



Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library May-June 2021 Newsletter

We've Got Your Beach Reads and More!

Remember our very successful pop-up book sale last fall? Well, it's about to happen again this spring. Here's your chance to deal with all the books that have been piling up on your night table and bookshelves all winter.

Here's the plan:

We will collect books in the library parking lot on **May 15 from 9a.m.-noon** and on **May 16 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.** We can only take books that are in good condition. Musty, torn, or dirty books must find a different home. All COVID-related guidelines for masks and social distancing will be observed.

All books collected will be quarantined in the shed for a week.

Books will be available for browsing and purchase on **Saturday, May 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** in the library parking lot. The rain date will be Sunday, May 23, at the same hours. All payment should be by cash or check, since we will not be set up for credit card purchases.

We will have a special guest that day. Paul Split, the well-known local horticulturalist, will be there to answer gardening questions and to give out seed packets. Paul is a nationally recognized designer and presenter of green workshops and lectures. He specializes in organic, low maintenance, affordable landscapes, herb gardening, and gardening in glass. He is also a home garden consultant. Come and blend your enthusiasm for gardening with his expertise.

To make this sale successful, we need lots of help from the Friends. First, we need books. Lots of books. So please scavenge around in your bookcases, your desk, your end tables—wherever your

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books like to hang out—and bring them in on one of our collection days.

But we don't just need your books. We need you! Please contact one of us to volunteer to help. We need a couple of people on May 1 and 16 to help us move books into the shed. We need a good number of Friends to help set the book sale up at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 22. We need a few people to help with selling the books, replenishing and neatening up the book tables, and helping people find books they want. And of course, a small clean-up crew if we don't sell out!

Please call or email to sign up to help. Nancy's email is selchannancy@gmail.com and her phone number is 508-728-4991. Eileen can be reached at 301-613-8963 or eileenmattingly@yahoo.com.

—Nancy Selchan
—Eileen Mattingly

Have you forgotten to renew your Friends membership? See page 4 for the renewal form and details.

A Sure Sign of Spring

There's no doubt about it. Spring has arrived on the Cape when the Easter Bunny makes a special appearance at the Jonathan Bourne Library. This year the bunny came for a one-hour drive-through meet and greet with over 100 people. Our special guest, pictured below with Children's Librarian Terry Johnson and volunteer Serena Tura, gave our special gift bags to the children. The bags, provided by the Friends of the Library, contained all kinds of goodies: Smarties candies and lollipops, bracelets, bunny notebooks, and a wide selection of special buttons that featured everything from sharks, unicorns, and flamingos to pickles and cupcakes.



The children who attended had many questions. "Is the bunny a boy or a girl?" "Can the bunny talk?" "Why does the bunny have shoes?"

The Easter Bunny was just one of the many special events arranged by Miss Terry this pandemic year while the building was closed. There have been art classes, Science Saturdays, and a Bedtime Stories program. Even very young children have enjoyed participating in Zoom events with their older siblings, even doing simple science experiments in imitation of their brothers and sisters.



For more information on upcoming events, check out the library calendar at <http://bournelibrary.org/>.





Bulbs for Books



Because the Jonathan Bourne Library building is closed during the pandemic, the Friends of the Library are unable to hold our usual annual and ongoing book sales. The money raised by these sales is used to support many library activities including author talks, summer concerts, and children's programs. Therefore, we are trying to raise money by selling Dutch Mill Bulbs. We hope you'll be able to support the Friends and therefore your local library by buying flower bulbs as you did last fall. All items are guaranteed to grow and bloom, and the library earns 50% profit on every sale.

To view the bulbs, please click on:

<https://groups.dutchmillbulbs.com/shop/?affiliates=JBPLFriends>

and you'll be directed to our custom page. Items you select will be sent directly to the shipping address you provide. The sale will continue until June 15.

It's easy! Make your selections, provide billing and shipping information, and enter Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library in the Organization field.

Note: If you are typing the link into your computer rather than clicking on the link, be sure to enter the information in the "URL" field, not the search box.

Thank you for your support!

Turn your bulbs into books by ordering today!

It's Time to Renew Your Membership!

It's a new year and the Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Library are looking forward to supporting our library's wonderful programs and activities in 2021.



Now is the time to renew your annual Friends membership. Your support of the Friends' mission is so important to us. 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. Thank you so much for your support.

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

Membership Level: Senior _____ Individual _____ Household _____ Lifetime _____

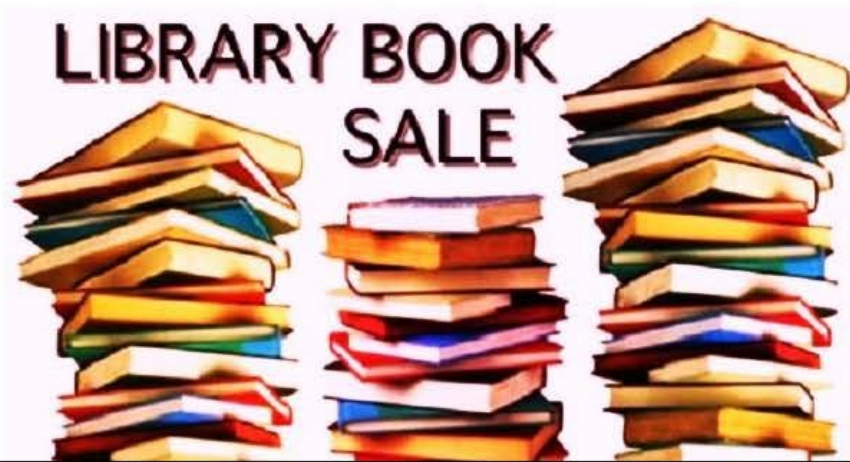
Name: _____

Email: _____

Send this form with a check to:

**Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library
19 Sandwich Rd.
Bourne, MA 02532**

THANK YOU



The Jonathan Bourne Library spring book sale is coming!

Book donations

will be accepted

Saturday, May 15, 9 a.m. to noon

Sunday, May 16, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**Books in good condition can be dropped off
in the library parking lot at those times.**

(Please, no mildewed or damaged books)

Spring Outdoor Book Sale

Saturday, May 22, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

(Rain date Sunday, May 23)

In the library parking lot

**Special guest: horticulturalist Paul Split
will be at the book sale to answer
your gardening questions**

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne



Plant Sale



Outdoor set up Rain or Shine

Saturday May 8th

9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Pocasset Village Community Building
314 Barlow's Landing Road, Pocasset

PLEASE, NO Early Birds!



* Perennials and Annuals for Sun and Shade * Herbs *

* Tomato Plants * Trees and Shrubs *

* Limited numbers of Mother's Day Baskets*

Professional Sharpening of garden tools, knives, scissors, and chainsaw blades available at the sale by "What a Grind"

Masks & Social Distancing Required



April Treasurer's Report

In March we filed our Federal and State tax reports. 2020 will forever go down in history as a "quiet stay at home" year. Our Library staff shifted their talents from programs in the Library, to other services that could be offered either online or outside, with safe distancing.

With Membership Dues, Donations and one Book Sale, we kept going! Many thanks to all of you who have supported the Library! Here is our latest Budget report.

Friends 2021 Budget – As of April 1, 2021

Expense Budget	Spent	Remaining
\$24,859	\$6,779	\$18,080
Income Budget	Raised	To Be Raised
\$25,100	\$2,099	\$23,001

Looking for an Opportunity to Serve?

We would love to have your help! We are looking for volunteers to help with Book Sales, FUNraising and other Friends' initiatives. If you are interested, please contact us at jbtfriends@gmail.com



Membership News!

A quick trip to the curbside service of the Library is a fun outing! Here you can browse through a few book carts, pick up a craft bag for a child, and *join the Friends!* In the last two months, sixteen new families have done just that! Welcome!

Your Library connects you to the world!

Over half of our annual members have paid their 2021 dues. If you still need to do so, please see the renewal form in this Newsletter. We need your support! Please take minute and write that check or pay on the PayPal link on the Library website.

Your kindness is appreciated. Your dues help fund special Library programs and services. Thank you!



How Can We Help?

Do you have an idea for a service you would like to have the Friends sponsor at the Library? Perhaps you would like to have help writing a job application or researching a specific topic? Maybe you would like to see more online programs, concerts, or movies? Would you like certain themes focused on, like the history of Bourne or advances in technology or you fill in the blank.

We want to hear from you. Please send your suggestions to jbpfriends@gmail.com

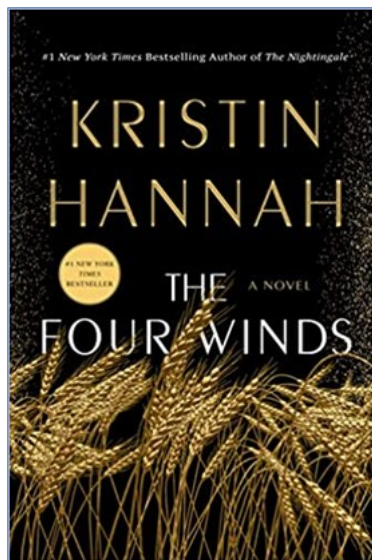
What We're Reading

The Four Winds

by Kristin Hannah (2021)

We draw our strength from the very despair in which we have been forced to live. We shall endure.

— Cesar Chavez

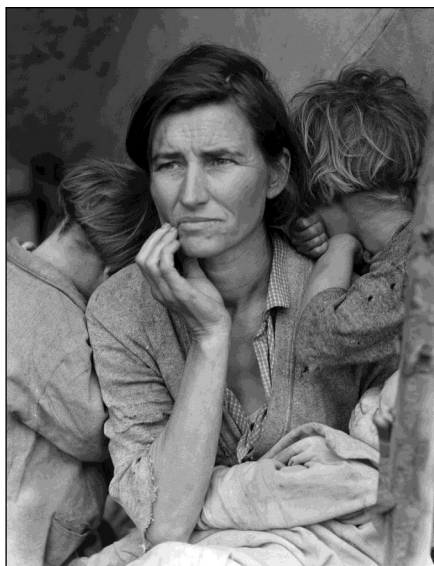


It is 1921 in Texas. Elsa is 25, tall, gangly, lonely and sure she is not pretty. More than that, she is sure she is not good enough. Her own mother tells her she will never marry. No one will want her. And yet Elsa yearns to live.

From the very first page, this book will hold you riveted. It

begins when wheat is king, and the economy is good. But quickly the tides turn. Elsa goes from being a spinster, to being pregnant and married to a man who barely cares. Two children later she has learned how to work hard on a farm. She has also learned that her love for her children is unconditional and she will fight for their survival.

Not since I read *The Famine* by Liam O'Flaherty have I been taken so completely into the lives of those who had to struggle to survive against all odds. The terrifying episodes of ranging wind and pounding dust, will put you with Elsa and her children, hiding under a table, struggling to breathe.



Her husband leaves her. He feels trapped on his parents' farm; and so, he runs off. Never to be seen again. Her daughter Loreda blames her. Each hard day, through one dust storm after another, with one loss after another, she debates whether to follow other migrant families and try to find a better life in California.



Finally, her little son Ant becomes ill with dust pneumonia. To save him, she decides she must take her family to California. Surely, she will be able to find work there and give her children a better life. Like many a mother, she wants her kids to be able to go to college and have a better life.

Elsa has no idea how tough the road will be ahead of her, or what she will have to endure for her family. You must read this wonderful book to know how this story ends. I will tell you this, you will not forget Elsa. She is honest about her fears; and she is so brave. In the end, Loreda will tell her mother she loves her; and she will call her a warrior.

I highly recommend this book and I give it 5 stars!

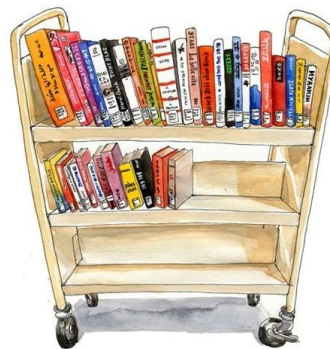
—Pat Nemeth

Got a great book you'd like to share?

*Please send your book review to
eileenmattingly@yahoo.com.*

Now that you've finished the newsletter, it's time to sign up for the book sale!

See Page 1 for all the details and send us an email or give us a call before you forget!



Miss Browsing the Library Shelves?

The library now has several carts of books for adults and children, DVDs, large-print items, and more. The carts are located outside near the curbside table; in case of bad weather, they will be inside the front door. Come and satisfy the urge to find a great new read!

HELP WANTED:

Are you organized and interested in helping the number of Friends increase? We have an opening on the Board for **Membership Chair**. The duties include keeping an accurate list of the membership, recruiting new members, and assisting with the annual membership drive.

Is your head filled with ideas about raising funds to support the library? Maybe it is time to consider taking a leadership role as **Fundraising Chair** of the JBPL Friends. The main fundraiser is the book sale, but we have organized other events during COVID that have brought in dollars for the mission of our organization. The more creative, the better!

If either of these positions sound appealing to you, or you just want to know more, please reach out to us at: JBPL-Friends@gmail.com. If you have a friend who would like to join you, co-chairs are also encouraged; please throw your hat in the ring if you have any interest at all. Thank you!



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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.

PayPal

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

2020-2021 Board

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