

The Friends of the Lawrence Library, Pepperell, MA

Annual Newsletter July 2026 - June 2027

A Word From our President

The Friends of the Lawrence Library begins our 62nd year thankful for our new library director, Diane Lynch, and all she has done to learn the ins and outs of our unique library, town, and state. We are grateful to our members and patrons for your continued support of the Friends. 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. With much regret we must announce that the Wine Tasting will not continue. The required support and backing of the distributors is no longer feasible. But don't worry most of the appetizer recipes will be available in the upcoming Community Cookbook starting September 1st. We proudly offer to the community 22 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 Library Director!

This has been a year full of wonder and amazement as I have learned all that it takes to keep this fabulous library show on the road. I was thankful to have our steadfast staff, our trusty Trustees and especially our Fearless Friends of the Lawrence Library helping me navigate.

Last year the library welcomed over 54,000 visitors and circulated more than 114,000 digital and physical items. We were proud to host 445 programs for people of all different ages with a total attendance equaling over 4,700 people!

How did we do this? Libraries are funded by tax dollars, as you likely know. Our beautiful building, our wonderful staff, and some of our materials. But what makes us shine? The funding we receive from our Friends of the Lawrence Library for updated books, new collections, exciting programs and performances, plus museum pass opportunities. This money comes from the Friends' tireless volunteer work on events like the Annual Pie Sale, puzzle sales, The Toy Sale, and of course, The Annual Book Sale. It's work that goes on all year long. Then, all of these funds go directly back into materials and programming for the library.

So, many thanks to our past and current Friends of the Lawrence Library! Please keep an eye out for their numerous upcoming events. It's a fun and easy way to support your library and connect with your community. I look forward to seeing you there!

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Lynch, Lawrence 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
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 Aquarium

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

Pepperell Fall Festival

We will be on the town field along with about 80 other vendors with free cotton candy and our merch including books and puzzles.

Fall Puzzle Sale

Saturday, November 7th, 2026, 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 4th, 2026, 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 23rd, 2026, 10:30am - 1:30pm.
Time to restock! Donations accepted 2 days prior to the sale. Prices are by donation.

Pie Sale

Saturday February 27th, 2027, 11:30am - 1:00pm.
Donated pies sold by the slice.

Used Book Sale

Friday – Sunday, March 19 - 21, 2027.
Our annual sale is held at The Fitz. Book donations accepted at the Library through early March.

Toy Yard Sale

Spring 2027, 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

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, GWOT monument, and Bunker Hill Memorial Bench. 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.

Mugs

This blue mug is perfect for a cup of coffee, tea, or hot cocoa. It features the library image by local artist Nita Casey. They are available for \$10.

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.