

The Friends of the Lawrence Library, Pepperell, MA

Annual Newsletter July 2018 - June 2019

A Word From our President

The Friends of the Lawrence Library celebrates its 54th year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 with more museum and event passes available to all patrons, a new native plants garden and nature trail where you can find solitude in the heart of Pepperell, and recognition as a Literary Landmark Library.

Consider donating your talent, time or treasure to insure our library is a vibrant resource for the whole community. We 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, you support exhibits and live music concerts in the Art Gallery, public information presentations in the Meeting Room, stories and activities in the Children's Room, as well as additional adult, teen and children's programming each and every month. Recent donations made it possible to return natural light to the Lyceum, and this year we want to restore and install the original light fixture in the portico. We especially welcome patrons who could contribute their time, perhaps just a few hours, to the Tree Lighting, the Wine Tasting, the Book Sale, the Toy Yard Sale, the library gardening team or Art Gallery hostess team.

Please join us at your favorite library annual events, and at our monthly meetings on the second Thursday at 10:15 AM in the meeting room where kids are welcome, and we always offer childcare and refreshments as we plan events to support and enrich our library.

A Note from the Director

In FY18 (July 1st, 2017 – June 30th, 2018) the Library was funded, for the second year, to meet the State Minimum Requirement budget. Staffing and hours of operation have remained consistent.

With your support the Library continues to build partnerships with community organizations and businesses. Two exciting accomplishments this year includes the Lawrence Library being named a [Literary Landmark](#) (only the 2nd library in Massachusetts) honoring Barbara Cooney's *Miss Rumphius*. On June 21st the Library officially opened our newly designed handicap accessible trail and native garden. This project was brought to fruition through the collaborative efforts of the Library, Nashoba Conservation Trust, the Friends, Eagle Scout (benches), DPW and numerous patrons providing their labor, expertise and funding.

Our ongoing 'Books to Keep' partnership between the Library, Friends, and PACH (Pepperell Aid from Community to Home) has to date provided over 900 books to PACH recipients.

Through your funding the Library offered numerous special events, a diverse range of adult, young adult and children's programs, monthly music venues, art shows, and a wide selection of museum passes. Your generous support allowed us to provide over 349 programs for all ages, with more than 8,870 in attendance.

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

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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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

Battleship Cove
Boston Children's Museum
Butterfly Place
Children's Museum of NH
Currier Museum of Art
Discovery Museum
Ecotarium
Harvard Museums of Science and Culture

Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
JFK Presidential Library & Museum
Massachusetts State Park Passes
Museum of Fine Arts
Museum of Russian Icons
Museum of Science

New Bedford Whaling Museum
New England Quilt Museum
Peabody Essex Museum
Salem Witch Museum
Seacoast Science Center
Tower Hill Botanic Garden
UMASS Lowell River Hawks
USS Constitution
Zoo New England

Event Calendar

Town Tree Lighting

Friday, December 7th, 2018, 6:45pm

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 12th, 2019, 11:30-1:00pm

Test your baking prowess by making cupcakes for a decoration contest.

Used Book Sale

Friday – Sunday, March 15 - 17, 2019

Our annual sale is held at the Pepperell Community Center. We are currently accepting book donations at the Library through early March.

Toy Yard Sale

Spring 2019

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.

Wine Tasting

Saturday, October 19th, 2019, 6:30 - 9:30pm.

We have moved it back to October but we will be holding off until Fall 2019.

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, Foster Street Fire Station, and the former NM High School for \$5 each. Our new glass is a special 10th year image of the Library in crimson and is available at 1 for \$8 or 2 for \$15 until the new one is unveiled at the next 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. We have a light weight canvas bag (13x13x3 inches) available for \$12. We have a new heavy duty canvas bag (16x12x5 inches) available for \$15.

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.