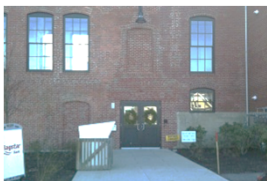


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Friends of Boyden Library

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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.

Year in Review

As I look back on this past year, I realize this has been a busy one for the Boyden Library and the Friends of Boyden Library. While the Trustees, Director and the Building Committee have been very busy with the new addition, the Friends were busy raising awareness of the Friends and their contributions and support of the library. We now have a presence on Facebook (Please "friend" us) and an email address, FriendsOfBoydenLibrary@yahoo.com.

We actively worked to increase our membership in the Friends with a mass mailing of our Newsletter in June. We also staffed a table during the May election and again at Booth Field during Founders Day, distributing various informational handouts of the library along with balloons and glow sticks at Founders Day. Even without our Friends Book Sales, we were able to continue our financial support of the Summer Reading Program, Nappy's Puppets, and other performances throughout the year. We purchased Nooks and titles for the Children's Room and books for the Adult Department's Kindles. The staff enjoyed ice cream sundaes and holiday plants in December. I hope you noticed us throughout the year and enjoyed the many offerings as we continue to work with the library staff to provide you with the very best materials and programs.

As I wind up this year in review, it prompts me also to think about the coming year which will bring us the reopening of our newly renovated and expanded Boyden Library and many new programs offered throughout the year with the support of the Friends. It is also our annual membership drive. A form and membership structure can be found on page 7 of this newsletter and on the Friends page of the library's website, www.boydenlibrary.org. In order for us to continue this important work of support to the Boyden Library, we need your help. Please join us on this journey. It is sure to be an exciting one.

Diane Monahan, President



From the Director

Taking the Reference course at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Rhode Island in the mid-1970s proved to be a fascinating exercise in tracking down elusive bits of information from dozens of little-known reference sources – and while I say “reference sources,” what I really mean is “reference books.”

Books - yes, printed volumes – sometimes in large multi-volume sets, sometimes revised and reprinted every few years – were indeed the Reference Librarian’s stock in trade. Electronic databases and on-line catalogs were just beginning to appear, and the Internet had yet to become anything like today. Now we can all be our own electronic reference librarians – if we’re willing to trust the authority and reliability of whatever websites we stumble upon.

The reference books we used in “Reference B.C. (Before Computers)” had all undergone a rigorous editing and vetting process – authority and reliability was a given. Many of these classic reference titles continue in print today – though often with a corresponding electronic version. And many of these titles can be found on the Boyden Library reference shelves. Perhaps you should take a look at a few of these classics now. Next year – or next week – they may be gone!

Let me begin with a personal favorite, *Brewer’s Dictionary of Phrase and Fable*. *Brewer’s* is now in its seventeenth edition, and describes itself as a treasury of “words that have a story to tell.” Everything from words and phrases, characters and places from literature and film, and political, celebrity, and sporting nicknames are covered. From Barbarella and Barbarossa, to Thermopylae and Tower of London, from Obi-Wan Kenobi to Occam’s razor – you simply can’t just look up one thing!

Benet’s Reader’s Encyclopedia focuses on world literature, covering everything from The Iliad and The Odyssey to Charles Bukowski and William Burroughs – and even Edgar Rice Burroughs (see Tarzan). *Benet’s* has been answering readers’ questions for more than sixty years – it can answer yours, too, whether you’re reading on a Kindle or in print.

The Dictionary of Scientific Biography presents essays for the general reader, and students doing assignments, on mathematicians and natural scientists from ancient times to the present. Written in a fluid narrative style, and accompanied by extensive bibliographies, the DSB has long been an indispensable reference resource.

Grzimek’s Animal Life Encyclopedia is another excellent resource for students, and another classic first published over forty years ago under the direction of Dr. Bernhard Grzimek. Photographs, charts, diagrams, maps, and extraordinary full-color drawings complement a readable, if sometimes slightly technical text.

Then, of course, there’s *Bartlett’s Familiar Quotations*, now in its eighteenth edition – and another title in which you can’t limit yourself to looking up just one thing. But don’t just take my word for it....As Winston Churchill once said, “*Bartlett’s Familiar Quotations* is an admirable work, and I studied it intently.”

Jerry Cirillo, Library Director
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From the Children's Room

Happy New Year from the Boyden Library Children's Department. We are all looking forward to the year ahead when we will open a newly renovated and expanded Boyden Library. We can't wait to see Foxboro's children and families make themselves at home in our bright "treetop" Children's Room. Story programs and other activities will move back to the Library and will take place in a story and craft room that will be part of the Children's Services area. Best of all, children will be reunited with a large portion of the library collection that was placed in storage when we vacated 10 Bird Street in November, 2011.

Since that time, so many winning children's books have been published. Here's a selected list of titles that appear on School Library Journal's list of Best Children's Books for 2012. Most of them can be found on the shelves at our temporary location at Chestnut Green or they can be placed on hold in the SAILS system.

For the picture book crowd titles include: "The Bear in the Book" by Kate Banks, "Extra Yarn" by Mac Barnett, "Z is for Moose" by Kelly Bingham, "Oh, No!" by Candace Fleming, "Penny and her Doll" by Kevin Henkes, "Rocket Writes a Story" by Tad Hills, "This Is Not My Hat" by Jon Klassen, "Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs" by Mo Willems, and "Each Kindness" by Jacqueline Woodson.

Older readers can look for: "The One and Only Ivan" by Katherine Applegate (gr. 3-7)- also noted as the best read-aloud of the year, "One Year in Coal Harbor" by Polly Horvath (gr. 5-7), "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio (gr. 4-7), "Splendors and Glooms" by Laura Amy Schlitz, "Who Could That Be at This Hour?" by Lemony Snicket (gr. 4-7), "The Son" by Lois Lowry- conclusion to "The Giver" (gr. 6 and up), and "Liar & Spy" by Rebecca Stead (gr. 5-8).

Though they might not appear on best book lists, the following remain popular among series readers: "Diary of a Wimpy Kid," by Jeff Kinney (gr. 4 and up), "Big Nate" by Lincoln Peirce (gr. 3 and up), "Dork Diaries" by Rachel Renee Russell (gr. 4 and up), "Heroes of Olympus" by Rick Riordan (gr. 4 and up), "Captain Underpants" by Dave Pilkey (gr. 3 and up), "Kane Chronicles" by Rick Riordan (gr. 5 and up), "Origami Yoda" by Tom Angleberger (gr 3-up), and "Ivy and Bean" by Annie Barrows (gr. 2-5).

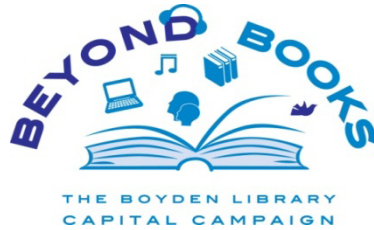
Keep in mind that many books are now available in a variety of media types including print, audio CDs, PlayAways, or digital books that can be electronically downloaded onto a Nook, Kindle or another electronic reading device. No matter how you want to share it or how kids want to "read" it, at the heart of each format is a really great story!

Just a reminder that throughout the duration of Boyden Library's expansion and renovation project, regular weekly story programs meet at St. Mark's Episcopal Church (lower level) at 116 South Street, Foxboro. The winter sessions for children's story programs will begin the week of January 7 and end the week of February 11. The popular Mother Goose on the Loose programs will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. Story Time for 3-5 years olds will now only be held at St Mark's on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. Please note that Story Time for 3-5 years olds will no longer take place on Tuesday mornings.

All story programs are offered free of charge on a drop-in basis and are sponsored by the Friends of the Boyden Library. Call the Children's Desk at 508-543-1246 for more information.

Many thanks to all those who gave books to our holiday children's book drive. This year 86 new books were collected and donated to the Foxboro Discretionary Fund. Nice job, everyone!

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Boyden Library Launches Public Phase of BEYOND BOOKS Capital Campaign

Foxborough, MA - BEYOND BOOKS, the campaign to raise private funds to support the expansion and renovation of the Boyden Library, is launching the Public Phase of its \$750,000 Capital Campaign. BEYOND BOOKS, led by a town-wide group of local residents, seeks donations of private and corporate funds to complete and enhance the \$11,675,000 library project. The project includes a complete renovation of the existing 20,000 square foot library and a 14,000 square foot expansion featuring a new upper level children's library affectionately called the "Tree House" by library staff and Trustees. The new library will open in the spring of 2013.

"The goal of the Beyond Books campaign is to fund enhanced library operations, promote library patronage, and improve civic pride in this remarkable new facility," says Jerry Cirillo, Boyden Library director and Beyond Books committee member.

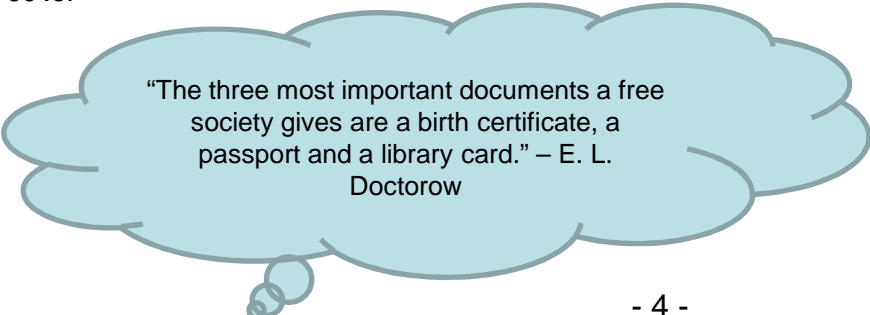
"The 'new' Boyden is going to be a great asset and point of pride for Foxborough, and this grass roots campaign will boost comfort, enjoyment, and usability for all library patrons," states David Crimmins, Beyond Books treasurer and board member of the Friends of the Boyden Library.

The Town of Foxborough and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners have funded the great majority of the project with almost \$11,000,000 in state and local funds. In 2010, the Boyden Library Trustees committed to a public/private partnership to enable the project to move forward in difficult economic times. "A private sector, citizen-based component was part of the plan from the start," says Jeff Lovely, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Beyond Books committee member. "And now is the time – these final funds are needed to complete the project and enhance the library with high-quality, long-lasting furnishings and amenities, including upgraded technology to meet the evolving information needs of Foxborough citizens and library patrons."

BEYOND BOOKS has received tremendous support from the community to date, raising over 70% of its \$750,000 goal in its "silent phase." The campaign now expands to all members of the public who want to show their support and help the town achieve this historic milestone.

"Foxborough has a robust tradition of private giving to its public library," says local author and historian Jack Authalet. "The original Boyden Library in the late 1960s was largely enabled by private gifts of cash and real estate."

BEYOND BOOKS offers naming opportunities for various spaces and areas at the new library. Donations of over \$500 for individuals, or \$1000 for businesses, will be publicly acknowledged in a permanent display in the new library. Donors at all levels will receive the personal thanks of the Committee and will be recognized in the final report of the Capital Campaign Committee, which will be permanently displayed at the library. Donations to "Beyond Books Capital Campaign" can be dropped off at the library, or sent to P.O. 667, Foxborough MA 02035. For more information, please inquire via email to beyondbooksfoxboro@gmail.com or call 774-300-9045.



"The three most important documents a free society gives are a birth certificate, a passport and a library card." – E. L. Doctorow

In Memoriam

The Friends of Boyden Library were saddened at the passing of four former Trustees of the Boyden Library this past fall.

Shirley DeLisle was elected to serve as a Trustee of the Boyden Library from 1982 to 1991. Shirley graduated from Foxborough High School and later went on to teach in the Foxborough school system until her retirement.

From 1987 to 1995, Barbara Miller served several terms as an elected member of the Board of Trustees of the Boyden Library. Barbara was also a librarian at the Taylor School until her retirement and subsequent move to Florida.

Peg Bradner served the Boyden Library in several capacities. She was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1955 when the Boyden Library was still located at Memorial Hall. She served on the Library Facilities Planning Committee and then the Library Building Committee in 1966-1967 which resulted in our present library which opened in 1967. Peg continued to serve as a Trustee until 1969.

Robert M. Grahn was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Boyden Library in 1968 and continued to serve until 1976. He also served on the Library Planning Committee and the Library Building Committee.

We remember them and their years of service to the Boyden Library and the community.

A Peek Inside the New Boyden Library

It's been eleven months since Boyden Library's groundbreaking ceremony and much has happened. Of course the steel beams have been up for awhile and the building is now tightly enclosed to allow the interior work to proceed throughout winter. As you pass by the corner of Bird and Baker Streets, you'll see the wonderful fieldstone work around the building taking shape. The installation of new energy-efficient windows throughout the building is in progress and hidden behind the walls there is a beehive of activity taking place. Contractors are busily working on the mechanical systems, electrical wiring, and the installation of drywall. Each room has been defined so you can envision what they will look like upon completion.

Some of you will recall that the Trustees held a "beam signing" event last June. Even though the weather was cold and rainy, over 100 people stopped by to sign their names on a steel beam that is now part of the structure. We had an opportunity to photograph that beam before it was enclosed. It's nifty to know that those names are now a permanent part of the library building and have become part of Foxboro's history as well. See the pictures below. Cont'd p.6





Reminder – 2013 Annual Membership Now Due

Hello Friends:

If you have not yet had the opportunity to renew your membership or start a new one, we want to remind you that the 2013 Friends membership dues are now due. 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. Please use the enclosed envelope to forward your dues for 2013.

We ask you to help defray the adult and children's programs supported by the friends, by renewing your 100% tax-deductible membership, increasing your membership, or inviting a friend to join us.

Membership levels for the calendar year 2013, are:

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

Other: Gift/Donation/Bequest/In Memoriam

Please make checks out to Friends of Boyden Library, Chestnut Green, 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.

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.

From P. 5, **A Peek Inside the New Boyden Library**

The Friends of the Boyden Library recently had an opportunity to tour the unfinished library and came away truly impressed with the design, layout and foresight that has gone into the renovation and expansion. There will be newly-equipped meeting rooms, a group study room, and a dedicated Young Adult Room to name a few highlights. Everyone will be pleased with the addition of bathroom facilities on all three floors.

The Children's Library is the centerpiece of the new design with its location on the third floor in what we affectionately call the “children's tree house.” The glass curtain wall along the front of the room will brighten the area and allow children to look out over the treetops and the neighborhood. The layout of this area includes an enlarged audio visual area and a story and craft room, complete with a child-size sink. The story and craft room will be home to the many popular children's activities sponsored throughout the year by the Friends of the Boyden Library.

The lower level on Baker Street will serve as the main entrance into the library with a beautiful glass-enclosed stairway leading to the upper floors. The number of computer stations will increase to 30 in direct response to the growing demand from our patrons.

Something I know our “techies” will love is the addition of self-checkout kiosks that will eliminate time waiting in lines and will be part of our planned RFID circulation, security, and inventory system. But for those of you who are like me and prefer to deal with a person, you will still be able to check out your materials at the circulation desk with one of Boyden's friendly staff members.

The design and layout clearly show that today's library has gone “beyond books” to become the anchor and the cornerstone of the downtown area and the entire community. You might even say it is the “living room” of the community where people of all ages- from seniors to preschoolers- can meet, attend programs, research, attend meetings, use the internet or just sit in a quiet corner and read a book.

Stay tuned for additional updates as we move closer to the completion date which is expected to be in the late spring of 2013.

For more pictures, visit the library blog - <http://boydenlibrary.blogspot.com/>

Membership Alert - Dues are Due!

(Please print)

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

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

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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.

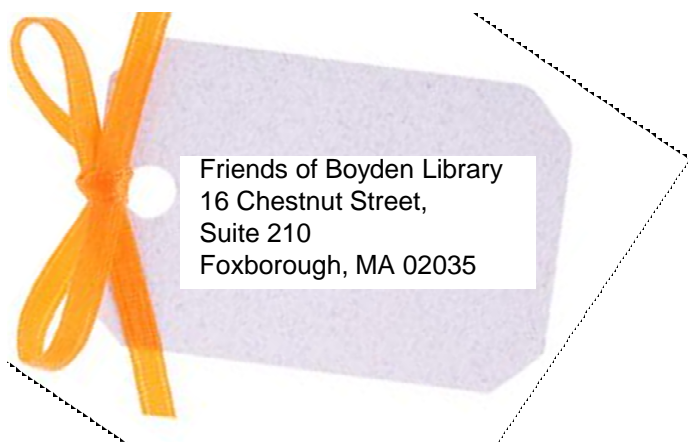
Circulation Desk



The first people you encounter when you enter the Boyden Library are the friendly faces of the “Circ” team comprised of Vickie Kusleika and Ann Herman. This duo is the face of the library and can be counted on to field a variety of questions from books to bathrooms, always with a friendly smile. It is their responsibility to check out your books, CDs etc. and to help you find a specific title or author. They are the “go to” people.

Should you want to reserve a book, pick up an item that you ordered, buy gift cards for Rental Books or need help with what museum membership cards are available, you see Vickie or Ann. They are also there to help you log on to the internet or print off your documents. And for those of you who turn in your materials late, they are there to take your late fees.

Clearly this area is manned every hour that the library is open, so many of the other staff members take turns filling in when our “dynamic duo” is unavailable, but the “Circ” desk remains their home away from home.



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