



Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library
November-2024 Newsletter

Letter from the President

Dear Friends:

In September, the dominoes were put in place when our interim treasurer Bill Prodouz made the decision to leave us for other endeavors. (Shhh, I think it is fishing and oyster harvesting). The Friends were extremely blessed to have worked with Bill this year. His knowledge was treasured. We cannot thank him enough for his dedication.

At our Annual Meeting on October 28, the first order of business was to approve the FY25 Budget. It was approved unanimously. The board nominated and unanimously voted Anne Gregory as the new President effective immediately; Marilyn Tarallo as the new Treasurer, also effective immediately; Nancy Selchan as Secretary; and our newest Member at Large, Linda DeBenedictis.

As this will most likely be my last letter as President, I would like to take a few moments to reflect on my time. My presidency was a “family” effort with the “family” being those who have served and currently serve on the Board and those who unconditionally support the Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library. All of these “family” members were definitely the wind beneath my wings, for without their support and encouragement, the Friends would not be stable nor in the financial position we are currently in.

However, this current “family” is past retirement age – even though we wholeheartedly

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support the work we do. We have to come to terms that physically, more often than not, we cannot carry out our goals to our fullest. (Brace yourselves, for here comes the soapbox speech!)

- WE NEED MORE MEMBERS INVOLVED!
- WE NEED YOUNGER FAMILY MEMBERS INVOLVED TO CARRY ON!
- WE NEED HELP WITH THE BOOK SALES – especially carrying books!
- WE NEED FRESH IDEAS!

The programs/events will not be able to carry on without new people to follow in our footsteps.

In closing, all I have left to say is thank you, and that we would love to see your faces at our monthly meetings. (These are held the 4th Monday at 1:00 pm in the library.) Please feel free to reach out to me at jbplfriends@gmail.com.

Humbly,
Marilyn Tarallo
Treasurer

Member News

A New President for the Friends

It's time for you to meet our new president, Anne Gregory. Anne Gregory was elected President at the 2024 Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Library Annual Meeting. She replaces Marilyn Tarallo, who resigned to become the Friend's Treasurer.

Many of us know Anne already from her active involvement in Friends' activities over the years. Many of us have benefited from her weekly curation of our year-round book sales near the back door of the library. Here is an opportunity to know Anne a little better from her answers to some questions we put to her.

Have you always lived in Bourne?

I moved to Bourne in 2017 and live in Bourne-dale with my husband Jim. I have a son James and a daughter Jenny. I previously lived in Millis, Massachusetts, for thirty years. I grew up in Cambridge and have lived in the state for my whole life.

What drew you to the Friends of the Library in the first place?

I have always been an avid reader and used libraries all the time. My kids grew up attending story hours and participating in summer reading challenges. I often envied the people who were in the Friends of the Millis Library, working at book sales and other activities. But I had kid-related volunteering to do at that stage of my life.

When I moved to Bourne and then retired, I was always at the library to get books or return books or attend programs. It was like a second

home. I joined the Friends in 2018 as a way to donate money to the library.

In 2020, a Board member, Nancy Selchan, approached me and asked me if I wanted to serve on the Board, but I was hesitant to take on a specific role. However, in 2021 when she suggested that I could be a Member-At-Large and help wherever that I felt comfortable, I agreed. I have maintained the Friend's 'books-for-sale' bookcase since 2022, helped at the book sales and also with the Silent Auction. Being a member-at-large is a great way to serve on the Board but not be responsible for a specific area. I was elected vice president in 2023 and now President in 2024.

What are your goals in taking on this role?

I want to continue the great work of the previous president, Marilyn Tarallo, in supporting the library and its programs. I would like to promote more community in our Friends membership and more opportunities for Friends to gather and get to know one another. Our library is the greatest place in town, serving all residents, and I want the Friends to do everything we can to help them fulfill their mission to serve.

What other local organizations do you work with?

I have been a member of the Bourne Newcomers and Neighbors Club since 2018. I have served on and then chaired the Program Committee for 5 years and I am currently serving on the Board as Membership Chair.

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What's your career background?

I worked at Joslin Diabetes Center for 15 years. I organized education programs for doctors, nurses, and corporate employees during my time at Joslin.

What books have you recently finished and enjoyed?

I enjoy mysteries best. I have been a member of the library's Mystery Book Club since 2018. I wanted to expand my reading more and joined a second book club in 2019. Book clubs are great; they push me to read books by authors that I might never have chosen for myself and I have added so many more authors to my must-read list. My favorite series are the Louise Penny Inspector Gamache books, the Jacqueline Winspear Maisie Dobbs series and the Donna Leon Commissario Guido Brunetti books set in Venice. I also like historical fiction and stories set in book shops.

What are your hobbies and activities when you are not reading?

I like beach vacations and have been to many Caribbean islands and on a few cruises. I have been to Ireland, Scotland and Italy, but would love to explore more of Europe. I love Disney and am about to fulfill a twenty-year dream of visiting WDW to see the Christmas lights.

I play Bunko, a dice game that is super easy, each month with my BNN friends and play Mexican Train Dominoes whenever I can. When my family travels, we take our dominoes with us and the family competition is fierce. I like water aerobics and belong to a gym in Plymouth.

Annual Meeting Report

The Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library met on October 28, 2024, for their monthly meeting as well as the Annual Meeting. Seasonal refreshments of mini cupcakes, lemon pound cake, cider, and Halloween candy were provided.

The proposed 2024 budget was passed unanimously. (A copy may be found in the September-October newsletter.)

The following appointments were made:

President: Anne Gregory, for a term from 10/28/24 to 12/31/26.

Treasurer: Marilyn Tarallo for a term from 10/28/24 to 12/31/25

Secretary: Nancy Selchan for a term from 10/28/24 – 12/31/26

Thank you, Bill Prodouz!

The members of the Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Library wish to extend a sincere thank you to Bill Prodouz, a volunteer who stepped in to handle the responsibilities of Treasurer when our previous Treasurer, Pat Nemeth, moved away. Bill has spent many hours depositing member dues and income from book sales. He has paid our bills and kept many activities in the Library afloat. His reports to the Board have been accurate and clear. We are very grateful for both his skills and his generous donation of his time.



*The Friends 2024
Season of Giving
Silent Auction
is happening!*

Donate: Friday, November 8, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 9, from 9:00 a.m. to noon

Browse and bid: Regular library hours, November 12 to December 6

If you are interested in participating in the auction with a donation, please go to the JBPL Friends webpage at <https://www.bournelibrary.org/Pages/Index/182460/friends-of-the-library>. All the information and forms are posted there.

Please come by the Library to view all the outstanding auction items.



In the Spotlight: Boston's Museum of Fine Arts

Thanks to the Friends of the Library, many passes for museums and other institutions are available to Bourne Library patrons, either for free or at greatly reduced ticket prices. (See the list at <https://bournelibrary.org/Pages/Index/182297/museum-passes>.) One of these is the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

Earlier this month, a *Washington Post* article listed the Museum of Fine Arts as #5 on its list of the twenty best museums in the country. The *Post* article stated that the Museum has the greatest collection of Asian art outside of Asia itself. It commended the Museum's "enviable depth" in ancient Greek, Roman, American, and European art and declared that its Impressionist collection is "ridiculously strong." The Museum has over 500,000 artworks in its collection.



You can reserve your pass at the website above and spend a day reveling in some of the finest artwork ever created. A link to print out your pass(es) will be sent to you after you make your reservation.

Feeling like Clark Kent or Lois Lane?

No superpowers needed! We need a reporter to write about occasional news and events at the library for this newsletter. Please contact Eileen Mattingly at eileenmattingly@yahoo.com if you would like to support the Friends this way.

Upcoming Events

November 2024 at Jonathan Bourne Public Library
www.bournelibrary.org 508-759-0600 ext. 6302
[Check our calendar for more events and details!](#)

- 11/2 – Drums for One and All** - drums provided, no experience needed – 1:00pm -Dave Curry
- 11/9– Bees & Pollinator Garden Tips** - Organic gardener & beekeeper – Mark Wintringham – 1:00pm
- 11/6 – Poetry Readings** – Poetry readings from poetry workshop participants – 3:30pm
- 11/12- 12/6– Friends of the Library – Season of Giving Silent Auction-** 50 Beautiful auction items
- 11/16 – Popular Music & Veterans** - Live music pertaining to experiences of veterans – Jon and Li Watterman – 2:00pm
- 11/19 – The Best Detective Fiction** - Panel discussion – The Shamus Award (**Zoom event - 7pm**)
- 11/25 – Friends of the Library Board meeting, 1 pm**
- 11/27 – Native Nations & the Beginning of the US – 1100-1860** – Heather Bruegl, historian (**Zoom, 7pm**)

Ongoing Monthly Events 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- Supplies provided, No experience needed
- Wednesday Readers** – 3rd Wednesday each month – 2:00pm – November Selection – *1984* by George Orwell (Books available at the Circulation Desk)
- Award Winning Fiction Book Club**– November 19 – *The Prophet Song* by Paul Lynch -6:00pm - (Books available at the Circulation Desk)
- Mystery Book Club**, 4th Thursday each month, 6:30 on Zoom. (Email anne.gregory1919@gmail.com for link)

What's New?

Our Library of Things - ready for checkout!!
Sign up for our e-newsletter for more information!

Coming in December

Season of Giving Auction - through December 6
Beautiful Book Sale – Dec. 6, 7

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. All members of the Friends are welcome. (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.

November

November-December Newsletter

Donation drop-off for Auction—November 8, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and November 9, 9 a.m. to noon

Board meeting—November 25, 1 p.m.

December

Season of Giving Auction—November 12-December 6

Beautiful Book Sale—December 6-7

No Board meeting in December

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

Anne Gregory, *President*

Nancy Selchan, *Secretary*

Marilyn Tarallo, *Treasurer*

Eileen Mattingly, *Communications*

Laura Bergeron, Helen Bresnahan,

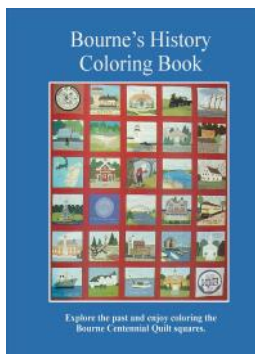
Betsy Woodley, Elizabeth Ferris,

Linda DeBenedictis,

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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