

# The Friends of the Lawrence Library, Pepperell, MA

Annual Newsletter July 2020 - June 2021

## A Word From our President

I apologize for the lateness of this newsletter, it has been an unusual year.

The Friends of the Lawrence Library have begun our 56th year. Despite the challenges we have all faced in 2020, we are still able to offer museum passes for those that are open and continue to pay for the programming the Library can provide within the limits set by the pandemic.

We were finally being able to hold our Book Sale that we had to cancel in March. It took place on October 23-25 in the cafeteria at The Fitz. The new location was wonderful, allowing us to display more books with no stairs to climb. It was a successful event despite the pandemic restrictions. I would like to thank Bakers Tent Rental for sponsoring the event. We also plan to hold another book sale in March as usual.

We had our visit from Santa this year. Due to pandemic concerns we created a video for all to watch Santa light our tree. To view either go to the Library's YouTube [page](#) or <https://pepperellchannel.org> and click on 'Video on Demand, Lawrence Library Events and Presentations, Lawrence Library Tree Lighting 2020'

The Friends now meet monthly on the second Wednesday at 10:15 AM. Until further notice we will be meeting via Zoom. The link can be found on the Friends page of the Library website. We hope to be able to resume in person meetings in the library meeting room as soon as possible.

## A Note from the Director

In FY20 (July 1st , 2019 – June 30th , 2020), the library met the State Minimum Requirement budget, allowing staffing and our hours of operation to remain consistent until the Covid-19 restrictions on March 17th, 2020. On March 17th, all town departments closed to the public, with staff working remotely. Curbside pickup service, which is ongoing, started on June 1st. Patrons were encouraged to place holds online and take advantage of this service. On Monday, July 6th, the library opened to the public by appointment. Patrons can book an appointment to browse the collection, use a computer, fax, and copier, or study/work in a private room through our online [Event Calendar](#) or by calling 978-433-0330.

With your continued support, the Library was able to both expand new partnerships with community organizations and businesses, and maintain our existing ones.

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 356 Pre-Covid-19 programs, with more than 3,953 in attendance. Both programming and attendance were down due to our cancellation of in-library programs from March 17th – June 30th, 2020.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 10:15AM, September thru June.

President: Laurie Bulkow

Vice President: Marianne Nicholson



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Membership is renewed annually. 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

Please check with the museum for any COVID restrictions and pass usage.

Battleship Cove	JFK Presidential Library & Museum	Salem Witch Museum
Boston Children's Museum	Massachusetts State Park Passes	Seacoast Science Center
Butterfly Place	Museum of Fine Arts	Tower Hill Botanic Garden
Currier Museum of Art	Museum of Russian Icons	UMass Lowell Riverhawks hockey and basketball
Discovery Museum	Museum of Science	USS Constitution
Harvard Museums of Science and Culture	New England Quilt Museum	Zoo New England
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum	Peabody Essex Museum	

## Event Calendar

### Wine Tasting

We were unable to hold our wine tasting this year. If all goes well we will have something to look forward to in the Fall of 2021.

### Virtual Town Tree Lighting

To view either go to the Library's YouTube [page](#) or <https://pepperelchannel.org> and look for library events on their Video on Demand page.

### Pie Sale

Canceled this year due to the pandemic. We hope to bring it back in 2022.

### Used Book Sale

Friday – Sunday, March 19 - 21, 2021

Our annual sale is held at The Fitz. We are currently accepting book donations at the Library through early March.

### Toy Yard Sale

Spring 2021

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

### **Car Magnets and Clings**

New this year we have "Proud Supporter" magnets and clings for your car (or other windows and magnetic surfaces). Put your support on display. Available for \$5.

### **Glasses**

Stemless glassware featuring original prints by local artists Nita Casey, Nan Quintin, and Emelia Misail. Current prints available are of the Lawrence Library (black or red), Covered Bridge, Train Depot, Shattuck School, Dr. Davis Ice Cream, Foster Street Fire Station, and the Community Church for \$5 each. We also have a pint glass with the Lawrence Library image in royal blue available for \$5.

### **Holiday Cards**

We now have holiday cards available with a picture of the Library with the tree on the porch all lit for the holidays. A set of 10 for \$15

### **Book Bags**

Book bags are available with an image of the Lawrence Library. We have a 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](https://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](https://donationline.com) (877- 227-7487). Please list "Friends of the Lawrence Library" as beneficiary.