



## Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library July-August 2024 Newsletter

### ***Letter from the President***

Happy Summer, Friends!

This is truly the best time of year. From now right through October! Everything smells fresher (except low tide), the salt air, the flowers, and I think even the sun and sand!

For me, the best part of summer is sitting on the beach, soaking up the sun, reading a book! I also spend time thinking about our winter auction and what projects to start. We begin planning the Season of Giving silent auction in August. Last year was such a success and enabled us to provide more programs, treats, etc. If you have a craft, please consider donating one of your pieces (or more) to the silent auction. The money we bring in goes a very long way! Stay tuned as we will have more on this in the fall.

The library has a stimulating summer under way. On Thursday, August 8, art historian Suzanne Altman will discuss Winslow Homer—his life, his works, and his legacy. The children's summer programs will end with Family Night in the Garden on Thursday, August 15, with pizza from Pizza Barbone and entertainment by Liam and Jonny. On a more serious note, on Wednesday, August 21, a Blue Cross/Blue Shield representative will discuss planning for Medicare, its enrollment timeline, programs available to early retirees, and more.

These events are just a few of the programs that the Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library financially support. There are many more

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on the website. For further details, please go to <https://www.bournelibrary.org/Pages/Index/228191/event-calendar>.

Stay safe this summer! Remain cool, calm, and collected as visitors arrive, and most importantly, “don’t forget the sunscreen”!

Wishing each of you a happy, healthy summer. We hope to see you at many of the library events!

*Marilyn Tarallo*  
President  
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The Friends of the Library

### ***BOOK SALE***

Is coming soon!

Please volunteer a few hours  
on September 14  
to help fund our great library!

## ***Member News***

### ***Our New Pollinator Garden***

Last year as patrons drove up to the Library they could see the freshened face of the brickwork on the front of our nearly 100-year-old building. This summer, thanks to the Bourne Garden Club, the front of the Library is also graced with a new garden, blooming with plants and flowers native to the area. These are pollinator plants—107 of them—chosen for their ability to attract and sustain the bee population on which we all depend. Come view the asters, coneflowers, bleeding heart, bee balm, and more, and perhaps you will take home some ideas for your home garden. Many thanks to the knowledgeable and generous-spirited members of the Garden Club who made this native garden that greets library patrons daily this summer.



### ***Treasurer Still 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).

## ***Summer at the Library***

Not everyone knows that the Library budget from the Town of Bourne cannot entirely fund the plethora of events that our library brings to us. Museum passes, concerts, summer reading programs for our young people, mind and body workshops for adults— all of these are possible in part because of the funds provided by the Friends of the Library. Take a look at some of the exciting events that have happened in the last several months. Then consider volunteering to help for a couple of hours at the September 14 book sale which produces a significant amount of the funds that we have available to make these events happen. See more details on page 6.

### ***Summer Concert Series: Denye and Julie***

July 23 was a pleasant evening in the Children's Garden on the side of the library and many people turned out to hear the duo sing their Celtic music, sea shanties, folk music, and more. Although Julie Charland was ill and could not attend, her place was ably filled by John and Teresa Owens, who joined Denya LeVine on guitar, fiddle, ukelele, and even an octave violin.

The highlight of the evening was a performance of "The Unicorn," a song written by Shel Silverstein and recorded by The Irish Rovers. Led by Denye, children in the audience danced to the song and made arm gestures that reflected "green alligators and long-necked geese,/ some



humpty-backed camels and some chimpanzees." (Sadly, though, the unicorns didn't make it onto Noah's ark.)





## *Summer at the Library, cont.*

### ***Summer Concert Series: Scott Ouellette***

July 30 was another fine evening in the Summer Garden as the Library presented Scott Ouellette, a classical guitarist who has performed here in Bourne before. A gifted musician, he plays music from the Baroque era and from Spain, Spanish-speaking America, and Brazil. He also is a composer and played some of his own music for the audience, including a delightful lullaby, "Cullare le tempesta" ("Lull the Storm"); it can be heard online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9MMVRCN4U>. His narration between songs explained his development as a musician.



### ***Mind and Body Workshops***

Monday mornings this summer brought series of workshops to promote physical and psychological well-being, from a session on healthy eating on a budget to a mindfulness session to promote a sense of peace and alleviate stress. At the Qi Gong session pictured below, Margaret Mitchell (right) leads students as they practice various movements designed to reduce stress, lower blood pressure, and improve sleep and balance.





## ***Summer at the Library, cont.***

### ***Summer Reading Kickoff***

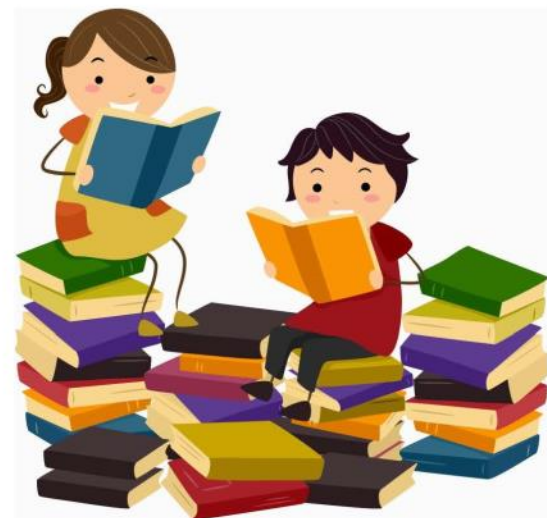
This year's Summer Reading Kickoff was a lively event. The Summer Reading Dance Party was attended by 97 children and 89 adults. They were all entertained by DJ Ooch (Brett Outchunis) who uses storytelling, music, and even the yoyo to connect with his young audiences. A limbo dance was a challenge, as the bar got very low! There were hula hoop contests to see who had the stamina to hula the longest. Face-painting was popular and the painted faces were spectacular. Both kids and parents had a chance to sign a get-well card for Miss Terry, and the Frost Friends ice cream truck was on hand for those who wanted to buy a treat. What a great way to build enthusiasm for summer reading!

*—Anne Gregory*





**Love books?  
Love bargains?  
We have both!**



## **The Jonathan Bourne Library fall book sale is coming!**

**Book donation day is Saturday, September 7,  
10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**Book sale is Saturday, September 14, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.  
in the library parking lot  
(in the community room in event of rain)**

Hardcovers	\$2.00
Trade paperbacks	\$2.00
Small paperbacks	\$.50
Children's books	\$.50
DVDs	\$.25

**All sales cash only, please**

## 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.

### July

Board meeting—July 22, 1 p.m.

### August

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Board meeting—August 26, 1 p.m.

Book donations—September 7, 10 a.m.– 1 p.m.

### September

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Book sale—September 14, 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Board meeting—September 23, 1 p.m.

## **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**

**Marilyn Tarallo, President**

**Anne Gregory, Vice President**

**Nancy Selchan, Secretary**

**Bill Prodou, Interim Treasurer**

**Eileen Mattingly, Communications**

**Laura Bergeron, Helen Bresnahan,**

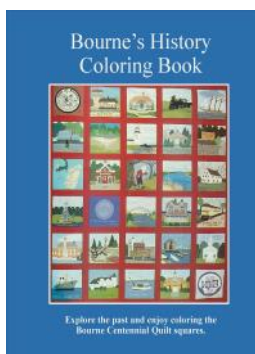
**Betsy Woodley, Brianne Doherty, Elizabeth Ferris,**

*Members at Large*

## **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.



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