

# The Friends of the Lawrence Library, Pepperell, MA

Annual Newsletter July 2023 - June 2024

## A Word From our President

The Friends of the Lawrence Library begin our 59th year excited to have the Library open six days a week. With your generosity, we were able to continue our support of the Library. In fact, we held our most successful book sale ever in March! Live At Lawrence Library concerts and Art Gallery receptions are part of the rich and varied offerings we fund at our library.

We welcome your participation at our many public events and programs for all ages. You can choose story times for young children and book clubs for families, teens, and adults. Children can enjoy vacation events, crafts, and seasonal activities.

The Friends support numerous library programs thanks to generous donations, FLL memberships by businesses and families, and our popular fundraisers. We had our 4th annual Flower Bulb Sale with a large variety of bulbs offered. Thank you to those who ordered. They are at the library ready to be picked up. We gearing up to host our 13th Annual Wine Tasting on October 14th. Tickets are available at the Library, at Pepperell Beverage, [online](#) or at the door, pending availability. We invite patrons of all ages to our Annual Used Book Sale which will be on March 15-17, 2024. We accept used book donations all year. We proudly offer to the community 20 passes for museums and sites and encourage residents to use them often.

The Friends meet monthly on the second Wednesday at 10:15am. We welcome you, your ideas, and your support. We hope to see you.

## A Note from the Director

The Lawrence Library remains open 6 days-a-week, Monday-Saturday thanks to your support of the library warrant request for Monday hours funding at the May 2023 town meeting. This funding allowed us continue our Monday hours. Our Curbside no-contact service using the locker system is now a permanent opt-in service. The library went Fine Free in December!

With your continued support, the Library was able to **double** our program and meeting space usage. We provided a diverse range of **923** adult, young adult, and children's in-person or virtual programs. We also provided meeting space bookings for **383** non-library programs. This past year, the library offered **18** different museum passes, also funded by the Friends.

Thank you for helping the Library remain vital and essential to the community through your continued support of the Friends.

Debra Spratt,  
Library Director

### Monthly Meetings

Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 10:15am, September thru June.

President: Laurie Bulkow

Vice President: Marianne Nicholson



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Membership is renewed annually. Memberships or other donations can be made to the Friends of the Lawrence Library (FLL) by check, cash or [online](#). The following is a link to our printable [Membership Form](#)

## [Museum Passes](#)

Aviation Museum of NH  
Boston Aquarium  
Boston Children's Museum  
Butterfly Place  
DCR/Mass State Park Passes  
Discovery Museum  
Harvard Museums of Science & Culture (through December)

Historic New England  
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum  
JFK Presidential Library & Museum  
Museum of Fine Arts  
Museum of Russian Icons  
Museum of Science

New England Quilt Museum  
Peabody Essex Museum  
Salem Witch Museum  
Seacoast Science Center  
Tower Hill Botanic Garden  
USS Constitution  
Zoo New England

## [Event Calendar](#)

### [Wine Tasting](#)

Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 6:30 - 9:30pm.  
A \$25 ticket includes wine tastings, hors d'oeuvres, music, and a stemless wine glass imprinted with a new town image designed by a local artist. Come and enjoy an adult night out with wine, friends, and food in a relaxed atmosphere.

### [Puzzle Sale](#)

Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 11:00am - 1:00pm.  
A new tradition to get ready for stormy winter days. Donations accepted 2 days prior to the sale. Prices are by donation.

### [Town Tree Lighting](#)

Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, 6:45pm.  
Join us for a tradition over 20 years in the making. Come sing along as we await Santa's arrival on the fire truck and magically light the tree. Then visit him and take a picture in our winter wonderland.

### [Pie Sale](#)

Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 11:30am - 1:00pm.  
Donated pies sold by the slice.

### [Used Book Sale](#)

Friday – Sunday, March 15-17, 2024.  
Our annual sale is held at The Fitz. Book donations accepted at the Library through early March.

### [Toy Yard Sale](#)

Spring 2024, during the [Town Wide Yard Sale](#).  
Items can be donated the week prior to the sale. Come down for some fantastic finds.

### [Flower Bulb Sale](#)

August 12 - 24, 2024.  
Order bulbs now that will arrive in the Fall in time to plant for beautiful Spring flowers.

## [In the Gallery](#)

Check the Library [event calendar](#) for a listing of monthly art shows and their opening reception dates as well as upcoming music events. Art shows can be viewed on the Library's FaceBook page and YouTube channel.

## **More Ways to Help**

### [Car Magnets and Clings](#)

We have "Proud Supporter" magnets and clings for your car (or other windows and magnetic surfaces). Put your support on display for \$5.

### [Glasses](#)

Stemless glassware feature original images by local artists Nita Casey, Nan Quintin, and Emelia Misail. Currently available in black are the Lawrence Library, Covered Bridge, Train Depot, Shattuck School, Dr. Davis Ice Cream (limited supply), Foster Street Fire Station, Community Church, and Memorial Gates. We also have the Library on a wine glass in red and on a pint glass in royal blue. All are \$8 each or 2 for \$15.

### [Holiday Cards](#)

Cards with Tina McEvoy's photo of the Library with the lit holiday tree on the porch. A set of 10 for \$15.

### [Book Bags](#)

Heavy duty canvas book bags (16x12x5 in) with Nita Casey's image of the Lawrence Library, \$15 each.

### **Matching Gifts Programs**

Many corporations will match your membership donation to the Friends. This is a great opportunity to enhance your personal donation.

### **Car and Boat Donations**

[Cars for Charity](#) (877- 227-7487). Please list "Friends of the Lawrence Library" as beneficiary.