



Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library January–February 2020 Newsletter

President's Corner

Greetings to all of our Friends!

The first snow has fallen, holiday lights are shining brightly, and recent library events have filled my heart with joy. It must be December...finally.

Earlier this year the Friends had come up with lofty goals: to embark on a membership drive, expand our book sale offerings, and maybe even start an annual appeal letter. Like everyone in 2020, we had to reassess what we could realistically do once the world shut down in mid-March.

Without having people inside the library or able to attend large events outside, our ideas of an increased membership roll were unrealistic. A successful pop-up book sale late in the fall was still not close to our original plans. We were beginning to worry until a Board member suggested we send the appeal letter. After much discussion about sending a request for money when others were hurting, we decided to ask our lifetime members. This group of our members has made a one-time contribution to the JBPL Friends. We were giving them a chance to be Founders of our 2020 Virtual Fundraising Drive with separate categories of giving named after famous authors. The letters were sent and we waited, expecting maybe a dozen responses.

Instead, we have raised to date \$6,775 from so many Lifetime Members! (See p. 7) Your checks are still coming and we are so grateful. Thank you for believing in the Friends and caring enough about our library and all our imagined future events.

One event that was not cancelled was the Caring and Sharing Auction traditionally held inside the library. For three weeks the library is normally decorated with handcrafted art and holiday décor, and patrons can bid on items to support many local nonprofits in our area. Instead of cancelling, we took the auction online, posted a record 60 items and

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then advertised our week-long virtual auction. Many thanks to Pat Nemeth for chairing this event, putting in so many hours to organize all the miniscule details to give it professional polish. The auction raised over \$3,000 for nineteen nonprofits.

You can read about the auction on pp. 4-5. It was fantastic to see so many familiar faces (behind their masks), and meet new contributors to our Caring and Sharing Auction. The Painted Ladies produced five original winter watercolor scenes. One donor refreshed her knitting skills with snug baby hats. The winning bidder on a handcrafted jewelry piece met the artist who made her necklace and learned about the beads' origins. I just loved being with the Friends Board in person, chatting about family traditions and learning how they became Friends volunteers. It felt so good to unite community members to give back during this trying year.

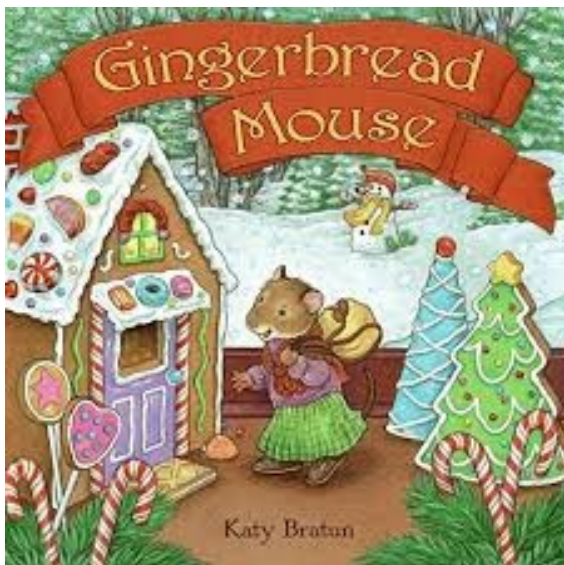
In the end, this year was not about increasing our membership, but rather realizing the potential of the members we already have. We will not disappoint you and hope to fill 2021 with many safe activities for the patrons and you, our Friends.

Happy New Year to Our Friends!

—Heather A.M. DiPaolo
JBPL Friends, President

Story Walks and Gingerbread Houses

It might be December and there might be snow on the ground, but nothing can discourage these young library patrons from their story walks. On this occasion, Miss Terry shared the book *Gingerbread Mouse* by Katy Bratun with her young friends. The take-home craft was a charming “gingerbread” house.

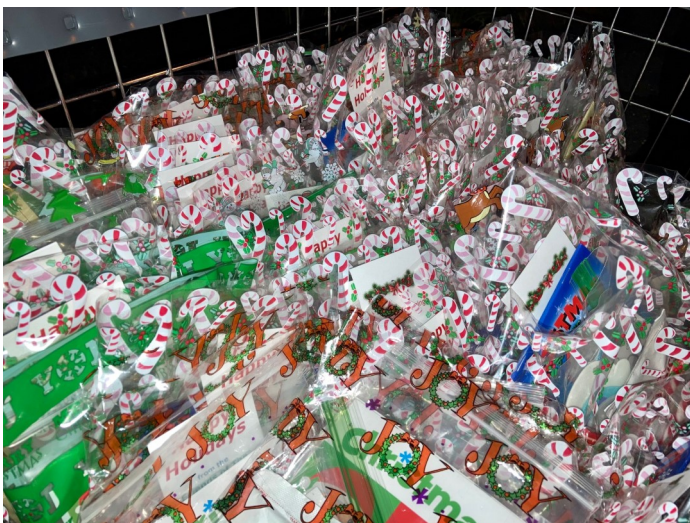


A Visit from Santa



In front of the library,
On a cold winter's night,
Not a creature was stirring,
Yet the tree was alight.
When what did my wondering
ears seem to hear?
The Bourne High School Band
As it brought us some cheer.

Santa was there
In his beard and red suit,
And his jolly masked elves—
Well, they sure did look cute!
Though the temperature fell
And the cold they were braving,
The cars rolled on by,
Filled with passengers waving.



And Santa waved back
To each girl and each boy
And passed out some goodies
To bring them some joy,
And then called good-bye
As they drove out of sight.
"Merry Christmas to all,
And to all a good night!"



The 2020 Caring & Sharing Charity Auction



Once upon a time, there was a town named Bourne. In that town there was a lovely red brick building. This building was a wonderful place. Here all the people of the town could come and for free they could get the gift of knowledge. This building was the town library. It held books, videos, CDs, computers, and people who would help you find what you wanted.

The people who lived in the town loved their library. Every Christmas they would bring little Christmas trees and other decorations to the Library. The decorations were then auctioned off to benefit charity. It was a grand tradition.

One year a great illness fell over the land, and people had to stay sheltered. What could they do about their charity auction? Well, this is New England! And New Englanders know how to use all the tools in the toolbox. So, the auction went online. And “WOW!” it was a great success!

There were more donations to the 2020 Caring and Sharing auction than were received in 2019. Sixty lovely items were donated by 36 individuals and clubs. The auction was a celebration of handcrafted items that included paintings, Christmas trees, knit hats, jewelry, and gift baskets. The people of the town discovered that it was fun to go onto their computers and bid on the auction items!

The auction ran for nine days. When it ended, **\$3,008 had been raised to benefit 19 charities**. This was a very good Christmas gift to the community! Here is our Caring & Sharing fiscal report. Many thanks to all who participated as donors and buyers!

—Pat Nemeth

ASPCA @ \$75	First Church of Christ, Sandwich – Steeple Restoration @ \$60	Pocasset Community Building @ \$50
Beacon Hospice @ \$465	Friends of Falmouth Dogs @ \$65	Samaritans on Cape Cod & The Islands @ \$75
Bourne Community Boating @ \$65	Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library @ \$525	St. Vincent de Paul Society @ \$320
Bourne Food Pantry @ \$450	Habitat for Humanity @ \$50	Success for Survivors of Domestic & Sexual Violence Scholarship Fund, General Federation of Women's Clubs @ \$56
Bourne Historical Society, Briggs-McDermott House @ \$80	Herring Pond Genealogy @ \$40	Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation @ \$110
Cape & Islands Gay & Straight Alliance @ \$42	MSPCA Cape Cod @ \$140	Happy Holidays with \$3,008 raised for Charity!
Doctors Without Borders @ \$310	People For Cats @ \$30	

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The 2020 Caring & Sharing Charity Auction, cont.

So many lovely items were donated. Here are some of the top winners:

Amazing Gnome Giving Tree with 13 Gift Cards



Made by Amy Fenton
Won by Anne Elliott
Proceeds benefit Bourne Food Pantry
Won for \$215

Pink Pearl Necklace with St. Francis medal



Made by Pat Nemeth
Won by Lynda O'Brien
Proceeds benefit Doctors Without Borders
Won for \$200

Sunflowers and Leeks



Made by Sally Baer
Won by Mary Hunt
Proceeds benefit MSPCA Cape Cod
Won for \$145



The Pocasset Community Center was the location for the donors to drop off their donations in the morning and the winning bidders to pick them up in the afternoon. Tina Prodouz (left), Heather DiPaolo and Nancy Selchan (below) were among those who came to help.



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December Treasurer's Report

As we approach the end of the year we are in a responsible fiscal position. With the pandemic at our doorstep, we reduced planned expenditures, and broadened our approach to fund raising. We hosted a successful Bulb Sale program with Dutch Mills. We held one book sale; and we sent out an appeal to our lifetime members. All told we raised \$12,061. We also proceeded as planned to supplement the budget funds with a withdrawal of \$15,000 from our brokerage savings account.



Here is quick summary of this year's Budget.

2020 Budget Report as of 12-1-20			
Expense Allocation	\$24,782	Funding Planned	\$27,075
Spent	\$21,400	Funds Raised	\$27,061
Remaining Funds	\$3,382	Remaining Goal	\$14

We expect to receive some additional donations in December. They will help us in 2021 continue to provide the Library with our loving support. If you have not sent us a donation so far, please do so. Many thanks to all of you!

An Easier Way to Give

We are happy to announce that we have added PayPal to our Friends page on the Library web-site. There are two buttons there for your use. One is for Membership Dues; the other is for Donations.

We would be delighted to have you "click away"; and send what you can to support your Library.

PayPal

2020-2021 Board

Heather DiPaolo, President
Anne Elliott, Vice President
Nancy Selchan, Secretary
Pat Nemeth, Treasurer
Kathy Fox Alfano, Fundraising
Chris Crane, Book Sales
Tina Prodouz, Membership
Diane Ranney, Communications
Eileen Mattingly, Communications

With Our Deepest Gratitude....

We wish to extend our thanks to all the lifetime members who stepped up with donations when we were unable to hold regular events during this pandemic year. With their generosity, library programs, including online programs, will be able to continue.

Mark Twain (\$25)

Barbara Berler
Jane Corriveau
Rev. Cannon Virginia Day & Ann Rex Olineros
Patricia Ganley
Christine Runey
Patricia Saniuk
Clement and Gloria Walsh
Anonymous (2)

Lorinda Feingold
Bill and Nancy Gavin
Alfred and Katharine Herzog
George and Margaret Jenkins
Susan Kane-Burnham
Marie and Ernest Leblanc
Eileen and Joe Mattingly
Robin McIntyre and Andrew Campbell
Karol Musche
Joan Nawrocki

Agatha Christie (\$50-\$75)

Tim and Rhea Atwater
Kathleen Brennan
Chris and David Crane
William Doherty
Michele Ewing
William and Mary Gibbons
Joan Hall and Jeffrey Mullin
TSgt. Glenn King, USAF (Ret.)
Raguraman Krishnasamy
Richard Mullen
Amy Shank
Teri and George Stanley, Jr.
Dorothy Wheeler

Bill and Tina Prodouz
Karen and Joseph Pacheco, Jr.
Alvan and Leslie Rambler
Daniel and Bernadette Robinson
Alan and Nancy Selchan
Connie Spilhus
Carol and Warren Sterns
James and Rosemary Sullivan
David and Ann Wallace
Ron and Betsy Zinzer
Anonymous (2)

Jane Austen (\$100-\$200)

Charles and Helen Bresnahan
John Carpenter
Dr. William Cottle
Joyce Dalton

William Shakespeare (\$500-\$1000)

Mark and Laura Bergeron (in memory of Henry J. Roux)
Jonathan and Heather DiPaolo
Crystal and William Ribich (in memory of Clayton and Ann Campbell)
Richard Shader, M.D.
Ida Little (in memory of Michael Walsh)

Our thanks also go to the crafters and other donors whose skill, time, and imagination made our first online auction a true success.

Kathy Fox Alfano
Sally Baer
Maureen Bean
Laura Bergeron
Fran Bogden
Leona Bombaci
Cape Cod Doll Club
Nan Crossland
Hazel Currence

Heather DiPaolo
Isabella DiPaolo
Sue Dow
Anne Elliott
Amy Fenton
Casey Ford
GFWC Bourne Women's Club
Stephanie Kelly
Cynthia Lambert

Pam Matheson
Eileen Mattingly
Penny Meyers
Pat Nemeth
Tina Prodouz
Diane Ranney
Kathy Sargent-O'Neill
Laura Scena
St. John's Women's Guild

Susan Slyva
Marilyn Tarallo
Jayne Urso
Lynne Valeri
Peg Wilson
Betsy Woodley
Katharyn Wright

February is Library Lovers Month!



The Friends of the Library are extremely grateful for all of the love that our members have shown to the library and the Friends during a difficult 2020. We would not have reached our membership and fundraising goals during the pandemic without your support.

The month of February is **Library Lovers Month** and also the time to renew your annual Friends membership. Please submit your 2021 dues to the Friends in one of the following amounts

Senior \$20.00

Household \$50.00

Individual \$30.00

Lifetime \$500.00 (one-time payment)

You may pay your dues by using the PayPal button on the Friends online page at www.bournelibrary.org or you can detach and mail in the form below with a check.

♥ *Happy Valentine's Day to our Friends!* ♥

Please renew my membership in the Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library.

Membership Level: Senior _____ Individual _____ Household _____ Lifetime _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Send this form and a check to:

Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library

19 Sandwich Rd.

Bourne, MA 02532

Great Courses, Great Minds

One digital resource available in spite of the library building closure is The Great Courses. This is available to our patrons through RBDigital (just like Acorn TV) and the terms are similar. With a library card number, patrons get seven days of free access to the platform. At the end of seven days, you can renew and continue.

What do the Great Courses cover?

The Great Courses Library Collection has thousands of video lectures on a wide variety of topics: Food & Wine, History, Health and Wellness, Hobby and Leisure, Science, Travel, World Languages, etc. The seven-day pass gives you access to all of the courses. Each topic varies in how many lectures there are in the course.

How do I create an RBDigital Account?

Create an account on your first visit to the JBPL's RBDigital website. Select the "Register" link in the upper-right-hand corner of the screen. Fill in the information requested, including the barcode from your CLAMS card, and create a username and password. This username and password is what you will use to log-in to RBDigital from now on.

What are some of the Great Courses?

Here is a small sampling of the courses you can check out:

The Art of Investing
Essential Secrets of Spices
Tai Chi and Qigong
A History of India
Fundamentals of Photography
Mythologies of the World
Mathematics of Games and Puzzles
Beethoven's Piano Sonatas
Death, Dying, and the Afterlife
Emotional intelligence
Do-It-Yourself Engineering
Great Tours: Medieval Europe

For questions, call Sara Rose at the library at 508-759-0644 or email her at srose@bournelibrary.org.

Friends Fall Activities

Because the library building was closed, a few of our usual activities had to be (ahem!) tweaked a bit. The Annual Meeting was held on October 6 as scheduled, but at the Aptuxcet Trading Post. Members wore masks and practiced social distancing.



The annual book sale, usually held indoors in the summer, was cancelled, but a pop-up book sale was held on October 3. Books were only a dollar apiece, and children's books were free. The weather was beautiful, and the turnout was excellent.

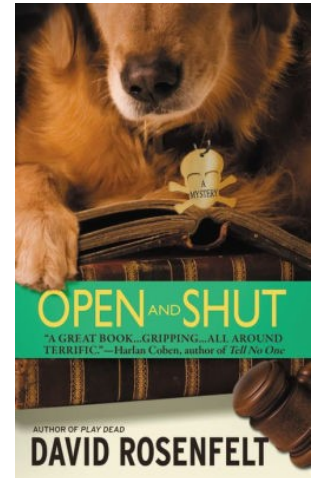
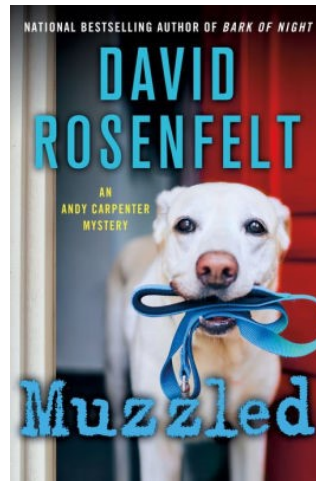
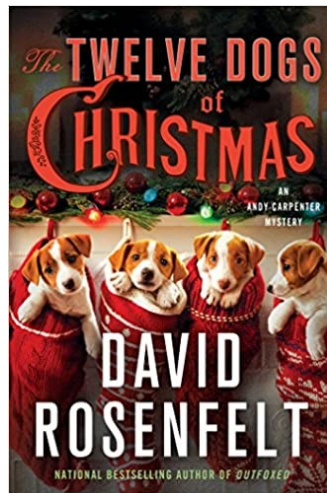
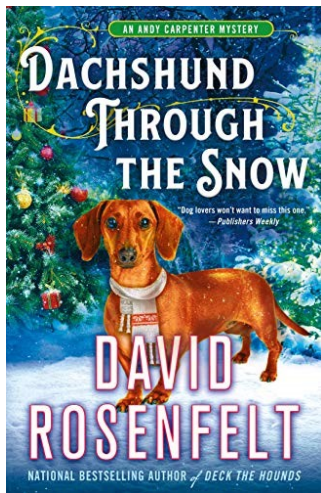
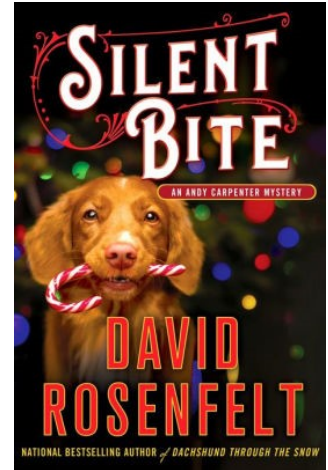


Book Review:

Christmas is Going to the Dogs

What's not to like about a semi-retired lawyer who is afraid of his own shadow (or almost) but manages to solve crimes and get his clients a free ride? And what if it all happens at Christmas, which in Andy Carpenter's house, lasts for four months? If you can't think of anything that might be wrong with this scenario, think again. Then read David Rosenfelt's Andy Carpenter mysteries. It doesn't matter where you start, although it is fun to see his varied attempts to retire throughout the series.

The most recent of the books is *Silent Bite* and this one stumped me almost to the end. Start with an ex-con who may have a grudge against the first victim, continue with victim number two, and throw in a few loveable dogs, a "techie" who thinks Carpenter is Dick Tracy, and Andy's "friends" at the bar, and you have a fast paced who-done-it that is rife with laughs and sarcasm. I pity the judge who tries to rein in Carpenter and his nonexistent defense which suddenly becomes more complicated than the streets of Paterson, New Jersey.



The combination of law and humor, insight into dog rescues (Rosenfelt and his wife have rescued over 4,000 dogs!) and some savvy characters who grow on the reader and you have a series that you won't want to miss. This is the twenty-first in the series which started with *Open and Shut*. Rosenfelt has written other fiction titles, as well as two non-fiction books dealing with dog rescue, but I must say that I favor his Andy Carpenter series. The titles alone are enough to keep one amused: *Dachshund Through the Snow*, *Muzzled*, and *The Twelve Dogs of Christmas* to name a few. Check them out at www.bournelibrary.org in print or online. You'll be laughing from now until the New Year.

—Diane Ranney

