

The Friends of the Lawrence Library, Pepperell, MA

Annual Newsletter July 2024 - June 2025

A Word From our President

The Friends of the Lawrence Library begins our 60th year excited that the Library remains open six days a week. With your generosity, we were able to continue our support of the Library. You continue to outdo yourselves by making another record breaking book sale last March! Live At Lawrence Library concerts and Art Gallery receptions are part of the rich and varied offerings we fund 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. We would like to thank the staff for their dedication and creativity in bringing such a robust lineup of programs.

The Friends support numerous library programs thanks to generous donations, FLL memberships by businesses and families, and our popular fundraisers. Last year's Wine Tasting was a sell out! Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control we will not be able to hold our annual Wine Tasting this October. However, we are excited to announce the Wine Nook as our new partner and hope to have another great turnout in 2025. Due to the popularity of our recent puzzle sales, we have formally scheduled two this year, in November and January. We proudly offer to the community 21 passes for museums and sites and encourage residents to use them often.

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

A Note from the Director

The Lawrence Library remains open 6 days-a-week, Monday-Saturday thanks to your support to permanently fund Monday hours at the May 2024 town meeting and subsequent June Override vote. Monday hours are now funded as part of the town library budget and not a year to year free cash warrant.

With your continued support, the Library was able to continue providing our numerous programs and offering of meeting space to community groups. We provided a diverse range of **950** adult, young adult, and children's in-person or virtual programs (up 3%). We also provided meeting space bookings for **483** non-library programs. The library offered **22** different museum passes, also funded by the Friends.

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

I would to thank Friends of the Lawrence Library for your continued unwavering support of the library. As I prepare to retire in June 2025 after 19 years, it is knowing the library has your firm commitment will help during this transition period.

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](#)

American Heritage Museum
Aviation Museum of NH
Boston Children's Museum
Butterfly Place
DCR/Mass State Park Passes
Discovery Museum
Historic New England

Icon Museum & Study Center
Isabella Stewart Gardner
Museum
Mass Audubon
Museum of Fine Arts
Museum of Science
New England Quilt Museum

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

[Event Calendar](#)

[Fall Puzzle Sale](#)

Saturday, November 9th, 2024, 10:30am - 1:30pm.
A new tradition to get ready for stormy winter days.
Donations accepted 2 days prior to the sale.
Prices are by donation.

[Town Tree Lighting](#)

Friday, December 6th, 2024, 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.

[Winter Puzzle Sale](#)

Saturday, January 11th, 2025, 10:30am - 1:30pm.
Time to restock! Donations accepted 2 days prior to
the sale. Prices are by donation.

[Pie Sale](#)

Saturday February 1st, 2025, 11:30am - 1:00pm.
Donated pies sold by the slice.

[Used Book Sale](#)

Friday – Sunday, March 14-16, 2025.
Our annual sale is held at The Fitz. Book donations
accepted at the Library through early March.

[Toy Yard Sale](#)

Spring 2025, during the [Town Wide Yard Sale](#).
Items can be donated the week prior to the sale.
Come down for some fantastic finds.

[Flower Bulb Sale](#)

August 11 - 23, 2025.
Order bulbs now that will arrive in the Fall in time
to plant for beautiful Spring flowers.

[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](#)

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, Community Church, Memorial Gates and the GWOT monument. We also have the Library on a wine glass in red and on a pint glass in royal blue. All are \$8 each or 2 for \$15.

[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.

[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](#) (877- 227-7487). Please list "Friends of the Lawrence Library" as beneficiary.