

**Friends of the Jonathan Bourne
Public Library**
March-April 2023 Newsletter

Letter from the President

HAPPY SPRING!

Wishing you all a wonderful Spring season!

As I was returning home from the pharmacy, where I had just “dropped” a four (4) digit payment, I began to feel irate. The more I thought about the cost of the two prescriptions, the more upset I became. Both my husband and I worked very hard all our lives – sometimes even working two jobs at a time – to ensure our retirement was going to be everything we wanted it to be.

By the time I was home, sitting in my kitchen, I began to calm down and realized that we are not the only ones in this tsunami of price increases. It affects each and every one, whether you are retired or not!

This revelation helped me realize that the work the Friends do at the Jonathan Bourne Public Library is even more important than ever.

We provide great programs, **cost-free**, to the public—from the toddlers who attend learning and craft programs, to concerts in the summer time, and the holiday events held every season. We provide “unseen” gifts such as online services (Zoobean, Book Page, and Swank Movie License), and museum passes. We are able to provide the public with some breathing room to enjoy some downtime from our hectic lives.

The “Book Sales” are such a hit with the community. They are currently the only fundraisers we have to help fund the programs at the library. We are in the process of discussing adding more fundraisers,

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but we need help. Those of you who have a few hours to spare would be most welcome to join us in the planning and execution of more fundraising events.

The membership dues go a long way, too, as they also help provide funding to the library programs. If you are interested in becoming a member or donating some time, please contact us. There are several ways we can be reached. We have a “tab” on the Jonathan Bourne Public Library website (<https://www.bournelibrary.org>) where you can apply for membership. We have membership applications in the library, too! If you would like to donate some time, please contact us at JBPLFriends@gmail.com or reach out to one of the us on the Board.

Remember our library is “FREE” to all who wish to use all that it offers!

—*Marilyn Tarallo*
President

Friends' Calendar for 2023



Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library

2023 Calendar

Monthly Board meetings are on the 4th Monday of the month, at 1:00 pm in the Library Community Room. Meetings may be held by Zoom, if so, notified by the President.

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
Jan 23 – 1:00 pm	Combined February & March Meeting – March 20, 2023	Combined February & March Meeting – March 20, 2023 <i>March-April Newsletter</i>
<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
April 24 – 1:00 pm <i>May-June Newsletter</i>	May 22 – 1:00 pm May 6 – Book Drop off May 12 – Setup May 13 – Book Sale	June 26 – 1:00 pm <i>July-August Newsletter</i>
<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
July 24 – 1:00 pm Staff funding request for 2024	August 28 – 1:00 pm <i>September-October Newsletter</i> Draft 2024 Budget for Board review	September 25 – 10:00 am Sept 16 – Book Drop off Sept 23 – Book Sale Sept 30 – Publish Proposed 2024 Budget
<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
October 30 – ANNUAL MEETING – 1:00 pm <i>November-December Newsletter</i>	November 27 – 1:00 pm Caring & Sharing: Nov 3 & 4 – Drop off	No Board Meeting Christmas in Old Bourne – Dec 1, Tree Lighting & Treats Caring & Sharing Dec 1 – Bidding ends Dec 2 – Pick up

April Treasurer's Report



Kicking off 2023!

2023 is off to a great start! The Friends have funded five adult programs, and six children's programs. Five of our thirteen Museum passes have been renewed. In addition, we have provided craft supplies and food treats for a number of events.

March is the month to pay Annual Membership dues. To date over two-thirds of the members have paid. If you have not sent in your dues yet, please do so. We depend on you to help support our library.

We have also received donations to date of \$365. Many thanks!

Here is a recap of the 2023 Budget, as of March 21.

Friends 2023 Budget

Expenses Budgeted	Spent	Remaining
\$30,900	\$6,618	\$24,282
Income Budgeted	Raised	Remaining
\$30,900	\$1,815	\$29,085

Due to the decline in the stock market, the Board elected to not withdrawn funds from the market last year. Instead, we used cash reserves to cover expenses. At the end of the first quarter of this year, our cash reserves are at \$9,100.

Finally, I am happy to report that we have filed our 2022 Tax Reports.

—Pat Nemeth
Treasurer

A Wreath Workshop for Spring

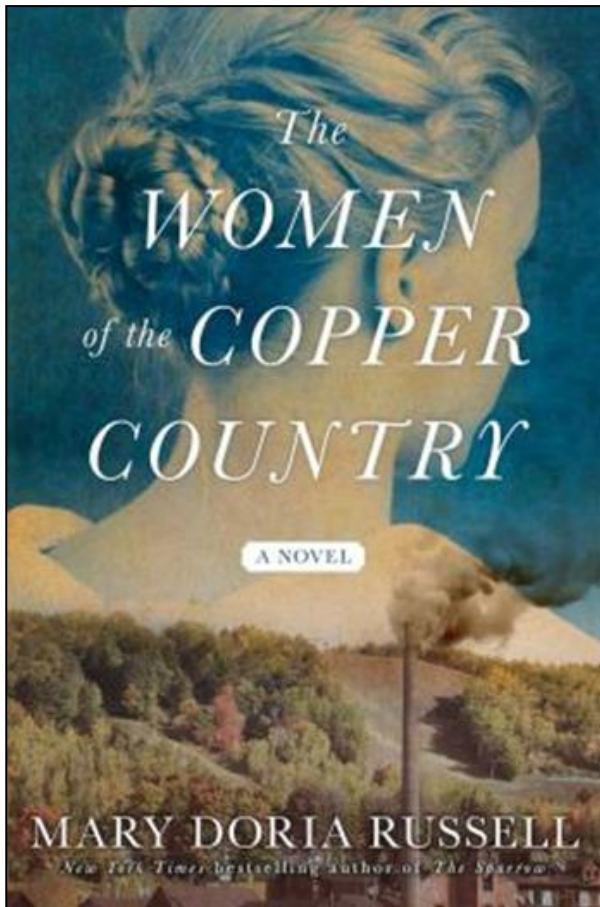
Still waiting for spring to arrive? Tired of the oldjoke about the months of the year in Massachusetts? (January, February, March, March, March....) Here are a few photos from the recent wreath workshop with Friends President Marilyn Tarallo to put you in the mood.



Photos courtesy of Nancy Selchan



Book Review: *The Women of the Copper Country*



I was born after the great union fights of the early 1900's. I didn't live during the great depression. I didn't grow up without enough food to eat. I was blessed.

But today there remain stark inequalities in our land. And looking back to times of great hardship, can help us forge a more decent world. So, settle in and read about a two-year fight between a fledgling union and one of the country's greatest copper mining companies. Many died in pursuit of better working conditions.

The Women of the Copper Country by Mary Doria Russell will take you to the brutish conditions that existed in the mining town of Calumet, Michigan. Here you will meet Annie Clemenc. She was an unusually tall girl who was viewed as homely by many. She married a miner, who was a heavy drinker and would occasionally beat her. Her brother was one of the miners who tried to start a union. But the story really begins when he dies in a mining accident and Annie decides to take on the fight.



Annie Clemenc, 1888-1956

Here we see men risking their lives to work underground for meager pay that barely allows them to feed their families. Children go down into the mines to dig in the smallest tunnels. Women supplement incomes by doing laundry, working as maids, and growing vegetables. But all life is lived in fear of the bells that announce a collapse in the mines.

As with all historical fiction, we read a story that is part fact and part imagination. Annie is a galvanizing leader. She is fearless. As the story unfolds, she pulls the community of miners together. But the fight will drag on, and along with other leaders she will suffer being jailed and beaten.

The fight will become news outside of the confines of the Calumet. Unions in New York and Boston will send funds and aid to help. In the end, this Joan of Arc will succeed, but at a terrible cost. To know the story of the lives lost, the greed and heartlessness, and the final outcome, read this book.

This book is available at the Library. I give it 5 stars.

—Pat Nemeth

Our New Library Catalog

On February 27th, the CLAMS Libraries launched a new catalog (Aspen) and integrated library system (Koha). When they log on to Bourne Public Library, library patrons will view a new user-friendly catalog! This new interface will make searching and borrowing material easier for library members.

Aspen catalog has some new features like purchase suggestions, customized recommendations, and tracking what you have read. Some of Aspen's other features:

- Members can update contact information in their account.
- Members have the ability to select notification preferences such as text, email, or phone calls for holds.
- Search results are grouped by format – print books, audiobooks, DVD's, and eBooks/eAudiobooks
- Members can send purchase suggestions to library staff directly through the member account.
- The catalog allows member to create reading lists.

Take a look at the screenshot of a catalog page below. If you have questions, please ask staff at Bourne Public Library for assistance.

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Search by Keyword in Library Catalog Search

New Coming Soon Popular New York Times Featured

Fiction Non-Fiction Large Print eBooks Children's Young Adult Audiobooks eAudio DVDs/Blu-Rays Music

New » Fiction Covers Grid Hide

Hourglass
KIM CURNUTT
MY NEMESIS
CHARMAINE CRAIG
AND THEN I WOKE UP
MALCOLM DEVLIN
MIKE LAWSON
ALLIGATOR ALLEY
RUN TIME
CATHERINE RYAN HOWARD
Bad Luck Bridesmaid
Alison Rose Greenberg

April at the Bourne Library

Events and Programs

April 1 at 1:00 pm – **Pamela Means** presents **The Power of the Protest Song: Our Shared History & Present Day** -this family-friendly public event will explore the origin stories and lineages of protest songs, how their meanings and effects continue to transform through time and space, and how they have inspired.

April 3 at 1:00 – **Monday Matinee** – Empire of the Light

April 5 at 2:00 to 4:00 pm – **NEW PROGRAM** – Wednesday Writing Group (open to all levels)

April 8 at 10:00 am – **Science Saturday** – Mad Mixtures - Please register @ www.bournelibrary.org

April 15 at 2:00 pm – **The Pollinator Garden** -Join Kate from Blackstone Veggie Gardens and explore ways to attract bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds to your garden.

April 18 at 10:00 am - **The Green Whale** (grades K-2) – Come learn about whales and their role in the ecosystem

April 19 at 10:00 am – **Tales of the Earth** – interactive stories and songs for family fun to celebrate Earth Day

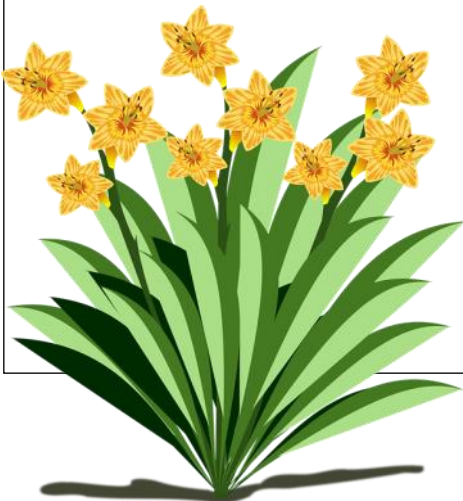
April 20 at 6:30pm – **Mr. Vinny's Shadow Puppet Show**

April 21 from 9:00 am to 11:00 – **Touch a Truck** – at Bournedale Elementary School

April 22 at 1:00 pm – **Barnstable No Place for Hate** – Active Bystander Workshop - Learn how to respond and make a positive difference. To register, visit the events page at www.bournelibrary.org

Art Show

April 10 – 29th - Painted Ladies of Bourne Art Show and Sale – “April Showers Bring May Flowers”



Ongoing Monthly Events in April at Bourne Library

Ask a Public Nurse – April 4, 11, 25 (10:00 to 11:00 am) April 18 (9:00 to 10:00 am)

Sponsored by the Bourne Health Department and the VNA of Cape Cod Public Health and Wellness Division. Walk-ins Welcome – First Come, First Serve

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April at the Bourne Library, cont.

Knitting Group - Tuesday afternoon 2:00 – 3:00 pm and Wednesday 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

Legos – Drop-in - Tuesdays 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Little Builders - Story and Play – Drop-in Thursday 10:00 – 11:00 am

Babies & Books – Monday 9:15 – 10:00 am - Please register @ www.bournelibrary.org

Toddler Hop, Skip and Read – Monday 10:15 – 11:15 am - Please register @ www.bournelibrary.org

Preschool Storytime – Friday 10:00 – 10:45 am- Please register @ www.bournelibrary.org

JBCC Community Play Group

Play & Learn – Wednesdays 9:30 am

For More Information Email - TJohnson@Bournelibrary.Org or Mdankert@Bourneps.Org

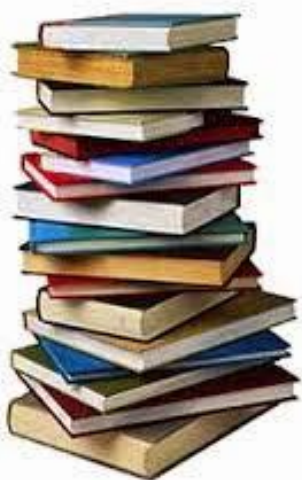
Bournedale Elementary

Toddler Hop Skip Read - Thursday 9:15 - 10am - Please register @ www.bournelibrary.org

Pre-school Story Time - Thursday 10:15 - 11am - Please register @ www.bournelibrary.org



THE SPRING BOOK SALE AT THE LIBRARY



will take place on

Saturday, May 13,

outdoors if weather permits and otherwise
in the Program Room just off the parking lot.

If you have books to donate,

we'll be collecting them on

Saturday, May 6.

We're also looking for **volunteers**

to help sort and arrange the books on both days.

Watch for more details, coming soon!



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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

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 Library.

2022-2023 Board

Marilyn Tarallo, *President*

Open Position, *Vice President*

Nancy Selchan, *Secretary*

Pat Nemeth, *Treasurer*

Eileen Mattingly, *Communications*

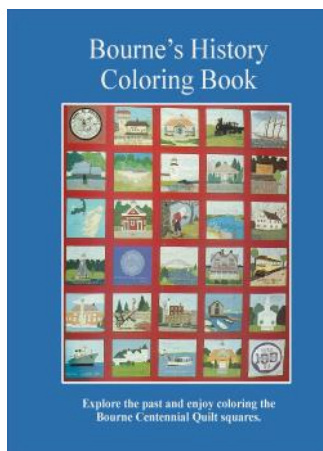
Open Position, *Membership*

Laura Bergeron, Helen Bresnahan,

Kathy Cardeiro, Anne Gregory, Amy Shank,

Betsy Woodley, *Members at Large*

Own a piece of Bourne's History!



If you have ever come to the community room at the Jonathan 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 was made from these sketches and 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. You can purchase a copy at the front desk for \$5.00. All proceeds from the sales go to support library programs.

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