



Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library September-October 2024 Newsletter

Letter from the President

Happy Fall, Friends

Honestly, I can't believe the summer is leaving us – it went by so fast! Why is it that the older we get, the faster time flies?

We, the Friends, are proud we were able to sponsor over 19 children's and adult events this summer, and they were all well attended!

The board believes that the additional money we were able to raise with the "Season of Giving Silent Auction" last December has been a HUGE help. Please note we will be holding the Silent Auction again this year. We will be sending out further information in September. In the meantime, SAVE THE DATE – Friday, December 6, 2024 – for the Old Bourne Holiday Events and the end of the Silent Auction. **Spoiler Alert:** We are planning a special event just for the membership of the Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library, so stay tuned!

Our annual meeting will be coming up in October. We are currently working with the library for their needs. Everything has increased – as we as we all know – including the fees of vendors who are hired for the events. The proposed annual budget will be sent out in September. Please plan to attend our annual meeting on October 28th. We would love to have your input (and there will be "food good-

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ies" at the meeting).

On another note, we are in need of a treasurer. Bill Prodouz has been very kind to fill the position on a temporary basis. We don't know what we would have done without him. So, if any of you are interested, or know someone who would be interested, please contact me at metarallo@gmail.com. We hope to have a few candidates.

In closing, if you are looking for something to do this fall/winter, there will be quite a few events going on at the library. You can visit the library website at www.bournelibrary.org.

Looking forward to seeing you. Stay healthy!

Marilyn Tarallo
President
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Member News

A Centennial of Service to Bourne

In 1924, the Town of Bourne voted to authorize \$90,000 to build a grammar school for the community; the building opened in 1925. In 1987, the Bourne Public Library moved into the building, which was by then standing empty. Since then, the building has not only served as a repository of books, films, and music, but has doubled as a cultural center for the Cape side of Bourne, hosting concerts, lectures, craft classes, public meetings, book clubs, fiber groups, and more.

To celebrate this long and rich history, members of the public are invited to participate in a year-long project, "One Hundred Stories in One Hundred Years." Current school students will interview community members in October and November. There will be advertisements for stories in local newspapers, newsletters, and social media. The project will also be represented in November at the community resource fair at Bourne High School.



Annual meeting of the JPBL Friends

Monday, October 28, 1 p.m.

The committee for the project is seeking 100 stories. Some will be oral (videotaped and hopefully transcribed); some will be written. Stories and interviews will be collected from December through March and then assembled and printed in time for the centennial celebration on September 28, 2025.

Here is your chance to be a part of history!





A Bourne Holiday Tradition

2024

FRIENDS' SEASON OF GIVING SILENT AUCTION

September 26, 2024

Dear Friends,

It is that time of year to think of the **2024 FRIENDS' SEASON OF GIVING SILENT AUCTION**. One of our wonderful Bourne traditions is here again. We are extending an invitation to you to be a donor! The total money raised will go directly to supporting the library programs.

Your donations decorate the library for the holidays and bidding on the items is all part of the holiday fun. Your donations will help raise money to benefit the library programs. Donations must be new or in excellent condition. Only battery-powered tabletop trees can be lit in the library. Here are the auction details:

Donations	Each donor may submit up to 5 items. A donation form must be submitted by October 25th for each item. The form is attached. Email the form to metarallo@gmail.com Donated items will be received at the library on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Friday, November 8th , from 1:00 to 4:00 pm- Saturday, November 9th , from 9:00 am to noon.
Auction	The auction will run from November 12 th to December 6 th .

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Please spread the word and share this invitation with your friends.

It is the Season of Giving!

Marilyn Tarallo, President
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Member news, cont.



Fall Book Sale is a Success!

September 14, like the Saturday before, was a beautiful sunny day, which made having our book sale outdoors really a pleasure. On September 7, cars circled the parking lot as their owners dropped off cartons and bags of desirable books, filling our shed in just two hours. A week later, the same great weather brought out crowds of book lovers to browse through several thousand books on display.

There were many volunteers this year, which made the work lighter. They set up tables, arranged the books, replaced the supply of books as tables emptied, and eventually put the unsold books back in the shed. Members of the Bourne High School girls' soccer team were enthusiastic helpers and their generous donation of time was much appreciated. Paul Split (at right) brought seeds, wood carvings, and wise advice about gardening.

Despite the low, low prices, like \$2.00 for a hardcover book and \$.50 for children's books, the sales plus some donations amounted to a total of \$2,135.00, all of which will go to underwrite programs for both adults and children this coming year.

A thousand thanks to the book donors and the volunteers who gave their hard work and time to make this sale such a success. We hope the weather gods will smile on us for our next book sale, in the spring of 2025.



Proposed Budget for 2025

Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library Proposed 2025 Budget

Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library is a not-for-profit 501c3 corporation. It is the mission of the Friends to enhance the resources of the library and to encourage all members of our community to benefit from the library.

Introduction

The 2024 Budget was for \$31,000 in Expenses. The forecast is that about \$30,000 will be spent by the close of the calendar year. One-quarter of the budget was raised by dues, donations, and book sales. We did not use funds from Brokerage Account Draw. (See Below Proposed 2025 Budget).

The 2025 Proposed Budget is slightly more than the 2024 Budget, with a proposed total of \$32,500. We would like to transfer the Brokerage Account Draw from FY24 to the current checking account for FY25; therefore, we will not need to withdraw any money from the Brokerage Accounts for FY25.

Proposed 2025 Budget

EXPENSES	2025 Budget
Adult Programs	\$8,500
Children Programs	\$9,500
Museum Passes	\$5,000
Equipment & Online Services	\$3,000
Office	\$3,500
Contingency	\$3,000
Total to Fund	\$32,500
Brokerage Fee Est	9,000

Income	2025 Budget
Dues	\$1,800
Donations	\$5,000
Fund Raising	\$3,500
**Brokerage Account Draw	\$21,700
Total	\$32,500

**** Transfer FY24 \$21,700 to the checking account
To offset the FY25 budget**

In the Spotlight: Adventures on the High Seas

There are so many resources available to the patrons of the Bourne Library that sometimes we are not fully aware of them all. This feature in the next few Friends newsletters will turn the spotlight on some of the museum passes that are available to you and workshops that are happening now. Museum passes are funded by the Friends of the Library.

For some maritime adventures of your own, for free or greatly reduced price, go to <https://bournelibrary.assabetinteractive.com/museum-passes/by-museum/>. You can reserve the passes at this web page. Here are some examples that will teach you about the seafaring history of our area:



New Bedford Whaling Museum

18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, MA 02740

[508-997-0046](tel:508-997-0046)

<https://www.whalingmuseum.org/>

The New Bedford Whaling Museum focuses on the history and culture of whaling. With over 750,000 items that range from fine and folk art to whaling technology to half-scale ship models, you can learn what it was like to live for years on one of the voyages that left our area to sail to the South Seas. The museum even has five skeletons of different kinds of whales. Did you know that our own library is named after one of the largest whaling ship owners in New Bedford? 50% off admission for up to 4 people.



Whydah Pirate Museum

674 MA-28, West Yarmouth, MA 02673

[508-534-9571](tel:508-534-9571)

<https://www.discoverpirates.com/>

The *Whydah Gally* was originally a slave ship, but after its seizure by pirates under Captain Samuel "Black Sam" Bellamy, it sailed along the coast of the British colonies in North America. In 1717, the ship was wrecked in a violent storm off the coast of Cape Cod. Learn about the slave trade, pirate life, and the early 18th century by walking through a partial replica of the *Whydah* and touring the multiple exhibit wings. Discounted admission for up to 4 people at \$12 per ticket.



USS Constitution Museum

Charlestown Navy Yard, Building 22,
Charlestown, MA 02129

[617-426-1812](tel:617-426-1812)

<https://ussconstitutionmuseum.org/>

The USS Constitution itself is maintained by the U.S. Navy and may be visited free of charge on certain days. The Museum tells the history of "old Ironsides," the world's oldest commissioned naval warship still afloat, and its participation in the War of 1812. Free admission for up to 9 visitors.

Upcoming Events

October

Check the calendar for more events and details at <https://www.bournelibrary.org/>.

10/1 – Pastel Painting Workshop – Greg Maichack (Zoom Instruction) – 1:00pm – Please register

10/8 – Author Talk – Jean Porro – Of a Demon in my View – 4:00pm

10/15 – Award Winning Fiction Book Club – A Study for Obedience – 6:00pm

10/19 – Enrichment Lecture – The Boston Massacre Trials – 1:00pm (Ret. Superior Judge Dennis J Curran)

10/26 – Healing Beyond the Physical – Mary P Fisher, RN, BSN, CMT, Reike Master Teacher – 1:00pm

Ongoing Monthly Events in October at Bourne Library

Fiber Friends– Wednesdays - 10:00am – 12pm –
– All levels welcome (try our beginner project)

Knitting Group - Thursday evenings 6:30 – 7:30 pm. All abilities welcome – bring your own project or try our beginner project

Bullet Journaling – Thursdays 3- 4:30pm

Wednesday Readers – 3rd Wednesday each month – 2:00pm – October Selection – *The Painted Veil*

Mystery Readers – September 26 (6:30pm)
Feared by Lisa Scottoline (6:30pm-Zoom)

What's New?

Poetry Workshop – 9/11 – 10/30 (8 Wednesdays -3:30 pm-5:00pm)

Our Library of Things items are ready for check-out!!

Poetry and Prizes

Two very special programs for literature lovers began this month at the library.

A poetry workshop (3:30-5 p.m. on Wednesdays until 10/30) offered by Jack DeWitt begins each session with a study of poetic techniques used by writers over the years. For example, the group of aspiring poets recently considered Imagism, which is, in Jack's definition, "physical and sensory elements translated into words." From there the session progressed into developing metaphors. Jack encouraged students to keep journals and to record their observations as verbal sketches before starting a poem. The second half of the meeting gave each attendee the opportunity to read an original poem written in response to a prompt provided the week before, with the others acting as a "helping circle" to provide feedback.

Jack DeWitt is the author of four books of poetry and *Cool Cars*, *High Art: The Rise of Kustom Culture*, a nonfiction study of car customizing as a new art form. He taught for many years at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia and writes a regular column for the *Bourne Enterprise*.

The second new group for literature enthusiasts is a monthly book club initiated by patron Bob Zibbell—but it's not an ordinary book club. Reading and discussions focus on books that have been selected as finalists for and winners of the National Book Award, the Pulitzer Prize, and the Booker Prize. The next book *Study for Obedience* by Sara Bernstein, will be the focus on Wednesday, October 15, at 6 p.m. It tells the story of a young woman who moves to a remote northern area to be her brother's housekeeper; after her arrival, strange things begin to happen and hostility towards her arises. The library is ordering extra copies of each book for members of the book club to borrow.

2024 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.

September

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

Board meeting—September 23, 1 p.m.

October

Annual meeting—October 28, 1 p.m.

Board meeting—October 28

November

November-December Newsletter

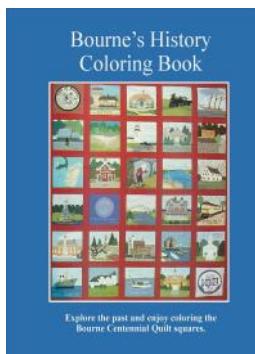
Season of Giving Auction—November 12-
December 6

Board meeting — November 25, 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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