

The Friends of the Lawrence Library, Pepperell, MA

Annual Newsletter 2016-2017

A Word From our President

Thank you for helping us celebrate our 50th Anniversary this past year. We would encourage everyone who loves the Lawrence Library to join or renew their membership with the Friends. In addition to your financial support we are asking for your involvement with our events. We are looking to double or triple the number of patrons who volunteer just a few hours of their time over the course of the year. This could include helping at the OctoberFest, the Tree Lighting, the Book Sale, the Toy Yard Sale, Art Gallery receptions, or even tending the gardens at the library.

We had such a great response at the Cupcake Festival last year, we will be holding it again in January when bakers and cake decorators of all ages share and compete. It's the most delicious fun in the gallery.

There are so many ways to donate your talents and skills to benefit our dynamic and welcoming library. Don't forget to renew your membership with a check for the amount that fits your budget, to support our town's treasure, our public library. Money raised by the Friends is used to support adult, teen and children's programming, museum passes, Live @Lawrence, Art Gallery receptions, and more each year.

Please join us at our monthly meetings, which are the second Thursday at 10:15 A.M., with skilled child care provided. We welcome new thoughts and ideas with open minds.

A Note from the Director

In FY16 (July 1st, 2015 – June 30th, 2016), the Library offered numerous special events, a diverse range of adult, young adult and children's programs, and a wide selection of museum passes. Your generous funding allowed us to provide over 368 programs for all ages, with more than 7,058 in attendance.

After repairs to fix damage done during the previous winter, the Library Art Gallery reopened on September 12th, 2015, with our first art exhibit shown in natural light. Thanks to partial funding by the Friends, we were able to restore the antique skylight, which was original to the building. The transformation is stunning, and if you haven't seen it yet, please stop by to enjoy one of the monthly art shows.

Thank you for helping the Library remain the gem of the community through your continued support of the Friends. After 6 years of certification waivers, your support at the 2016 Spring Town Meeting secured the library funding needed to finally meet the state's minimum budget requirement.

With this new funding for FY17, on July 1st, 2016 the Library was able to restore Wednesday evenings, and extend our evening hours on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:00 to 9:00 PM!

Debra Spratt,
Library Director

[Membership Form](#)

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

Isabella Stuart Gardner Museum
JFK Presidential Library & Museum
Museum of Fine Arts
Museum of Science
Massachusetts State Park Passes
Museum of Russian Icons
New England Quilt Museum

Peabody Essex Museum
Plimouth Plantation
Salem Witch Museum
Seacoast Science Center
Tower Hill Botanic Garden
Zoo New England

Event Calendar

OctoberFest Craft Beer Tasting

Saturday, October 1st, 2016, 6:30 – 9:30pm
A \$30 ticket includes beer and cider tastings, hors d'oeuvres, live music and a pint glass imprinted with Nita Casey's Library image.

Town Tree Lighting

Friday, December 2nd, 2016, 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 17 - 19, 2017
Our annual sale is held at the Pepperell Community Center. We are currently accepting book donations at the Library through early March.

Cupcake Festival

Saturday, January 21st, 2017, 11:30-1:30pm
Test your baking prowess by making cupcakes for a decoration contest.

Wine Tasting

Saturday, March 4th, 6:30 - 9:30pm
A \$25 ticket includes wine tastings, hors d'oeuvres, live music and a stemless wine glass imprinted with new town image by a local artist. Come and enjoy an adult night out with wine, friends and food in a relaxed atmosphere.

Toy Yard Sale

Spring 2017
This takes place during the Town Wide Yard Sale. Items can be donated the week prior to the sale. Come down for some fantastic finds.

In the Gallery

Check the Library [event calendar](#) for a listing of monthly art shows and their reception dates and upcoming music events.

More Ways to Help

Glasses

Stemless glassware featuring original prints by local artists Nita Casey and Nan Quintin. Current prints available are of the Lawrence Library, Covered Bridge, Train Depot, and the Shattuck School, Dr. Davis Ice Cream for \$5 each. The new Fire Station glass is 1 for \$8 or 2 for \$15 until the new one is unveiled at the Wine Tasting. We also have a new pint glass that will come with purchase of an OctoberFest ticket with a print of Nita Casey's Lawrence Library available at 1 for \$8 or 2 for \$15.

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.