



Friends of the Jonathan Bourne  
Public Library, Inc.  
**August-September 2020 Newsletter**



### ***President's Corner***

Hello from my dining room table (a.k.a. my husband's new office, the family meeting space, and the "cooling station" these days since it is the only room with AC on the first floor). Yes, our personal spaces and routines are all looking a little different right now! Things have a new feel to them, but if you look closely, we are still able to find some routine that has always been there.

Our beloved library doors are closed to the public, yet the devoted staff has been working behind the scenes during this entire shutdown. JBPL Director Patrick Marshall keeps reminding us that the library is open, yet we have limited in-person services. Like my dining room table, the JBPL driveway is doing double duty as the book and craft pick-up area along with a place for the public to access free wi-fi. You can briefly say hello to the staff as they run your reserved items out to you – with masks on, of course! Seeing their familiar faces has brought me comfort; even when things look different, a pair of smiling eyes brings back that warm library feeling.

As we look ahead, the Friends of the Library are envisioning a new way to hold our Annual Meeting. We keep trying to think creatively to bring our Members familiar events in a safe environment. Therefore the FOL Board is inviting all who feel comfortable to bring a chair to the library on **Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 1pm** (rain date Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>). You will have the opportunity to ask questions of all the Board members and hear the proposed 2021 budget numbers. The Annual Meeting is typically when we see the largest attendance and, with the proper precautions, we can all resume that activity and regain some normalcy at the same time. We hope you will join us. I will be smiling through my mask at the sight of our Friends.

Your (masked) Friend,

*Heather A.M. DiPaolo*

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### ***What's Beside the Curb at the Library?***

Pandemic 2020 seems to go on and on and folks want to know "When is the library opening?" The bad news is "not yet." Bourne Town Administrator Anthony Schiavi is erring on the side of caution and has advised our Director that town buildings will not be open until possibly September. The good news is that you can check out books and other materials while the library building is closed. Curbside Pick-up will be the way of library life for the foreseeable future. So, although we cannot enter the building just yet, call the library or reserve materials online to have reading materials for these long hot days of summer. Remember to wear your mask so that you will not be a hazard to our wonderful staff!

For those who have little ones (and sometimes not so little!), Miss Terry is providing a "Wacky Wednesday" craft project. When you drive to the library on Wednesday, look for the craft basket on the white table out front. Take a packet from the basket and have fun. Love what you've made? Send a picture to Miss Terry at [tjohnson@bournelibrary.org](mailto:tjohnson@bournelibrary.org) and she will post it in a collage on the Library's Facebook page!

## ***A Garden and a Library***

“If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need,” said the great Roman orator, Marcus Tullius Cicero. We are fortunate to have both. Although the library is still closed to patrons, one can order books online and pick them up when they are ready in the front. And there’s the garden with its newly restored benches.

Although our garden on the side of the library is quiet these days, with summer concerts postponed and the library itself closed, it is still a delightful place to curl up with a good book. Now it is even more so, with the refurbishment of the benches by Alfred Glover, the Cataumet artist who first designed them (below right).

A sculptor who currently creates whimsical pieces in aluminum, Glover graduated from the Vesper George School of Art in Boston. He carves animals and birds and then paints them with cheerful faces and even smiles, often integrating them with driftwood and hand-carved tree limbs. He is currently at work on installations for Highfield Hall Museum and Gardens in Falmouth and Heritage Museum and Gardens in Sandwich.

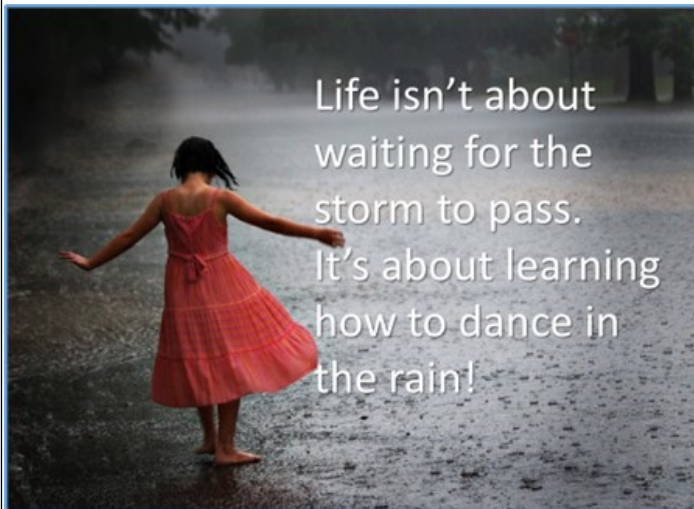
The restoration of the benches was a project supported by the Friends of the Library in order to preserve this well-loved site for future concerts and other events.



Above and beyond the call: Friends’ President Heather DiPaolo and Communications Co-Chair Diane Ranney picked the statues up from Glover’s workshop and returned them home to the Library in July.



## Treasurer's Report



Who knew that we would find ourselves living through months of social distancing? It brings a slower pace to our lives. Yet this can be a great time for reading and enjoying Library services.

The Friends have funded 10 museum passes and the new Beanstack Program. We appreciate all the support of our members. With book sales on hold, we are looking for other ways to raise funds for our Library. We need to find ways to dance in this rain. Your donations can help!

Here is an update on our Budget.

Budget	7/1/20
Spent	\$9,260
Funds Withdrawn from Brokerage Account	\$15,000
Raised	\$3,246

## Caring and Sharing

Our annual holiday event, the auction of wonderful handmade holiday gifts, is on, even if the library is still closed! Last year's event showcased the donations of local artists whose work yielded over \$4,000 of donations sent to local charities. For this year's event, we hope again to auction off handcrafted and original items by our generous artists, but this time the event may be online. Stay tuned in the next newsletter and on the website for more details!



## New Library Trustees

The Bourne election on June 23, 2020, chose two new members for three-year terms on the Board of Trustees for the Jonathan Bourne Public Library. We are pleased to announce that these two new trustees are Kathy Fox Alfano and Kristina Prodouz, both active members of the Friends of the Library.



Tina Prodouz is a lifelong fan of libraries as organizations that offer a variety of tools for continuous learning. Since moving to Pocasset in 2013, Tina has been a library volunteer and, as a Friend of the Library, she has co-chaired the Annual

Book Sale for 3 years and served on the Friends of the Bourne Library Board as Membership Chair in 2019-2020. As a newly elected Library Trustee she looks forward to advising and supporting the growth of our library. She feels that Bourne Public Library is an essential community asset, one that provides every Bourne resident equal access to all it has to offer.

Kathy Fox Alfano ran for the Board of Trustees for the Jonathan Bourne Library after serving over 12 years with the Canton Public Library. Kathy was chair of the Trustees for about half the term and found it very rewarding.



Events she produced in Canton include Murder in the Library Mystery Nights, Downton Abbey High Teas, Princess and Pirate Nights, and Harry Potter book debut events. Since moving to Bourne, Kathy has become a Life Member of the Bourne Friends of the Library and helped run the book sales and other events. Kathy is currently the Fundraising Chair of the Friends. She hopes to bring new energy and enthusiasm to the Bourne Trustees and help the library grow and adapt to meet the changing needs of our community.

These two new trustees will be joining another Friend, Chris Crane, on the Library Board.

## Membership Report

The Friends send a big “Thank You” to all members who renewed for 2020. As of midyear we have achieved a renewal rate of 85%! Our total membership stands at

**Lifetime Members**    **182**  
**Annual Members**    **62**

This is an important time to renew or join the Friends! Our dues are:

Individual    \$30  
Senior    \$20  
Household    \$50  
Lifetime    \$500 (one-time payment)

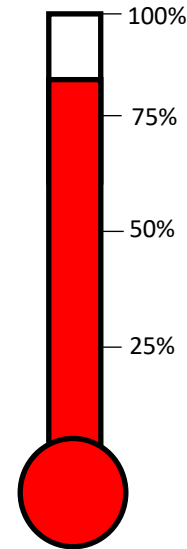
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**19 Sandwich Rd.**  
**Bourne, MA 02352**

*Tina Prodouz*  
Membership Chair

**Membership renewals  
to date**

**85%**



## And It's Off to School We Go!

In June, the Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library awarded their first scholarships of \$2500 each to two very deserving Bourne High School seniors, Patrick Sweeney and Caitlin O'Connor.

The Scholarship Committee voted these two talented high school seniors the winners out of a field of 11 applicants. The main criterion for the choice was their answer to the question, “Discuss how a book you read as a child or young adult has changed your understanding of the world, yourself, or other people.” Other criteria included residence in Bourne (although a student could go to any high school) and acceptance at a college or technical school for full-time study.



Patrick's book was *The Red-headed Princess* by Anne Rinaldi and Caitlin chose *Liver Rescue* by Anthony Williams. Despite the diversity of their chosen books, both applicants wrote with charm and veracity about the ways in which their lives changed after they read them. Patrick, who stated that his love of history was furthered by his reading, also mentioned that he realized that “history is rarely one-sided.” (This is something we all might take into account given our own turbulent times. ) Caitlin made the committee much more



aware of some scientific issues that they had never encountered. Her grasp of the intricacies of science was an eye-opener!

Both winners are also long-time users of the library and will attend college in the fall of 2020. We are proud to name these students as our first winners and wish them all the best in their next academic venture.

## Book Bytes

### ***Mudbound***

By Hillary Jordan

Step into 1946 and the harsh, hard life on a Mississippi farm. Two young men are home from the war. One is white; the other is black. They are pulled back to this farm. The white man's brother owns the farm; the black man's parents are share-croppers on the farm. Each man has earned honor during the war and had a sense of purpose. Now they are back in the Jim Crow South and both are a bit lost and restless.

The story opens with the burial of the white man's grandfather. Laura and Henry McAllen, the farm owners, live in a primitive shack with no electricity or running water. Henry loves the land, but Laura finds raising her two daughters in the mud to be brutal.

The story is told through the voice of each character. The tale is riveting and the people are so real that they will stay in your head for days. This book reminds us that man is capable of thinking that his fellow man is less than a man because of the color of his skin. And with that mindset comes the unthinkable. At a time when racial injustice is being protested around the world, this book brings to life the cold hard reality of what life in America has been like.

This book is available at our library. I give it 10 stars. It made me think, that not thinking racist thoughts of others is not enough. One needs to do more. Books that make you think are the best.

—Pat Nemeth

*Editor's Note: The 2017 film based on this book is currently available on Netflix.*



Have you been reading some interesting books during our shelter-in-place summer? Would you like to recommend a good read to others in the Friends group? Send your review to Eileen Mattingly at [eileenmattingly@yahoo.com](mailto:eileenmattingly@yahoo.com) or Diane Ranney at [windsong2093@gmail.com](mailto:windsong2093@gmail.com).

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## Introducing Acorn TV through JBL

Looking for something great to watch while you're spending lots of time at home? You might one to check out the electronic offerings available through the library. For example, if you are a mystery fan, you can watch season after season of the entertaining British mystery *Midsomer Murders* through Acorn TV, using only your library card instead of paying for a subscription. Other available shows include period dramas like *Anzac Girls*, classics like *The Agatha Christie Hour* and *Poirot*, or British comedies like *Boomers*, a series about three couples learning how to be retired.



Sara Rose, our Information Systems Librarian, has prepared this guide to using Acorn TV. Check it out!

### ***AcornTV / RBDigital FAQs***

#### ***What is AcornTV?***

Acorn TV is a subscription streaming service that offers world-class mysteries, dramas, comedies, and documentaries- from Britain, Ireland, Australia, and beyond- all commercial-free. New shows are added weekly, so there's always something to watch. The Jonathan Bourne Public Library offers free patron access to AcornTV through RBDigital.

#### ***What is RBDigital?***

RBDigital offers a wide variety of services and content formats through a single platform and mobile apps. Libraries offer the services to active users through a personal account. Through RBDigital, Jonathan Bourne Public Library offers 7 day access to AcornTV, IndieFlix, the Great Courses, and Stingray Qello.

#### ***How do I create an RBDigital Account?***

We recommend creating an account on your first visit to the JBPL's RBDigital website. Select the "Register" link in the upper-right-hand corner of the screen. Fill in the information requested, including the barcode from your CLAMS card, and create a username and password. This username and password is what you will use to log-in to RBDigital from now on.

#### ***How long is the checkout period? Can I renew?***

Access will expire after 7 days. After the 7 days, you will need to checkout access again.

#### ***I've checked out my 7 day pass to AcornTV- now what?***

Once you have checked out your 7 day pass to AcornTV through RBDigital, you will be directed to AcornTV's website to create an account with them. Once you have completed that, you can begin enjoying all that AcornTV has to offer. If you check out another 7 day pass in the future, you will use this account to log-in, so save the information!

For more information about the Library's digital resources, see <http://bournelibrary.org/digitalfaqs.asp>.

Still have questions about RB Digital or other electronic resources?

Contact Sara at (508) 759-0600 ex. 6105.

## ***In Memoriam***

This month, we were extremely sad to learn that Lee Savard, a former cataloger at the library, died in early July. Lee, who had recently retired to be with her children in North Carolina, was a valued member of the library for over 20 years.

She started as a volunteer and soon was asked to fill in at the circulation desk when there were vacancies due to illness or vacation of the regular staff. She became a circulation assistant when a vacancy occurred. As a former teacher in Vermont and a technician for the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant, she brought an area of expertise that helped in her job. Her attention to detail and her knowledge of books were an asset to the patrons and staff at the front desk.

An avid reader of romances, Lee never failed to remember what patrons liked and often held conversations about why "romance novels" should be an integral part of the makeup of a library collection. She and I often compared notes about our favorite time periods (she preferred modern, I favor regency and Victorian), but we both enjoyed the conversations and would often scan advance notices of titles for patrons.

In later years, Lee became the cataloger for the library and kept abreast of new technology well into her 70s. She liked to see what new advances in the CLAMS system would produce and attended meetings to keep up to date with what JBPL needed to be a part of the ever-expanding System.

She enjoyed working "in the back room" as the Technical Services area is called. Her rapport with volunteers who helped process books and other materials was solid and her directions always clear. Some folks may remember her as the "Keeper of the Paperbacks," a collection to which she devoted some time. Her knowledge of crime writers and modern romance writers was extensive and will be missed.

Our condolences go to her family and all those who called her friend.

*—Diane Ranney*

## ***An Easier Way to Give***

We are happy to announce that we have added PayPal to our Friends page on the Library web-site. There are two buttons there for your use. One is for Membership Dues; the other is for Donations.

We would be delighted to have you "click away"; and send what you can to support your Library.

PayPal



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## ***Friends of the Library Announces New Facebook Page***

We can now communicate with you thru Facebook. Please "like" us at <https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-the-Jonathan-Bourne-Public-Library-108446344177914/> or just type "Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Library" into the search bar on Facebook. Joining us will add any new content to your Facebook News Feed. You will then find out what's going on with the Friends, including new online programs and events. We will soon be adding a Donate button as well.

## **2019-2020 Board**

**Heather DiPaolo**, *President*  
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**Nancy Selchan**, *Secretary*  
**Pat Nemeth**, *Treasurer*  
**Kathy Fox Alfano**, *Fundraising*  
**Chris Crane**, *Book Sales*  
**Tina Prodouz**, *Membership*  
**Diane Ranney**, *Communications*  
**Eileen Mattingly**, *Communications*

## Quick Notes from the Library

### **Important Information about Museum Passes**

Many cultural institutions have suspended their library pass programs, changed hours, continue to be temporarily closed, or are changing how admission to their facilities are handled. Library staff will open up pass reservation availability as institutions allow.

PLEASE NOTE - Many institutions are suspending and/or changing their library pass program. Many institutions are requiring reservations for people to visit. In order to get the pass discount, you need to get your library pass before making your reservation.

Having a library discount pass does not guarantee that the institution will have space for you to visit on the day you select. Contact the institution you wish to visit for full details on their admission process. Library staff are doing their best to keep this page up to date but this program is a moving target. Library passes may be picked up during regular curbside hours (Monday - Friday 10 a.m. til 4:00 p.m.) and must be returned during these same hours. Please do not put passes in the book drop as items there are quarantined for 72 hours. Call ahead when you wish to return your pass and give it directly to a staff member. All passes will be disinfectected upon their return.

### **Reading Program Update**

The summer reading program has launched. As of July 26, 76 people, including 26 adults, have signed up with Beanstalk to track their reading and logged 28,000 minutes. It's easy—scan your book number to sign on and when you sign out, Beanstalk will calculate your reading for you. Set a target goal for the summer and see how well you can do!

**The Annual Meeting for  
the Friends of the Library  
will be in October. See  
Heather's letter on Page 1  
for more details!**

### **Planning for a Beautiful Spring?**

You can support the library and beautify your garden with spring bulbs ordered through the Friends of the Library. Watch for more information, coming soon!

### **Quote Corner**

*"I have always imagined that  
Paradise will be a kind of  
library."*

— Jorge Luis Borges

*"Good friends, good books, and a  
sleepy conscience: this is the ideal  
life."*

— Mark Twain



# WE NEED YOUR HELP

## ***Please Give - The Friends Need Your Support!***

Fundraising activities of the Friends of the Bourne Library have been severely reduced in 2020 due to the ongoing pandemic. We are unable to hold our largest fundraiser, the Annual Book Sale, or any in-library sales; together, these sales usually bring in thousands of dollars that support programs for children and adults throughout the year.

We are appealing to all of our wonderful Friends to provide funding for online reading and learning programs that the Library must institute to keep up with the changing needs of its patrons in these challenging times. Tools such as **Beanstack** (introduced in the last newsletter) are new apps and programs that successfully meet those needs. **Beanstack** has been most useful for organizing and facilitating summer reading programs in a time when any on-site programs have been cancelled. This program alone has a yearly subscription fee of \$760.75; this year there was also a set-up fee of \$250.75 for a total of \$1011.50.

Please consider making a monetary donation to the Friends of the Bourne Public Library for 2020 activities as we support our great library's transition to the "new normal." You may donate via the PayPal link on the Friends online page at <http://bournelibrary.org/friends.asp> or you can detach and mail in the form below with a check.

### **The Friends sincerely thank you for your support!**

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I support the Friends of the Bourne Public Library's appeal to help fill the fundraising gap created by the cancellation of the Annual Book Sale. My check is enclosed.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form and your check to:

**Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library  
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