

Friends of Boyden Library

January 2012



Temporary Location Chestnut Green, 15 Payson Road Foxborough, MA 02035
(508) 543-1245

Website: <http://www.boydenlibrary.org/>
Email: boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com

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.

Letter from The President

Diane Monahan, President

I want to wish all of our Friends a new year filled with happy times creating warm memories. The year 2011 ended with a big bang for us as our Boyden Library moved down the street to Chestnut Green while an addition is built. 2012 will be an exciting year for all of us, as we will be able to watch the addition being built each time we drive through the center of town. While it may seem far away at this point, I am sure the time will fly by and soon we will be celebrating the grand reopening of our wonderful Boyden Library, bigger and better than ever.

I hope by the time you read this, you all will have made your way to the temporary location to check out the new space. While the space may be new to us, the friendly faces of the staff are the same and they will be happy to give you a tour and help you find everything you want. It is all there, just moved around a bit.

The Friends will continue to offer programs for adults, families and children, but at an off-site location. We are already at work planning the next Foxborough Reads to be offered in the spring. January is also the month to renew your membership in the Friends. You will find the form at the back of this newsletter. It is more important than ever that we all renew our membership. When you renew your membership, please consider increasing your level of support, as the library is going to need the support of the Friends more than ever as the new addition goes forward.

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

THE BIG MOVE...

“Mr. Jerry, do y’all want that moved to the temporary space?” was the question directed at me several dozen times a day by one or another member of our outstanding moving crew from Florida Library Designs, Inc. during the eight days of moving the Boyden Library from Bird. St. to Chestnut Green. By the end of the week I was getting the same question, delivered in the same accent, from several staff members – with none better at duplicating that Florida drawl than Children’s Librarian Margi Rossetti. Florida Library Designs, Inc. specializes in moving libraries – collections, shelving, furniture, and equipment. They work all over the country, having just finished a job at the Madison (WI) Public Library before coming to Foxborough.

Our crew of four young Gators fans, backed up by a good complement of temporary laborers, had us all moved in by late afternoon of Dec. 9, and they did so with speed, efficiency, and resourcefulness. Led by Crew Supervisor Justin Bussey, John, Tyler, and Hunter made our move go as smoothly as possible. Note that I didn’t say that they made our move “easy.” It was by no means easy, and took the combined effort, hard work, and planning of the library staff, the moving crew, and the Friends of the Library. Most important was the good will and patience of our Boyden Library customers, who graciously endured a week –plus without library service while the move was accomplished.

We began the move in earnest on the afternoon of November 29. Library staff had spent the previous weeks in applying orange dots to the spines of those books and other materials that were heading to the temporary space (with the rest going to storage), identifying which furniture was going to Storage, which was going to Temp., and which was going to be declared surplus, and packing up their desks and work areas. The movers began by packing materials going to storage into carefully labeled and stacked cardboard boxes. Following the materials into storage were some selected furniture and equipment items. Approximately 70% of our 100,000 item collection was moved to storage. The moving crew then consolidated the remaining books on the shelves while they were beginning to break down our existing steel shelving for transport and re-assembly at the temporary space. The steel shelving was being set up just ahead of the books coming in, with the collection layout following a plan developed by Margi Rossetti, and adjusted on-the –fly by Margi and crew leader Justin Bussey.

By the end of the day on Thursday, Dec. 8th, all collections, shelving, and furniture were in place. We had telephone service, and staff computers were connected to the SAILS Library Network. All we needed to do then was to individually scan all those thousands of books and other materials brought to the temporary space to make them active and available at our new location. Staff spent Friday and Saturday doing just that, to prepare for our Monday, Dec. 12 opening to the public.

While staff was working on that scanning on Saturday, a crew of Friends, Trustees, and staff were at the Bird St. building running a “Surplus Sale” of no-longer-needed furniture, equipment, supplies, and art work. The sale was a great success, thanks to all those that helped and purchased!

We are still working out some minor glitches in our new space, and will continue to make adjustments as needed. It won’t be exactly the same level of library service as we delivered at Bird. St., but it will be service delivered in the same efficient and courteous way as we’ve always tried to do. And if you seem to detect a slight Florida drawl when a staff member speaks to you...well, now you know why!

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.

Introducing New Friends of Boyden Library Board Members

At the Friends of Boyden Library Annual Board Meeting on October 4, 2011, the new Executive Officers were nominated and approved. We thank all of them for their contributions!

Slate of Executive Officers as presented for two year positions: President- Diane Monahan; Vice-President- Neda Joury-Penders; Secretary- Sue Collins; Treasurer- Dave Crimmins.

Chairpersons of Committees which are two year positions: Book Sale- Joanne Pratt; Membership- Laurie Magee; Newsletter- Liz Karvonen; Public Relations – Linda Fidgeon.

Members-at-Large which are one year positions: Kathy Brady, Bobbe Leonardi, Ann Ross, Toni Schleyer and Betty Travers.



Left to Right – Dave Crimmins, Sue Collins, Diane Monahan, Neda Joury-Penders

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



Here we are! The Boyden Library opened its doors to the temporary quarters at Chestnut Green on Monday, December 12. At this writing, there are still a million details that need to be addressed before we can consider ourselves settled. We're unpacking boxes, scanning thousands of items to identify the collection in its new location and to make items searchable in the online catalog, and setting up the service areas to make them ready for our customers. When you visit, you'll find the Children's Department in the far end of the sunny space.

While the Children's section is small, we managed to bring about 9,000 children's items, including picture books, easy readers, chapter books, nonfiction titles, reference materials, computers and most of the children's audio visual collection.

Many people have asked how we decided upon what would come to the temporary library and what would go into storage. The answer is: It was hard. We brought summer reading materials that appear on both Foxboro Public Schools and Foxboro Regional Charter School lists, new and popular items for all ages, materials that support schools assignments throughout the year, current award winners, materials that are utilized by adults who work with children, and Boyden's own story time and classic favorites.

Our last Story Time and Mother Goose on the Loose sessions ended on November 22 when we learned that it was time to pack up. The next sessions will begin the first week of January. Tuesday sessions will run from January 3- February 7. Story Time for 3-5 year olds will happen at 10:00 a.m. and Mother Goose on the Loose for infants through age 3 will take place at 11:00 a.m. Thursday sessions will be held January 5- February 9. Mother Goose on the Loose will begin at 11:00 a.m. and Story Time will meet at 1:30 p.m. Stop by the Children's Room and pick up a story program flyer or check out the Calendar of Events at www.boydenlibrary.org for schedules.

For the duration of the library renovation and construction project, story programs will be held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church (lower level), 16 South St., Foxboro. Please use the rear parking lot entrance. Story programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Boyden Library. There is no charge to attend and registration is not required.

Keep your eyes open for children's activities that will help children get acquainted with their Chestnut Green library. Activities are always announced in the library column which appears twice per month in the Foxboro Reporter. You'll also find program information posted on Foxboro Cable Access Channels 12 and 37 or online at foxborough.patch.com and Boyden's website at www.boydenlibrary.org. See the Children's page or click on Calendar of Events.

A Visit with an Original “FRIEND” by Dave Crimmins

I recently sat down with Frances Spillane to reminisce about the founding of the Friends of Boyden Library Foundation. For those of you who missed our Birthday celebration in March we were officially 50 years young on March 23rd. Frances, even back then, had a love of reading. When she was approached to become a founding member of the Friends group, she jumped at the opportunity. It was a perfect chance for her to give back to her new community, to encourage reading at all levels and as she joked, “a night out”.

The Friends were basically started when Mrs. Corodon S. Fuller, who was the Chairman of the Trustees of the Boyden Library, asked Lawrence J. Powers to start a new group to help the Trustees and the library deal with all the issues surrounding a new library. Mr. Powers reached out to Frances to join the Friends and the rest is history. Other founding Board members were Helen Lamson as Vice President, Adele Flashman as Secretary, Delphine Saparoff as Treasurer, Constantine Penkos and Mrs. Francis Frost as Publicity and Frances assumed the Membership Chair. At the time she was a new mother with 2 young children at home, a recent graduate of St. Mary’s College, Notre Dame, Indiana, a graduate of Boston College Law School and had just passed the Massachusetts Bar. She had become the “right hand” to her late husband, Garrett Spillane, as they were embarking on establishing their law practice in Foxborough.

Frances pointed out that at this point in history the library was experiencing the same growth problems we have just gone through, where the demands on the library had drastically outstripped the space of the old Memorial Hall. The town was in the midst of replacing Memorial Hall with a new library building. Thanks to the generosity of the Bristol family, a significant portion of the costs of the new building along with a donation of a parcel of land on the corner of Baker and Bird Street and the services of an architect allowed the town to go forward with the construction. Frances mentioned that there was overwhelming support from all areas of the town to build a new library. Back then the Foxboro Company was the major employer in town and had a global presence. Their business dominance and the types of people they employed and dealt with created a need and demand for a library that would be responsive to their needs, much more so than similar small New England towns that did not have this type of presence. During the early years the Friends worked with the Trustees and the library staff to match the many donations they received to the appropriate needs of the library under construction. This included landscaping, furniture and the expansion of their collections. One of the areas that grew extensively during the early years through the help of the Friends was the Children’s Dept. Frances also reminded me that the original group was a young and vibrant group whose main reason for “volunteering” was their love of reading, wanting to give back to the community and wanting to create a positive learning environment for all constituents in town.

Clearly the town owes a debt of gratitude to Frances and the other “founding” members for establishing a legacy that has endured for 50 years and still continues in this time of economic uncertainty to provide much needed support to the programs offered by the library.

Here’s to the next 50 years!!!!

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. Please use the enclosed envelope to forward your dues for 2012

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, will now be as follows:

\$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, 15 Payson Road, 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.

Library Surplus Sale

On Saturday December 10, 2011, we walked through a near-deserted library; not only was it devoid of people, but the books, CDs, magazines, DVDs and newspapers were missing as well. It was like a ghost ship. Left behind were odds and ends of furniture, old equipment and a few paintings that at one point the Friends of the Boyden Library had purchased for the library's patrons to borrow. Can you imagine what you would have collected over almost a 50-year history!!!

Would you believe that the library actually loaned out paintings in the day!! It's one of those things that have gone the way of a lot of stuff that was being sold such as old computers, printers, microfiche machine, etc.

It was just like one big yard sale. People came before we even opened, hoping to get a bargain. As they say, the stuff was flying out the doors. The sale was a great success thanks to Jerry Cirillo, our Library Director; Margi Rossetti, our Children's Supervisor; Deb Volpini from the library staff; and Janet Pineault, Trustee. They were assisted by a number of members of the Friends of Boyden Library.

I think if you asked anyone who bought something, they would tell you they got a bargain or at least a piece of history. One woman told me she had to have several of the little chairs from the Children's Library as she had sat on them many years earlier. A piece of Foxborough's history!!!



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!

Level/Type of Friend: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Please cut on dotted line and mail with check to Friends of Boyden Library, 10 Bird Street, Foxborough, MA 02035.

Special Thanks

The Friends of Boyden Library want to publicly thank the former Friends of Camp St. Augustine (FOSCA) for their recent donation to our group. We appreciate their thoughtfulness in supporting the work we do for the Boyden Library.



Friends of Boyden Library
10 Bird Street
Foxborough, MA 02035
Address Service Requested

NON-PROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
FOXBOROUGH, MA
PERMIT NO. 19



The Friends now have e-mail! Our organizational e-mail address is: 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.