



Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library

July-August 2022 Newsletter

Letter from the President

Here it is the end of June, and I don't know about you, but I am in my happy place – the summer months.

Even though there is ALWAYS more work during July and August, I still enjoy it thoroughly. Our two children and their spouses come down along with the seven grandkids. There is good food and, according to at least one child, yucky food. Laughter, and a few tears because let's face it – it's not easy being three or in your elder years with a whole bunch of ages in between.

Fourth of July parade for the younger ones – watching their excitement (I think it's more the



game of who can get the most candy). Lots of sunshine, and a few rainy days when one can catch one's breath. The beach – where we pull our circle together and enjoy building castles,

looking for shells, trying to catch crabs (with lots of screams), paddleboarding, burying a child (or two) in the sand, and eating sandy food. Mini golf where everyone claims to be the “winner” and the “discussion” of who actually

won carries on for a couple of days. Ice cream treats when, depending how hot it is, we see who eats their ice cream



and who wears it. The Bourne Brave games where I'm not sure which is more fun – watching the game, eating from the concession stand, standing in the outfield trying to catch balls that go over the fence, or purchasing great souvenirs. However, the best part of the summer are the backyard games – whiffle ball, football, cornhole – where the adults turn into children and the children become the adults.

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Having stated my joy for the summer months (and I DO enjoy them), I must confess that on the last Sunday of August, when the cars (all six of them) are packed up and everyone is wearing their seatbelts as they prepare to take off towards home, my husband and I wait for the cars to clear the driveway – waving – and then we dance while whispering in each other's ear – thank God they went home!!

I hope you all enjoy your summer months as much as I enjoy mine!

See you in September! (Don't forget to come visit us at Canal Day on September 17 or volunteer to help for a shift at the Friends' tent. We would love to see you there!)

Warmly,
Marilyn Tarallo
President



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Member News



It's Almost Time to Celebrate

Canal Day!

September 17, 2022

11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Canal Day, sponsored by the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, is a free community event that takes place in Buzzards Bay Park, on the bank of the Cape Cod Canal. There are arts and crafts vendors, all-day music on the stage, and a 5-K race. Many community organizations use the day to promote their activities, including the Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Library.

We will have a tent at Canal Day manned by the Friends Board members and other volunteers. Some of the activities suggested for our booth include:

- games related to the Centennial quilt that hangs in the Bourne Library, including matching the pictures in a rolling wheel with prizes
- teaser and display to promote the fall book sale
- FJBPL membership applications
- library card applications
- A display of past, present, future library programs
- Pins
- Copies of the Bourne quilt coloring book if available by that date

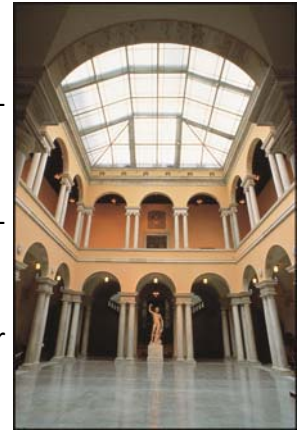
Anne Gregory and Helen Bresnahan will be co-chairing our participation in Canal Day. For more information or to volunteer to help on September 17, contact Helen at sunrisedawn110@aol.com.

Museum Passes for Summer Fun

It's those lazy, hazy days of summer, right? Maybe you are sitting around trying to think of something to entertain yourself on a slow day. More likely, you are looking for activities with which to entertain your children, your visiting grandchildren, and other friends who are visiting during these months. The Jonathan Bourne Library has the answer.

Thanks to the Friends of the Library, there are many passes available for museums and other attractions this summer, including:

Boston Children's Museum
Buttonwood Park Zoo
Cape Cod Children's Museum
Cape Cod Museum of Art
Heritage Museum and Gardens
Historic New England
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
Museum of Fine Arts
New Bedford Whaling Museum
New England Aquarium
Plimoth Patuxet and the Mayflower
Robbins Museum of Archeology
Roger William Park Zoo
Sandwich Glass Museum
Toad Hall Sports Car Museum
USS Constitution Museum
Whydah Pirate Museum



Passes, which are available to CLAMS card holders, may provide free admission or deep discounts for tickets. Information about the passes can be found at the Library web page at <https://bournelibrary.org/Pages/Index/182297/museum-passes>.

You can reserve passes on the web page or by calling 95080 759-0600, ext. 6101. It is important to check with the museum or other attraction to get full details on their current admission policy.

History Connects Us: The Gardens at the Briggs-McDermott House

The home of the Bourne Historical Preservation Society, locally known as the Briggs-McDermott House, sits across the street from the Library. You pass it every time you visit the Library. On June 17 there was a program at the Library on the history of the house and the gardens. The Bourne Historical Preservation Society (BHPS) hosted the garden program to kick off re-opening the house. Since the 1980s the Aptucxet Garden Club (AGC) has maintained the front flower garden and the side kitchen herb garden. Here is a brief overview of the program.



Two dozen folks gathered to learn about the gardens at the Briggs-McDermott House.



Louise Innis, President of BHPS opened the program and thanked the Aptucxet Garden Club for its ongoing support of the gardens. Many of the members present were both Friends of the Library and members of the AGC.



Pat Nemeth presented the history of the house and the kitchen garden. She began by going back in time to life in the 1850s. This property was a large farm in downtown Bourne.



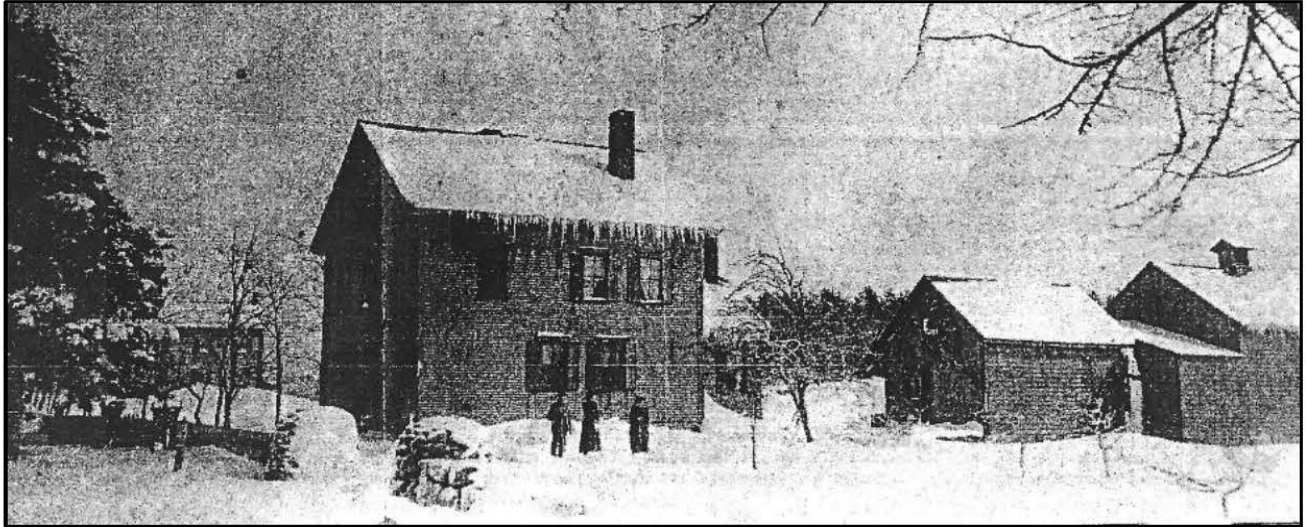
The kitchen garden in May 2022.

The kitchen garden would have been planted with herbs like rosemary and sage, medicinal plants like chamomile, and plants like tansy to keep insects out of the house. Every plant has a story to tell.



Chamomile was grown as a tea for strength.

History Connects Us: The Gardens at the Briggs-McDermott House, cont.



Here is the Briggs-McDermott house on a winter's day in the 1880's. The family is in front of the house and their barns are shown on the right-hand side of the photo.

Kathy Sargent-O'Neill gave a fascinating presentation on the history of ornamental gardens, going back to ancient times. In the past ornamental gardens were developed by Kings and Queens. But by the late 1800's families began to plant ornamental gardens at their homes.

Kathy had wonderful historic photos of the house. She reviewed the construction of the fence in front of the house and the flower garden. This garden is a mix of perennials and annuals.

Kathy closed her talk by discussing the benefits of native pollinator plants. These plants are good for bees, the region and us! In the future native perennial pollinator plants will be added to the fence flower garden.



The fence flower garden in June 2022.



New England Asters Coastal Golden Rod



Everyone enjoyed the program. After the presentation, many individuals went across the street to visit the house and gardens.

You can watch these two talks on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/I3fMxIFtv5k>

—Pat Nemeth

From the Plantation to the Parlor: The Basics of Tea

In June, the community room became a tea parlor, with pink tablecloths, flowers, tea, and pastries. Sixteen folks attended ***The Basics of Tea***, by Danielle Beaudette of the Cozy Tea Cart in Brookline, NH. While enjoying a cup of tea, they went on a photographic tour of the tea plantations in Asia.



Danielle Beaudette was the tour guide. She began as a software engineer, who loved tea. Twenty-five years ago, she attended a tea lecture in Lowell and her world was transformed. She changed careers; studied tea production at the Institute of Tea in New York; and became a certified tea master. She was fascinated *“by the science behind how one plant’s leaf, based on processing, could become so many varieties of tea.”*



Ms. Beaudette picking tea in India



Tea plantation in China

Danielle began by explaining that there are six major types of tea made from the ***Camelia senensis*** plant: White, Yellow, Green, Oolong, Dark and Black tea. White tea has the lowest level of caffeine and black tea has the highest. In comparison, black tea has about half the amount of caffeine as a cup of coffee.

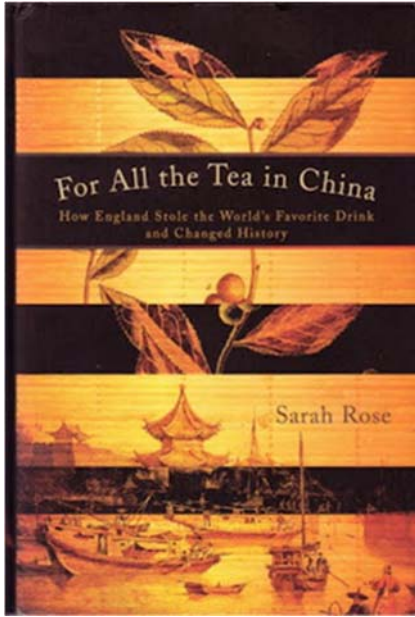
The flavor of the basic tea is affected by the soil and geographic location of the plantation, the time of the harvest, and how the tea is processed. The tea plant is a mountainous shrub and grows best at about 8,000 feet. Once the basic tea is purchased, then distributors begin mixing the leaves with other organic materials to create thousands of different blends. Ms. Beaudette spoke about mixing with compounds like cinnamon, pomegranate, calendula, and various herbs.

Danielle used photos that she had taken in Asia to explain the production process. When picked a leaf is about 85% water. The next steps in the process will dry the leaf in the sun, and then depending on the grade of tea being processed, the leaves will be rolled and roasted. When it is all done, the water will have been reduced to 3%. There are different time schedules and steps for processing each of the six basic grades. The process is very labor intensive and requires great attention to detail.

This was a fascinating program that everyone enjoyed. **Many thanks to the Library staff for arranging the program and the tea party!** (See the companion Book Review article on the next page about how the British stole tea from China and established a tea industry in India.)

— Pat Nemeth

Book Review: *For All the Tea in China*



One of the more popular programs at the Library in June was **The Basics of Tea**. This companion book review dives deeper into the history of tea.

For All the Tea in China provides a fascinating historical account how the British stole this favorite drink out of China in the

1850's. Whether you are a fan of black tea, or green tea, you'll find this book to be a fascinating reading experience.

Our hero is a man named Robert Fortune. He is a Scottish botanist and plant hunter, who worked for the East India Company. It was a time when the fortunes of the British empire were made on the trade of plants. The British bought tea from China and in exchange sold them opium from India. Tea had become the favorite drink in England; and opium use was at an all-time high in China.

The Chinese fiercely guarded their tea plants and tea production processes. They viewed the British as barbarians and outlawed their travel through China. If caught, a foreigner could be killed.



Camellia sinensis (tea)

But the East India Company knew they could make more money if they could grow the tea on land they owned in India, in the Himalayan mountain. Here labor was cheaper, and the growing conditions were good. But there were two big problems. First, how could they steal the tea plants? And second, how could they steal the secrets to processing the tea?

Clearly, they needed a bold daring and knowledgeable botanist for the job. To accomplish this mission, Robert Fortune shaved his forehead, wore a queue braid into his hair and donned mandarin robes. Still at 6 feet 2 inches, he towered over most Chinese. Yet his disguise worked, and he managed not to get arrested. He would dedicate three years of his life to this pursuit. In the end he came home a success!

Fortune would survive many dangerous encounters. In his first year of work almost all the plants and seeds that he sent to India died en route. But from this he developed better ways to ship the seeds. When he began his travels, British botanists believed that green tea and black tea came from different plants. He learned that this was not so. Rather green tea was processed with just a few hours of drying in the sun; and black tea was cooked.

To learn more about this chapter in the history of tea, and its nefarious trading connection to opium, you will want to read this book. I give the book 5 stars!

— *Pat Nemeth*



Papaver somniferum (opium)

Treasurer's Report



June Treasurer's Report

Greetings to warm weather and the summer! The Friends wrapped up spring with a Book Sale. The sale produced \$1,626 in revenue. Many thanks to all of you who came and shopped and gave donations to the Friends.

We have received 66% of our annual membership dues. If you still have dues to pay, please due so.

Your funds help us support our many free programs. In June, the Friends paid for 15 programs, 8 for children and 7 for adults. Oh boy! We have many wonderful events planned for the summer!

Here is quick update on our budget.

June 2022

Expenses	Spent	Remaining
Programs	\$10,823	\$4,677
Museum Passes	\$1,970	\$3,030
Scholarships	\$1,500	\$3,000
Online Services & Office	\$3,314	\$3,686
Total	\$17,607	\$14,393
Income	Received	Remaining
Dues, Donations & Fund Raising	\$5,388	\$4,012
Brokerage Act.	\$0	\$23,000
Total	\$5,388	\$27,012

Don't Miss Another Event!

Were you part of the group that learned all about tea and enjoyed a tea tasting at the Library?



Did you sample Hawaiian Crush, Madagascar Bourbon Vanilla, or Glenburn-Autumn Crescendo tea while you nibbled on the perfect accompaniments?



If you want to see what other summer events the library has planned for both adults and children, check out the next few pages and go online at <http://www.eventkeeper.com/mars/xpages/B/BOURNE/ekp.cfm?curOrg=BOURNE>. A new feature permits you to search Events by category: Adult, Adult/YA, and Children. Don't be left out!

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Summer 2022 Programs
@ the Jonathan Bourne Public Library



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Summer Events, cont.

July 4th - 8th

The Library will
be closed
July 4th.
Happy 4th of
July!

Tuesday
July 5th
10am
Come meet &
learn about
Sensational
Snakes

Tuesday
July 5th
4pm
Grow it! Try it!
Like it!
for kids 3 - 7 years
old
Learn all about fruits
& vegetables and
how they grow.
Registration required

Wednesday
July 6th
11am
Paper Quilling
for kids ages 5+
Registration required
1pm
Paper Quilling for adults
and teens
Registration required

Thursday July 7th
6:30pm

Bring a blanket and join us
in the Children's Garden
for music & laughs
with the
Toe Jam Puppet Band

StoryWalk

Friday, July 8th 10am-noon
Join us @
The Museums at Aptucxet for a
StoryWalk & craft

**Register for programs @
www.bournelibrary.org**

Summer Events, cont.



**THE JONATHAN BOURNE PUBLIC LIBRARY
PRESENTS**

Monday Movie Madness

JULY 11TH | 10AM BELFAST

A POIGNANT STORY OF LOVE, LAUGHTER, AND LOSS IN ONE BOY'S CHILDHOOD, AMID THE MUSIC AND SOCIAL TUMULT OF THE LATE 1960S.

PG-13; FOR SOME VIOLENCE AND STRONG LANGUAGE.

JULY 11TH | 3PM SING 2

PG; FOR SOME RUDE MATERIAL AND MILD PERIL/VIOLENCE. THE EVER-OPTIMISTIC KOALA BUSTER MOON AND HIS ALL-STAR CAST OF PERFORMERS PREPARE TO LAUNCH THEIR MOST DAZZLING STAGE EXTRAVAGANZA YET.



Summer Events, cont.

Tuesday
July 12th
10am

We know whales
are big, but do you
know HOW big?
Have you ever
been inside of a
whale?
We can help!
Come meet
Delilah!

Tuesday
July 12th ~ 4pm
**Grow it! Try it!
Like it!**

for kids 3 - 7 years old
Learn all about fruits &
vegetables and how
they grow.

**Registration
required**

July 11th - 15th

Thursday
July 14th ~ 6:30pm

Join us in the Children's Garden
to meet some of the most athletic
dogs in the world!!

Flying High Frisbee Dog Show



StoryWalk

Friday, July 15th 10am-noon
Join us @
The Museums at Aptucxet
for a StoryWalk & craft

Wednesday
July 13th ~ 2pm
Join us on the lawn for
Summer Songs & Stories
performed by Matt York

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Summer Events, cont.



July 18th - 22nd

Tuesday
July 19th
10am

Join us in the
Children's Garden
for Mr. Vinny's
Bubble Show

Tuesday
July 19th ~ 4pm
**Grow it! Try it!
Like it!**

for kids 3 - 7 years old
Learn all about
fruits & vegetables
and how they grow.

Registration required

Thursday
July 21st ~ 6:30pm

For the kids
Meet us in the Children's Garden
for Mad Science's
Invention-ation Show

For those 16 & older
Join us in the Program Room for
The Witch of Wellfleet. Come hear
the tale of Black Sam Bellamy and
his lover, Maria "Goody" Hallet,
but be forewarned: this is not your
average 'happily ever after'
ending.

StoryWalk

Friday, July 22nd
10am-noon

Join us @
The Museums at Aptucxet for a
StoryWalk & craft

Wednesday
July 20th
1pm

Kreativ Paint Party for
adults & teens
Registration Required

**Register for programs @
www.bournelibrary.org**

Summer Events, cont.

Tuesday

July 26th

1pm

Join us in the Children's
Garden for
Pitter Patter Puppets

Tuesday
July 26th ~ 4pm

**Grow it! Try it!
Like it!**

for kids 3 - 7 years old
Learn all about
fruits & vegetables
and how they grow.

Registration required



July 25th - 29th

Thursday
July 28th 6:30pm

For families
Meet us in the Children's Garden for silly
stories with Big Ryan.

For adults
Join Greg Williams in the Program Room
for *Seducer of Souls: Sandwich's
Bathsheba Spooner and The First U.S.
Death-Penalty Case*

During the American Revolution, the first
death-penalty case in the newly-minted
US involved Sandwich's Bathsheba
Spooner, her teen-aged Continental Army
soldier lover, two escaped British Army
soldier, and Bathsheba's ill-fated husband.

Wednesday

July 27th ~ 2pm

Mosaic flowerpot class
for adults & teens.

Registration Required

StoryWalk

Friday, July 29th 10am-noon

Join us @

The Museums at Aptuxet
for a StoryWalk & craft

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Summer Events, cont.

Tuesday
August 2nd
10am

Join us at Cape Cod Canal Visitor Center for Story Time with the Rangers.

This group is for kids 2-5 years old

Registration Required

Tuesday
August 2nd ~ 4pm

**Grow it! Try it!
Like it!**

for kids 3 - 7 years old
Learn all about
fruits & vegetables
and how they grow.

Registration required



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www.bournelibrary.org**

August 1st-5th

Wednesday

August 3rd ~ 10am

Join us at Cape Cod Canal Visitor Center for Canal Kids.

This group is for kids 6-11 years old

Registration Required

Wednesday ~ August 3rd
2pm

Fairy House Building for adults and teens

Registration Required

Thursday
August 4th ~ 6:30pm

**Trivia for All
with the Trivia Brothers.
Gather your family and or friends
for a fun evening of trivia!!
Questions for everyone 5-105**

StoryWalk

Friday, August 5th

10am-noon

Join us @ The Museums at
Aptucxet for a
StoryWalk & craft

Summer Events, cont.

August 8th-12th

Tuesday
August 9th
10am

Learn how to build and
fly your own kite.

This class is for kids
5th grade and up.

Registration Required

Tuesday
August 9th~ 4pm

**Grow it! Try it!
Like it!**

for kids 3 - 7 years old
Learn all about
fruits & vegetables
and how they grow.

Registration required



**Register for programs @
www.bournelibrary.org**

Wednesday
August 10th ~ 5:30 - 7pm

Join us in the Children's Garden
for our end of summer celebration.

Pizza Barbone

will provide the food.

Pop's Washtub Band

will provide the entertainment.

Registration Required

\$5.00 co/pay per person.

Thursday
August 11th ~ 6:30pm

Join us in the Children's Garden
to learn about the
Wild Wild World of Reptiles

StoryWalk

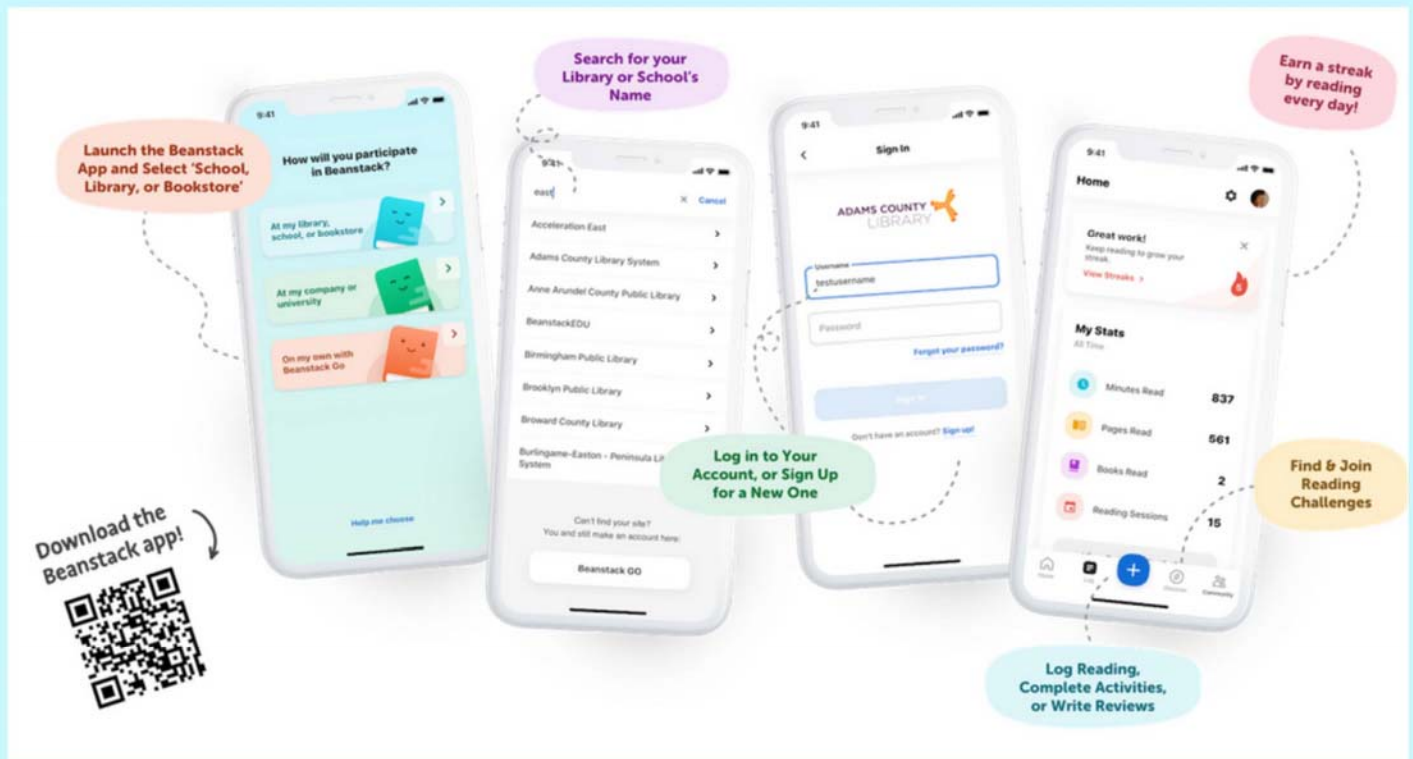
Friday, August 12th

10am-noon

Join us @ The Museums at
Aptucxet for a
StoryWalk & craft

Summer Events, cont.

On the go this summer??
Participate in summer reading
with our new online tracking tool & app
<https://bournelibrary.beanstack.org/>
The challenge begins July 1st.
Complete this challenge to earn free admission to
our end of summer pizza party!!



2022 Calendar

Monthly Board meetings are on the 4th 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

July-August Newsletter

No meeting in July.

August

September

September-October Newsletter

Saturday, September 17: Cape Cod Canal Day Booth

Saturday, September 24, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. - Book donations collected

Monday, September 26 – 1 p.m. meeting

October

Saturday, October 1, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Book Sale

Book sale rain date: Sunday, October 2, 10 a.m.-2 p.m..

ANNUAL MEETING, date and time TBD

Monday, October 24 – 1 p.m. meeting

November

November-December Newsletter

Caring & Sharing:

Drop off @ Library Fri. Nov. 4 & Sat. Nov. 5

Bidding Nov. 7 – 29

Winners notified Nov. 30

Payments through PayPal by Dec. 2

Pick up on Sat. Dec. 3

Monday, November 28 – 1 p.m. meeting

December

Christmas in Old Bourne – date TBD, Tree Lighting & Treats – 5:00 pm

No Board Meeting

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.

2021-2022 Board

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Kathy Cardeiro, Anne Gregory, Amy Shank,

Betsy Woodley, *Members at Large*

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