

January 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  
David Crimmins, Vice President  
Sue Collins, Secretary  
Bernadette Thie, Treasurer  
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Charles DiPompo  
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Sara Halton  
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Jennifer Ooi  
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Diane Monahan (Emeritus)

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season with some time to relax with family and friends. Just think with the winter solstice behind us longer days are on their way! Until then the library has a number of activities available to keep the doldrums from creeping in, many of which you can enjoy without leaving your home. With your library card you have access to digital movies, music, books and more through Hoopla and Kanopy. Mango Languages can help you learn a new language and Creative Bug offers online arts and crafts workshops. Did you receive a new iPad, iPhone, or maybe a laptop over the holidays and need a little help? Libby is offering drop in tech help on Thursdays from January 12 to February 16, at 11:00 a.m. Maybe while you are at the library you might want to do a little digging into the family tree – the Library Edition of Ancestry is available for free.

The New Year brings our annual membership drive. For your convenience an envelope is provided with this newsletter for submitting your dues. You may also pay using PayPal, just look for the Friends tab under “About Us” on the library website. The money raised allows the Friends to provide a diverse array of programs for all ages. 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.

Once again, our fall book sale was a great success. I can't thank everyone enough for all their contributions including the patrons who donated books/materials, the volunteers who organized the donations, set up and manned the sale and those who attended the sale. In addition, our ongoing book shops continue to bring in a steady income all of which helps us provide additional resources to the library. I would also like to thank all of you who purchased gifts/books as part of our Giving Tree in support of the Discretionary Fund. I feel fortunate to live in such a generous community.

As a reminder, our monthly meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month (Sep-Nov and Jan-Jun) at 7 p.m. in the Community Room. We are always looking for new ideas so please join us if you are interested in hearing more about what we do and sharing any thoughts you have. Our annual meeting will be held on February 1<sup>st</sup> which will include elections for positions on the Board. All of our meetings are open to the public. Wishing you a healthy and happy 2023.

Janice Rosado  
President, Friends of Boyden Library

## FROM THE DIRECTOR



Reflecting upon 2022, we were certainly pleased with the amount we accomplished! One of our goals was to begin expanding programming for patrons of all ages and I believe that we successfully achieved exactly that! Some of the new, regularly scheduled library programs now include: a monthly Boyden Library Book Club, book walks/talks, a Saturday afternoon LEGO Club, weekly Dungeons & Dragons teen program, crafting workshops for all ages, and story time programs 3-4 times a week. We hired our first Teen Librarian, Jennifir Huston, who has done an exceptional job connecting with the Foxborough community and implementing a variety of teen programs.

In addition, we are really excited to now offer our patrons 2-3 virtual author talks a month with well-known authors speaking on different themes through the Library Speakers Consortium. Listed below are the authors scheduled to speak in January and February:

- Decluttering to Start Your New Year: Author Talk with Dana K. White: Jan. 17 at 2PM
- xkcd Webcomic and What if? Series Creator: Author Talk with Randall Munroe: Jan. 31 at 2PM
- Back in a Spell: Author Talk with Lana Harper: Feb. 9 at 7PM
- Tastes Like War: An Author Talk with Grace M. Cho: Feb. 16 at 1PM
- Author Talk with Cassandra Clare: Bestselling Author of the Mortal Instruments Series: Feb. 28 at 8PM

For more information and to register for these author talks, please visit:

<https://libraryc.org/boydenlibrary/upcoming>

We hope to make 2023 an even better year at the Boyden Library with the following plans:

- We will be offering Drop in Technology Help where patrons can show up with any device questions and we'll try to assist them
- Author Ken Paiva, who wrote *When Night Awakens*, will do an in person talk on Thursday, January 19 at 7PM
- We will be hosting a Mindfulness Workshop with Laura Klain on Saturday, January 21 at 2PM
- Our Sunday Concert Series will resume on January 22 with the Catnip Junkies – a New Orleans swing band
- A Spice Club for adults is kicking off in January! The January spice kit will include a sample of turmeric, two new recipes to try, and a brief history of the spice.

We are also very pleased to announce the organization of another Speaker Series for March! The Community Read book will be *Call Me American* by Abdi Nor Iftin. Programs centered around this book's themes will be scheduled throughout the month, and the author will be presenting a talk at the Boyden Library on March 23 at 7PM. Please save the date and check our calendar for more events.

As always, we wish you and your families a heartfelt happy and healthy New Year! Remember that you are always welcome to drop by the Boyden Library to simply visit, chat, browse and hopefully take advantage of all that we have to offer!

Thank you,  
Libby O'Neill

## TEEN HAPPENINGS AT BOYDEN LIBRARY



The Teen Librarianship has been a whirlwind of getting to know the Teens of Foxboro, hosting programming, ordering books, and slowly revamping the Teen Room itself. I created an online survey to hear from Teens who are unable to attend the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) meetings. This has proved helpful in all aspects of provisions for Teens only. Every TAB meeting has had attendance with new members joining. Cosplay Club has not been successful so I will be switching gears per the Survey by creating a Crafting Club. The first Teen Book Club has been launched. Fashion for Breast Cancer in November was highly successful with many blankets made for patients at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

January is proving to be an eventful month with the Yeti Lumanaria program sponsored by the Friends (Friday January 13), Madden Tournament at Helix eSports at Patriot Place, a partnership with many libraries hosted by Tewksbury Public Library for a Young Adult author talk between Maureen Johnson and Jennifer Lynn Barnes, and a furniture proposal to make the Teen Room more inviting! I have also volunteered to be the Chair of the South Shore Young Adult Round Table.

In February and March, I will be hosting a crafting program using Creativebug and local Young Adult author Kelly Andrew will be giving an author talk on her debut novel *Whispering Dark*. The Friends will be sponsoring a Japanese Onigiri rice roll program hosted by the Japan Boston Society (February 18 still to be confirmed) and a filmmaking four-day class session in March (8, 15, 22, 29) via Zoom.

I have been fortunate to connect with two teens who volunteer to help with anything from making flyers to helping me during the December flower program. It is a great way to get to know them and give them yet another avenue to be a part of something.

Jennifir Huston, Teen Librarian



## YOUTH SERVICES

Good news! We have hired a new Senior Youth Services Librarian who will start at the Boyden Library mid-February. Her vision for the Children's department is really exciting and she is eager to start engaging with the community through programming and outreach.

Through this transition, the Boyden Library Youth Services staff have worked extremely well as a team to continue to provide services and programs. Their passion for working with children and families shine through with their creative programming ideas which have been truly outstanding.

For 2023, we have a lot of really amazing programs planned! Some of these include:

**Small Singers and Shakers: Music Program with Stacy Lake**, For Ages 0-5: First Saturday of each month (January – May) at 10:30am

**Perler Bead Party**, For Ages 8-12: Mondays, February 13 and March 13 at 6pm

**Children's Concert with Matt Heaton**: Sunday, February 19 at 2pm

**Henry the Juggler**: Thursday, February 23 10:30am for ages 3+ and 2pm for ages 6+

**Mask Making with Pop Up Art School**, For Ages 8-12: Friday, February 24 at 2pm

**LEGO Club for ages 6+**: Every Saturday from 2:00-3:30pm

For a full list of our programs and to register, please visit <https://boydenlibrary.org/calendar> or call the Youth Services Department at 508-543-1246.

## A MILLION THANKS!



The recent book sale was a great success. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude and thanks to our volunteers and members for their generosity.

We appreciate your continual support of our efforts, generous contributions, love for community and passion for reading! Your dedication helps us remain steadfast and purposefully driven to provide support and enrichment to the Boyden Library and our community.

## **2023 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS NOW DUE**

The Friends of Boyden Library are beginning their 2023 Membership Drive and are asking you to renew your membership. We realize that these are challenging times and hope that, if you are able, you will support our mission which is to provide and support multi-generational activities at the library including the purchase of museum passes and e-books.

To join or renew your membership 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.

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).

### **Membership Raffle**

As an incentive to join the Friends or renew your membership, we are having a free raffle for a “Friends” tote bag filled with books, a Friends gift card for our book shops and book sale, and some other goodies. The raffle winner will be chosen at the end of February. Each Friend who paid their dues from November 2022 on will be eligible.

Thank you as always for your continued support!

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of Boyden Library will be held on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room at Boyden Library. New officers will be elected at this meeting. The meeting is open to the public and all are welcome.



# WE WANT YOU!



## TO JOIN THE BOARD

### What is the Board?

Friends of Boyden Library is made up of dedicated friends who help the library by raising funds through our May/November book sales and ongoing "Book Shops" to support a variety of programs enjoyed by the entire community.

### How much time would it take?

How you help is up to you! Our Board Members can help with book sorting, newsletters, social media, and finances. Becoming a Member-At-Large is a great way to get involved.

### How do I join the Board?

Come to a meeting! We meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 7PM in the Community Meeting Room on the 1st floor. You are already a Friend, join us to see how we work!!!

## FRIENDS OF BOYDEN LIBRARY

# SPRING BOOK SALE

## Save the Dates

THUR MAY 11	10AM - 8PM
FRI MAY 12	10AM - 5PM
SAT MAY 13	10AM - 3PM

We continue to accept "like-new" book donations at the Boyden Library. Stay tuned for future Book Drive dates. For more information please contact us by email at [boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com](mailto:boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com).

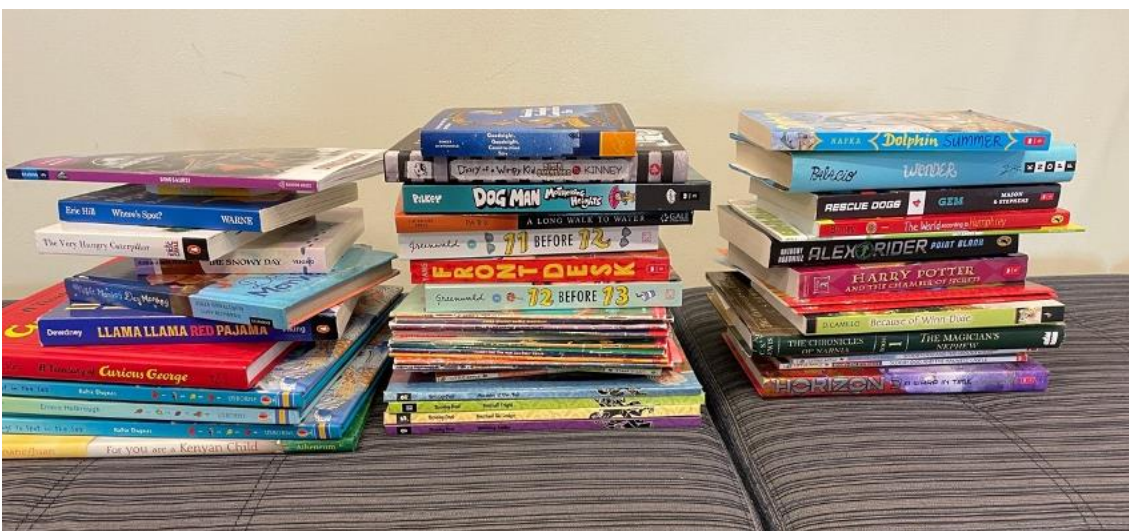
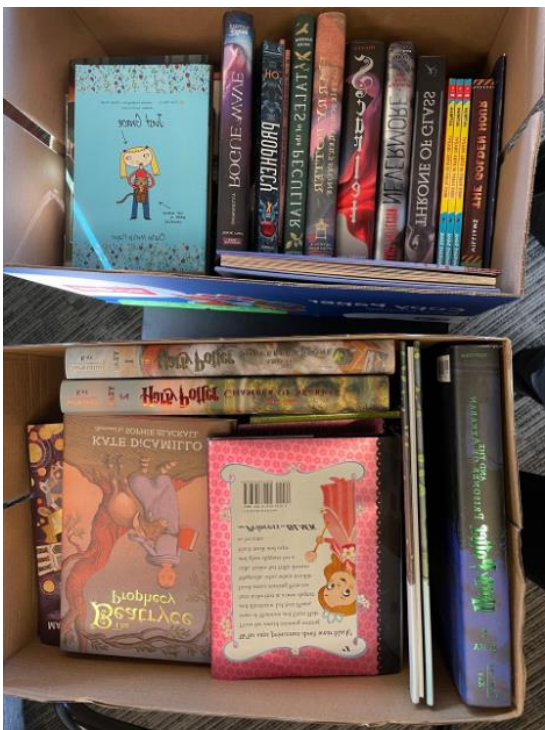
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## GIVING TREE AND HOLIDAY BOOK DRIVE

The Friends of the Boyden Library would like to thank everyone who participated in the annual Giving Tree and Holiday Book Drive. Over 100 books and approximately 70 gifts 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 are appreciated!



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<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.



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