The Friends of the Lawrence Library, Pepperell, MA

Annual Newsletter July 2025 - June 2026

A Word From our President

The Friends of the Lawrence Library begins our 61st year thankful for the years of service from Deb Spratt and excited to welcome the new library director, Diane Lynch. We are grateful that with the townspeople's backing the Library still remains open six days a week. Your participation in our annual Book Sale made it a rousing success this past March. With your generosity in this way and others, we were able to continue our support of the Library.

The Friends support numerous library programs thanks to generous donations, FLL memberships by businesses and families, and our popular fundraisers. After a year off, we are excited to hold our annual Wine Tasting this October with the Wine Nook as our new partner and hope to have another great turnout. We proudly offer to the community 21 passes for museums and sites and encourage residents to use them often.

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. Live At Lawrence Library concerts and Art Gallery receptions are part of the rich and varied offerings we fund at our library. We would like to thank the staff for their dedication and creativity in bringing such a robust lineup of programs.

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

Hello from your new Library Director!

I'm absolutely delighted to join the Pepperell community and to be working in this beautiful library alongside such a dedicated team of staff and Friends of the Library.

At the Lawrence Library, we're proud to offer something for everyone—six days a week. Whether it's lapsit story times for our youngest visitors, book discussion groups for adults, teen gaming meetups, or the vibrant concerts and art exhibits we host throughout the year, our goal is to connect, engage, and inspire patrons of all ages.

We're especially grateful for the ongoing support of the Friends of the Lawrence Library. Please keep an eye out for their many upcoming events—it's a fun and easy way to support your library and connect with the community!

Thank you for your continued enthusiasm. I look forward to meeting many of you soon!

Diane Lynch, 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 <u>online</u>. The following is a link to our printable <u>Membership Form</u>

Museum Passes

American Heritage Museum Aviation Museum of NH Boston Children's Museum Butterfly Place Davis Farmland Discovery Museum Historic New England Icon Museum & Study Center Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum John F. Kennedy Library & Museum Mass Audubon Mass State Park Passes/DCR Museum of Fine Arts Museum of Science

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

Event Calendar

Wine Tasting

Saturday, October 18th, 2025, 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.

Fall Puzzle Sale

Saturday, November 8th, 2025, 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 5th, 2025, 6:45pm. Join us for a tradition over 25 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 10th, 2026, 10:30am - 1:30pm. Time to restock! Donations accepted 2 days prior to the sale. Prices are by donation.

Pie Sale

Saturday February 7th, 2026, 11:30am - 1:00pm. Donated pies sold by the slice.

Used Book Sale

Friday – Sunday, March 20 - 22, 2026. Our annual sale is held at The Fitz. Book donations accepted at the Library through early March.

Toy Yard Sale

Spring 2026, 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 <u>event calendar</u> 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, 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, \$18 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.