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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 Tuesday of the month at the Chapel, 68 Mill Street at 7:30pm.

The October 4th meeting will be the Annual meeting

All are welcome to attend.

Letter from The Presidents

Dave Crimmins and Diane Monahan, Co-Presidents

By the time this newsletter reaches you summer will have passed, the kids will be back in school and we'll be getting ready for the gorgeous colors of autumn. As I'm sure all of you know, the library expansion has moved forward, although the move to temporary space at Chestnut Green has seen some slippage. As of the writing of this it is slated for mid-November.

The Friends want to thank all of you who have made this multi-year dream a reality. Thousands of hours from volunteers at all levels helped to bring this part of the project to fruition. MANY THANKS!!!!

The annual meeting of the Friends will be held on October 4, 2011, in the Chapel at 56 Mill Street, Foxborough, at 7:30 pm. At that meeting along with regular Board business we will have elections for positions on the Board of Directors. All are welcome to attend. If you have paid your annual dues, you are eligible to vote.

If you haven't already joined the Friends of Boyden Library, you can still join. We will have membership forms available at the Meeting or you can pick one up anytime at the library. Annual memberships start as low as \$10 for a senior/student, progressing to \$75 for the Best Friend category. We rely heavily on membership dues to sponsor the many activities we support at the library, so please join or pass this along to your friends.

From the Library Director, Jerry M. Cirillo, jcirillo@sailsinc.org

Boyden Library's Addition and Renovation Project; the Design Marches On!

I'm happy to report that the library Addition and Renovation Project now has secured all necessary Town Board approvals, and is moving forward again – if not at full-speed ahead, at least at a slow and steady pace. As you may know, the library's application for Site Plan Review from the Planning Board was delayed for some time – as both the Planning Board and the Board of Library Trustees addressed the concerns expressed by the town's Design Review Board and also by a group of the library's Baker St. neighbors. Our first public hearing for Site Plan Review was on April 28th. Final approval was not granted until July 28th. In the intervening three months the proposed library exterior design went through a number of changes – with extensive discussion of these changes at no less than fourteen different meetings involving, in various combinations, the Trustees, Planning Board, Design Review Board, Selectmen, Permanent Municipal Building Committee, neighbors, architects, project managers – and library staff. We are grateful for the support shown by the Friends at these public meetings, as many Friends' members attended and spoke in favor of the project.

Concerns raised were solely with the addition's exterior design. The interior layout and service plan were never discussed. Both the Design Review Board and the neighbors were concerned that the proposed addition meet the guidelines of the town's Design Review District, and that the addition complement the existing building. Of course, the architect, trustees, and municipal building committee were of the opinion that these concerns had already been addressed in the original design presented. Ultimately, all parties came to agreement on a revised design which keeps the primary architectural elements of the original design, but simplifies them, and incorporates into the addition many of the design elements found in the original building.

This revised design is both simple and elegant, paying homage to our outstanding mid-century modern original structure while blending in some intriguing new design elements – our "external" staircase, and the Children's Level glass curtain-wall. Large-size renderings of the new design are on view on the Main Floor of the library.

While we now have an outstanding design that addresses the concerns of all interested parties, the process of getting there has put a serious crimp in our schedule. As noted above the Site Plan Review process took three months. The design changes coming about in that process now all have to be incorporated into the construction documents being prepared by the architects. Those documents, once complete, will require a thorough review by our Project Manager, with a comprehensive report then being given to both the Trustees and Permanent Municipal Building committee. We also needed a new cost estimate to ensure that we can incorporate the proposed changes and still stay within the project budget. That cost estimate has just been received, and we are still within our target budget. As a further budgetary check both the Trustees and Municipal Building Committee now want to have construction bids in hand from prospective general contractors before the library moves to temporary quarters and undertakes asbestos abatement in the original building. We anticipate construction bids to be submitted in late October. Our proposed move date to our Chestnut Green site is now projected to be mid-November.

The Zoning Board of Appeals has granted us a six-month extension of the deadline to be issued a Building Permit. We fully intend to have that Building Permit and commence construction well before that six-month deadline arrives.

Jerry Cirillo
Library Director

From the Children's Room, Margi Rossetti, Children's Librarian, mrossett@sailsinc.org



Even though our Summer Reading Program with the theme “One World Different Stories” was an abbreviated version of those in past years, there were still 234 youngsters who took part. Lots of readers happily checked out books, filled out reading logs and received great reading incentives, which were sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Readers were treated to Reading Tattoos, Earth Magic Springs, Themed Rulers, Fun Band Bracelets, and Design-Your-Own Hot Air Balloons. Papa Gino's of Foxboro donated coupons good for a free slice of pizza to each reader and Friendly's gave coupons for a free child's meal.

Story Time and Mother Goose on the Loose took place each Tuesday between June 28-August 6. St. Mark's Episcopal Church hosted story programs for the first three weeks of the summer until we learned that we would remain in our Bird Street location. Program-goers followed us back to the Fuller Room at the library for the second half of the session. In all, 240 people attended Story Time and Mother Goose on the Loose programs this summer.

The Annual Teddy Bear Picnic was held on Thursday, July 27. Approximately 135 children and adults gathered with teddy bears, blankets and snacks on Foxboro Common and listened to music by Miss Tina Stone and John Kinney. There was even a surprise visit by Smokey Bear who handed out comic books and rulers to picnic-goers and served as the Grand Marshal for the Teddy Bear Parade! Everyone had a great time. It was another successful Teddy Bear Picnic thanks to the sponsorship of the Friends.

FALL STORY PROGRAMS

Fall Story Times and Mother Goose on the Loose sessions will begin the week of September 12 and run through the week of October 17. Sessions are offered on a drop-in basis and registration is not required. Please note that while library services are still provided at the 10 Bird Street building, story programs will take place in the Fuller Room. We anticipate that at least this first six-week session will be held in the Fuller Room at the Boyden Library.

If you like spending a fun and low-stress time, while encouraging a love of stories and reading in your children, these are great activities for you. Just bring your library card, because chances are you'll want to check out books afterward. Children who are ages 3-5 can participate in a story program, which meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. or on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. Activities include stories, songs, finger plays, and a simple craft. Youngsters must be 3 by the first meeting.

Children who are infants through age 3 are invited to participate in Mother Goose on the Loose story programs which meet Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. or Thursdays 10:30 a.m. These programs feature Mother Goose on the Loose themes and activities including nursery rhymes, stories, songs, musical instruments, and much more. Children must be accompanied to these programs by a parent or a caregiver who will participate and help guide children through the activities. Story programs meet in the Fuller Room. There is no charge to attend.

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Annual Meeting of the Friends

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of Boyden Library will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2011, at the Chapel Meeting House on Mill Street.

At this meeting the Nominating Committee will present a slate of Officers and Members of the Board to be considered for election. Revised By-laws will also be presented for consideration and voted upon. All members of the Friends are welcome to attend.

Friends By-Laws to be Ratified at Annual Meeting

This year, the Friends of Boyden Library have been busy updating the organizational By-Laws. By-Laws are essentially an operating manual for all 501(c) 3 organizations and not only keep the organization compliant with the state, but set a common set of rules for a healthy organization to follow. By-Laws get updated periodically to reflect either organizational or technological advances or changes, for example, adding cyber communications or adding a position on the Board. Many By-Laws have language included in them that lay out a time line for periodic review and are often referred to as "living documents".

The Board of the Friends asked Neda Joury-Penders to Chair the By-Law review, as she has had experience with a number of Massachusetts non-profits and has reviewed, written and advised on non-profit organizational management. She has been going through each section of the document and adding new language or clarifying language to fortify the Friends By-Laws. Each individual section was presented at Friends' meetings over the past year, to allow for Board member input, ideas and changes. As the Annual Meeting approaches, we are pleased to report that the By-Laws are completed and are now just in the formal phase of adoption and ratification at the Annual Meeting.

If you would like to see the full document, prior to the Annual Meeting, please send an email to njourypenders@yahoo.com and Neda will send you a copy. If you have any questions pertaining to the By-Laws, the process, or need clarification on any section, please do not hesitate to contact Neda at the above address.

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Please note that after library services are moved to temporary quarters at Chestnut Green, all story programs will be held in the lower level of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. At that time, Story Time for 3-5 year olds will meet on Tuesday at 10 a.m. and Thursday at 1:30 p.m. Mother Goose on the Loose will be held on Tuesday at 11 a.m. and Thursday at 11 a.m.

Be sure to watch the library website at www.boydenlibrary.org for information about possible upcoming children's events. Click on "Calendar of Events." We might have a little time to provide some fun things in the Fuller Activity Room before we move to temporary quarters.

GROLIER ONLINE IS HERE

The Boyden Library now subscribes to Grolier Online, a collection of encyclopedias and other informational resources with remote access. All you need is a Boyden Library Card to access this service. You'll find it on our website at www.boydenlibrary.org. Click on either Children's Services or Reference Services, and then click on the "GO" icon. From there you can search "The New Book of Knowledge," "Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia," "Amazing Animals of the World," "Lands and Peoples," and "Encyclopedia Americana". The information is geared toward all student levels from elementary to high school as well as adults. Because it's online, the information will never go out of date. You'll find "Grolier Multimedia" in particular is loaded with all kinds of interactive features, games, and links to further reliable information. It's educational and it's fun. The best thing about the remote access is that you don't have to leave home to use it. It can be accessed from wherever you are- home, school or work- at any time-day or night.

Pictures from the Teddy Bear Picnic



WELCOME

We'd like to welcome the newest members of the Friends of the Boyden Library!

Paul and Barbara Beck, Foxboro

Carolyn and Jeremy Callahan, Foxboro

Kathleen Collins, Foxboro

Stephanie Crimmins and Matt Bearce, Foxboro

Lisa and Brian Davis, Foxboro

Erin Earnst, Foxboro

The Ferenciks, Foxboro

Nancy Glynn, Sharon

Carolyn and Paul Godin, Foxboro

Teresa Gorman, Foxboro

Margaret Hassman, Foxboro

Vallery Imbault, Foxboro

Julie Law-Linck, Foxboro

Clare and Philip Lund, Foxboro

R. Lyons, Foxboro

Jean McDonald, Foxboro

Arthur Muldoon, Foxboro

Margaret Nash, Foxboro

Clarie and William Rex, Foxboro

Cynthia Schneider, Foxboro

Deborah Volpini, Foxboro

Dianne Weinfeld, Foxboro

In Memory Of:

We would like to honor those Friends of the Boyden Library who have passed away recently and thank those who have made donations on their behalf.

The Friends of Boyden Library have lost a "True Friend" with the recent death of Jean Caryl Hutchinson. Jean was one of the first library patrons to become a Life Member of the "Friends". She served on the Friends Board for many years and was a co-chair for many Book Sales. With her love of books, Jean spent many hours monthly helping sort the many boxes of donated books to the Friends sales. The many colorful butterfly posters announcing upcoming book sales were made by Jean.

When Jean retired from teaching 4th grade at the Burrell School she became a volunteer for Boyden Library. Friday mornings were her time to help the staff in the back room of the main library. Jean also delivered books to shut-ins.

We will truly miss her.

Barbara Benson, a long-time library staff member, library supporter, and Friend of the Boyden Library passed away on July 21, 2011.

Barbara worked as a library page in the Children's Department for more than 15 years before retiring in December, 2008.

The Children's Room was so special to Barbara that her family had asked that she be remembered through memorial donations to the Children's Department. To date, over \$300 has been received in memory of Barbara. These generous donations from her friends, neighbors and family members have gone toward the purchase of books about gardening, swimming and parenting issues-all interests of Barbara.

Barbara leaves her husband Neil of 50 years, three children-Mark, Brenda and Bethany, and three grandchildren.

Anyone who wishes to make contributions in memory of Barbara can make checks payable to the Boyden Library Gift Fund, memo-Barbara Benson.

Donations received:

Mrs. Jean and Mr. Newt Hayes from Mr. William Bristol in Lecanto, FL

Mrs. Jean Hayes from Barbara Lightbody of Foxboro, MA

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