



Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library

November-December 2021 Newsletter

Letter from the President

One of the several beautiful wonders to living in New England – fall days!

The beautiful colors, the weather beginning to become crisper, the smell of pumpkins and spices—the holidays are closer, and just as the squirrels are gathering acorns to store, we, too, are gathering supplies for the winter.

On a beautiful day in September, we successfully attended Canal Days where we had the opportunity to “show off” our new tents!

October began with two days of collecting donated books for our Book Sale. The response was unbelievable - our book shed was packed to the ceiling. The Book Sale, our second of 2021, was held the following Saturday. The sale was a huge success, netting us the grand total of \$1800. We invited Maggie Shea, a local Girl Scout, to hold and run a bake sale alongside of the Book Sale. Maggie is working for her Silver Award, and her project is to build one or more “little free libraries” for children. You can read more about Maggie and her endeavors further in our newsletter.

October also brought us the news from several of our Board members that they wished to resign. I would like to take a moment to thank these Board members, Heather DiPaolo, Anne Elliott, and Diane Ranney for their hard work, insight, and the guidance they generated to further the success of the Friends of the Library.

Our Annual Meeting was held on October 14th. The 2022 Budget was adopted, giving the opportunity to increase funding for Adult and Children Programs, as well as supplies and equipment for the library. An election was also held for the position of President to which I was nominated and elected. We are working to fill the open positions.

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With the holidays at our fingertips, our Caring & Sharing Program will begin. If any of you have an interest in donating a craft for our auction, please contact Pat Nemeth.

Our next meeting will be held on November 22nd, with additional discussion around the upcoming holiday season events.

As Mark Twain said, “Good friends, good books, and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life.”

—*Marilyn Tarallo*



Fall Book Sale



The Friends of the Bourne Library began the fall book sale project on October 2 and 3, when they collected thousands of books donated by other Friends and community members. Cookbooks, novels, nonfiction, children's books—all poured in in the space of a few hours. They were packed and stored in the little barn on the side of the library, which was absolutely packed, thanks to the generosity of our book-loving community. Many volunteers helped with the heavy work of getting the books ready for the sale.

Even more volunteers stepped up to help a week later. They set up tables, carted heavy boxes from the shed, and arranged the books neatly until the table were overflowing with books. More books were stored underneath the tables, ready at hand for other volunteers to keep replenishing the tables.

By the end of the day, hundreds of Bourne citizens had new stacks of books ready for winter reading, a few booksellers had stocked up, and the Friends of the Library had \$1800 more to donate to support the Library's programs for both children and adults. Thank you to all who volunteered, who shopped, and who made the day one on which to celebrate the spirit of our town.



Fall Book Sale, cont.

We were especially encouraged by the presence of so many young people. The Bourne High School field hockey team was encouraged to participate by their coach, Mike Massman. Elizabeth Black and Madelyn Deisher came in the morning and worked very hard helping to carry out literally thousands of books and arrange them on the tables. The afternoon group--Ava Grobleski, Heather Lapworth, Kellan Geake, Victoria Flaherty, and Hannah Greene--even wore their field hockey uniforms and worked as a team to move hundreds of large-print books back into the library and to pack up the unsold books. Other students, including eighth grader Zoe Cardinal and high school senior Michael Carrara, volunteered as individuals. All the students were hard-working and responsible; they really represented Bourne High School well.



Another student who came to the book sale was Maggie Shea (right), who ran her own table brimming with homemade baked goods. Her sales raised an astonishing \$481.50 for her Silver Award project for Girl Scouts, the building of one or more little free libraries just for children. Hungry visitors to the book sale were delighted to patronize Maggie's table.



Treasurer's Report



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On October 14th at the Annual Meeting, members of the Friends unanimously approved the 2022 Budget. The Budget provides increased funding for Adult and Children Programs.

2022 Budget

Expenses	2022 Budget
Adult Programs	\$7,000
Children Programs	\$8,500
Museum Passes	\$5,000
Scholarships	\$4,500
Equipment, Software & Online Services	\$3,500
Office & Other	\$3,500
Total to Fund	\$32,000

Income	2022 Budget
Dues	\$2,400
Donations	\$3,500
Fund Raising	\$3,500
Brokerage Account	\$23,000
Total	\$32,400

Here is quick status report on this year's budget.

2021 Budget - As of October 30

Expenses	Spent	Remaining
\$32,396	\$24,503	\$7,893
Income	Raised	Remaining
\$32,392	\$26,021	\$6,371

The Friends are pleased to be able to support our beloved Library. Thank you to all the members who support our efforts with their time, dues, and donations.

Member News

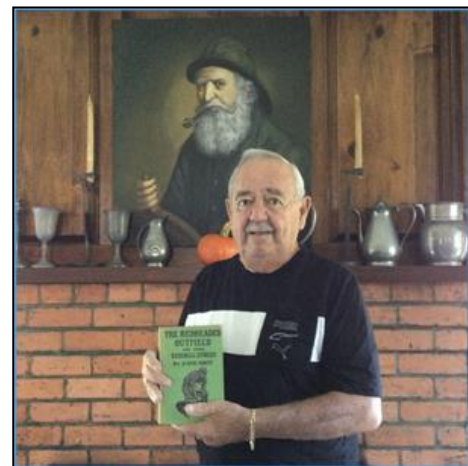
Treasure at the Book Sale

Lee and Richard Drugan are long time members of Friends. They love the Library and were happy to come to the latest book sale. Richard loves baseball and one book just jumped off the table at him. It was *The Red Headed Outfielder*.

Later, when he got home, he discovered that the book was written by one of his favorite authors, Zane Grey. He was delighted with his good fortune!

The book is a collection of baseball short stories, written by the famous western writer. The book was first published in 1920. A first edition of the book is listed on eBay for \$150. Oh, my goodness!

Richard wondered if the treasure was his to keep. So, he called Pat Nemeth (Treasurer of the Friends). She congratulated him on his good luck and said, "That book wanted you. It jumped off the table at you!"



Richard Drugan and his Zane Grey book

Pat told Richard that her father had loved Zane Grey. She grew up reading his westerns. Later, Pat stayed at the Zane Grey Pueblo Hotel. The Catalina Island hotel began its life as a house that Zane Grey built on the hillside overlooking Avalon Bay. He spent most of his later life writing and fishing in Avalon. He was fond of saying, "In order to fish, I write."

The Book Sale brought a treasure to Richard and connected him to another bit of history about the author. What fun!

Canal Days

Cape Cod Canal Day, sponsored by the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce on September 18 in Buzzard's Bay Park, was especially popular this year, and the Friends of the Library were glad to be able to participate. It was a chance to show off one of the new tents we purchased to support library events.

Heather DiPaolo and Anne Elliott stocked the tent with many items to interest passersby. There was a wheel to spin for young visitors, with prizes ranging from pens and notepads to individual cylinders of bubble stuff. In addition there were many books for children and a splendid raffle basket for adults. Volunteers from the Friends kept the tent staffed, interacted with visitors, and spread the word about the upcoming book sale and Friends membership.

The book raised funds for our projects as well. Donations totaled \$144. Raffle tickets totaled \$206. This made a grand total of \$350.



Friends members Anne Burbine and Lou Ricker welcome visitors to the Bourne Library booth at Canal Days.

The History of Our Ship

The Lagoda and Jonathan Bourne

Ever wonder about the ship that is the logo of the Jonathan Bourne Library? Here is the story:

Shipping and trade made Jonathan Bourne a very successful merchant. One of his most famous ships was the *Lagoda*. When she was first built in 1826, she was supposed to be named for Lake Ladoga in Russia, but when the name was painted on the ship the “d” and “g” were put in the wrong order. For centuries sailors felt it was bad luck to change the name of a ship unless she was sold. And thus “*Lagoda*” was born. Originally built as a trade ship, she was converted to a whaling ship when she was bought by Jonathan Bourne in 1841. In her 64 years, she would sail every ocean in the world.

In 1915, Emily Bourne donated the Bourne building to the New Bedford Museum and contributed funds to build a half-scale model of the ship. At 89’ in length, with a mainmast 50’ tall, this is largest scale model of a whaling ship in the world.

The *Lagoda*’s history is a chronicle of the history of trade in the late 1800s. She was originally built to bring high quality bar iron from the Lake Ladoga region of Russia to New England ship builders. By 1841, when Jonathan Bourne bought her, the biggest demand was for whale oil. From the 1700s until the early 1900s, whale oil was used to light the lamps of the world. At the peak of her service, whale oil sold for \$2.00 a gallon. The *Lagoda* would make Jonathan Bourne close to \$19 million in today’s money.



Model of the *Lagoda*

Photo courtesy of the New Bedford Whaling Museum

The *Lagoda* was a hero ship during the Whaling Disaster of 1871, when 33 whaling ships were locked frozen in the ice of the Arctic Ocean. She was one of only seven ships to escape. She carried 195 survivors to safety in Honolulu.

After 45 years, Mr. Bourne sold the *Logoda* and she traveled to California to continue working as a whaling ship for a few more years. But by the end of the 1800s, the previously indispensable whale oil was being replaced by electric lights, powered by coal-fired plants. In 1889, the *Lagoda* was sold to become a coal hulk in Japan. She spent the last ten years of her life in this service.

[Sources: New Bedford Whaling Museum, Wikipedia, South Coast Today and YouTube]

—Pat Nemeth

Editor’s Note: For more information on this remarkable ship, see “The Ship *Lagoda*: The Maritime History of an American Icon, 1826-1890” at <https://whalingmuseumblog.org/2016/03/28/the-ship-lagoda-the-maritime-history-of-an-american-icon-1826-1890/>.

Special Events at the Library

GOLDEN LANE

Irish Traditional Music & Songs



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH
1PM**

**@ THE JONATHAN BOURNE
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Special Events at the Library, cont.



TOO HUMAN

COME AND ENJOY AN
AFTERNOON OF ACOUSTIC
MUSIC AND SONG

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 27TH
2PM**

THANK YOU TO THE BOURNE
CULTURAL COUNCIL FOR FUNDING
THIS EVENT,

Annual Meeting Report

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library took place on October 14. Members were welcomed with cookies and apple cider and the meeting began.

The resignations of President Heather DiPaolo, Vice-president Anne Elliot, and Communications Co-Chair Diane Ranney were announced. In light of these resignations, the scheduled adoption of amendments to the by-laws was postponed to allow for further review.

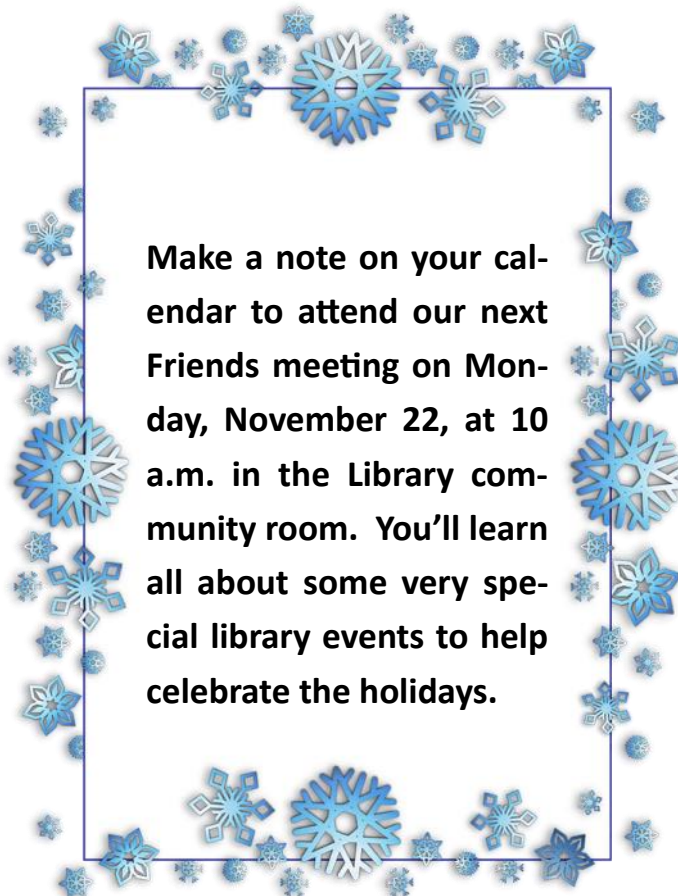
Treasurer Pat Nemeth presented the Year-End Report on finances and reviewed the accomplishments of the Friends for the 2021 year. The report was accepted. She then presented the proposed 2022 budget, which was also approved. A summary of both the Report and the 2022 budget can be found on page 4 of this newsletter. Pat also provided information about the Friends' brokerage account and the special library improvement campaign.

Marilyn Tarallo was elected President.

The Friends of the Library will return to the former custom of meeting on the fourth Monday of the month at 10 a.m.



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Make a note on your calendar to attend our next Friends meeting on Monday, November 22, at 10 a.m. in the Library community room. You'll learn all about some very special library events to help celebrate the holidays.

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

Marilyn Tarallo, *President*

Open Position, *Vice President*

Nancy Selchan, *Secretary*

Pat Nemeth, *Treasurer*

Eileen Mattingly, *Communications*

Open Position, *Membership*

Open position, *Fundraising*