

# The Friends of the Lawrence Library, Pepperell, MA

Annual Newsletter July 2022 - June 2023

## A Word From our President

The Friends of the Lawrence Library begin our 58th year excited to have the Library open six days a week. With your generosity, we were able to support the Library throughout the Pandemic. In fact, we held our most successful book sale ever in March! This Spring saw the return of concerts and Art Gallery receptions as part of the rich and varied offerings at our library.

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.

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 just finished taking orders for our 3rd annual Bulb Sale. Thank you to those who ordered. We will be contacting you about pickup in early October. We gearing up to host our 12th Annual Wine Tasting on October 15th. We invite patrons of all ages to our Annual Used Book Sale which will be on March 17-19, 2023. We accept used book donations all year. We proudly offer to the community 17 passes for museums and sites and encourage residents to use them often.

The Friends meet monthly on the second Wednesday at 10:15 AM. We welcome you, your ideas and your support. We hope to see you.

## A Note from the Director

In our effort to accommodate patrons the Library remained open 6 days a week, Monday through Saturday from July 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022. From May 3rd through the end of June 2022 we resumed our pre-Covid hours of 5 days a week.

Thank you for your support of the Library warrant request to fund Monday hours (May 2022 Town Meeting). This funding allowed the Library to resume in July our Monday through Saturday hours which now include four evenings open until 8:30 pm. Our curbside no-contact service using the locker system (installed in May 2020) will continue as an opt-in service.

With the Friends support, the Library provided a diverse range of 626 adult, young adult, and children's programs, both in-person and online via Zoom. We also provided meeting space for 230 non-library programs. This past year, the Library offered 17 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

Boston Children's Museum  
Butterfly Place  
DCR/Mass State Park Passes  
Discovery Museum  
Historic New England  
Isabella Stewart Gardner  
Museum

JFK Presidential Library &  
Museum  
Museum of Fine Arts  
Museum of Russian Icons  
Museum of Science  
New England Quilt Museum

Peabody Essex Museum  
Salem Witch Museum  
Seacoast Science Center  
Tower Hill Botanic Garden  
USS Constitution  
Zoo New England

## Event Calendar

### **Wine Tasting**

Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 6:30 - 9:30pm.  
A \$25 ticket includes wine tastings, hors d'oeuvres,  
music and a stemless wine glass imprinted with a  
new town image designed 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, 6:45pm  
Join us for a tradition over 20 years in the making.  
Come sing along as we await Santa's arrival on the  
fire truck and magically light the tree. Then visit him  
and take a picture in our winter wonderland.

### **Pie Sale**

Saturday February 11th, 2023, 11:30am - 1:00pm.  
Donated pies sold by the slice.

### **Used Book Sale**

Friday – Sunday, March 17 - 19, 2023  
Our annual sale is held at The Fitz. Book donations  
accepted at the Library through early March.

### **Toy Yard Sale**

Spring 2023, 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 (limited supply), Foster Street Fire Station, and the Community Church. We also have the Library on a wine glass in red and on a pint glass in royal blue. All are \$5 each.

### **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](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**

[Cars for Charity](https://www.carsforcharity.org) (877- 227-7487). Please list "Friends of the Lawrence Library" as beneficiary.