

Fall 2026



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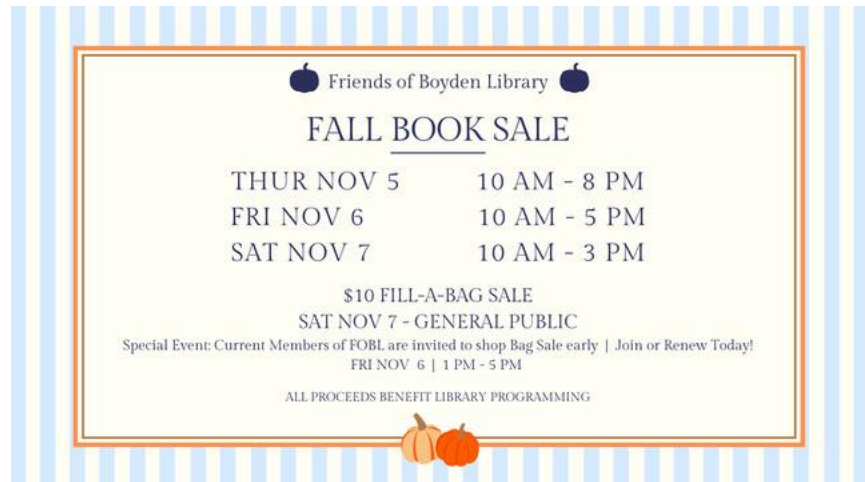
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Thursday: 10-8
Friday: 10-5
Saturday: 10-5
Sunday: 1-5

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:

Sue Collins, President
Maureen (Mo) Ryan-Wise, Vice President
Betsy Lorusso, Secretary
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Autumn is coming in with a bang! Hopefully you saw some colorful foliage because the Nor'easter probably blew a lot of leaves away! A lot has happened since our successful Spring Book Sale in May. We sold many adult and children's books and welcomed many new generous Friends. You may have come to the library to cool off this summer and to enjoy some of the many entertaining or enlightening programs for your children or yourself. The Board of the Friends welcomed Maureen Ryan-Wise as our Vice-President who has many talents.

Hopefully you all enjoyed the summer! We enjoyed meeting a lot of you at our Founders Day Booth. I saw a line outside our canopy looking through the little booklet of Henna Designs by Shruthi Reddy and deciding on which design was prettier than the others. Our book table was busy with children picking out a book for summer reading.

We saw a younger crowd at the Teddy Bear Picnic on the Common August 1st. Children and parents or grandparents swaying or hopping to the lively music! Many came to our Friends' table to pick out a book that might be their next favorite bedtime story.

October is busy! Hopefully you stopped by our table at the Boyden Library Open House. Besides our useful grocery bags and sturdy canvas bags, we have a great coffee mug with the new library logo on it. I'm looking forward to our annual Friends Social on October 19th that is once again conveniently located at the Cannon Forge Clubhouse. Be sure to register and come with a friend or meet a new Friend. The food, beverages and conversation will be great!

The next big event is our Fall Book Sale on November 5-7, Thursday to Saturday. Details are included in this Newsletter. As you can see, the Friends are an active group, and we play an important part in making the Boyden Library an important

part of your life in Foxborough! Consider joining us by paying your dues or volunteering at our Book Sales or other events.

Sue Collins, President

FROM THE DIRECTOR



The Boyden Library remains a vibrant gathering place for the Foxborough community—a place where everyone is welcome, connections are made, and there is always something new to discover. Over the past year, we welcomed 108,225 visitors to the Boyden Library and hosted 623 programs for patrons of all ages.

Our summer reading program, *Plant A Seed, Read*, was once again a huge success, made possible in large part by the Friends of Boyden Library. Their generous support allowed us to offer a diverse lineup of engaging programs and provide fun prizes for readers of all ages.

Additionally, we're pleased to share with you a few important updates from the Boyden Library:

- We now have a new Boyden Library logo created by our very own staff member, Kathy Bell-Harney! This logo reflects our commitment to the Foxborough community and literacy.
- We're also excited to introduce our new, more accessible website, designed to make it easier than ever to find information, explore our resources, and stay connected with everything happening at the Boyden Library. We hope you enjoy exploring it!
- Food donations are always accepted for our Community Food Cupboard. If you would like to donate, we would greatly appreciate contributions of unexpired, non-perishable items.
- We're happy to announce that we have a new Teen Programming Room! When not in use for library programming, the room will be available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis during the following hours: Monday – Friday 10:00am – 2:00pm and Sundays (November – April) 1:00-4:45pm. Individuals or groups wishing to use the room must sign in and sign out using the binder located at the Reference Desk. The room may be used by one individual or one group of up to five people at a time.
- Save the Date: Our Community Reads author event will be held on Tuesday evening, March 30, 2027. Stay tuned for more details!

This Fall, we're thrilled to announce our upcoming adult programs, and we hope you'll join us:

Recurring Library Programs:

Tea Club: November through April – Kits available for pick up on the first Wednesday of each month

One-on-One Tech Help with Badre - by appointment: Thursdays in October and November (excluding 11/5): Patrons can register for 30-minute appointments time slots: 1:00pm, 1:30pm, and 2:00pm

Zentangle workshop, 10:00am: October 16, November 20 and December 18

Special Programs:

October 14, 7:00pm: Poetry Open Mic Night

October 15, 7:00pm: Coffee Cupping with Rob Fitzgibbon

October 20, 6:30pm: All About Trusts

October 22, 6:30pm: Magic and Mind Reading Show with Darren Yong

October 28, 7:00pm: New England Hiking with Jeff Romano

November 3, 7:00pm: The Montauk Project: Stranger Than Fiction with Dustin Pari

November 4, 18, December 2 and 16, 11:00am: Tea & Talk (about books!)

November 15, 2:00pm: Kaufman Stone Entertainment concert

November 16, 7:00pm: The Duke: Weekly Conversations with the Last Honest Politician – Author Talk with Scott Kerman

November 17, 6:30pm: Narcan Training with SAFE Coalition

November 19, 6:30pm: Let's Talk Intersectionality

November 21, 11:00am: Adult Paint Workshop with Dimple Shah

December 2, 6:30pm: Paint by Numbers Event for Adults

December 10, 6:30pm: Adult Paint Workshop with Dimple Shah

December 13, 2:00pm: Jeff Snow holiday concert

Your input is an important part of helping us grow and better serve our community. I welcome your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions for ways we can expand the Library's services. Please feel free to reach out to me directly at elloneill@sailinc.org.

Thank you,
Libby O'Neill



The Friends invite you to join us for a Fall Social in appreciation of your ongoing support. 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 2027.

Registration is required as space is limited.

FRIENDS OF BOYDEN LIBRARY

Book Drive

Saturday, October 17

10AM - 12PM

Donate Your Books

Volunteers will be curbside to assist.
2 Baker Street, Foxboro, MA



WE NEED



VOLUNTEERS

Can You Spare Some Time?
We're looking for members to
help with the Fall Book Sale:

Contact our Book Sale Chair
for more information:

Lesleyann Foster
laidlawfoster@gmail.com



Friends of Boyden Library

FALL BOOK SALE

THUR NOV 5 10 AM - 8 PM
FRI NOV 6 10 AM - 5 PM
SAT NOV 7 10 AM - 3 PM

\$10 FILL-A-BAG SALE
SAT NOV 7 - GENERAL PUBLIC
Special Event: Current Members of FOBL
are invited to shop Bag Sale early
FRI NOV 6 | 1 PM - 5 PM

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

*2 Baker Street, Foxboro, MA
boydenlibraryfriends@yahoo.com*



BIGGER & BETTER

\$10 Fill-a-Bag Sale



Saturday
10 AM - 3 PM

Special Event:
Current Members of the
FOBL are invited to shop
Bag Sale early
Friday 1 PM - 5PM

Join or Renew today!

Reusable Bag provided
with purchase

10 Bird Street
Foxborough, MA 02035

All proceeds benefit library programming

WELCOME NEW FRIENDS

Tuncay Acik
Angela Antonelli
Jonathan Clark
Jared Craig
Laurie Driscoll
Heather Dunlap
Abdurrahim Emhan
Michael Everson
Annmarie Foley
Eileen Forster Keck
Kimberly Gerard
Philip Gorgy
Kathleen Gray
Nick Healy

Randi Johnson
Elaine Leahy
Amelia Lydon
Gloria Martin
Anne McCarthy
Gianna Naninni
Jill Nugent
Chappidi & Mamatha Prabhakara
Joanne & Joseph Rogers
Alicia Simonds
Dale Stephanos
Stuart & Sandra Stevens
Lorna Sullivan

FOUNDERS DAY BOOTH



If you were walking around the Booth Field on Founders Day and saw a long line to enter a booth, that was us!! Everybody wanted a beautiful henna tattoo by Shruthi Reddy! Little girls to adults were happy to donate to the Friends to show off the design of their choice.

We also had a good variety of beautiful books to buy for summer reading. Board books brought a smile to babies. Younger children were reading their picture books over and over. Older kids could pick between the Wimpy Kid series and other books for Summer Reading. I'm sure they told the librarians in the Children's Department to get a prize!

Mugs with the new Library logo were also popular. Anyone who made a donation was eligible to enter our drawing to win a beautiful basket of children's colorful arts & crafts supplies! Free lollipops and sparkly temporary tattoos also attracted people to our booth. It was a hot day, but it was wonderful to be a part of Foxboro's big day to see their friendly neighbors.

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC



The Juice and Jelly Funtime Band provided a lot of giggles, bubbles and dancing for a lot of young children on the Foxboro Common in August. The Friends of the Boyden Library were happy to have a table filled with beautiful board books and picture books that were available for parents and grandparents to purchase. We love to see the children and adults get totally absorbed with the beautiful pictures and fun ideas in those books.

Thanks to Sue Collins, Betsy LoRusso, Charles DiPompo, and Bernadette Thie for setting up and managing our table for the Friends of the Boyden Library. Any funds collected help the Friends provide programming and materials for the Boyden Library.

TEEN HAPPENINGS AT BOYDEN LIBRARY



After a quiet summer, except for construction on a new Teen Programming Space on the first floor next to the Teen Room, the Teen Department has started the school year busy with fun programs sponsored by The Friends of Boyden Library!

The Summer Reading Program, *Plant a Seed, Read*, was a huge success with 105 sign ups, more than twice as many as 2025. The Friends sponsored many fun prizes: karaoke machine, Robotics LED set, ShiZap Block game, and a vlogging camera, which was the most popular prize for teens.

I want to thank the Friends for sponsoring some great programs: Felted Pencil Holder with Pop Up Art School, five session Workforce Readiness Workshops with Teenwork Partners, Inc., and the October Teen Take & Make: Halloween Confetti Bottle.

Upcoming programs the Friends are sponsoring are Crafty Teens: Edible Sand Art, Mirror Tree Project with Miss Mehta, Magic & Mind Reading Show with Darren Yong, Cookie Decorating Halloween Edition with Wicked Good Henna, November Teen Take & Make: Button Snowflake Ornament, Letters for Our Elders, Crafty Teens:

Pumpkin Diorama, Mindful Doodling with Cara Bean, Wooden Keychain Art with Dimple Shah, Teen Paint Workshop with Dimple Shah, and It's a Wrap Party...and all these programs just through the end of this year!

The Friends will also be sponsoring swag giveaways for students when I visit the schools for lunch to share all the Boyden Library has to offer them.

In other big news, programs scheduled in November will be held in the new Teen Programming Space! We will host 13-year-old Sharon debut author Xian Fernando for a reading and book signing on November 12, 5:00-6:00pm. Please stop by and say hi!

Tinker Tank has been busy with 24 appointments during the summer months alone. The most popular equipment requested are the Embroidery Sewing Machine and Sublimation Printer & Heat Press.

Jennifir Huston, Teen Librarian

YOUTH SERVICES



The Children's Department took part in the 2026 Summer Reading Program, *Plant a Seed, Read*, with 448 sign ups! We gave out goodie bags to the first 100 kids who signed up and held a drawing for a Water Wizz family pass and a Capron Park Zoo membership for kids who signed up on the first day. Throughout the summer, Babies-age 4 logged 5,350 books and ages 5-12 logged over 263,469 minutes of reading. For prizes this year, kids could earn up to 5 Croc charms to add to a silicone bracelet. 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, Museum of Illusions Boston, Treetop Adventures 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:

- Summer Reading Program Kickoff Party on the Town Common with Jenny the Juggler
- Teddy Bear Picnic with Juice & Jelly Funtime Band
- Not Really So Scary Animals with Joys of Nature
- Felted Butterfly Craft with Pop Up Art School
- Balloon Making Workshop with Ed the Wizard
- Let's Go On a Bug Hunt with Hands on Nature
- Riot in the Garden Comedy Show with Jackson Gillman
- Kids Hair Extension Design Workshop with Ami Tredo
- Van Gogh Dino Painting with Dimple Shah
- Fairy Tea Party
- End of SRP Foam Party on the Town Common with One Up Games

Department updates:

- We collaborated with local butterfly expert Madeline Champagne to raise and release Monarch butterflies. Madeline delivered the eggs to us as well as fresh milkweed, and we watched the entire journey unfold in front of our eyes. It was a truly magical experience for the kids and families to witness together!
- We have a new Children's Library Assistant on our team! Everyone give Kerri a nice big welcome next time they visit the Children's Room.

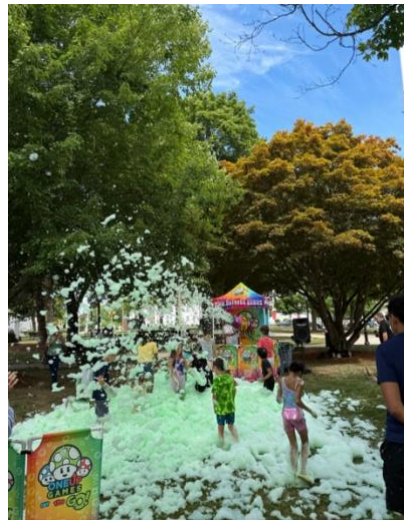
Future Programs:

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.

- Silly with Storytime - Thursdays, Oct 15 & 22 @ 10:30 am
- Soothing Sensory Time - Tuesdays, Oct 13 & 20, Nov 3, 17, 24 @ 10:30 am
- Tommy James Halloween Magic Show - Sat, Oct 24 @ 11 am
- PAWS to Read with Therapy Dog Parker - Sat, Oct 24 @ 11 am
- Patriot Place Storytime Series - Thurs, Oct 29 & Nov 19 @ 11 am
- Halloween Costume Contest - Weds, Oct 28 @ 5 pm
- Fox in the Burrow Painting with Julie Harrold - Mon, Nov 23 @ 3 pm
- Light Uptown Storytime - Sat, Nov 28, time TBA
- Parent Child Yoga - Sat, Dec 5 @ 10:30 am
- Music at the Blissful Concert - Mon, Dec 28 @ 11 am
- Noon Year's Eve Celebration - Thurs, Dec 31 @ 11:30 am

Emma Brelsford (she/her)
Senior Youth Services Librarian

Some summer fun ...



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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