

January 2025



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  
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Bernadette Thie

## Annual Friends Meeting

Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 7 p.m.  
Community Meeting Room - Boyden Library

All are welcome!!

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year. I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are now taking some time to relax. For me, January is officially “me time” month. An opportunity to reflect on the past year and make some plans for the future. I found a couple of quotes to help out:

“Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.” - Albert Einstein

“Go confidently in the direction of your dreams.” - Henry David Thoreau

January is the start of our annual membership drive. For your convenience, an envelope is provided with this newsletter for submitting your dues. You may also pay using PayPal or Venmo - just look for the Friends tab under “About Us” on the library website. We hope, not only that you will continue to support the Friends with your dues, but also that you will come and enjoy the programs being provided. 2025 is shaping up to be a great year as we team with the library staff to bring in a number of new programs and resources. The library newsletter is a great way to keep up with all the offerings.

I am very happy to report that the Friends made over \$5700 between book sales and memberships during our November sale. Keep an eye out for our book donation and spring sale dates. We have already started collecting donations and our sorting team works year-round to ensure we have materials that are in great condition and provide a diverse and plentiful selection. Revenue from our book sales and membership drive help supplement the library budget and expand services to the community.

Our monthly meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month (Sep-Nov and Jan-Jun) at 7 p.m. in the Community Room. All our meetings are open to the public and we are always looking for new ideas. Please join us if you are interested in hearing more about what we do and sharing any thoughts you have. This year our annual meeting will be held on February 5<sup>th</sup> which will include elections for a number of Board positions.

In closing, I wish you good health and much happiness in the new year and thank you for being a Friend. Hope to see you at the library!

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

## FROM THE DIRECTOR



2024 was an incredible year for the Boyden Library! We surpassed our goals by expanding our program offerings for patrons of all ages, hosting an impressive 188 programs for adults, 78 for teens, and 376 for children and families. This achievement would not have been possible without the dedication and passion of our library staff, who worked tirelessly to create engaging and enriching opportunities for the community. We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Friends of Boyden Library for their generous support, which played a pivotal role in making many of these programs possible.

As we embark on 2025, Boyden Library proudly continues to serve as a vibrant, inclusive community hub – providing all patrons free access to resources and fostering connections through impactful programs and services. This year, we would like to announce several

notable initiatives, including:

1. Partnering with the Mass Center for the Book 2025 Reading Challenge. If interested in participating, please visit: <https://www.massbook.org/readingchallenge-1>
2. Hosting another Community Reads series in March with the title *The Cliffs* by J. Courtney Sullivan.
3. Continuing to offer social worker office hours with Stephanie Neipris on Tuesdays from 4:00-6:00pm and Thursdays from 10:00am – 12:00pm. Stephanie is available to support patrons with a wide range of needs, including benefits assistance, access to mental health and substance use resources, brief counseling, or even simply providing a friendly chat if needed!
4. Implementing two new online resources:
  - i. Ompractice – offering cardholders unlimited, free access to over 100 live camera-on yoga, tai chi, fitness and mindfulness classes to help reduce stress, improve flexibility, get strong, and age well - at times that work for you.
  - ii. Library Chef - your go-to platform for fun cooking experiences for adults, kids, and teens! With your Boyden Library card, you can dive into live, online cooking classes, exciting recipes, and more.

To create free accounts with Ompractice and Library Chef, please visit our Online Resources page at <https://boydenlibrary.org/online-resources-1>

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

Tea & Talk (about books!), 11:00am: January 8, 22, and February 5

January 13, 6:30pm Sound Healing Workshop

January 16, 6:30pm Retirement – Making Your Money Last with Chad Bearce

January 24 and February 21, 10:00am Zentangle

January 18, 3:00pm Moms Afternoon Out – Spa Day & Mingle

January 21, 5:00pm Virtual presentation with AAA: What's Current in Electric Vehicles

January 23, 11:00am True Crime Podcast Discussion Group

January 26, 2:00pm The Dirty Martinis Duo concert

January 28, 6:00pm Block Printing on Tea Towels – Art Workshop

January 30, 6:30pm Paint by Numbers Event

February 1, 2:00pm Aromatherapy with Kim Larkin

February 3, 7:00pm Take a Journey Through One of the World's Most Unique Cities: Venice, Italy with Matt Davis

February 9, 2:00pm England – The Cotswolds, Cornwall and Devon – A Garden Tour with Joanne Pearson

February 12, 6:30pm “Life in A Word” Virtual Workshop with Ronni Hochman  
February 13, 6:30pm Craft Night with Traci

**Save the date:** Community Reads author J. Courtney Sullivan will be speaking at the Boyden Library on the evening of Tuesday, March 18.

Warmest wishes to you and your family for a joyful and healthy New Year! The Boyden Library is your place to discover, explore and connect – stop by to browse our collections and experience all the wonderful opportunities the library has to offer!

Thank you,  
Libby O’Neill

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## 2025 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS NOW DUE

The Friends of Boyden Library 2025 Membership Drive has begun! Thirty percent of our income in 2024 came from membership dues and monetary donations. Joining or renewing membership is an integral part of the Friends’ success.

Your financial support helped sponsor a variety of programs in 2024. These included passes for the Museum of Science, discounted tickets to the Southwick Zoo, and one Wifi hotspot. The Friends sponsored Adult programs and concerts, programs for the Teen department, and Children’s programs and prizes for the Summer Reading Program. The Friends also supported craft supplies for the Adult, Teen, and Childrens departments.

We hope you and your families were able to enjoy some of these offerings in 2024. The Library staff is busy planning more exciting programs for 2025.

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](http://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 2024 - February 2025 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](mailto:boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com). We always need volunteers.

## ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of Boyden Library will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, 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

Jane Atwell  
Lori Capone  
Colin Hanley  
Mary Hayes  
Joan Keohane  
Carol Lyon  
Steve McCann

Sheila Peterson  
Genna Robbins  
Phoebe Sanborn  
Suzanne Sobol Case  
J Stevens  
Lorraine Tang  
Mihai Tripp

## Fall Social



Board members Janice, Betsy B., Sue, Katherine, and Betsy L. relax after another successful Fall Social. Held at Union Straw in October, a lot of people enjoyed good food, great service, and pleasant conversations.

## GRATEFUL

The Friends of Boyden Library Fall Book Sale was another successful event, raising over \$5,000. We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the members of our community who generously donated an extensive assortment of quality books and media. We also remain grateful to our volunteers who collected, sorted, boxed, moved and sold thousands of books. Your time, energy and dedication made it all possible!

## GIVING TREE and HOLIDAY BOOK DRIVE

The Friends of Boyden Library would like to thank everyone who participated in the annual Giving Tree and Holiday Book Drive. Over 73 wish list items for Foxboro children were donated by generous patrons and were distributed to local families.


A huge thank you to everyone involved, including patrons who donated gifts and the library staff who oversaw the gift collection. Your participation and generosity is appreciated!



## Mark your calendars ...

FRIENDS OF BOYDEN LIBRARY

Donate Books  
March 22 & April 26  
10am – 12pm



Volunteers will be curbside | 10 Bird St, Foxboro, MA

FRIENDS OF BOYDEN LIBRARY

**SPRING BOOK SALE**

Save the Dates

THUR MAY 8	10AM - 8PM
FRI MAY 9	10AM - 5PM
SAT MAY 10	10AM - 3PM

We continue to accept "like-new" book donations at the Boyden Library. The collection bin is located in the entry way. For more information please contact us by email at [boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com](mailto:boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com).

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LIBRARY PROGRAMMING  
BOYDEN LIBRARY | 10 BIRD ST, FOXBORO, MA



## **TEEN HAPPENINGS AT BOYDEN LIBRARY**



It has been an exciting year for the teens at Boyden Library and much of it could not have happened without the support of The Friends of Boyden Library.

Two of my weekly teen volunteers aided the Friends in setting up and taking down a very successful book sale. The two teens, one of whom contributes monthly to the Teen Newsletter, had a blast and loved being able to participate in an amazing endeavor.

I want to thank the Friends for all their support and contributions to the October school visits and providing fun giveaways while I share all resources available to the teens of Boyden Library and Foxborough.

As we move into the colder months, it is time to plan upcoming fun programs sponsored by the Friends. January will bring Dance Movement with Katelyn Cramer incorporating therapeutic dance inspired by celebrities such as Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce. We will be crafting Dream Pillows, Healing Salts, and Deconstructed Soaps with Kim Larkin of Klassic Kreations in February.

I will be leading a Cricut demonstration and shadow box class for teens and adults, also sponsored by the Friends in February. It is a great introduction into one aspect of what is possible in a Boyden Library Makerspace.

Jennifir Huston, Teen Librarian

## YOUTH SERVICES



We had a wonderful Fall season in the Children's Department! We participated in Inktober which is a 31-day drawing challenge. We came up with the daily prompts, provided the necessary materials in packets, and participants posted their art to Padlet every day. Some other October highlights included Storytime with a Foxboro Firefighter, Mike Bent's Spooktacular Magic Show, and our Trick or Treat through the Library & Costume Contest to celebrate Halloween.

We also had another child-led program called Ballet w/ Beckett where Beckett, a patron of ours who is in 6th grade and an avid dancer, taught kids ages 4-7 the basics of ballet. She did an amazing job leading the group and made it so fun for

the little ones!

We celebrated election season in the department with our very own book character election as well as a president's scavenger hunt. Kids could choose if they wanted Dog Man or Captain Underpants to be the Children's Room President and put their decision in the ballot box. Dog Man won with flying colors! We celebrated Light Uptown at the end of November with a craft in the children's room as well as a story time that night in the middle of all the festivities.

We are excited to announce the launch of Fiero Code, our new self-paced learn-to-code software program for kids ages 8-18. Through fun and engaging tutorials and projects, Fiero Code teaches kids coding languages - such as HTML, Python and JavaScript - that they can use to build their own websites, video games, apps and more. All you need is your library card number to sign up! Available on our website under "Kids Online Resources".

Thank you to our amazing patrons for utilizing the library and coming to our programs. We appreciate you all and can't wait for you to see what we have in store for the New Year!

### Programs to look forward to:

Kids Winter Watercolor Night (ages 7-12) - Mon, Jan 13 @ 4 pm

Morse Code Bracelets (ages 8-12) - Tues, Jan 14 @ 3:30 pm

Strange Science (ages 6-12) - Weds, Jan 15 @ 4 pm

Moms Afternoon Out (spa day & mingle) - Sat, Jan 18 @ 3 pm \*Sponsored by the Friends

Preschool Picassos (ages 3-5) - Tues, Jan 21 @ 3:30 pm

Super Coders Club (ages 7-12) - Weds, Jan 22, Feb 19, Mar 19 @ 6 pm

Build & Topple Domino's Challenge - Thurs, Jan 23 @ 4 pm

Crafting w/ Miss Karen: Chinese Zodiac Movable Snake (ages 8-12) - Tues, Jan 28 @ 3:30 pm

Dog Man Trivia & Party (ages 6+) - Weds, Jan 29 @ 4 pm \*Sponsored by the Friends

Graphic Novel Book Club (ages 7-12) - Weds, Feb 5 @ 4 pm

Sammy Starts Soccer Author Visit - Rachel Calabrese of ConfiKids (ages 5+) - Sat, Feb 15 @ 11 am

Small Singers & Shakers w/ Miss Stacy (ages 0-5) - Sat, Feb 8, Mar 1, Apr 5 @ 11 am

Baby Sign Language w/ Baby Kneads (ages 5 months-25 months) - Mon, Mar 24, 31, Apr 7 @ 10:30 am

\*Sponsored by the Friends

Emma Brelsford (she/her)

Senior Youth Services Librarian

"I always felt if I can get to a library, I'll be okay." – Maya Angelou

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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.

