

The Friends of the Lawrence Library, Pepperell, MA

Annual Newsletter July 2021 - June 2022

A Word From our President

The Friends of the Lawrence Library begin our 57th year excited to have the Library open. Despite the challenges we have all faced we were able to support the Library throughout the Pandemic. This was possible due to the generosity of all of you. In fact, we held our most successful book sale ever in May!

We welcome your participation at our many public events and programs for all ages. You can choose story times for young children and book clubs for families, teens and adults. Children can enjoy vacation events, crafts, and seasonal activities. We are hopeful for the possibility of a Spring return of concerts and Art Gallery receptions as part of the rich and varied offerings at our library.

The Friends provide information about the library and support numerous programs thanks to generous donations, FLL memberships by businesses and families, and our popular fundraisers. We regret that we must delay our 12th Annual Wine Tasting until 2022. We invite patrons of all ages to our Annual Used Book Sale which will be on March 18-20, 2022. We accept used book donations all year. We proudly offer to the community fifteen passes for museums and events and encourage residents to use them often.

The Friends meet monthly on the second Wednesday at 10:15 AM. We anticipate returning to in-person meetings either outside under the tent when the weather permits, or inside in the Art Gallery. We welcome you, your ideas and support. We hope to see you.

A Note from the Director

In an effort to accommodate patrons, we moved our service hours to a 6 day, 43 hours a week model (Monday-Saturday). Curbside no-contact service that was implemented in May 2020 continued in FY21. Using state COVID funding, a permanent locker system was installed by the entryway for curbside pickup.

In addition to providing curbside pickup and virtual programming, on Monday, July 1, 2020 the library opened to the public by appointment only. The Lawrence Library became the first library in the CWMARS network to open to the public, offering appointments for browsing, computer, fax, and copier services, plus study areas for individuals.

With your continued support, the Library was able to provide a diverse range of 477 adult, young adult, and children's online programs via Zoom. We also provided meeting space bookings for 154 non-library programs. This past year, the library offered 8 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 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

Boston Children's Museum
Butterfly Place
Discovery Museum
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
JFK Presidential Library &
Museum

Massachusetts State Park Passes
Museum of Fine Arts
Museum of Russian Icons
Museum of Science
New England Quilt Museum
Salem Witch Museum

Seacoast Science Center
Tower Hill Botanic Garden
USS Constitution
Zoo New England

Event Calendar

Wine Tasting

We are unable to hold our wine tasting this year. If all goes well we will have something to look forward to in the Fall of 2022.

Town Tree Lighting

Friday, December 3rd, 2021, 6:45pm

Join us for a tradition over 20 years in the making. Come sing along as we welcome Santa arrive on the fire truck and magically light the tree.

Pie Sale

Saturday February 12th, 2022, 11:30am - 1:00pm.
Donated pies sold by the slice.

Used Book Sale

Friday – Sunday, March 18 - 20, 2022

Our annual sale is held at The Fitz. Book donations accepted at the Library through early March.

Toy Yard Sale

Spring 2022, 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 opening reception dates as well as upcoming music events. Art shows can be viewed on the Library's FaceBook page and YouTube channel.

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 for \$5.

Glasses

Stemless glassware feature original images by local artists Nita Casey, Nan Quintin, and Emelia Misail. Currently available in black are the Lawrence Library, Covered Bridge, Train Depot, Shattuck School, Dr. Davis Ice Cream, Foster Street Fire Station, and the Community Church for \$5 each. We also have the Library on a wine glass in red and on a pint glass in royal blue, both for \$5.

Holiday Cards

Cards with Tina McEvoy's photo of the Library with the lit holiday tree on the porch. A set of 10 for \$15

Book Bags

Heavy duty canvas book bags (16x12x5 in) with Nita Casey's image of the Lawrence Library, \$15 each.

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.