

February 2011



# Friends of Boyden Library

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## Letter from The Presidents

### **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 in the Bluemer Room on the top floor of the Boyden library at 7:30p.m.

\*\*Location/Date Change:  
Starting May 3, 2011, meetings will be moved to the Chapel on Mill Street and will be on the first Tuesday of the month!

All are welcome to attend.

We would like to begin by thanking you for your continued support of the Friends of Boyden Library organization. Over the years your support has enabled us to provide many enriching programs for the families, adults and children of Foxborough. The Friends have also provided additional funding for the Summer Reading Program along with the purchase of Rental Books, DVDs, CDs, and other items. We could not have done this without your help.

We also want to take this opportunity to publicly thank Joanne Pratt and Bobbe Leonardi who recently stepped down as President and Vice President after many years of faithful service. Even though they are no longer Officers of the Friends, they will remain on the Board to help with the continuity of the group and for this we are thankful.



We also want to welcome Sue Collins to the Board as our new Secretary and rounding out the Officers is Betty Travers who has been the Treasurer of the Friends for a number of years.

We are delighted to be heading up the Friends at this juncture. This is an exciting time with the renovation and expansion of the library as it deals with the myriad of issues as the library moves into temporary space at Chestnut Green during the renovation. We are committed to reaching out to everyone in Foxborough to ensure that we continue to sponsor the programs and resources that you are looking for and providing as much assistance as possible to the Director and the staff during these tough economic times.

We look forward to seeing and hearing from you at our meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Bluemer Room through April 2011. Starting in May 2011 we will be meeting in the Chapel (Camp St. Augustine) on Mill Street and will be having the meetings on the first Tuesday of the month. Hopefully you are enjoying the many resources of the library during this snowy winter.

Diane Monahan and Dave Crimmins – Co-Presidents



**From the Library Director**, Jerry M. Cirillo, [jcirillo@sailsinc.org](mailto:jcirillo@sailsinc.org)

### **Boyden Library Gears Up for Addition & Renovation Project**

While the only visible sign of our Addition & Renovation Project to date has been the departure of the Charles Fox Memorial to its new site at Town Hall, there has been plenty of behind-the-scenes activity going on.

As you all know, the library building project was approved at the May 2010 Town Election and Annual Town Meeting. In late June we advertised for an Owner's Project Manager (OPM) – required by law for all municipal construction projects over \$1 million. After reviewing responses and interviewing five firms, STV Construction, Inc. was hired. Cheryle O' Sullivan is our project manager, and Paul Hemphill, project director. Cheryle will serve as our on-site representative during the construction process.

In September we advertised for an architectural firm. We received fourteen proposals and interviewed five firms. The firm of Lerner, Ladds+Bartels, Inc. of Providence, RI, emerged as the consensus choice. R.Drayton Fair, a principal in the firm, is our project architect, ably assisted by Aimee Lombardo and Steve Webster.

Regular meetings of the architects, the OPM, and library building committee began in December. Our goal was to review the original schematic design, prepared in late 2005 by Best-Joslin Architects, and to revise that plan as necessary. In the five years since the original plan was developed we have seen a number of changes in how library service is delivered. There has been a tremendous increase in the demand for audio and video materials, as well as a trend toward providing reference materials in electronic format rather than print. We've also seen some new formats become a regular part of the library's collection. These include *Playaways*, self-contained audio books about the size of an MP3 player, downloadable digital media, and graphic novels as a staple of the Young Adult collection. Patron use of the library's public-access Internet computers and wireless internet access continues to grow. The Children's Room has developed a new format for storytimes for our youngest library users, and now regularly attracts groups of 40- 50 children, parents, and caregivers to weekly "Mother Goose on the Loose" storytimes.

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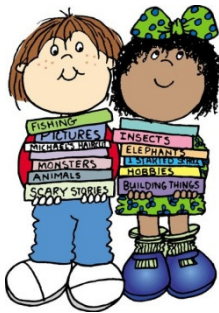


**The Friends now have e-mail!** Our organizational e-mail address is: [boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com](mailto:boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com) and will go on all our publications. Having a dedicated e-mail allows us the continuity of service to our members and also keeps the same address when there is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

## Book Sale Update

Due to the library renovation and lack of space we will not be having a Spring or Fall book sale during 2011. We will continue to update you on the status of the book sale as the renovation moves forward.

In the meantime please do not drop off any book donations at the library.



**ANIMAL WORLD  
EXPERIENCE**



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

As the staff is working to move library services into the next phase of the expansion and renovation project, you'll still find some favorite activities going on in the Children's Department.

A great upcoming event sponsored by the Friends of the Boyden Library is "Animal World Experience with Matt Gabriel," which is set for February 24 at 11a.m. Ages 4 and older are invited. Call the Children's Department at 508-543-1246 beginning February 10 to register. Immediately following this program, a children's book sale will take place in the lower lobby. Books will cost a dollar each and all proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Boyden Library.

Visit the Calendar of Events on the Boyden Library web site ([www.boydenlibrary.org](http://www.boydenlibrary.org)) to check on Story Time and Mother Goose on the Loose schedules. Story time, for ages 3-5, and Mother Goose on the Loose, for ages 0-3, meet in the Fuller Room two times per week on Tuesdays and Thursdays in sessions of six weeks.

In addition, Mother Goose on the Loose meets one Saturday per month. Upcoming Saturday MGOL groups are scheduled for February 19 and March 19 at 10:30. Registration is not required. If you've never attended story programs with your little ones, it is a great way to introduce children to the joys of stories and reading. The groups are lightly structured and informal. They include age-appropriate activities in a low-stress, fun environment and there is no charge to attend.

As always, we would like to extend our appreciation to the Friends of the Boyden Library for their wonderful support of Children's programs throughout the year.

# Bid from the heART



As the winter continues to bring us piles and more piles of snow, the friends of Boyden are busy planning an event that should help us welcome in the Spring. On Saturday March 26th they will be hosting a fundraiser for the children's section of the library. The money raised will be used to help offset the cost of furnishing the children's library. The goal is to create a comfortable space and vibrant environment that the kids and parents look forward to visiting again and again.

This unique event is a live auction of more than 40 fabulous works of art by members of the Foxboro Art Association. The pieces are from many different artists and include a variety of styles. There will also be additional items as part of a silent auction. It is a great opportunity to showcase the generous donations of our local artist community. Our auctioneers are local community members Kevin Weinfeld and Bill Grieder. Artists' work will be available for preview in the Boyden Library Fuller Room beginning March 1.

The auction will occur on Saturday, March 26, 2011 at the Foxboro Country Club, from 7-10p.m. For those who have not seen it in a few years, the clubhouse of the Foxboro Country was dramatically remodeled a couple of years ago and is now a beautiful facility to host events. Live music will be provided by 5 O'clock Flat, an award winning jazz band from Foxboro High School. Scrumptious appetizers and a cash bar will be offered. Auction item purchases can be paid via check or credit card.

This will be the third art auction in the storied history of the Boyden Library. Those who attended the prior auctions, the last one being in 2006, had rave reviews about the evening. Just as new books are constantly being written and published, our local artists are always working on creating new masterpieces. This is a great opportunity for the community to come together to support the library and the local artists. In addition, you are able to purchase a once in a lifetime piece of art to beautify your home or that of a friend or family member.

Tickets to this event of the spring are limited and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Tickets to this gala evening can be purchased at the Boyden Library for \$25.00 a piece.

If you cannot attend, but would like to support the children's library, contributions are always welcome with 100% of all proceeds of the event going to the children's library. With the Patriots season having come to an abrupt end and the winter seeming to be on its way to a record setting year, you should mark this on your calendar as an event to look forward to. It should be a great night for the community!

## A New Page for the Friends

Pictured to the right - the new officers of the Friends: (L-R) Sue Collins, Secretary; Dave Crimmins, Co-President; Diane Monahan, Co-President & Betty Travers, Treasurer.



The Friends are excited to present and welcome our new Board of Directors. All the elected members have been long time members of the Friends and bring not only experience but also enthusiasm to the group. Co-President's Dave Crimmins and Diane Monahan look forward to working with the entire Board on new ventures, as well as helping the Library transition first into temporary housing and then into the new building.

The Board's first major policy undertaking is a complete review of the By-Laws. We have asked Neda Joury Penders to Chair this endeavor. Sections of the By-Laws will be reviewed at Friends meetings, until a complete vote is taken at the annual meeting in October. Conscientious, periodical, By-Law review is a way to make sure that organizations remain vibrant, relevant and legally up to date. If you have any questions, please contact Neda directly at [njourypenders@yahoo.com](mailto:njourypenders@yahoo.com).

If we don't have your e-mail address, please send a message to [boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com](mailto:boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com) with "add to e-mail list" in the subject line. E-mail allows us to reach our membership in a timely fashion to keep everyone abreast on Friends' news, meetings, and projects.

## Announcing the new Board of Directors for the Friends of the Boyden Library

### Executive Committee: 2-Year

Co-President	Dave Crimmins
Co-President	Diane Monahan
Treasurer	Betty Travers
Secretary	Sue Collins

### Chair Positions: 2-Year

Book Sale	Kathy Brady
Membership	Laurie Magee
Newsletter	Liz Karvonen
Public Relations	Neda Joury-Penders

### Members At-Large: 1-Year

Linda Fidgeon
Bobbe Leonardi
Joanne Pratt
Ann Ross
Toni Schleyer

## **Annual Membership Dues**

Hello Friends:

We hope this newsletter finds you warm as 2011 is off to such a snowy start. We wanted to take this opportunity to notify you of some of the dues updates that we have been working on this year.

As you know, many of the successful programs offered at the Library are funded through the Friends, with the main source coming from dues and gifts. However recently, our membership levels have not kept up with the financial demands of library programming. Given this fiscal reality, the Board has updated its membership levels as well as implemented an annual renewal process.

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 2011, will now be 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**

Like many other libraries across the state, you may notice that we will no longer have a "life member" category. Existing life members (Members through 2010) will be grandfathered in, but we hope those of you that are original life members will take the opportunity for an annual gift to the Friends.

As always, thank you for your engagement with the Boyden Library, and for your continued support. Your past generosity has benefited our community many times over, and continues to inspire us to great acts of giving -- please join us again now! Thank you.

*As a bonus!! Renewed memberships or new members will be entered into a drawing for a gift certificate towards the purchase of \$50 of books. Drawing will be done at the May Board Meeting. They will also be eligible for one free book rental if they return their membership on or before March 31, 2011.*

Please make checks out to Friends of Boyden Library, 10 Bird Street, 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.

Check the Boyden Library Web site [www.boydenlibrary.org](http://www.boydenlibrary.org) for upcoming programs. We'd also love your e-mail address to keep you abreast of Friends activities only.

*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.*

## Membership Alert - Dues are Due!

(Please print)

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

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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



Please cut on dotted line and mail with check to Friends of Boyden Library.

### Did You Know???

#### The Library has much more than books available for you – Did You Know the Library has:

- Discounted admission to the Children's Museum in Providence and Boston
- Discounted admission passes to the Children's Museum in Easton
- Discounted admission passes to the Museum of Science Boston
- Discounted admission passes to the Museum of Fine Arts Boston
- Playaways – pre-loaded digital audio players with great fiction titles
- A large collection of Music CD's and Feature-Film DVD's
- Current New York Times best seller books for rent for \$2 each per week. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Boyden Library - buy a \$8 gift certificate and you can rent 5 books!
- Over 100 magazine and newspaper subscriptions – and online access to hundreds more
- Easy access to the 3.5 million item collection of the SAILS Library Network – with the materials you request quickly delivered for pick-up at the Boyden Library
- Monthly book discussion group open to all – see the latest title on the library website: <http://boydenlibrary.org/bookdiscussion.html>

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These changes, coupled with our interest in developing a library floor-plan that maximizes ease of use for our patrons and minimizes changes to our architecturally significant original building, and informed by updated collection-count projections, have resulted in a great new schematic design. We have made some significant changes to both interior lay-out and exterior appearance. We are confident that these carefully-considered improvements will result in a library building which will meet the needs of the Foxborough community well into the 21st century.

Our new Children's Room, the centerpiece of the project, still occupies prime space on the upper floor of the addition. At nearly 6,000 square feet, this glass-walled space (on the Baker St. side), will include a story and craft activity room, designated space for toddlers, younger, and older children, and eight computers for Internet and on-line catalog use. Children and families will reach this bright space via a new, oversized elevator, or by an intriguing staircase winding its way through a glass connector between old and new buildings.

Adult areas will feature a Circulation Desk on the Ground Floor together with new books, and audio and video materials. The First Floor will house the adult fiction, non-fiction, and reference collections, as well as an expanded Young Adult area, an enclosed group study room, and many more public-use computers.

The design is a work in progress at this time. We continue to explore ways to create a beautiful and functional new library that will capture the heart of the Foxborough community.