

50 Years of Friendship

The Friends of the Lawrence Library, Pepperell, MA

Annual Newsletter 2015-2016

A Word From our President

This year **The Friends of the Lawrence Library** celebrates **50 years** of supporting our library, and four special community events are planned. Join us on September 27th for the first-ever **Pepperell Fall Festival**, when we will sponsor a family concert on the Library lawn with the **Toe Jam Puppet Band** entertaining. On November 5th, Liz Barbour will present **"A Literary Feast"** in the Art Gallery, and on January 16th, we will host a **Cupcake Festival**, which will be lots of fun for everyone who likes to bake, decorate and eat cupcakes. In the spring, we will present a gardening lecture.

Of course, the December **Tree Lighting**, our March **Book Sale**, an April **Wine Tasting**, and **Toy Sale** will all occur with your help. We welcome new and long time members of the Friends to make all these events successful. Join us at our monthly meetings, the second Thursday at 10:15AM, when we plan events and child care is provided.

Thanks for your past and future contributions of time, treasure and talent which support our Library and enrich life in Pepperell for residents of all ages.

September 27th
Toe Jam Puppet
Band

November 5th
A Literary Feast

January 16th
Cupcake Festival

Spring
Garden Lecture

A Note from the Director

With the ongoing financial support of the Friends, in FY15 (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015) the Library offered numerous special events, a diverse range of adult, young adult and children's program, and wide selection of museum passes. Your generous funding allowed us to provide over 413 programs for all ages, with more than 9,560 in attendance.

The historic February snow storms resulted in extensive damage to the original (1901) section of the library. The Lyceum and Art Gallery were closed during the summer while restoration and repairs to the plaster ceilings and moldings were made. Partial funding by the Friends also allowed us to reopen the Art Gallery skylight and update the lighting to new LED energy efficient fixtures. We will be inviting everyone to a Grand Reopening on September 12th, 2015.

Thank you for helping the Library remain the gem of the community through your continued support of the Friends. Your vote will be needed this spring at Town Meeting, when the Library seeks funding to meet the budget shortfall for the state's minimum funding requirement.

Debra Spratt,
Library Director

Monthly Meetings

Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month at 10:15AM, September thru June.

President: Diane Temple

Vice President: Laurie Bulkow



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Museum Passes

Boston Children's Museum
Butterfly Place
The Concord Museum
The Currier Museum of Art
De Cordova Museum
Discovery Museums

Ecotarium
Fruitlands / Fitchburg Art Museum
Isabella Stuart Gardner Museum
JFK Presidential Library & Museum
Massachusetts State Park Passes
Museum of Fine Arts

Museum of Science
New England Quilt Museum
Peabody Essex Museum
Tower Hill Botanic Garden
USS Constitution Museum
Zoo New England

Event Calendar

Town Tree Lighting

Friday, December 4th, 2015, 6:45 pm

Join us for a tradition over 20 years in the making. Come sing along and enjoy free refreshments as we welcome Santa on the fire truck. Then visit him and take a picture in our winter wonderland.

Used Book Sale

Friday – Sunday, March 18 - 20, 2016

Our annual sale is held at the Pepperell Community Center. Proceeds to benefit the Friends.

We are currently accepting book donations at the Library through early March.

Wine Tasting

Saturday, April, 2nd, 2016, 6:30 – 9:30pm

Tickets available for purchase at the Library.

A \$25 ticket includes tastings, hors d'oeuvres, live music and a stemless wine glass imprinted with a new drawing of a local landmark by Nan Quintin!

Come and enjoy a night out with wine, beer, friends and food in a relaxed atmosphere. Proceeds to benefit the Friends.

Toy Yard Sale

Spring 2016

Items can be donated the week prior to the sale. Come down for some fantastic finds.

Art Gallery

Check monthly Library calendar for a listing of local artists and reception dates.

More Ways to Help

Wine Glasses

Stemless glassware featuring original prints by local artists Nita Casey and Nan Quintin. Current prints available are of the Lawrence Library, Covered Bridge, Gazebo, Train Depot, and the Shattuck School for \$5 each. The Dr. Davis Ice Cream glass is 1 for \$8 or 2 for \$15 until the new one is unveiled at the Wine Tasting.

Book Bags

Book bags are available with an image of the Lawrence Library, at a cost of \$12. The dimensions are 13x13x3 inches.

AmazonSmile

Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchase to the Friends. Just go to smile.amazon.com and designate the Friends of the Lawrence Library as your charitable organization, then shop as usual.

Matching Gifts Programs

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

Sponsor a Book

Select a book from our librarian's wish lists to contribute a new book in your name or in the name of someone you want to honor. A bookplate will be placed in the book to commemorate your gift.

Car and Boat Donations

donationline.com (877- 227-7487). Please list "Friends of the Lawrence Library" as beneficiary.