

January 2026



Library Hours:

Monday: 10-8
Tuesday: 10-8
Wednesday: 10-8
Thursday: 10-8
Friday: 10-5
Saturday: 10-5
Sunday: 1-5

Board Meetings:

Friends of Boyden Library monthly Board Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Community Meeting Room. There are no meetings in July, August, and December. All are welcome to participate.

Board Members:

Betsy Buckland,
Co-President
Sue Collins,
Co-President
Betsy Lorusso, Secretary
Katherine Howard,
Treasurer
Ashley Clement
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Charles DiPompo
Leslyann Foster
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Colleen McManus
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Margi Rossetti
Maureen (Mo) Ryan-Wise
Bernadette Thie

Annual Friends Meeting

Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at 7 p.m.
Community Meeting Room - Boyden Library

All are welcome!!

FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful Holiday season. With the hustle and bustle behind us, now is a great time to cozy up by the fire with a good book. Or maybe take in a music or educational program at the library. Don't want to brave the cold? There's lots of virtual programming and resources available through the Boyden, some of which is sponsored by the Friends.

When we look back over 2025, we're amazed at the reach of the Friends' support for the library. Over the past year, the Friends sponsored many excellent programs for children, teens and adults, as well as providing lots of "extras" for library patrons. Did you bring a child to this summer's Teddy Bear Picnic? Or partake in the popular Community Reads program with Medium Tiffany Rice? Perhaps you used the Museum of Science pass or purchased Southwick Zoo passes. These are just a few of the many ways that the Friends support our Boyden Library and the greater Foxborough community, but we cannot do it without your generous help.

January is the start of our Annual Membership Drive. Your annual membership is the very best way to support the library, as all dues go directly to programming and resources for library patrons of all ages. For your convenience, an envelope is provided with this newsletter for joining or renewing by mail; you may also join or renew online at <https://boydenlibrary.org/friends-library>, or in person at the library circulation desk. We thank every first-time or renewal member for your support! Keep your eyes open for new and exciting programming in 2026; information is always available on the Boyden Library website.

Our November Book Sale was very successful-we raised over \$5700 between sales and memberships! Along with monies raised through membership, our bi-annual book sales are our most successful fundraisers, so we thank all of you who shopped, purchased, volunteered and supported us. It's a lot of work, but we always have fun! Our intrepid volunteers have already started collecting and sorting materials for our May Book Sale (May 14-16); we look forward to seeing you there. Also, be on the lookout for our Book Donation Drive dates in early spring-your spring cleaning helps us put on a great Book Sale!

The Friends' monthly meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month (except July, August & December) at 7pm in the Community Room at the library- all are welcome, and we're always looking for new ideas. Our **Annual Meeting** will be on **Wednesday, Feb. 4th at 7pm** and will include our annual budget review and elections for several board positions. Speaking of elections, our Co-President

Betsy Buckland reports that, due to unexpected family commitments, she needs to resign from the board. Betsy says, "I am sorry to have to leave this board of dedicated and fun volunteers! I am always amazed at their level of commitment to the library and the mission of the Friends. It has been an honor and a privilege to work alongside them; I know I leave them in good hands!" We thank Betsy for her work these past several years.

We wish you all a happy & healthy New Year and hope to make more Friends in 2026!

Betsy Buckland & Sue Collins
Co-Presidents

FROM THE DIRECTOR



2025 was a remarkably dynamic and successful year for the Boyden Library! We offered a wide range of programs for patrons of all ages and exceeded last year's total, increasing from 642 programs in 2024 to 660 in 2025. This accomplishment reflects the dedication, creativity, and hard work of the library staff, whose commitment made these engaging experiences possible for the community. We are also deeply grateful to the Friends of Boyden Library for their continuous support, which was instrumental in expanding and enhancing our programming throughout the year.

The Friends also provided generous funding for the new Tinker Tank Makerspace, which opened in June. This innovative space encourages patrons of all ages to explore emerging technologies, tinker, and develop new skills through hands-on learning and creative discovery. Since opening, the Tinker Tank has welcomed over 100 users eager to explore and create. For more information about our makerspace, please visit: <https://boydenlibrary.org/tinker-tank>.

As we move into 2026, Boyden Library remains a vibrant and welcoming community hub, offering free access to resources for all and creating meaningful connections through enriching programs and services. We are excited to highlight some initiatives this year, including:

Partnering again with the Mass Center for the Book 2026 Reading Challenge. If interested in participating, please visit: www.massbook.org/readingchallenge-2

Hosting another Community Reads series in March with the title *The Art Thief* by Michael Finkel. There will be a variety of art-themed programs offered in March to coincide with this book!

Offering Boyden's Food Cupboard located right outside the library entrance that provides the community with 24/7 access to free food resources. Anyone is welcome to take what they need.

Subscribing to Transparent Languages - A complete language-learning system with courses and lessons designed to build listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Unlimited access to more than 110 languages, including English for speakers of over 30 languages.

Re-launching our Seed Library in early February. Stay tuned for more details:
<https://boydenlibrary.org/seed-library>

We are also thrilled for an incredible lineup of winter programs for adults. Please visit our calendar <https://boydenlibrary.org/calendar> for more details and to register.

Recurring Library Programs:

Tea Club: January through May – Kits available for pick up on the first Wednesday of each month

Teen Tech Help: every other Saturday, 11:00am – 12:00pm and Thursdays, 4:00-5:00pm

Make and Mingle: For artists and crafters, 10:30am – 12:30pm: January 12, February 9, and March 9
Zentangle, 10:00am: January 23, February 20, and March 20
Tea & Talk (about books!), 11:00am: January 28, February 11, and March 11
Digital Literacy Workshops, 11:00am: February 3 and March 3
Coloring for Adults, 11:00am: February 13 and March 13

Special Programs:

January 22, 6:00pm: Paint Night with Sandy Churchill
January 23, 10:00am: Tips for Staying Healthy: Workshop with Dayana Parisien
January 24, 11:00am: Collectibles Appraisal: A Free Community Event with Rick Keller
January 25, 2:00pm: Dixie Diehards concert
January 27, 6:00pm: Madhubani with Natural Dyes with Water Lily Designs
January 31, 11:00am: Puzzle Competition
February 2, 7:00pm: Hey Nonni, Love Rowan: Author Talk with Joyce Parlapiano
February 5, 6:30pm: Craft Night with Traci
February 7, 2:00pm: Soul Speak Alchemy Box with Klassic Kreations
February 9, 7:00pm: Forty Whacks: The Lizzie Borden Case (Virtual)
February 22, 2:00pm: Catnip Junkies concert
February 26, 6:30pm: Bad Art Night
February 28, 11:00am: Snowy House Luminaria: Mixed Media with Pop Up Art School

Save the date: Community Reads author Michael Finkel will be speaking at the Boyden Library on the evening of Tuesday, March 31.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year to you and your family! The Boyden Library is your destination for discovery, exploration, and connection – visit us to enjoy our collections and all the engaging opportunities we have to offer.

Thank you,
Libby O'Neill

2026 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS NOW DUE

The Friends of Boyden Library 2026 Membership Drive has begun! Joining or renewing membership is an integral part of the Friends' success.

Your financial support helped sponsor a variety of programs in 2025. These included passes for the Museum of Science and discounted tickets to the Southwick Zoo. The Friends sponsored Adult, Teen, and Children's programs and craft supplies, and prizes for the Summer Reading Programs. We hope you and your families were able to enjoy some of these offerings in 2025. The Library staff is busy planning more exciting programs for 2026.

Please support the Friends and the Library by joining or renewing your Friends membership today. It is as easy as going to www.boydenlibrary.org and clicking on the "About Us" tab at the top of the page, then clicking on the "Friends" link to pay your membership dues online through PayPal (at the bottom of the page). If you prefer, you can use the enclosed membership envelope which can be mailed in or dropped off at the circulation desk.

As an incentive to join the Friends or renew your membership, we are having a free drawing for a Friends tote bag filled with books, a Friends gift card for our book shops and book sale, and some other goodies. The winner will be chosen at the end of February. Each Friend who paid their dues from November 2025 - February 2026 is eligible.

Please note that becoming a Friend does not obligate you in any way other than your financial support; however, if you would also like to volunteer your time and talents please reach out to us at boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com. We always need volunteers.

ANNUAL MEETING

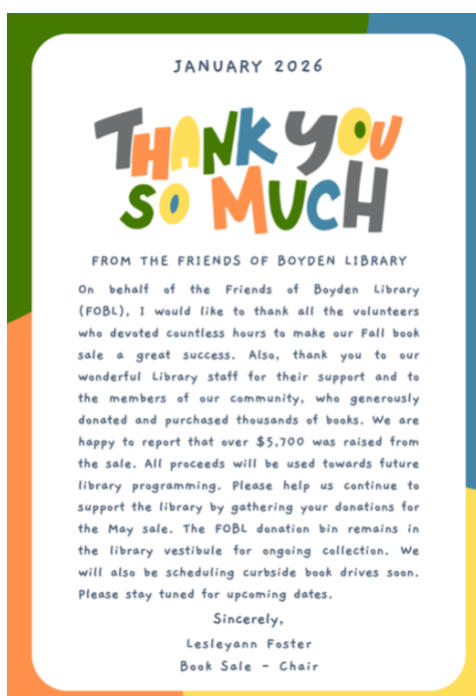
The Annual Meeting of the Friends of Boyden Library will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room at Boyden Library. New officers will be elected at this meeting. The monthly meeting of the Friends will be held immediately after the Annual Meeting. The meetings are open to the public and all are welcome.

Welcome New Friends

Tuna Akdemir
Carol Beane
Donna Bentley
Anna Brousaides
William Bruno
William Buckley
Brian & SarahJane Cassie
Cherie Cavallaro
Dan Cofond
Sherrie DiCara
Kathy DiMauro
Nancy Ellis

Carol Fayan
Mary Fischer
Arlene Flagg
Julie Haarer & Pam Ballou
Rebecca Hedtler
Erin Houston
Barbara Klein
Alyssa Kusmin
Mark Linde
Christina & Dan Logee
Linda Lyons
Nancy Messeck

Jane Morris
Trevor Packard
Dimple & Niral Patel
Tashya Perera
Michael Roberts
Nancy Ruo
Jean Schmidt
Mary Vozzella
Steve Waryes
Francine Whittenberger
Ramazan Yagiz



FALL SOCIAL



This year's Fall Social, held in October at the Cannon Forge Clubhouse, was a truly delightful evening filled with great food and drinks, door prizes, plenty of laughter, and most importantly, time spent mingling with fellow Friends! With 44 people in attendance, the room was buzzing with conversation. Everyone appeared to be enjoying themselves, and as a result, we were even able to welcome some new Friends along the way.

The Social Committee (pictured above, left), consisting of Ashley Clement, Maureen Ryan-Wise and Betsy Lorusso, want to say a big THANK YOU to all who contributed their time, talents, and generosity! The evening was a success thanks to the combined efforts of all: a heartfelt thank-you goes to Jen Linskey for her generous donation of wine; Colleen McManus for the stunning dahlias; and Betsy Buckland for the lovely floral arrangements and her wonderful welcome speech. Betsy Lorusso donated the event space, and we could not have asked for a better venue! We are also deeply grateful to everyone who pitched in to help, especially the clean-up crew who helped us restore the space in record time!

Looking forward to seeing many more Friends at next year's Fall Social!

GIVING TREE and HOLIDAY BOOK DRIVE

The Friends of the Boyden Library would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's Giving Tree and Holiday Book Drive. Thanks to the generosity of library patrons, more than 80 wish list items and over 30 new books were donated and shared with Foxboro children.

We are deeply grateful to all who contributed - those who donated gifts, as well as the dedicated library staff who oversaw the collection. Your kindness and community spirit is appreciated!



Mark your calendars ...

FRIENDS OF BOYDEN LIBRARY

Spring Book Sale

2026

THUR MAY 14	10 AM - 8 PM
FRI MAY 15	10 AM - 5 PM
SAT MAY 16	10 AM - 3 PM

\$10 FILL-A-BAG SALE
SAT MAY 16 | GENERAL PUBLIC

Special Event: Current Members of FOBL are invited to shop Bag Sale early on Friday, May 15 | 1 PM - 5 PM

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

TEEN HAPPENINGS AT BOYDEN LIBRARY



The year 2025 was a productive and enjoyable one for the teens of Foxborough and Boyden Library. There was plenty to appreciate as the teens continued to make full use of their space—whether playing Xbox, checking out book displays, or getting into Graphic Novels. They also contributed in many areas of the library, including the Teen Room, the Tinker Tank, and assisting Reference with various small tasks. A consistent highlight for them has been attending the programs sponsored by the Friends of Boyden Library. As the new year approaches, I look forward to continuing to grow with the support of the Friends and the teens of our community.

Thank you to the Friends for sponsoring so many valuable programs, school visits, and Tinker Tank projects.

Programs sponsored by the Friends of Boyden Library:

December

- Grinch Decoration Take & Make

January

- Crafty Teens: Beaded Succulents
- Paint Like Van Gogh with Dimple Shah

February

- Soul Speak Alchemy Box with Klassic Kreations
- Crafty Teens: Button Art

March

(All March programs are part of Boyden Library's Community Reads event: *The Art Thief* by Michael Finkel.)

- Crafty Teens: Modge Podge Story Board Canvas
- Teen March Take & Make: Glass Magnet Kit
- Faux Stained Glass with Rachelle
- After Hours Art Theft Mystery

Jennifir Huston, Teen Librarian

YOUTH SERVICES



We had a cozy, yet busy, Fall season in the Children's Room! Some highlights include:

- Reaction Marketing donated two family-four packs of tickets to see the Harry Potter and the Cursed Child play at the Emerson Colonial Theater in Boston. We held a ticket drawing during the month of November and had 83 patrons enter. The winners were very happy campers!
- We celebrated the Halloween season in the Youth Department with some special programs including a Clay Candy Corn Craft with Pop Up Art School, a ghost themed scavenger hunt, a Harvest Pumpkin Party with live music, and a

Monsters University event where kids could "enroll" as new monster students, complete hands-on activities, and graduate as Certified Monsters.

- We celebrated DINOvember with the DINOadventures Animal Experience which featured fossils, dinosaur skulls, velociraptor claws, as well as live monitor lizards, alligators, scorpions, birds, and snapping turtles.
- We hosted The Plimoth Patuxet Museum to put on their First Thanksgiving program where kids experienced the 1621 harvest feast through an interactive story and rotating centers with reproduction Wampanoag and Colonial objects.
- Light Uptown events - Magical Winter Lights with Jonah Knight (cultural significance of holiday lights all around the world with a touch of magic!), Tree Lighting Story Time, and a window suncatcher craft throughout the day.
- We partnered with Neighborhood Forest for their very first Fall Indoor Plant Program. 23 families signed up and received free succulent kits!

The Children's Department staff is so thankful for every family who walks through our doors, every book we've shared, and every program and resource that helps us strengthen our community together. We are looking forward to an amazing year in 2026!

Future Programs:

Children and their families can look forward to these upcoming programs happening in the Youth Department. For a full list of events, descriptions, and to register for programs please visit the Calendar on our website or visit the Youth Department.

Baby Rhyme Time (ages 0-12 months) - Mon, Jan 12 @ 10:30 am

Silly with Storytime (ages 3-5) - Tues, Jan 13 & 20 @ 10:30 am

Super Coders Club (ages 7-12) - Weds, Jan 14 @ 5 pm

Writers Workshop (ages 8-12) - Thurs, Jan 22 @ 5 pm

PAWS to Read with Parker the Therapy Dog (ages 5+) - Sat, Jan 24 @ 11 am

Clothespin Ski Doll Craft (ages 5-12) - Mon, Jan 26 @ 4 pm

Digital Escape Room: Antarctica Expedition (ages 7-12) - Weds, Jan 28 @ 5 pm

Sunday Concert Series: Music at the Blissful - Sun, Feb 15 @ 2 pm

Martell Magic Show (all ages) - Tues, Feb 17 @ 11 am

Emma Brelsford (she/her)

Senior Youth Services Librarian



Thank you to Friends Don and Marcia Jenkins for continuing to decorate the library's entryway for each season.

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See us at:

<http://www.boydenlibrary.org>



ADDITIONAL LIBRARY PARKING AVAILABLE

Spaces can be found:

- Around the Foxborough Town Common
- On Bird Street
- In the Schneider Lot
 - Intersection of Bird & Railroad Ave
 - Yellow striped spaces

Thank you for your cooperation.

