

The Friends of the Lawrence Library, Pepperell, MA

Annual Newsletter 2017-2018

A Word From our President

We begin our 53rd year of supporting Pepperell's library with The Light Project, a fundraiser to bring natural light to the Lyceum and to restore the original light fixture in the portico. The first \$1000 donated will be matched by a generous benefactor, helping us to reach our \$10,000 goal. Donations can be made to the Friends of the Lawrence Library (FLL) by check, or [online](#) at www.lawrencelibrary.org.

There are so many ways to donate your talents and skills to benefit our dynamic and welcoming library. We would encourage everyone who loves the Lawrence Library to join or renew their membership with the Friends. When you contribute in an amount that fits *your* budget (either [online](#) or with a check) you support our town's treasure, our public library. Money raised by the Friends is used for adult, teen and children's programming, 20+ museum passes, live music programs, Art Gallery exhibits, and more. In addition to asking for your financial support we are looking for patrons who could give just a few hours of their time at the Tree Lighting, the 10th Wine Tasting, the Book Sale, or the Toy Yard Sale, or join the library gardening team or volunteer at Art Gallery events.

Please join us at a monthly FLL meeting, held the second Thursday of each month at 10:15 AM. We welcome your ideas for new ways to enrich and support our library.

A Note from the Director

In FY17 (July 1st, 2016 – June 30th, 2017) the Library was funded for the first time in 6 years to meet the State Minimum Requirement budget. With this increased budget we were able to restore Wednesday evenings, and extend our evening hours on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays to 9:00 PM.

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 376 programs for all ages, with more than 8,552 in attendance.

With your support the Library continues to build partnerships with local businesses and organizations. Partnering with the Friends and PACH (Pepperell Aid from Community to Home), we have provided over 340 books ranging from baby board to adult books to PACH recipients.

Watch for the opening this fall of the newly designed accessible trail behind the library - thanks to the Nashoba Conservation Trust, the Friends, and numerous patrons providing their labor, expertise and funding. A grand opening will be held in the spring of 2018.

Thank you for helping the Library remain the gem of the community through your continued support of the Friends.

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

Battleship Cove
Boston Children's Museum
Butterfly Place
The Concord Museum
The Currier Museum of Art
Discovery Museums
Ecotarium
Isabella Stewart 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
USS Constitution
Zoo New England

Event Calendar

Town Tree Lighting

Friday, December 1st, 2017, 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.

Cupcake Festival

Saturday, January 20th, 2018, 11:30-1:00pm
Test your baking prowess by making cupcakes for a decoration contest.

Used Book Sale

Friday – Sunday, March 16 - 18, 2018
Our annual sale is held at the Pepperell Community Center. We are currently accepting book donations at the Library through early March

Wine Tasting

Saturday, March 3rd, 2018 6:30 - 9:30pm
A \$25 ticket includes wine tastings, hors d'oeuvres, live music and a stemless wine glass imprinted with a special 10th year image.
Come and enjoy an adult night out with wine, friends and food in a relaxed atmosphere.

Toy Yard Sale

Spring 2018
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, Nan Quintin, and Emelia Misail. Current prints available are of the Lawrence Library, Covered Bridge, Train Depot, Shattuck School, Dr. Davis Ice Cream and the Foster Street Fire Station for \$5 each. Our new glass is of a commemorative image of NMRHS by graduating High School by student Emmy Misail and is available at 1 for \$8 or 2 for \$15 until the new one is unveiled at the Wine Tasting. We also have a pint glass with the Lawrence Library image in royal blue available for \$5.

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.

Car and Boat Donations

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