Letter from the President

January 2024

WOW….that was a fast holiday season! Remember when you were a little kid, and it took FOREVER for Christmas to arrive?

I’m not sure about what all of you do during the winter months, but this is my cleaning season where I “try” to tackle a drawer in my bureau every day! Key word is “try.” I usually end up on my computer or sitting on the couch with a book in my hand. This year, I am determined to fulfill my cleaning season…..stay tuned, I’ll let you know how I make out!

The Friends have just completed an outstanding year. Our fundraising efforts were the best they have been in a long time. Our goal this year was to get back on schedule to pre-Covid. Our meeting this month will have the full disclosure on our accounts for the year.

Personally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following:

Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library for you are the bones of this organization. We would love to see more of you during the 2024 year. We would love your input, suggestions, and of course, your help. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us at jbplfriends@gmail.com.

Board of the Friends: Helen Bresnahan, Laura Bergeron, Brianne Doherty, Margaret Dutch, Betsy Ferris, Anne Gregory, Nancy Selchan, Eileen Mattingly, Bill Prodouz, and Betsy Woodley for their dedication and commitment to the Friends.

Jonathan Bourne Public Library Staff: Irja Finn, Director; Colleen Cunningham, Assistant Director; and staff members Terry Johnson, Beth Poirier, Hazel Curtce, Judy Santangelo, Kathleen Haynes, Loretta Brochu, Rebecca Duncan, and Samantha Smith for their continued support and senses of humor which encourages us to do what we need to do.

Jonathan Bourne Public Library Board of Trustees: Tina Prodouz, Chair; Sue Barlow, Todd Benedict, Perry Davis, Kathy Fox, and Susan Schmidt for their encouragement and commitment to work together.

The library is beginning to get back to pre-COVID with offerings of great sessions, crafts, talks, and fun. Please take advantage of the programs you helped support.

May each and everyone of you have a happy, healthy 2024.

—Marilyn Tarallo, President
A Season for Giving—and Bidding!

As fall of 2023 rolled around, the Friends of the Library contemplated the prospect of launching another auction, but some changes from the past few years were in store.

Our former treasurer, Pat Nemeth, who had run the auction so effectively during the Covid years, has moved, so president Marilyn Tarallo, an auction neophyte, took over the reins, assisted ably by vice president Anne Gregory. The second change was to move away from the online auction service which we had used for several years during the pandemic so that bidders could see items online without coming in to the library. Finally, the Friends decided that this year, all proceeds from the auction should go to fund the Library’s programs.

We were unsure what the response to these changes from the Bourne community would be. But Bourne was as supportive as ever. More than 65 items, often handmade, were donated. Bidding was brisk and almost every item had bids. The total earned for the Library’s programs was $3200 when the bidding finally closed on the evening of December 1, the celebration of Christmas in Old Bourne Village. For the next few days, teams of volunteers made calls to the winning bidders and the items were all distributed.

Just a few of the items sold are pictured on this page, so that you can see the variety of what was displayed on the Library shelves all through November. They included a wreath of hand-painted Christmas cards, a basket of socks, mittens, and cuddly throws to ward off winter chills, and a basket of good wine and good mysteries to go with it.

A wonderful to send off the old year and welcome in the new!
The main room was festive with many tabletop trees and other auction items, in addition to the Library’s own decorations.

Holiday music from Boston country singer Matt York cheered those who came to listen and celebrate the songs of the season.

Young students from the New England Ballet Theater performed scenes from the classic Nutcracker ballet.

The lighted Christmas tree kept the party going all night, thanks to Bourne Department of Public Works.
A new event this year was a fundraiser organized by Kathy Fox Alfano, a “Beautiful Books” sale. This sale helped to offset the loss of revenue from the fall book sale, which had been cancelled because of weather. The sale of used books in pristine condition that were “giftable” raised about $580 for library programs.

Look for information for our Spring Sale when the weather gets warmer. And don't forget our perpetual books sale near the back door of the library—always full of great reads!
Treasurer’s Report

December 19, 2023 – Treasurer’s Report

Major Updates: Raised $3,940 in December (Season of Giving $3200, Beautiful Books $580, Shelf Book sales of $160) exceeding 2023 budget by $3,710. Congratulations to all Patrons, Volunteers and Staff for this tremendous Fund Raising effort.

Received a generous donation of $3,000, which included a targeted Childrens Program request of $1,500

November budget was updated to include $500 (October) Children’s expense and $700 (October) Contingency expense missed on an updated spreadsheet during Treasurer transition

Budget Status – December 19, 2023

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Friends Checking @ $21,033 (plus $3,347 held in reserves for the new benches)

Prepared by Bill Prodouz, Interim Treasurer

Do you have a favorite book you would like to review for this newsletter?

Send your review to:

eileenmatenly@yahoo.com.
To all donors, the Friends thank you for your generosity! You help provide for the many free programs that the Library can offer to the community. **Thank You!**

### Friends Donor Log

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### Accomplishments of the JBPL Friends in 2023

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<td>• Funded 20 children’s programs.</td>
<td>• Funded 34 adult programs, many for all ages.</td>
<td>• Purchased the online services of Book Page, and Swank Movie License.</td>
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<td>• Provided many craft activity sets.</td>
<td>• Purchased museum passes for 11 facilities.</td>
<td>• Purchased new benches for the children’s garden.</td>
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<td>• Participated in the <em>Touch A Truck</em> event.</td>
<td>• Raised $1,995 Spring Book Sale</td>
<td>• Produced 4 newsletters for the membership of Friends.</td>
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<td>• Printed second set of 200 Bourne History Quilt Coloring books.</td>
<td>• Raised $581 Beautiful Book Sale</td>
<td>• Participated with the Trustees in funding staff appreciation events.</td>
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<td>• Provided refreshments for <em>Christmas in Old Bourne</em> celebrations.</td>
<td>• Displayed books for in-library book sale raising hundreds of $’s</td>
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<td>• Received a $1,500 donation for Children’s Programs as part of a $3,000 donation</td>
<td>• Hosted 2022 Caring &amp; Sharing Holiday Auction and distributed in January 2023 $4,911 to charities. Of this, $1,008 was donated to the library.</td>
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<td>• 2023 <em>Season of Giving</em> silent holiday auction raised $3,128 to benefit the Library.</td>
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In addition, the Friends Board is pleased to announce that the two brokerage accounts have been transitioned to ESG (Environment, Sustainability, Governance) rated stocks. (One brokerage account is the endowment account for library programs; the other brokerage account is a building fund account.)
The Mississippi Burning Trials: The Hunt for Justice

Three civil rights workers were shot in the dark of night on a lonely road in Mississippi.

A conspiracy of silence enveloped the murderers and multiple trials consumed 38 years of America’s history.

Presented by Honorable Dennis J. Curran
@ the Bourne Public Library
Saturday, February 3rd @ 1pm
No Irish Need Apply:
The History of the Irish in Boston
Presented by
Christopher Daley
@ the Bourne Public Library
March 9th
1pm
String Art Card Class  
Make a Valentine for your Valentine or a card to brighten someone's day!  
**Saturday, January 27th @1pm**  
@ the Jonathan Bourne Public Library  
for artists 8 years to adult  
kids 8-14 must be accompanied by an adult  
Registration Required  
@www.bournelibrary.org

Create a Bullet Journal  
Thursday, January 18th @ 3pm  
@ the Bourne Public Library  
For anyone 5th grade and older  
Please register @ www.bournelibrary.org
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SCIENCE SATURDAY 2024

January 20th - Dinosaurs
Investigating the habits, needs and characteristics of dinosaurs facilitates the exploration of the fossilization process. Hands-on activities assist students with their understanding of fossils and dinosaurs.

February 10th - Jr. Color Lab
Interactive and hands-on activities will assist preschoolers with this introduction to color and their understanding of color mixing.

March 9th - World of Worms
What has no eyes, breathes through its skin, and eats soil? Worms! Interactive and hands-on activities will assist preschoolers with this introduction to worms. They will examine worms up close and even take one home in a wormerie they make themselves!

10am

These programs are for kids 3 and up!
Please Register for one or all of these programs @ www.bournelibrary.org

These programs are offered by the Jonathan Bourne Public Library and the Bourne For Children CFCE grant awarded to the Bourne Public School by the Department of Early Education and Care

Other January events are listed on the next page. For more information about events coming to the Bourne Public Library in February and beyond, be sure to check the Library Calendar every month at https://www.bournelibrary.org/Pages/Index/228191/event-calendar.
January Events for Adults

Exhibits
1/5 – 1/31 - Upper Cape Camera Club “Off the Beaten Path” Exhibit

Adult Programs
1/4 - Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cape Cod & the Islands – Volunteer and Info session – 1:00pm
1/27 – String Art - Come make Valentine cards or other spring designs – 1:00 pm (register)
1/18 – Bullet Journal – start 2024 with Bullet Journaling! – 3:00 pm (register)
1/31 - Emergency Preparedness Program with Chip Reilly, Director of Emergency Preparedness for Barnstable County

Fiber Friends – 10:00am – 12pm — All levels welcome (try our beginner project)

Knitting Group - Thursday evenings 6:30 – 7:30 pm. All abilities welcome – bring your own project or try our beginner project

Mystery Book Club – 6:30 on zoom – 4th Thursday (call library 508.759.6302 for zoom link)

Wednesday Afternoon Readers – 2:00 pm – 3rd Wednesday at Bourne Library – The Postmistress of Paris by Meg Waite Clayton (January 17th)

February Events for Adults

Adult Programs
2/3 - Mississippi Burning: The Hunt for Justice, with Judge Dennis J. Curran, 1 p.m.

2/8 - Aging in Place, with David Karas, a certified “Aging in Place” specialist, 2 p.m.

2/21 - Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority services, 1 p.m.

Ongoing Monthly Events at Bourne Library

The Staff Appreciation Luncheon on December 28 was jointly sponsored by the Board of Trustees and the Friends of the Library. The menu included chili cooked by Perry Davis, several kinds of cornbread and salad, and an array of desserts.
An Easier Way to Give

We have added PayPal to our Friends page on the Library web-site. There are two buttons there, one for membership dues; the other is for donations. Please use the donation button to pay for Caring and Sharing items.

We would be delighted to have you “click away”; and send what you can to support your

2024 Calendar

Monthly Board meetings are on the 4th Monday of the month from 1:00–3:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room. (Meetings may be held by Zoom, at the discretion of the President.) Please note that the calendar will be updated in each newsletter if dates change.

January

January-February Newsletter
Board Meeting—January 22, 1 p.m.

February

Board Meeting—February 26, 1 p.m.

March

March-April Newsletter
Board Meeting—March 25, 1 p.m.

April 22

Board Meeting—April 22, 1 p.m.

2024-2025 Board

Marilyn Tarallo, President
Anne Gregory, Vice President
Nancy Selchan, Secretary
Bill Prodouz, Interim Treasurer
Eileen Mattingly, Communications
Laura Bergeron, Helen Bresnahan,
Betsy Woodley, Brianne Doherty, Elizabeth Ferris,
Members at Large

Own a piece of Bourne’s History!

If you have been in the community room at the Bourne Library, you have no doubt seen the amazing quilt that hangs in a case there. The images in the quilt are all scenes from Bourne’s history, drawn by art teachers in local schools and appliqued and quilted by a group of local quilters. A coloring book made from these sketches is still available for you to see in the children’s room. But a newly-reprinted edition with additional information is now available for sale at the front desk for $5.00. All proceeds from the sales go to support library programs.

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