



Friends of the Jonathan Bourne
Public Library, Inc.
April-May 2020 Newsletter



Like so many of our other favorite ways to spend time, the Jonathan Bourne Public Library is currently (as of 3/20/20) closed due to the coronavirus pandemic. The message from the Library website announcing the closure is as follows:

“COVID-19 Update - We know everyone is concerned about the Coronavirus Covid-19 outbreak. Please go to the [Town Of Bourne Website](#) for updates on what the Town is doing. [AS OF NOW, The LIBRARY and ALL TOWN OF BOURNE BUILDINGS](#) are closed to the general public until further notice. Library staff will be available Monday - Friday from 9 to 5 via telephone to assist you with any inquiries you may have, including how to use our online resources. Please disregard any overdue notices you may receive and hold on to materials you have checked out. Remember that the library has a lot of services available through this website, including eBooks, downloadable audios, movies, music and more. Just click on our digital library banner above for the complete list. Call the library to update your card if you think it may be expired. We will do our best to keep you all updated on what's happening here at the library through this website and our Facebook page. Thank you for your patience as the entire town figures out how to navigate these unique times. More information on COVID-19 can be found on the [Mass.gov website](#). “

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Save the Date (Maybe!)

Plans are still going forward for the library book sale in June. This book sale is a wonderful chance to stock your own bookshelves with gently-used bestsellers, gorgeous but inexpensive art books, tempting cookbooks, and more. It's great for finding children's books and lots of videos as well. This year the book sale is scheduled for **Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, June 18-20.**

To make it happen, we will need plenty of help. Volunteers are needed:

- To set up on Wednesday, June 17
- To help patrons and collect sales money
- To put away the last books on Saturday afternoon

If you would like to volunteer, please email eileen-mattingly@yahoo.com with your contact information and availability. You will be contacted when the date for the book sale is closer and we know for certain that the library will be open.



Please Be Kind When Donating Books

We take book donations for only one reason, to sell them. The proceeds help support the many free events we offer at the library. If a book is dirty, old, or moldy, it has no resale value and should be disposed of. Our volunteers have to sort through piles of books; books that can't be sold only increase the workload without providing any value to the Library.

Library volunteers love books and are happy to support our Library. Help us, and please be kind when you donate books.

Finally, please hold any new book donations until the library re-opens.

Treasurer's Report

As we approach the end of the first quarter we have raised a little over \$2,000. About half of the annual dues have been paid. Preparations will soon begin for our large book sale in June.

We have funded 3 adult programs, 3 children's programs and purchased 9 (of our 16) museum pass renewals for 2020. In total, we have spent a little over \$6,500.



Our 2019 Federal and State Tax Reports have been filed. 2019 was a banner year for public support. Between dues, donations and fund raising, we received \$24,046. This is the highest level of support attained in the last five years. Many thanks to all the Friends who made this possible!

Our checking accounts remain healthy, but future funding is important for our on-going support of the Library. We appreciate your financial support very much.

Bourne Friends Offer Scholarships to High School Seniors

Every graduating senior who is planning to attend an institution of higher education knows what it costs, and it isn't cheap! To help defray the cost of items that may not be covered by a regular scholarship (e.g. books), the Friends of the JBPL are offering two \$2500 scholarships. Applications may be downloaded from the library's website and are due on May 1 (Friday) before 5 p.m. Bourne High School will also carry a link to the scholarship application on the school website.

In keeping with the role that the library plays in a student's life, the Friends would like to know how a particular book has influenced the applicant's own life, the life of the community, or the applicant's view of the world or other people. In challenging times, books can help us all get through a crisis. We are interested in how a book may have helped a student surmount that crisis or how a book changed one's view of the world, oneself, or others.

The two scholarships will be awarded to Bourne residents no matter which school they attend. E.g., students who attend St. John Paul II High School in Hyannis and are residents of Bourne are eligible to apply. Scholarship checks will be given to the winners after they have completed one semester of school in the college/university they plan to attend.

Please contact the Friends via email if there are any questions. (JBPLFriends@gmail.com).



Pajama Drive Update

In 2019, the Jonathan Bourne Public Library was #1 in the state for the number of pajama sets donated; our library patrons participated in all kinds of pajama-raising activities and by the end of the drive, 3,320 pairs of pajamas had been collected. How would we ever be able to top that!

Well, we did. In spite of the library closure, the fears about shopping as the Coronavirus spread, and the general stress level of living through the pandemic, the library collected a grand total of 3,514 pairs. Are we first in the state again? Stay tuned!

Raffle basket winners will be announced after the pajama drive winners are announced and we are open to the public so that we can award the baskets.

Pictures below are the Bourne Fire Dept., the Bourne Patrolmen's Association, and Old Navy Wareham making donations.



Oh Boy! New Carpet!



Preparation of the floor



Tools of the trade



Installing the new carpet

The walls of the Library were ringing with construction noise at the start of March. A crew of carpet installers were hard at work bringing a new life to the floor of our Library.

The Library was closed; but inside the staff were all hard at work moving books and helping clear the decks for the construction work. Any construction in a Library is a huge effort to not only do the work, but do it in such a way that all the books and materials stay clean during construction!

Four men from State Contract Carpet Company (SCCC) were installing 16,000 square yards of Milliken carpet. The carpet was selected for its durability and environmental benefits. Milliken carpet tiles feature:

- No VOC (volatile organic compound) off gassing
- No PVC (poly vinyl chloride)
- A double moisture barrier
- Recycled materials
- Lifetime commercial warranties

The project was funded by the Town of Bourne at a cost of \$100,000. The work proceeded on schedule and the Library was ready to reopen its doors on Thursday, March 5th. Many thanks to our wonderful Library staff and the State Contract Carpet Company for all their hard work. Now we can once again be proud of our how our Library floor looks.

Next Friends meeting dates: April 27 and May 25
All meetings begin at 10 a.m. See you there!

Membership Renewal

Dear Friends,

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season! The Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library are gearing up for a great year of offerings and fundraising events for our members and library patrons.

We truly appreciate your past support and involvement with the Friends. As approved at our Fall Meeting, your annual dues will expire on February 28, 2020. Please submit your 2020 dues to the Friends in one of the following amounts.

- * Senior \$20.00
- * Individual \$30.00
- Household \$50.00
- Lifetime \$500.00 (one-time payment)

The address to send your dues to is:

**Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library
19 Sandwich Road
Bourne, Massachusetts 02532**

Also, please note that the Friends are now online at JBPLFriends@gmail.com. We request your email address in order to send to you the latest meeting dates and agendas, Friends newsletters, and information on FUNdraising events.

Thank you for your continued support!

Tina Prodouz

Membership Chair
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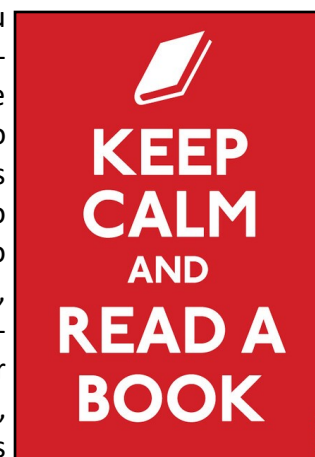
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What's Missing in Your Reading Life?

Find it in Freading

Though we can't help you get out to the Library during these trying times, we CAN bring the library to you! Are there books you've been meaning to read (now's the time to brush up on classics!), movies you missed because you were working or commuting? Try **Freading**, the online service that has content added weekly and

allows Bourne card holders to read up to 3 books per week. Almost every reader of digital books knows about **Overdrive** but using **Freading** sometimes gives one instant access and no waiting for titles. Check out this great website at <https://bournelibrary.freeding.com/index>.



We probably would not recommend now as the best time to read *The Scarlet Plague* by Jack London (originally published in 1912), but perhaps now is the time to delve into poetry or read a scholar's account of *The Old Man and the Sea*. Did you ever wonder exactly what Hemingway meant by this deceptively simple story? Download *Reading Hemingway's The Old Man and the Sea* to find out what other scholars saw in this work.

Whatever you decide to read, do remember this: The JBPL has online content 24/7 and is here to help you combat boredom and anxiety in these troubling times.