



Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library  
May-June 2024 Newsletter

**Letter from the President**

Dear Friends:

The spring book sale was completed this past weekend. It was certainly one for the records. Due to the rain forecast, we decided to hold the book sale in the Community Room. This required us to move all the tables and thousands of books into the building on Friday afternoon and set up early Saturday morning. What an exhausting feat!

The Board has concluded that we are at the age where the physical exercise of lifting and carrying needs to be limited. We most definitely need to bring on some younger people to help keep the fundraising going so we can support Library events throughout the year.

The Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library is **vital** to keeping the “fun” happenings going forward every year. We purchase equipment, museum passes, the majority of the children’s programs, craft and activity sets, adult events, on-line services such as Book Page and Swank Movie licenses, and participate with the Trustees in funding staff appreciation events. We host the Christmas in Old Bourne Village every December, plus another major fundraiser, the Season of Giving Silent Auction.

I know it sounds like I am praising all the “great” things we do, and you’re right, I am; but I want to stress that without our efforts, the library would fall short in what they are able to provide to the public.

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We need your help in getting the word out. We need to introduce younger residents to the Friends and prime them to pick up the torch. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please have them contact me directly.

On another note, the library has begun summer hours. They are also getting ready to kick-off the summer programs and events. Please take the time to enjoy all that is offered this summer.

Just a reminder: If any of you who are crafty are “bored” this summer (hahaha!), please remember we will be looking for donations to the Season of Giving Silent Auction. We begin planning the event in late August.

Have a safe and healthy summer!

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## **Member News**

### ***National Library Week Luncheon***

National Library Week (April 7-13 this year) has been celebrated across the country in public and school libraries since 1958, thanks to the efforts of the American Library Association. On April 11, the Trustees and the Friends of the Library marked the occasion by thanking our excellent Library staff with a luncheon of chili, cornbread, and ice cream sundaes. *Photo by Sue Barlow.*



### ***Treasurer Needed!***

Since our treasurer Pat Nemeth resigned last year to move to a new home, that role has been filled well on a temporary basis by Bill Prodouz. However, we need someone to step up to take on the responsibilities of the treasurer on a more permanent basis.

The treasurer's main focus is working with library leadership to pay for programs, museum passes and other events sponsored by the Friends. These are the basic responsibilities:

- The treasurer provides checks and credit cards as needed to pay for library programs.
- The treasurer deposits cash and checks received; the majority of this comes from two time periods: membership renewals and the Season of Giving auction. Banking can be in-person or through online deposits.
- The treasurer keeps records of transactions via Excel Spreadsheets, which are already created and linked.
- The treasurer prepares a monthly report; a template for this is available.
- The treasurer reviews finances, including banking and investment performance, with the President and Board.

If you have these skills and would like to join the Board of the Friends as our treasurer, please contact Marilyn Tarallo at [metarallo@gmail.com](mailto:metarallo@gmail.com).

## Spring Book Sale

It was the day before the book sale, and once again the weather reports for Saturday, May 18, were gloomy. It looked like our wet and chilly winter was continuing right into spring, and book sale organizers Nancy Selchan, Marilyn Tarallo, and Eileen Mattingly held a worried call on Friday morning. If the sale was outdoors, even ten minutes of rain could ruin thousands of books. The decision was reluctantly made—the books had to be moved from the little red shed across the parking lot to the community room for an indoor sale.

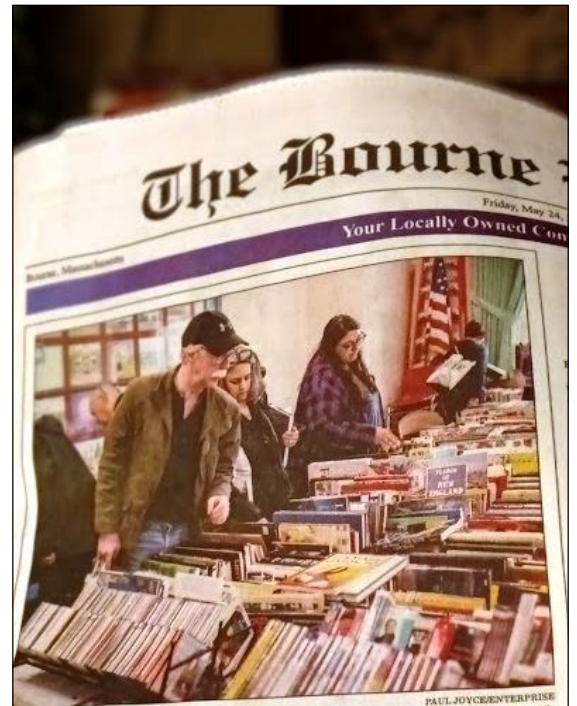
The volunteers came through, however. By Friday afternoon, when the room was vacant, many Friends of the Library turned out to ferry both the tables and the books—in carts, a truck, and a car—across to the library. Many volunteers even stayed to begin the set-up, which would continue Saturday morning. By 10 a.m. Saturday, the doors opened to a long line of booklovers.

Many buyers left with armloads or even bags of books, all priced to sell. Volunteers, including three young women from Bourne High School and one from Bourne Middle School, kept re-stocking the tables and keeping them full. At the very end of the day, organizers offered to let customers fill a bag and simply give a donation; the donations often exceeded what the books themselves would have cost!

The leftover books were bagged after 2 p.m. and moved back to the shed. But they will not go to waste! More Than Words, a nonprofit that works with underserved youth in Boston, sent their truck down a few days later to take the leftovers to their Boston bookstore, which hires and mentors young people, advocates for them, assists them with housing, and more. Through donations like our leftovers, 92% of their young people have earned a diploma or are on track to earn one.

By the end of the day, the community room was clear, and we had earned thousands of dollars to support all the wonderful programs our library presents. Many, many thanks to all the donors who gave books from their collections and the volunteers who gave their time and their physical exertions to make this book sale a success! Stay tuned—we'll have our next book sale in the fall!

And yes, it did rain that day after all!



PAUL JOYCE/ENTERPRISE  
Hjalstrom surveys the offerings at the Bourne Library Book sale on last Saturday, May 18.

### Legislator Nixes Machine Gun Range Funding Extension

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be considered by the US Senate's a provisional determination ab

*The Bourne Enterprise* sent a photographer to cover the library book sale and ran a photo on the front page of their next edition. Photo by Paul Joyce/Enterprise.

## Library News

### ***The Library Has a New Newsletter***

Head to the Library website and check it out! The June issue is online at the Library website at <https://www.bournelibrary.org/>. Click on the link for the JBPL Newsletter and you will find all kinds of information:

- Upcoming activities for children and adults
- Tech talks
- The summer reading program
- Book club selections
- Recurring events like the knitting group and bullet journaling
- Videos of programs at the Library that were broadcast by Bourne Community Television

Even better, you can easily sign up to have the newsletter delivered to your inbox by simply entering your name and email. It's a great way to find out about all the programs the library offers in time to mark your calendar!



And that means **SUMMER HOURS** at the Library. From now until the end of summer, the Library will be open as follows:

Monday	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday	9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	CLOSED
Sunday	CLOSED

### ***The Library of Things Coming Soon***

No, it's not something from the newest *Harry Potter* film. It's a collection of non-traditional items that support the Jonathan Bourne Library's mission to provide educational, cultural, and recreational materials that meet the needs of our users. If you are 18 years old, have a valid library card, you may borrow these items for two weeks (with no renewals); the items can even be reserved at the Library website at [www.jonathanbournelibrary.org](http://www.jonathanbournelibrary.org). Here are some things that will be available:

Metal Detector	Connect 4 Game	Drill Set with Attachments
Sewing Machine	KitchenAid Mixer	DVD Player with Remote
Badminton Set	KitchenAid Mixer attachments	Food Dehydrator
Folding Camp Chairs	Outdoor Limbo Game	Handheld Digital recorder
Karaoke Machine	Portable Chess Set	Kitchen Aid Food Grinder and Slicer/Shredder Attachments
Canning Supplies	Soil Tester	Ropoda Giant Tumble Tower
Mixer with Pasta Roller	Uno Card Game	



## Upcoming Events for Adults

- Wednesday, June 5, 1 p.m. Writing, Editing, and Publishing Your First Book: Author talk by Len Egan
- Tuesday, June 18, 2 p.m. Tech talk with librarian Nicholas Schiller
- Thursday, June 20, 1 p.m. Empathetic Communication with those with Dementia, presented by Visiting Nurse Assn. of Cape Cod.
- Wednesday, June 26, 2 p.m. Author Talk with Terri Arthur on two books, *Power Failure: A Nurse's Story* and *Fatal Decision: Edith Cavell, World War I Nurse*.
- Thursday, June 27, 6:30 p.m. Mystery Book Club, *Betrayed* by Lisa Scottoline (On Zoom)
- Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Fiber Friends
- Thursdays, 10 a.m. Bullet Journaling
- Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Thursday Night Knitters

## Upcoming Events for Children

- Tuesdays, 10 a.m., to June 11 Stroll the Cape Walking Group for Stroller-Aged Children
- July 8– August 16 Summer Reading 2024
- Tuesday, 9:30 am. Drop-In Play
- Fridays, 10 a.m. Calling All Builders (Lego)
- Fridays, 10 a.m. Story Walks

For an updated list of events and more details about each of the events listed above, be sure to check out the Library's June newsletter at <https://www.bournelibrary.org/>.

**Have a great summer!**

## 2024 Calendar

Monthly Board meetings are on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### May

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Book donations collected for book sale—May 11  
Spring book sale—May 18

Board meeting—May 27, 1 p.m.

### June

Board meeting—June 24, 1 p.m.

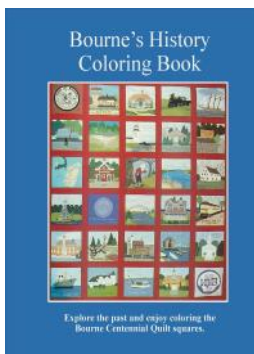
### July

Board meeting—July 22, 1 p.m.

## 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.



## 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

## 2024-2025 Board

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