

April 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
Sara Halton, Treasurer
Charles DiPompo
Lesleyann Foster
Katherine Howard
Jennifer Linsky
Betsy Lorusso
Colleen McManus
Margi Rossetti
Maureen (Mo) Ryan-Wise
Bernadette Thie

FRIENDS OF BOYDEN LIBRARY

SPRING BOOK SALE

Thursday, MAY 9 10am - 8pm

Friday, MAY 10 10am - 5pm

\$5 Bag Sale

Saturday, MAY 11 10am - 3pm

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Welcome spring! While winter was pretty mild, I am sure many (most?) of you are looking forward to warmer temperatures and longer daylight hours. If you are doing any spring-cleaning, consider donating any books in good condition to the Friends. We will be holding a Book Donation Day on April 13th from 9-11 a.m. and are especially looking for adult fiction published within the last 10 years, relevant non-fiction (please no cookbooks), and children's books. If you aren't able to make our Book Donation Day, remember that our Friends' Donation Box is always available in the outer lobby when the library is open.

Remember to mark your calendars--the Friends Spring Book Sale will be held May 9-11th. In addition to books and DVDs, we will be selling our gift cards which make a nice little present for the readers in your life (Mother's Day is May 12th). Current members of the Friends of Boyden Library are entitled to a free book and will have early access to our \$5 bag sale on Friday, May 10th from 1-5 p.m. We are always looking for volunteers to help with the sale. If you have a few hours May 8 (set-up) or May 9-11 (sale) and are interested in helping, please reach out to us at boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com

With summer around the corner, the library staff and Friends are planning a variety of activities to include a booth at Founder's Day (June 8th), summer reading for all ages, and the ever-popular Teddy Bear Picnic (July 10th 5:30-8 p.m.).

Just a reminder that the Foxborough Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday May 13th at 7 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. We hope our Friends will turn out to support the proposed library budget.

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 7 p.m. 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.

I'd like to close with a quote from Linton Weeks: "In the nonstop tsunami of global information librarians provide us with floaties and teach us to swim."

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

FROM THE DIRECTOR



It has already been a busy 2024 at the Boyden Library! We're thrilled to share some exciting updates:

The Library of Things collection has expanded based on patron suggestions! Some of the new items include: an air pump, a violin, stepping stones for children, a disc golf set, a tool set, a sander, a power washer, and a post hole digger. Hold reservations for Library of Things items can be made here: <https://boydenlibrary.org/library-of-things>.

The Spice Club resumed in January and has been a huge hit! This year, we've delved into a variety of spices so far, including ginger, paprika, cinnamon and chili powder.

Our Seed Lending Library is back for its second year! We have many seeds to check out and try your hand at gardening.

We now have three study pods that individuals can use. They are designated for patrons seeking a quiet space for studying, teleconferencing meetings, telehealth appointments, online interviews and more. These units are equipped with power outlets and lights as well.

This past year, one of our main objectives was to enrich and broaden library programming for all age groups. While we continue to focus on this goal, it's worth noting that we've not only met but surpassed expectations. This is evident from our programming statistics:

In fiscal year 2022, the Boyden Library provided a total of 185 programs.

In fiscal year 2023, the Boyden Library provided a total of 416 programs.

So far, this fiscal year (July – March), we have already offered a total of 445 programs!

We also have a lot of Spring and Summer programs planned here at the Boyden Library for all to enjoy! Some of the adult programs coming up include:

April 17, 6:30pm: An Evening with Comedian Alan Ames

April 29, 7:00pm: A Visit with the Beer Can Museum

May 6, 7:00pm: Gardening 101 Workshop

May 16, 6:30pm: Spring Floral Decorating Workshop

May 22 and June 26, 6:00pm: Stay Fit! Bollywood Style on the Town Common

May 30, 6:00pm: Mixed Media Art Workshop

June 3, 6:30pm: Candle Making Workshop

June 25, 6:00pm: Glass Painting Workshop

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

As always, please feel free to stop by or contact me directly at oneill@sailsinc.org. I love hearing from patrons and welcome any suggestions or feedback to benefit the library. Hope to see you soon at the Boyden Library.

Thank you,
Libby O'Neill

Friends of Boyden Library

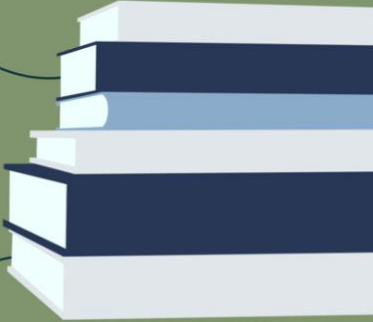
BOOK DRIVE

Volunteers will be curbside to assist with your donations

April 13 9am - 11am
10 Bird St, Foxborough, MA

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

All proceeds benefit the library programming



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SATURDAY MAY 11	10AM - 3PM

\$5 FILL-A-BAG SALE

General Public - Sat May 11

Special Event - Current

Members of the Friends

are invited to shop early

Friday May 10 from 1PM - 5PM

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LIBRARY PROGRAMMING





Please email boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com if you'd like to volunteer and the above link doesn't work.

2024 FRIENDS BOARD

Elections were held at our Annual Meeting in February. We are happy to welcome Betsy Lorusso and Maureen (Mo) Ryan-Wise to the Board. We thank Don Jenkins for his service on the Board. Don left the Board in February to pursue other interests. Colleen McManus has agreed to take over the remaining one year of his term as Membership Chair.

Executive Committee

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

Book Sale – Lesleyann Foster
Media/PR – Jen Linskey
Membership – Colleen McManus

Chair Positions

Book Shop – Margi Rossetti
Newsletter – Bernadette Thie

Members At-Large

Charles DiPompo
Katherine Howard
Betsy Lorusso
Maureen (Mo) Ryan-Wise

Membership Raffle Winner

Congratulations to Taylor Ford, our membership raffle winner this year! Taylor received a Friends tote bag filled with books, a Friends gift card, and other goodies.

Thank you to all our Friends!



Welcome New Friends

Deborah Broderick
Diane Daly & Edward Shea
Teresa Gorman
Loni Ivanovskis

Dennis Naughton
J. Catherine Rollins & Daniel Denisi
Kenneth Simpson

A circular graphic with a zebra and leopard print background. The text inside the circle reads: "Southwick's ZOO FRIENDS OF BOYDEN LIBRARY ARE OFFERING DISCOUNT TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR BOYDEN LIBRARY PATRONS \$20 per ticket Maximum of 4 tickets per purchase Ticket sales are non-refundable & tickets expire on 10/31/24 Purchase at the circulation desk Payment methods include: Checks payable to Friends of Boyden Library Cash, VENMO & PayPal Visit www.southwickszoo.com for 2024 Visitor information".

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Please support the library at the Foxborough Town Meeting on May 13th, 7pm, at the FHS Auditorium.

Founders Day Booth



I'm sure you are all looking forward to Founders Day on Saturday, June 8th! 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 and see what you can find! We'll have lots of information about Boyden Library events and about what the Friends are all about!

Visit all the Friends of Boyden Library Book Shops

All Book Shops are open whenever the library is open.

The Last Chapter

- Located on the ground floor, to the left of the stairwell
- Adult fiction & non-fiction books
- Prices range from \$0.50 - \$1



The Bundles Shelves

- Located on the ground floor, across from circulation desk
- Adult, teen, & children's fiction & non-fiction book bundles
- Prices range from \$1 - \$5

The Book Shop

- Located on the first floor, to the left of the stairwell beyond the computers
- Adult fiction & non-fiction books & media, including more recent best sellers & Friends Recommend
- Prices range from \$1 - \$5



Teen Book Shop

- Located on the first floor, outside the Teen Room
- Fiction & non-fiction books & media for children ages 12-19
- Prices range from \$1 - \$2

Children's Book Shop

- Located in the Children's Department, on floor 2C
- Fiction & non-fiction books & media for children from birth to age 12
- Prices range from \$0.50 - \$1

Payment methods include checks payable to Friends of Boyden Library, cash, Venmo, & PayPal. Payments are accepted at both Youth Services & Adult Circulation Desks.

TEEN HAPPENINGS AT BOYDEN LIBRARY



It has been an exciting and fun couple of months for Teens at Boyden Library. I would love to thank the Friends for sponsoring Crafty Teens: Chinese Waving Lucky Cat, Murder Mystery Theatre: Death of a Gangster for Community Reads, Crafty Teens: Rope Bowls, Crafty Teens: Fairy Book Gardens, Learn to Make Sushi with Juri Love, and Teen Led Accessories with Saloni.

I would also like to thank the Friends for sponsoring and helping with the Human Library of which I am grateful to have helped organize.

Upcoming Programs and events sponsored by the Friends:

- Upcoming Crafty Teens Programs
- School visit giveaways (I will be visiting Ahern Middle School and Foxborough High School)
- May: Nitrogen Ice Cream with Sub Zero
- June: Felted Patches with Pop Up Art School
- Summer Reading prizes

Jennifir Huston, Teen Librarian



YOUTH SERVICES



Department Updates:

- For Black History Month we made multiple book displays in the department and hosted a scavenger hunt of notable Black figures during school vacation week.
- Who Do You Love? We spread the love of Valentine’s Day all month with our first all ages virtual community art event on Padlet called Who Do You Love. People posted pictures or art they created of people they love, and it was a wonderful collaborative activity.
- Take Your Child to the Library Day took place on Sun, Feb 3. We had a photo backdrop for families, book themed temporary tattoos and coloring pages, and a contest to guess how many books we have in the children’s room (27,801!). The winner of the contest received a personalized book bag funded by the Friends of the Library.
- We had a very busy school vacation week with many families choosing to spend their time at the library and attending the 8 programs we put on for that week.

- To celebrate Smokey Bear's 80th birthday, we are participating in a reading challenge that educates children on wildfires and protecting the environment. Kids ages 4-12 can earn digital badges on Beanstack and be entered into prize drawings by reading Smokey approved books and taking action with educational activities suggested by the USDA & US Forest Service. This program ends April 30.
- Check out our new online resource accessible with your library card called Educate Station. This site has full lesson plans with activities based on grade level and subject and is great for homeschool families!
- New museum pass for children ages 6 and under: Maplewood Country Day Camp (Indoor/Outdoor Playground) in South Easton, MA. \$10 entry fee

2024 Summer Reading Program: Read Renew Repeat! This will be an 8-week program starting Mon, June 24 and ending Sat, Aug 17. 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! Children ages 6-12 will also get a silicone charm bracelet when they register. When certain milestones are reached on Beanstack, kids will be prompted to come to the library to choose a Croc charm to add to the bracelet. They can collect up to 5 charms over the summer. Babies-Age 5 will get to choose a stuffie each time they unlock special badges on Beanstack! Once a week we will be holding prize drawings for free passes to local organizations such as Tree Top Adventures, Ice Cream Beach Club, Ally's Cookies, Monster Mini Golf, and Xtreme Craze. This summer will be jam packed with fun, educational programs and performances, and we can't wait for you to join us!



- Please contact the Children's Dept. for more information on our programs and services by calling 508-543-1246 or emailing ebrelsford@sailsinc.org.

Programs to look forward to:

*please register for these programs on our website calendar at <https://boydenlibrary.org/calendar>

- Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals (ages 3+) - 4/16 @ 11 am
- Little Chef's Cooking Class (ages 4-10) - 4/17 @ 11 am
- Our Book by Us! (4-6 yrs old) - Self Help Inc. - 4/22, 4/29, 5/6 @ 1 pm
- Graphic Novel Book Club: The Happy Shop by Brittany Long Olsen (ages 8-12) - 4/17 @ 6 pm

Music at the Blissful Family Concert - 4/20 @ 3:30 pm
Earth Day Art Class w. Miss Mehta (ages 8-12) - 4/22 @ 4 pm
Strange Science (ages 8-12) - 4/24 @ 4 pm
Dance Class w. Saanvi (ages 7-11) - 4/26 @ 3:30 pm
Touch a Truck Story Time @ Payson Field - 5/18 @ 10:45 am
TB12 Kids Group Workout - 6/12 @ 4 pm
Tom Brady Induction Party - 6/12 @ 5:30 pm
Flying High Frisbee Dogs: Summer Reading Kickoff Event @ Payson Field (all ages) - 6/24 @ 11 am
Farmers Market Story Time on Town Common - 6/27, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22, 8/29 @ 5 pm
Records & Burpee Zoo Show (ages 4+) - 7/2 @ 1 pm
Teddy Bear Picnic w/ Rolie Polie Guacamole Band (all ages) - 7/10 @ 6 pm
Ed the Wizard: Reading is Magic (ages 5+) - 7/16 @ 11 am
One Up Games Indoor Mini Golf (ages 5+) - 7/27 @ 10 am
Talewise Science Heroes: Adventure of the Lost Treasure (GR. K-5) - 7/29 @ 11 am
Didgeridoo Down Under Performance - 8/12 @ 10:30 am

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Senior Youth Services Librarian

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We're on the Web!

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.