

Spring 2023



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  
Sara Halton, Treasurer  
Charles DiPompo  
Lesleyann Foster  
Katherine Howard  
Don Jenkins  
Jennifer Linskey  
Colleen McManus  
Margi Rossetti  
Bernadette Thie  
Diane Monahan (Emeritus)



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Welcome spring! Are you with me in looking forward to warmer temperatures, longer daylight hours, flowers, budding trees and green grass? I cannot wait to get our garden planted and spend more time outdoors. Whatever your plans I hope the weather cooperates.

The library has recently hired Emma Brelsford as our new Children Services Librarian. In addition to her formal credentials, Emma brings with her a wealth of ideas and an abundance of enthusiasm. I wish to welcome Emma and look forward to working with her.

I would like to thank those who took the time to fill out our online survey. Based on the feedback we received, we are planning a spring social for Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm and a fall social on Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 pm. We will have refreshments, door prizes and an opportunity to share your thoughts on what library resources you would like to see the Friends provide.

Mark your calendars: the Friends Spring Book Sale will be held May 11-13<sup>th</sup>; details are provided in this newsletter. We will be running some Mother's Day specials, so if you need a last-minute gift for Mom come by and see us. Thanks to all of you who have made donations and thanks to our team of volunteers who have worked endless hours to collect and sort donations in preparation for our sale.

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 Wed of each month (Jan-Jun and Sep-Nov) at 7 p.m. in the Community Room. As a friend your input is important to us.

In closing I found this funny little sign from a Friends group: "We Need Friends. Seriously". Well, the Friends of Boyden could certainly use more members, so if you know of someone who might be interested, please encourage them to join. The more Friends we have the better we can serve the community.

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

## FROM THE DIRECTOR



What a wonderful Spring and Summer we've got planned at the Boyden Library for our patrons!

Now that the Library is fully staffed with our new Senior Youth Services Librarian, our goal is to focus on expanding program offerings to all residents and enhance our presence in the community. Be sure to look for us at various events like the Farmers Markets, Founders Day, and National Night Out.

We're also very excited to announce a new service starting this Spring at Boyden: A Seed Lending Library! Patrons will be able to check out seed packets to plant at home, and then harvest some seeds at the end of the growing season to return to the library for next year. This program is intended to get more people interested in gardening, develop a network of seed savers, and encourage preservation of heirloom seeds and gene integrity.

In addition, we will be expanding our Library of Things Collection, and suggestions for purchase are welcome! If you have an idea for a Library of Things item, please email me at [honeill@sailsinc.org](mailto:honeill@sailsinc.org).

This May and June, we have a whole list of exciting programs for adults:

May 10, 7:00pm: Recipes from a French Bistro: a virtual cook-along workshop with Liz Barbour

May 15, 6:30pm: Planning for Medicare

May 16, 7:00pm: Travel Talk on the Basque region with Jeff Klapes

May 22, 6:00pm: Stay Fit! Bollywood Style on the Town Common

June 1, 8, 15, and 22, 7:00pm: Yoga with the YMCA

June 27, 7:00pm: A Garden Walk with Eleanor Roosevelt

June 29, 6:30pm: Craft Night with Traci

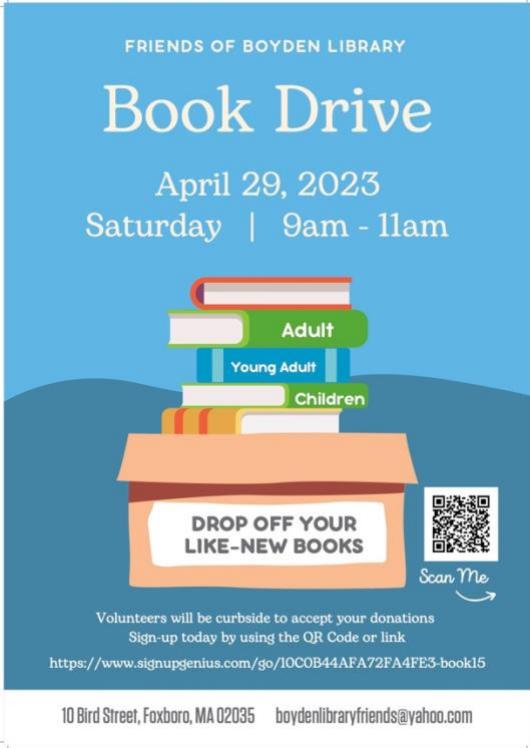
Also, please stay tuned for more details on our Reading Bingo Challenge that will be offered to adults again this summer!

Looking to the future, it is a certainty that libraries will continue to reinvent themselves in order to stay relevant and engaging, while meeting the needs of each patron. We will soon be creating a new Strategic Plan for the Boyden Library that will serve as a blueprint for service enhancements over the next five years, setting the course for the future based on the trends, needs, and wants of library patrons.

In the next couple of months, we will be requesting feedback on our collections, programs and services through a survey which will be available to the public online and in print at the library. This will be a great opportunity to voice your opinions, suggestions and wish lists for your local library and we want to hear from everyone!

I look forward to interacting with the entire community in an open and transparent manner and I both welcome and value your opinions. Please feel free to drop by and discuss how the Boyden Library can better serve the public!

Thank you,  
Libby O'Neill



**FRIENDS SPRING and FALL SOCIALS**

Please join us at the Friends’ socials in May and October in the Community Room! This will be an opportunity for all our members and their guests to share their thoughts on how the Friends can best serve the community. Light refreshments will be available and there will be door prizes. Please register on the library website so we can get a headcount for refreshments.

**Spring Social: Thursday, May 4th 1-3 pm** Community Room  
 Our Mother's Day discounted membership and Friends gift cards will be available for purchase.

**Fall Social: Thursday, October 19th 7-8:30 pm** Community Room

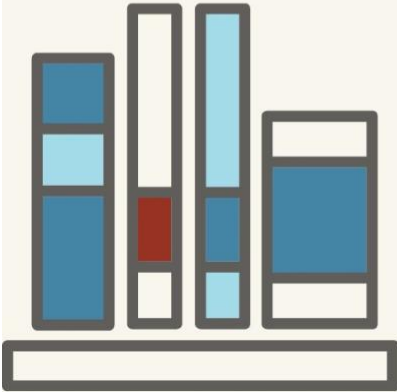


The new Friends of Boyden Library \$10 Gift Card is now available for purchase at the Circulation Desk of Boyden Library. Gift cards can be used at any of our book shops, book sales, and on tote or grocery bags. Cost is \$10.

FRIENDS OF BOYDEN LIBRARY

# SPRING BOOK SALE DATES

THURSDAY MAY 11	10AM - 8PM
FRIDAY MAY 12	10AM - 5PM
SATURDAY MAY 13	10AM - 3PM

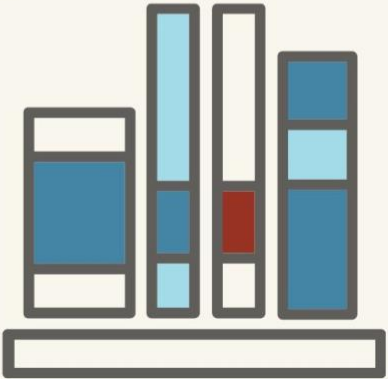


### Special Event - \$5 BAG SALE

General Public - Saturday  
Members of the Friends early entrance - Fri 3PM - 5PM

**Donations are still being accepted!**

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LIBRARY PROGRAMMING



FRIENDS OF BOYDEN LIBRARY

# SPRING BOOK SALE

**\$5 FILL-A-BAG SALE**  
**MEMBER EARLY ACCESS**

**FRI MAY 12 | 3PM - 5PM**

Active Paid Members are invited to  
shop before the general public



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## Mother's Day Specials

Does your mom love the library? Love to read?

The Friends will be offering the following Mother's Day specials at our May 11-13 Book Sale:

- Friends \$10 gift cards will be available to members for \$8; gift cards can be used at our Spring and Fall Book Sales and our ongoing book shops. They can also be used to purchase Friends tote bags.
- A combination Friends membership and \$10 gift card can be purchased for \$25 (a \$30 value)
- We will also have a limited number of Mother's Day gift sets which will include a wrapped, gently used surprise book, \$10 gift card, teabag and bookmark – all for \$10 (a \$15 value)

In addition, from May 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> we will be doing a giveaway on Facebook to support all the wonderful moms out there. Enter to win a drawing for a \$10 gift card to Sweetness and Honey Bakery, located at 46 Central Street, Foxboro. Sponsored by the Friends of Boyden Library.

What you need to do to win:

- Like our Friends of the Boyden Library Facebook Page
  - Like the giveaway post
  - Tag 1 of your favorite Mom's out there
- Winner will be chosen Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.



**Southwick's  
ZOO**

FRIENDS OF BOYDEN LIBRARY IS OFFERING  
**DISCOUNT TICKETS**  
AVAILABLE FOR BOYDEN LIBRARY PATRONS

**\$25 per ticket**

Maximum of 4 tickets per purchase  
Ticket sales are non-refundable & offer expires on 10/31/23  
Purchase at the circulation desk  
Payment methods include:  
Checks payable to Friends of Boyden Library  
or cash (for the exact amount, please)

Visit [www.southwickszoo.com](http://www.southwickszoo.com)  
for 2023 Visitor information.



## 2023 FRIENDS BOARD

Congratulations to our new Board! Elections were held at our Annual Meeting in February.



*Pictured in front row, left to right – Janice Rosado, Betsy Buckland, Sara Halton, and Sue Collins. Back row, left to right – Margi Rossetti, Katherine Howard, Bernadette Thie, Lesleyann Foster, Colleen McManus, and Charles DiPompo. Not pictured: Jen Linskey and Don Jenkins.*

### Executive Committee

President – Janice Rosado  
Vice President – Betsy Buckland  
Secretary – Sue Collins  
Treasurer – Sara Halton

Book Sale – Lesleyann Foster  
Media/PR – Jen Linskey  
Membership – Don Jenkins

### Chair Positions

Book Shop – Margi Rossetti  
Newsletter – Bernadette Thie

### Members At-Large

Charles DiPompo  
Colleen McManus  
Katherine Howard

We are happy to welcome Katherine Howard to the Board. We'd also like to thank Dave Crimmins and Jennifer Ooi for their service on the Board. Jen left the Board so she could devote more time supporting the library as a Trustee. Dave retired from the Board after serving in a variety of roles over many years. Among his roles were Treasurer, Newsletter Chair, Vice President and President. Jen and Dave, you are both missed!

## Welcome New Friends 2023

Bill and Ellen Bender  
Marissa Carroll  
Ashley Clement  
Alicia Haddad and John Brownlie  
Katherine Howard  
Jamie Kuenzel  
Chao Lei  
Christine and Richard Leslie  
Judy and Alan Lipsky  
Mary Marshall

Amanda McNamee  
Elizabeth McQuaid  
Ramonita Pangan  
Richard Robinson  
Maureen Ryan  
Mark Schuster  
Patricia Stevens  
Jill and David Swanton  
Aaron Swartz  
Sheila Sweeney

## Membership Raffle Winner



Congratulations to John Mahoney, our membership raffle winner this year! John received a Friends tote bag filled with books, a Friends gift card, and other goodies. Pictured with John are his two children, and membership chair Don Jenkins (left). Thank you to all our Friends!

## Amazon Smile

As you may know, Amazon Smile was discontinued in February of this year. Thanks to all who participated in this free program over the years, the Friends of Boyden Library received over \$1100 from this program through 2022 at no cost to the Friends or the participants. Thank you to all who participated!

## Welcome Spring



Thank you to the Friends' own Don and Marcia Jenkins for decorating the library's entryway for the season.

## Founders Day Booth



I'm sure you are all looking forward to Founders Day on Saturday, June 10! Once again, the Friends will have a booth on the field. We always attract children & teens with free lollipops & temporary tattoos! Come and browse through the Children's books we will have for sale. Softcover books are 2/\$1 & hardcovers are \$1. You can also enter a drawing for a Kid-themed basket of goodies!

So, after the Parade, come down & see what you can find! We'll have lots of information about Boyden Library events & lots of information about what the Friends are all about! And library staff members will be there to greet you & answer questions.

## Save the Dates

There's a lot coming up with the Friends, so here's a recap:

- April 29 - Book Drive
- May 1–12 - Mother's Day Facebook giveaway
- May 4 – Spring Social
- May 11–13 – Book Sale
- June 10 – Founder's Day
- October 19 – Fall Social



## TEEN HAPPENINGS AT BOYDEN LIBRARY



Growth continues to occur in the world of Boyden Library Teens! Two teen volunteers are working on creating the first official Makerspace. All the furniture and Xbox have arrived! We are in the process of adding Xbox and PS4 games to be made available for circulation! The Japan Boston Society and Table for Two with sponsorship from the Friends taught our teens how to make Onigiri, Japanese Rice Balls, which were tasty!

I have been awarded a \$1000.00 scholarship to pay for travel and hotel to attend the ALA Conference in Chicago this summer from the New Members Roundtable.

The next few months we have some exciting programs for teens:

- April 21: Earth Day Air Plants – making magnetic air plant containers from paper towel rolls, duct and washi tape
- May 5: Teen Advisory Board
- May 13: Teen Book Club (*The Getaway* by Lamar Giles)
- May 18: Henna with Shruthi (Sponsored by the Friends)
- May 25: Manage Teen Stress (Sponsored by the Friends)
- June 1: Teen Advisory Board
- June 2: Ventriloquist Kevin Driscoll
- June 10: Teen Book Club (*Black was the Ink* by Michelle Coles)
- June 16: Art with Miss Mehta
- June 21: Crafty Teens: Faux Stained Glass Cubes
- July 8: Maya Saturn - local band with student from FHS who is the lead singer. (Sponsored by the Friends)

I am proud to share that I have seven teen volunteers who have proven to be a great help to me, and I have been building a wonderful relationship with them. I am proud of all they have accomplished.

Jennifir Huston, Teen Librarian

## YOUTH SERVICES

Hello Boyden Library patrons! My name is Emma Brelsford and I am your new Youth Services Librarian. I grew up going to library storytimes and would accompany my mom to her job cleaning a local library after hours (every book nerd's dream!) where I would find a spot and read for hours. I fell in love with books at a very young age and knew early on that I wanted to be a librarian. I have worked in libraries for over 10 years now; my last two jobs being the Youth Services Librarian at the West Warwick Library and Narragansett Library in RI and am so excited to be starting this new adventure with you all. I am extremely passionate about children's literature, creating a safe space for all youth and their families, and engaging the community with educational and FUN programming.



Some goals that I have for the department are adding diverse and inclusive materials to the collection, as well as introducing a separate Tween fiction section, providing more STEAM programs such as a monthly Strange Science club and Preschool Picassos class, and collaborating with local organizations to enhance our sense of community here in Foxboro. Feel free to come say hi, email me at [ebrelsford@sailsinc.org](mailto:ebrelsford@sailsinc.org), or call me at 508-543-1246.

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

**May 2023**

- Jammies Story Time (ages 0-5) -- Weds, May 3, 17, 31 @ 6:30 pm
- May the Fourth Be With You Scavenger Hunt (all ages) -- Thurs, May 4 all day
- Silly with Story Time (ages 3-5) -- Mons, May 8, 15, 22 @ 10:30 am
- Drop in STEM (ages 6+) -- Tues, May 9 & 23 from 3-7 pm
- Graphic Novel Book Club (ages 8-12) -- Wed, May 10 @ 4 pm
- Mother's Day Painting (ages 8-12) -- Thurs, May 11 @ 5:30 pm
- Strange Science (gr. 2-5) -- Thurs, May 25 @ 3:45 pm
- Preschool Picassos (ages 3-5) -- Tues, May 30 @ 3:30 pm
- Paws to Read with Therapy Dog Cooper (ages 5-8) -- Sat, May 13 & 27 @ 11 am



**Summer Reading 2023: Find Your Voice! Mon, June 26 - Fri, Aug 11**

This year's 6-week summer reading program is all about using our voices to share stories, express ourselves, and spark change. We will be offering Beanstack to our participants, an easy-to-use website/app where kids ages 0-12 can track their reading and activities over the summer to earn digital badges and real rewards. The first 100 kids (ages 6-12) to sign up will receive a fun goodie bag! When you reach certain milestones on Beanstack, you will get to come to the library to pick a prize from the treasure chest. Examples of prizes are rubber ducks, fidget toys, brain games, squishies, mini plushies, slime, and much more! Each week we will be holding drawings that you will be entered into whenever you log your reading and activities. We would like to thank Tree Top Adventures, XTreme Craze, Children's Museum of Easton, and Dairy Queen for their generous donations to be used in our drawings this summer. Please go to our website [www.boydenlibrary.org](http://www.boydenlibrary.org) or visit the Youth Department for an updated list of donors and a full events calendar. Scan the QR code above to register on Beanstack on June 26! *(Programming sponsored in part by the Friends of Boyden Library)*

**SRP 2023 Programs (more to come!) - Register for programs by visiting the calendar on our website**

- Summer Reading Kickoff Event: Mike the Bubble Man (all ages) -- Mon, Jun 26 @ 11 am
- Chain Reactions (ages 5+) -- Thurs, Jun 29 @10:30 am
- Wild World of Reptiles with The Joys of Nature (all ages) -- Fri, Jul 7 @ 11 am
- One Up Games Virtual Reality Event (ages 8+) -- Mon, July 10 @ 1:00 pm-4:00 pm
- One Up Games Mini Golf Event (ages 5+) -- Tues, July 25 @ 1:00 pm-4:00 pm
- Teddy Bear Picnic (all ages) -- date and entertainment TBD
- Find Your Voice Musical Program with Julie Stepanek (all ages) -- Mon, Aug 7 @ 1 pm
- Atlantic Great White Shark Conservancy: Shark Biology (ages 6+) -- Tues, Aug 8 @ 11 am

Emma Brelsford (she/her)  
Senior Youth Services Librarian

## Welcome to the Children's Room



*Pictured, left to right – Karen Dugan, Katelyn Raposo, Jeanne Carter, and Emma Brelsford.  
 Not pictured – Erin Dunford and Nate Flanders*

### Let's meet the new Children's Room staff:

Our most recent addition is **Emma Brelsford**, Senior Youth Services Librarian, who started this past February. She oversees the Youth Services Department. Emma, who commutes from Rhode Island, has worked in libraries for over 10 years. During that time, she received her Master of Library and Information Science degree at URI.

Emma supervises a staff of six, provides reference, coordinates collection development & acquisition, participates in community outreach, & oversees budget, operations, & long-term planning for the department. Emma has so enjoyed meeting local families & has felt welcomed by everyone she encounters. She supervises Teen Librarian Jennifir Huston, & four Library Assistants and a Page in the Children's Room. She says, "I am so lucky to work with such an amazing team!" Among Emma's hobbies she lists reading, skiing, and hiking; in fact, she is working towards hiking all the 4000+ foot peaks in New Hampshire! We wish her well, especially in her hiking endeavor!

Senior Library Assistant **Karen Dugan** is our most "seasoned" Youth Services staff member. Karen helped usher in the new Children's Room (dubbed "The Treehouse"), starting at Boyden in June 2013 just as the new library was opening. With previous experience at Richards Memorial Library in North Attleboro & with a professional Art background, Karen helped foster a new creative era in the Children's Room, particularly around programming. Karen runs an adorable Chunky Monkey Storytime for our littlest patrons, ages birth to 16 months. She is also responsible for cataloging all the new Youth Services materials, as well as assisting in collection development & acquisition. Her 10 years in the Children's Room has provided great continuity for the department and makes her an invaluable resource for her newer colleagues. When asked her favorite part of working in the Children's Room, Karen replied, "Everything!"

Of the three remaining Library Assistants in the Children's Room, **Katelyn Raposo** has been here the longest, joining the staff in December of 2021. With her Graphic Design degree & her previous experience working with elementary age children, Katelyn is a natural fit in the Children's Room. She provides fun STEM & seasonal multi-part art programs such as wind chime & flowerpot painting crafts to the elementary & middle school crowd. She also runs a very popular Dungeons & Dragons group for

teens; she especially enjoys & has an affinity for working with older children. Outside of her job, Katelyn enjoys creating Art; we also have it on good authority that she is an avid & skilled D&D player!

**Erin Dunford** & Jeanne Carter started as Library Assistants in the summer of 2022. Erin, with her undergraduate degree in English, knew she wanted to work with literature & books, so working at Boyden was a perfect post-college job for her. She grew up a dedicated Boyden patron with fond memories of the Children's Room, and now brings that enthusiasm to her workplace. Her strong background in dance led her to create the Tippy-Toe Time dance program to show preschoolers the art and beauty of ballet-this is one of Boyden's most popular programs. Erin also has run art-themed programs, as well as a Shadow Puppet Theater. Erin enjoys working in a library so much that she plans on continuing in Library Science.

**Jeanne Carter**, a mother of two grown children, also started as a Library Assistant in the summer of 2022. Coming from the health care field, she finds working in the Children's Room an enjoyable change; there can still be a bit of chaos, but it's a fun chaos! She and her family have always been frequent library users, and she appreciates working in an environment that she is passionate about. In addition to her core duties, she runs two popular storytimes: Storytime Fun for toddlers and an Afternoon Storytime for preschoolers. Jeanne also sets up & monitors the popular drop-in Lego club on her Saturdays.

These folks, along with Shelving Page, Nate Flanders, make up our wonderful Youth Services staff. Along with running the day-to-day operations of the department & ensuring that the Children's Room remains clean, organized, & up to date (thank Nate for the orderly condition of the bookshelves!), these dedicated professionals create a warm, inviting, caring setting where kids can be kids, & families can find a welcome respite from their busy days. In the process, they may encourage life-long readers and learners, support curious young minds, & make families stronger & more whole—not a bad day's work! Next time you're at Boyden, even if your children are grown, check out both the Children's Room and the Teen Room & say Hi...we're betting that you get a big smile and a hearty Hello right back!  
Betsy Buckland

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## 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.