

October 2024



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:

Janice Rosado, President
Betsy Buckland, Vice President
Sue Collins, Secretary
Katherine Howard, Treasurer
Charles DiPompo
Lesleyann Foster
Sara Halton
Jennifer Linskey
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Bernadette Thie

FRIENDS OF BOYDEN LIBRARY

FALL BOOK SALE

THUR NOV 14	10AM - 8PM
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SAT NOV 16	10AM - 3PM

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Hope you all had an enjoyable summer and are ready to welcome in a new season. Fall is always a busy time for the Friends, many of the details of which you will find in this newsletter.

In preparation for our Fall Book Sale (Nov 14-16), the Friends will be holding a Book Donation Day on Saturday, Oct. 19th from 9-11am. We are especially looking for adult fiction published within the last 10 years, relevant non-fiction (please no cookbooks) and children's books. If you can't make our Book Donation Day, remember that our Friends' Donation Box is always available in the outer lobby when the library is open. Also, if you have a few hours Nov 13th (set-up) or Nov 14-16 to help with the sale, please reach out to us at boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com. Set up is always an adventure and you get a sneak preview!

The Friends will be holding a Fall Social on Oct 23rd at Union Straw. Please consider bringing a friend who is interested in joining the Friends of Boyden Library! Registration via the library website is required. Oh, and one more thing...keep an eye out in November for our Giving Tree; it's a great way to bring a little happiness to a member of our community.

This summer was a busy one for the library and the Friends were happy to support the various programs, including summer reading. The library staff does an amazing job offering a wide variety of activities for patrons of all ages. I would like to thank Sue, Katherine, Betsy and Bernadette, as well as their family members for all their help this summer with Founders Day and the Teddy Bear Picnic. Both events were well attended and a lot of fun. Also, thanks to Emma and Jennifir for supporting us in the parade and on the field, and for Renee for her Bluey appearance!

As always, thank you all for being a Friend of the library. We welcome you to join us at any of our regular meetings, held the first Wednesday of each month (Jan-Jun and Sep-Nov) at 7pm in the Community Room. As a Friend, your input is important to us, and we hope you will spread the word about who the Friends are and what we do to support the Boyden Library and the Foxborough community.

All the best,
Janice Rosado
President, Friends of Boyden Library

FROM THE DIRECTOR



The Boyden Library continues to be a thriving community hub! With wrapping up our fiscal year, which ended on June 30, I'm excited to share some highlights:

- Total visits to the library: 108,573 (up from 94,420 last year)
- Total circulation of physical materials: 130,386 (compared to 128,559 last year)
- Total programs: 527 with 8,082 total attendees (up from 357 programs with 5,127 attendees last year)

We also had an incredibly successful summer program, largely thanks to the generous support of the Friends of Boyden Library. They sponsored a variety of programs and provided prizes for participants of all ages this summer.

Additionally, we have several important updates to share with the community:

- Book Club Kits are now available for checkout! Each kit is designed to support your next book club meeting and includes five copies of the selected title, discussion questions, author information, and suggestions for similar reads. The current collection features the following titles:
 - *The Demon of Unrest: A Saga of Hubris, Heartbreak, and Heroism at the Dawn of the Civil War* by Erik Larson
 - *First Lie Wins* by Asley Elston
 - *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon
 - *Nora Goes Off Script* by Annabel Monaghan
 - *Real Americans* by Rachel Khong
- We've partnered with Ompractice to offer library cardholders free, unlimited access to online fitness and mindfulness classes. Explore a wide range of classes at a time that fits your schedule.
- In collaboration with MassDOT, Patriot Place, and the Boston Public Library, we've launched *Browse, Borrow, Board* at the Foxborough Commuter Rail. Patrons can browse an online catalog of eBooks and audiobooks, check them out, and enjoy them while commuting.
- Starting in October, Social Work intern Stephanie Neipris will hold office hours at the Boyden Library on Tuesdays from 4-6pm and Thursdays from 10am-12pm. She will offer assistance with information and referrals, benefits assistance, mental health and substance use resources, brief counseling, and more.

This Fall, we're really excited about the upcoming programs for adults and hope you'll join us:

Drop in Tech Help: October 24, November 21, and December 5 from 10:00am – 11:00am
 October 17, 7pm: Fantastic Fall Soups with Therapy Gardens
 October 18 and November 22, 10am: Zentangle
 October 21, 7pm: Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum Heist: Has Anybody Seen 500 Million in Art Lying Around? Talk with Bob Ainsworth
 October 22, 6:15pm: Cacti and Crystals with Klassic Kreations
 October 23, 11am: Tea & Talk (about books!)
 October 24, 12pm: Potluck Cookbook Lunch (Registration required)
 October 28, 7pm: The Ultimate Red Sox Presentation with Author Martin Gitlin
 November 2, Speed Friend Matching: 11am - 20–30-year-olds, 12pm - 30's and 40's, and 1pm for ages 50+
 November 3, 2pm: Hollow Turtle concert
 November 17, 2pm: Scott Sanchez concert
 November 19, 7pm: Spirits of the World with Dustin Pari

December 8, 2pm: Olde Towne Carolers concert
December 17, 6pm: Copper Ornament with Heather Beck

As always, I encourage you to stop by the Boyden Library or reach out to me directly at eoneill@sailsinc.org. Your feedback is invaluable, and I welcome any suggestions to help enhance the library's services.

Thank you,
Libby O'Neill



Friends Fall Social

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23rd 7:00-9:00 PM
Union Straw Mechanic St., Foxboro

The Friends invite you to join us for a Fall Social in appreciation of your ongoing support. This event will take place in the private room at Union Straw. The Friends will provide an assortment of appetizers.


As a thank you, all current members will receive one drink ticket good for a glass of wine, beer or non-alcoholic beverage. A cash bar will be available. Members who attend will be entered into a drawing for several door prizes.

Members are welcome to bring a guest who may be interested in hearing more about what the Friends do. We will have membership forms for anyone wanting to join, which will be good through December 2025.

Registration is required as space is limited. Register at boydenlibrary.org under the Events tab.

Friends of Boyden Library

BOOK DRIVE




Volunteers will be curbside to assist with donations

Saturday, October 19
9am - 11am

Donated materials should be in gently used condition and will be offered for sale at the Fall Book Sale

All proceeds benefit library programming



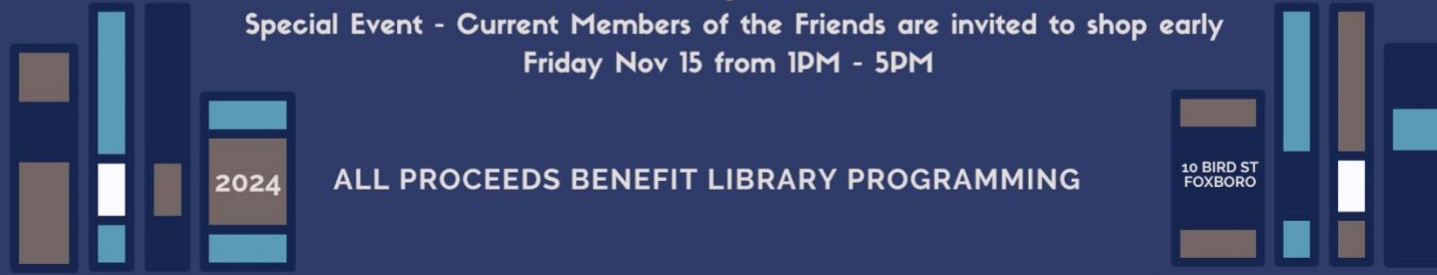
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\$5 FILL-A-BAG SALE
Saturday Nov 16

Special Event - Current Members of the Friends are invited to shop early
Friday Nov 15 from 1PM - 5PM



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ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LIBRARY PROGRAMMING



Changes to the Board

Congratulations to Sara Halton on her election to the Trustees of the Library in May. She was elected as a new Trustee, as was Paul Ivanovskis. Sara has stepped down as Treasurer and will stay on as a member-at-large until the next Board election. Thank you to Katherine Howard for stepping up and taking over as Treasurer.

Welcome New Friends

Louis Brigado & Cristina Munoz Campillo
Stephen Butera
Jean Coombs
Patrick Drew
Donna Fuda
Greg Kayata
Chang Liu
Dan & Laurel McGinn
Emma O'Leary

Terry Orechia
Jason & Amy Rivard
Stephanie Ross
Meaghan Scollins
Erinne Silver
Renee Spinner
Stephanie Walsh
Nancy Weinrauch

Donation to the Friends

In the spring, the Friends received a contribution of \$1,250 from Citizens Wealth Management on behalf of one of their colleagues, Nilo Rodrigues, in recognition of her sales excellence and exceptional service. This year, Citizens will donate over \$197,000 to 82 charitable organizations on their colleagues' behalf to show their commitment to local communities.

Pictured is Janice, President of the Friends, accepting the donation from Nilo and her family at the Friends' May meeting.

Congratulations and thank you, Nilo!



In Memoriam

As many of you are aware, Foxboro and the Friends lost a dear friend, Chief Ed O'Leary, this summer. The Friends have received many wonderful donations in his name. These donations will be used to purchase Ed's favorite type of book, mystery and suspense novels. If you enjoy this type of book, please read one for Ed.

FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION



Bluey stopped by the library for picture taking before the parade.



Librarians Emma and Jennifer and volunteers marched in the parade, with their “Libraries are for Everyone” wagons.



At the Friends table after the parade, families stopped by to enjoy free lollipops and temporary tattoos, buy Children’s books and tote bags, make donations to the Friends, and play lawn games with Emma and Jennifer.

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC



Sue and Bernadette enjoyed representing the Friends at the annual Teddy Bear Picnic on the Common in July. They sold Children’s books and danced to the band along with the large crowd.

Families danced with Emma to the sounds of the Rolie Polie Guacamole Band at the Teddy Bear Picnic.



Prison Book Program

The mission of the Prison Book Program is “to support people in prison by sending them free books and reading materials that meet their specific needs and interests”. The Friends regularly support this program by donating books at the end of our book sales. Below are excerpts from a thank you letter from Lee, a volunteer with the program, as well as letters from recipients of these donations.

Dear Lesleyann,

Many, many thanks again to you and the Friends of the Boyden Library for your wonderful donation of books to the Prison Book Program at the end of the sale last weekend. While you worried that the tables were depleted, when I found the box of William Johnstone westerns, my heart did a flip-flop! Westerns are regularly in demand, but we don't get many donations; when we do, they're often in extremely worn condition. So, your good-quality westerns were a terrific find. I also found fantasy, horror, and sci-fi, plus self-help, Islam, money management, and more. The large-print books you had were terrific as well, as we've been getting more requests for large print over the past year.

So, please accept my thanks for another really valuable donation to the Prison Book Program and its readers in prison. You could not be kinder or more welcoming. Don't books just bring out the best in people?? 😊

Warm thanks,
Lee

I sincerely appreciate your help in providing me books. I have been locked-up behind a door for a lot of years and don't have family or funds to help me with literature and it means a lot to me because I have almost nothing in my life to look forward to and no one I can depend on in my life anymore but you guys have been there for me during some dark and loney times and never refused to send me something. Thanks from the bottom of my heart!

Thank You So Much
Andrew [REDACTED]
44567 [REDACTED]
P.O. Box 7000
Seagoville TX, 75159-9000
10 years no mail of any kind

When I found myself incarcerated, I rediscovered my love for books. I read to escape the confines of a jail cell and the monotony of life behind bars. The more I read, the more I wanted to read. The more I learned, the more questions I had. Everytime I opened a book, I was opening my mind - to new ideas, new considerations and new possibilities.

The power of the written word is the connection it makes between minds, the ability to view the world through a new perspective - even if it is similar to yours. I have long been interested in history, sociology and politics, but over the past few years I have also been profoundly moved by the philosophy and reality that can be observed in fiction.

TEEN HAPPENINGS AT BOYDEN LIBRARY



Summer reading for the teens was eventful, with forty-four sign ups, up from fifteen last year, and 23,705 logged minutes, compared to last year's 7687! I want to thank the Friends of Boyden Library for sponsoring many of the fun prizes, such as three fidget pens, 3D Doodler Pen, and the most popular prize of all: a Podcast Bundle Kit for 2.

The Friends of Boyden Library sponsored one of the most fun programs thus far, Cupcake Wars with ConnectED & Inspired of Milford, MA. Teens were given 5 cupcakes each, and with each cupcake challenged in a span of a couple of minutes to decorate the cupcake. In addition to Cupcake Wars, the Friends sponsored Felted Rainbow Patches with Pop Up Art School, Escape Room for teens and adults, as well as Tarot Readings with Grimm Goddess and Crafty Teens: Make a Fall Banner in

September. The Friends are also sponsoring fun giveaways for October school visits to Foxborough High School, Ahern Middle School, and Foxborough Charter School.

Upcoming programs:

October 22: Cacti & Crystals with Klassic Kreation, two sessions, one for Teens and one for Adults

January 7: Crafty Teens: Chinese Lanterns in honor of Chinese New Year

January 15: Oreo Taste Test

January 18: Dance Movement with Katelyn Cramer

February 1: Aromatherapy with Klassic Kreation, two sessions, one for Teens and one for Adults

February 10: Crafty Teens: Shadow Boxes

Jennifir Huston, Teen Librarian

YOUTH SERVICES



The **2024 Summer Reading Program: Read, Renew, Repeat** was a huge success! We had 341 children sign up for the program, with Babies-age 4 logging 2,909 books and ages 5-12 logging over 189,909 minutes of reading. For prizes this year, kids could earn up to 5 Croc charms to add to a silicone bracelet, which ended up being very popular. They could also enter our special prize drawings for gift cards and free tickets that local businesses and organizations such as Ice Cream Beach Club, Ally's Cookies, One Up Games, Xtreme Craze, and many more donated to the library. We would like to give a big shout out to the Friends for sponsoring the following programs that were extremely fun, creative,

and educational:

- One Up Games - Indoor Mini Golf
- Flying High Frisbee Dogs
- Didgeridoo Down Under - Australian music performance
- Talewise Science Heroes "Adventure of the Lost Treasure" - STEM demonstration
- Records & Burpee Traveling Zoo Show
- Teddy Bear Picnic - Rolie Polie Guacamole Band
- Pop Up Art School - Clay Campfire Candle Holders
- Ecotarium Museum of Science & Nature - Mission Earth & Space

Department updates:

- We are thrilled to announce the launch of *LOTE4Kids*, a database of children's eBooks and audiobooks in various world languages. Each book within the *LOTE4Kids* collection is paired with English translations to enhance language learning and comes available in many formats, including bilingual editions and interactive flipbooks. The platform offers thousands of books in over 65 languages, with 150-200 new books and new languages added monthly. You can access *LOTE4Kids* on our website and through their app with just your library card number!
- We welcomed Holly, our newest Children's Library Assistant, to our team! She is an avid reader, artist, and always knows just the right picture book to recommend to our younger patrons. She is looking forward to adding more arts and crafts programs to our calendar. We're so excited to have her here!

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.

- DIY Halloween Mask (ages 4+) - Sat, Oct 12 from 1-3:30 pm
- Graphic Novel Book Club (ages 7-12) - Weds, Oct 16 & Nov 13 @ 4 pm
- Strange Science (ages 7-12) - Weds, Oct 23 @ 4 pm, Weds, Nov 27 @ 3 pm
- Silly w. Story Time (ages 3-5) - Mon, Oct 7 & 28, Nov 4 & 25 @ 10:30 am
- Mother's Support Group - Tues, Oct 15, 29, Nov 12 @ 10:30 am
- Kids Paint Night (ages 7-12) - Mon, Oct 21 @ 4 pm
- Massively Massive Masks (ages 8-12) - Tues, Oct 22 @ 3:30 pm
- Mike Bent's Spooky Kooky Halloween Show (all ages) - Sun, Oct 27 @ 2pm
- Trick or Treat thru the Library! - Weds, Oct 30 from 4 pm-6 pm
- Paws to Read w/ Parker the Therapy Dog (ages 4-12) - Sat, Oct 12 & 26 @ 11 am
- Playful Engineers Traveling Makerspace (ages 5+) - Sat, Nov 9 @ 2:30 pm
- Baby Sign Language Party (ages 5 months- 25 months) - Tues, Nov 19, 26, Dec 3 @ 10:30 am

Emma Brelsford (she/her)
Senior Youth Services Librarian

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

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