a friend or neighbor and encourage them to become friends, too.

## With (More Than) a Little Help from Our Friends....

Most of you will remember those bright yellow, black-lettered signs saying, “Vote Yes! Boyden Library”, which suddenly sprouted up all over town in the weeks just before the library project vote at the town election and Annual Town Meeting in May, 2010. Yes, those signs were funded by the Friends of the Boyden Library. And the Teddy Bear Picnic, so visible on the Foxborough Common each summer? Right, the Friends again. Those Summer Reading Program incentive prizes?....also the Friends. ....along with all of the other great Summer Reading Program performers – the Pajama Party with entertainer Hugh Hanley, a visit from the “Barn Babies,” nature crafts with Pam Coviello....and that’s just one summer’s worth of activities.

The Friends have been supporting Boyden Library programs and activities for all of the fifty-plus years they have been in existence. Actually, that is the reason for their existence – a quick look at the Friends’ By-Laws reveals their purpose - “... *to stimulate interest in the use of the library facilities; to receive and encourage gifts, endowments, and bequests to the library; to assist in securing library materials which may not be available through town funds; and to provide programs that will enhance the lives of the residents of Foxborough.*” The Friends have certainly been doing all that - and so much more - for a good long time, helping library directors, children’s librarians, and other library staff round out programs, collections, and facilities with a steady source of supplementary funding. This is the funding that provides just that little bit extra that allows us to do just a little bit more. In my nine years at the Boyden Library with Friends’ funding we have presented that special performer, added that lavishly-illustrated art book to the shelves, or found just the right display shelving for a new collection.

While the primary beneficiary of the Friends’ generosity is Boyden Library’s Children’s Room - and rightly so - the Adult Dept. has also received its fair share of the Friends’ largesse. So, even though the Children’s Room has gotten the lion’s share of the press by bringing in rainforest reptiles, hissing cockroaches, boa constrictors to hold on your shoulders (very carefully, of course!), and read-to-me dogs, the Friends have also supported the somewhat less colorful, but equally rewarding Foxborough Reads events, a dramatic reading of Dickens’ *A Christmas Carol*, the monthly BookPages newsletter, and a host of musical performances.

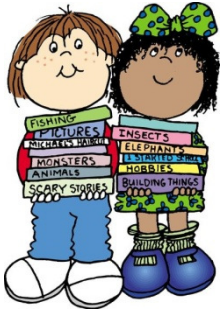
While we’ve mentioned how the Friends have helped library staff in carrying out their mission, the real beneficiaries of the Friends’ strong and constant support of library activities are the thousands of people, children and adults, who have enjoyed the programs and library materials funded by the Friends year after year.

Where does this funding come from? It begins with you --- and your Friends of the Boyden Library membership. The Friends are on a campaign to increase their membership rolls this year. Membership returns are extremely important right now, as the Friends traditional major fund-raisers – the spring and fall booksales - are suspended while the library is in temporary quarters. A small investment in the Friends pays great dividends for so many. And who knows?....by presenting your membership card at an upcoming program you just may get the chance to hold that boa constrictor on **your** shoulders!

Jerry Cirillo  
Library Director  
[jcirillo@sailsinc.org](mailto:jcirillo@sailsinc.org)



## From the Children's Room



"This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Boyden Library. There is no charge to attend." I've written those words hundreds of times over the years on children's program announcements and press releases. The Friends have been the primary funding source for every children's event presented at the Boyden Library for as long as I can remember. They've made clear their commitment to the children of Foxboro in numerous ways, particularly when it comes to sponsoring educational and entertaining programs for families and children. And that's something to be grateful for.

Thanks to the Friends, children have been able to come to the library to watch a professional magician in action, touch an exotic reptile or hear about what it was like to cross the ocean on the crowded Mayflower from a costumed character. They might be introduced to the art of storytelling by falling under the spell of some of the best storytellers in the business.

Programs like these give kids something to do after school and on long afternoons during vacations. They add to a child's cultural enrichment. But these programs do something else. They help us reach out and give children and their families an invitation to come to the library. So no matter what a family's financial situation is like, children have the opportunity to connect with the world around them through the programs themselves and through the many things of interest that they might find later on the library shelves.

Here's how it work's: A child sees a magician do a card trick at a library program sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The child thinks he would like to learn how to do that. He comes to the desk after the program and asks for a book about card tricks. He gets a library card and checks out the book. When he returns the book, his mom or dad says, "Hey, let's find a book for your book report while we're here." So that's what he does. While he's browsing, a book about pets that lived in the White House and another about how to improve hockey skills catch his eye so he checks out those, too. See what I'm getting at?

Children's programs sponsored by the Friends of the Boyden Library so often lead children out of the program room and into the library bookstack aisles, and over to the movie shelves, and around to the audio book displays. Return visits to the library foster intellectual development, personal growth, and literacy. Without even realizing it, children become regular library users and, at an early age, begin on the path of lifelong learning.

I have seen the Friends of the Boyden Library tirelessly involve themselves in many fundraising efforts over the years. They continue to come up with new and creative endeavors to help raise the funds that will not only allow children to experience high-quality library events for free, but also help kids discover all the library has to offer and become strong learners. That's why we ask that you please become a member and support the Friends of the Boyden Library. For kids and adults alike, when you discover the library, there's no stopping you.

Margi Rossetti  
Children's Librarian  
[mrossett@sailsinc.org](mailto:mrossett@sailsinc.org)



## The Library and the Friends go Digital and Social!

### Library Tech Notes



The BookMyne application is now available from the Boyden Library website for both Android and Apple devices. With this free app, you can search the library catalog, place holds, check your account, renew items and get reading recommendations all on your mobile device.

Go to [www.boydenlibrary.org](http://www.boydenlibrary.org) and click on the BookMyne icon. Then click on the link for the video tutorial where you can scan the QR code with your phone before viewing the BookMyne demonstration.

In another note, the Boyden Library is now equipped with new scanners that will accept library card barcodes via smartphones. Of course, the physical plastic SAILS card is always accepted. However, patrons who use the Boyden Library can now add their SAILS card to their consolidation of other membership and rewards cards and present their phone when checking out library materials at either the adult or children's desk. Please be aware that the physical library card might still be required when visiting other SAILS libraries or if the barcode from the phone display is unable to scan properly. For those interested in adding this capability to your smartphone, visit [mycardstar.com](http://mycardstar.com) or [keyringapp.com](http://keyringapp.com).



### The Friends on Facebook

The Friends of Boyden Library are now on Facebook!

Like us on Facebook to find out the latest news from the Children's Room, find out what Museum passes are available, read about the newest New York Times Bestseller books the Boyden Library just received, find out how to download an ebook for your Kindle, Nook or other e-book devices and so much more!

<http://www.facebook.com/friendsboydenlibrary>

## Reminder - Annual Membership Dues

Hello, Friends:

If you have not yet had the opportunity to renew your membership or start a new one, we wanted to remind you of the new Friends membership dues program. If your address label has a 12 or life on it, your dues are up to date for 2012 or you have been “grandfathered” as a life member. Thank you!! If your label does not have either of these on it, your dues are now due.

We ask you today to help keep these wonderful programs going through renewing your 100% tax-deductible membership, increasing your membership, or inviting a friend to join us.

Membership levels for the calendar year 2012, are as follows:

<b>\$10</b>	<b>Student/Senior</b>
<b>\$20</b>	<b>Good Friend</b>
<b>\$40</b>	<b>Great Friend</b>
<b>\$75</b>	<b>Best Friend</b>

**Other: Gift/Donation/Bequest/In Memoriam**

Please make checks out to Friends of Boyden Library, 16 Chestnut Street, Suite 210, Foxborough, MA 02035. Alternatively, bring your gift to the library in person, or better yet, come to a Friends meeting and see what we are all about. Thank You!

*The Friends of the Boyden Library is a non-profit foundation providing support and enrichment to the Foxborough community through support of the public library.*

### Pay By PayPal



In order to make it easier (at least for some people) we have added the capability to pay your 2012 membership dues on-line through PayPal.

Just follow these easy steps:

1. Log on to the Boyden Library web page at [www.boydenlibrary.org](http://www.boydenlibrary.org) .
2. Click on the Friends of Boyden Library on the right hand side of the screen.
3. That will bring you to the Friends of Boyden Library section. Right in the middle of the page is a section that states, "We are now accepting PayPal to renew or begin a membership with the Friends". Select the correct level; then click the **Buy Now** button.
4. Click on this button and it will bring you to a page that asks you to input the level of membership you have selected. e.g., Great. The amount of the membership shows up in the amount box.
5. If you have a PayPal account number, enter your email and account number on the right.
6. If you don't have a PayPal account, you can click on "Don't have a PayPal account" area and it will allow you to pay by using your credit card.
7. On this page enter the appropriate credit card information.
8. When finished, click on "**Review Donation and Continue**".

**Thank you for becoming a Member!**

## Membership Alert - Dues are Due!

(Please print)

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to receive your newsletter via email, please check here!

Level/Type of Friend: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please cut on dotted line and mail with check to Friends of Boyden Library, 16 Chestnut Street, Suite 210, Foxborough, MA 02035.



### Did you know your membership helps to support:

- A collection of over 111,000 items that includes over 4,400 eBooks and downloadable audio items available to our patrons through the SAILS Library Network website. This collection includes books, magazines, compact discs, books-on-tape and books-on-compact disc, Playaways, videos and DVDs, puppets, puzzles and more.
- As a member of Sails you have access to more than 3.5 million items owned by 73 network member libraries.
- Program offerings for adults that include lectures, book discussion groups, and musical performances.
- Story times, book talks, craft programs and special events presented by the Children's Room.
- More than 4,600 people attended the more than 175 children's and adult programs presented last year.
- More than 1,500 library users benefited from borrowing one of the many museum passes provided through the generosity of local individuals, community groups and businesses.
- Current library museum memberships include the Museum of Fine Arts, the John F. Kennedy Library/Museum, the Roger Williams Park Zoo, Zoo New England, Franklin Park & Stone Zoos, Museum of Science, the New England Aquarium, the Children's Museum (Boston), Tower Hill Botanic Gardens, and the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.
- An extensive genealogy collection covering Foxborough's past and the people who made our community what it is today.
- And last but not least there are 10 internet access personal computers available for public use.



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Get to know the Boyden Library Staff!  
Diane Piper, Children's Librarian

Diane was an art education major in college and decided to work part-time at the library a few years after she moved to Foxborough in 1989. She enjoyed it so much that she went back to school to get a library degree and worked in the school system. Luckily for us she shifted back to Boyden Library where she continues to enjoy finding just the right book for each child. Some days it may be using her art background to find a board book with great pictures for a toddler; other days it may be using her background in education to explain that *The Midwife's Apprentice* does not refer to the woman in between a marriage and a divorce.

Diane says that she is fortunate to be part of a community that generously supports our library and offers so much to the children of Foxboro – books, magazines, DVD's, graphic novels, audio books, museum passes, Internet access to the bigger world in a safe environment, and a variety of programs supported by "The Friends". I think we are fortunate to have Diane!



**The Friends now have e-mail!** Our organizational e-mail address is: [boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com](mailto:boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com) and will go on all our publications. Having a dedicated e-mail allows us the continuity of service to our members and also keeps the same address when there is officer turnover.