

The Friends of the Lawrence Library, Pepperell, MA

Annual Newsletter July 2019 - June 2020

A Word From our President

The Friends of the Lawrence Library begins its 55th year enthusiastic about our public library in Pepperell. We proudly offer over twenty passes to the community for museums and events. We encourage residents to use them often.

We welcome your participation at our many public events and programs for all ages. You can choose weekly story time for young children, and book clubs for families, teens and adults, which offer fiction and nonfiction titles. Children can enjoy daily summer vacation events, crafts, Lego building, and seasonal activities. Holiday concerts and art gallery receptions are just a few more of the rich and varied offerings at our library throughout the year.

The Friends provide information about the library and support program offerings thanks to generous donations, FLL memberships by businesses and families, and our popular fundraisers. We invite adults to attend our 11th Annual Wine Tasting on Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 6:30-9:30 PM in the library. Patrons of all ages love our Annual Used Book Sale which will be on March 13-15, 2020. We accept used book donations all year.

The Friends meet monthly on the second Thursday at 10:15 AM in the library meeting room. We offer child care and refreshments, and we welcome your ideas and support. We hope to see you.

A Note from the Director

In FY19 (July 1st, 2018 – June 30th, 2019), the Library for the third year met the State Minimum Requirement budget, allowing staffing and our 44 hours of operation to remain consistent. The library hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10am - 9pm, Friday 10am – 5pm, and Saturdays 10am - 2 pm.

With your continued support, the Library was able to both expand new partnerships with community organizations and businesses, and maintain our existing ones. Our successful ongoing 'Books to Keep' partnership between the Library, Friends, and PACH (Pepperell Aid from Community to Home) has to date provided over 1000 books to PACH recipients. Additionally, this spring we began providing 'mobile services' at PACH for one hour a week, which include library card registration, interlibrary loans, borrowing of library items, and reference assistance.

The diverse range of adult, young adult, and children's programs, in addition to the monthly music venues and art shows, were all funded by the Friends. Your generous support allowed us to provide over 569 programs, with more than 9,600 in attendance. This past year, the library offered 22 different museum passes which were also funded by the Friends.

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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Membership year runs July-June. 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
Harvard Museums of Science and Culture
House of 7 Gables

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 Riverhawks hockey and basketball
USS Constitution
Zoo New England

Event Calendar

Wine Tasting

Saturday, October 19th, 2019, 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.

Town Tree Lighting

Friday, December 6th, 2019, 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 11th, 2020, 10:30-1:00pm

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

Used Book Sale

Friday – Sunday, March 20 - 22, 2020

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 2020

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, 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.