

Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library

January-February 2022 Newsletter

Letter from the President

Happy New Year! Here's to wishing 2022 will bring us great health, joy, peace, understanding, respect for one another, and the guidance to accept



the challenges we cannot change!

The winter months can be very challenging. This is why I read! It takes me places, allows me to become so engrossed in a story that I can actually visualize being a part of the story. I can honestly say that in each of my reads, I learn something new – usually stopping and "googling" to find out more.

I have to admit that I am a Kindle reader. Waiting can sometimes test my patience, especially in a doctor's office. I love having a book with me at all times, and if the lighting is poor or my eyes are tired, all I have to do is make the font larger. I always have a good number of e-books cued up and ready to be read.

In the past two months, I have discovered Audible. As I traveled back and forth from the Cape to Mansfield and into Boston, I have been entertained by listening to a total of four books. They were books I would have not picked to read. One was The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides. It was a Book Club pick, and to be honest, I had no desire to read it! I thought it was a complicated read and wasn't in the right state of mind to conquer a difficult read. However, listening to it was awesome. It was engaging, intriguing, and made my hours on the road much more pleasant! I was totally amazed at "finding" audible books!

Another source besides Audible is Libby by Overdrive, an online site that lets you download ebooks or audiobooks through the Jonathan Bourne

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Library. These books are free with your library card. For more information, check out the Library website at http://bournelibrary.org/Pages/Index/182305/what-we-offer. If you have questions, Sara Bevilacqua at the Library will be able to assist you.

So, if you find yourself antsy or feeling a little down, escape to the library or Libby/Overdrive, pick up a good book – maybe a summer read to get you back to the beach and sunshine. Best medicine in the world!

-Marilyn Tarallo

P.S. New <u>temporary</u> Library hours are below, but check the Library website to be sure it is open.



The times they are a-changing!

Temporary Hours:

Beginning Monday, January 3rd

Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 9-5
Tues and Thurs 11-8

Christmas in Old Bourne Village, Library Style

One of the major highlights of Christmas in Old Bourne Village this year was a delightful evening at the Jonathan Bourne Library. From 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. on December 3, the Library was host to a celebratory evening for many residents of Bourne.



Families arriving at the Library for the festivities found a cupcake truck parked in front of the Library distributing hundreds of delicious cupcakes to families who came to share in the fun.

Inside, the Library was cheerfully decorated to reflect the joy of the season. A Christmas tree shone brightly in the alcove off the main room. Librarians Terry Johnson and Sara Bevilacqua greeted all comers and both adults and children waited with anticipation for the most important part of the evening.



The music of Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite* soon reverberated through the library. Patrons peeked over the balustrades from above and children sat on



the floor to get a close-up view of the dancers from the New England Ballet Theater Company, which is based on Cataumet and directed by owner Courtnev Crane Hingston. Both Isabella Trepanier as the Sugar Plum Fairy and Gabriella Dussan as Clara are from Bourne. Other young dancers from nearby towns also performed beautifully.

When the ballet selections drew to a close, patrons streamed out into the cold air, to cluster in front of the library, happily chattering (and perhaps looking for one last cupcake). Suddenly, the fir tree in front bursts into bright lights, and it seemed that the holiday season had officially begun.



Many thanks to Children's Librarian Terry Johnson for arranging the events for this special evening.



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Caring and Sharing Holiday Auction

2021 Caring & Sharing

Caring & Sharing is about raising money for charity. It is about helping the poor during the holiday season. But it is about much more than that! It is about talented people taking the time to make and buy beautiful donations. It's about kindness, community and giving!

This year \$1,972 was raised to benefit 17 charities. One donor said, "Kindness is contagious." What a lovely thought! Here are six of the top revenue producing donations.



Pamper Basket @ \$105, By Kathleen Ford, proceeds Bourne Food Pantry



Gnome @ \$100, By Marilyn Tarallo, proceeds to Friends



Emerald Isle Basket @ \$85, By Pat Nemeth, proceeds to Doctors Without Borders, matched for a total of \$170



Triangular Needlework @ \$75, By Sally Baer, proceeds to Friends



Vegan Leather Tote @ \$65, By Kathy Fox-Alfano, proceeds to Friends



Peace Angel @ \$50, By Nan Crossland, proceeds to Habitat for Humanity, matched for a total of \$100

These charities received the following funds: Bourne Community Boating \$15, Bourne Food Bank \$222, Bourne Society for Historic Preservation \$40, Bourne Recreation \$40, K9s for Warriors \$47, Cape Kid Meals \$25, Doctors Without Borders (with match) \$460, Friends of Falmouth Dogs \$47, Friends JBPL \$621, Habitat for Humanity (with match) \$250, Herring Pond Wampanoag Tribe \$25, Housing Assistance Corp \$28, Pocasset Community Building \$25, Samaritans on Cape Cod & the Islands \$37, Home for Little Wanderers \$25, Give a Shot@Life \$40, and Birdsey Wildlife Center \$25.

In addition to those mentioned above, donors were Laura Bergeron, Leona Bombaci, Cape Cod Doll Club, GFWC Bourne Woman's Club, Hazel Currence, Casey Ford, Stephanie Kelly, Cynthia Lambert, Pam Matheson. Eileen Mattingly, Laura Scena, Nancy Selchan, Susan Sylva, Jayne Urso, Betsy Woodley, snd Katharyn Wright

Many thanks to all who participated!

Honor Roll of Donors



Many Thanks to all of our generous donors!

Some 2020 Donors were missed in the 2020 news
article. Their names are shown with an *.

\$10-\$25

Dr. William Cottie* Betty Galbraith* Carolee Packard

Carrol & Warren Sterns, in memory of Flo Prince

\$30-\$50

Kathy Fox-Alfano*
Linda Carpeno
Teri & Bill Cavanagh
Joan Crowley*
Donna Hacket
Ann Martin
Henry Milliken*
Joan Nawrocki*
Teresa & Randall Oxley
Lorraine Young

\$100

Merri Baker Anne Barbine* Aptucxet Garden Club Jo Ann Kneafsey Thomas and Joan Zak*

\$200

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dwight Eileen & Joseph Mattingly Erin McQuillan* (2020 & 2021)

\$500

Robin McIntyre & Andrew Campbell Bourne Youth Council, for Children's Programs Sally Horton*, in memory of Gary Horton (2020 & 2021)

Donald Maclean* (2020 & 2021)

\$1,000

William Ribich, on behalf of Crystal Ribich

New Members



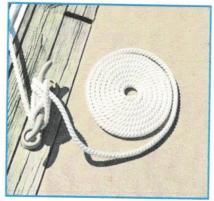
2021 was a banner year for new members joining the Friends! The Board is delighted with your support for the Library.

We are so pleased to welcome 28 new members! Here are our new Friends!

- 1. Kathleen Cardeiro
- 2. Linda Carpeno
- 3. Jennifer Cummings
- 4. Perry & Paula Davis
- 5. Natalie Forrest
- 6. Lloyd & Patricia Franke
- 7. Annie & Joe Gloski
- 8. Donna Hackett
- 9. Andrew Harcourt
- 10. Marianne Harcourt
- 11. Jackie Lee
- 12. Ellie MacKenzie
- 13. Marilyn McGerigle
- 14. Teresa & Randall Oxley
- 15. Eli Perrone
- 16. Susan Pisapia
- 17. Irene & Marcel Ringawa
- 18. Ann Rosseel
- 19. Phillip & Hara Russell
- 20. Margaret Song
- 21. Jacqueline Tardiff
- 22. Bev Travis
- 23. Sheryl Trezise
- 24. Marilyn Wenzel
- 25. Janis & Robert Wheeler
- 26. Cynthia Williams
- 27. Diane Woodside
- 28. Sharon Young

Our Library is here for all of us. It connects us to the world, and to each other! WELCOME!

Treasurer's Report



2021 Budget - Year End Report

FRIENDS is pleased to report that we achieved all our funding targets for 2021. Many thanks to all of you for your dues, donations, and participation in our book sales!

Due to your generosity, we were able to:

- Fund twenty-three free programs,
- Buy supplies and treats for the little ones,
- Provide museum passes,
- Purchase much need electronic services and equipment, and
- Grant three scholarships.

As we tie up 2021, here is a summary of the Budget.

2021 Budget	Actual
Expenses	Spent
\$32,392	\$28,036
Income	Raised
\$25,693	\$29,648

Budget articles submitted by Pat Nemeth, Treasurer



2022 Budget - Launching the New Year

The Budget for 2022 was adopted at the annual membership meeting in October 2021. Here is the Budget.

Expenses	2022 Budget
Adult Programs	\$7,000
Children Programs	\$8,500
Museum Passes	\$5,000
Scholarships	\$4,500
Equipment, Software &	
Online Services	\$3,500
Office & Other	\$3,500
Total to Fund	\$32,000
Brokerage Fee	\$7,200

Income	2022 Budget
Dues	\$2,400
Donations	\$3,500
Fund Raising	\$3,500
Brokerage Account	\$23,000
Total	\$32,400

Book Review

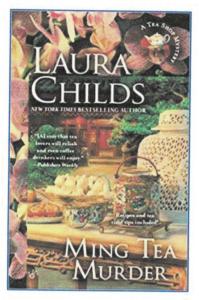
Book Review: Tea Shop Mysteries, By Laura Childs

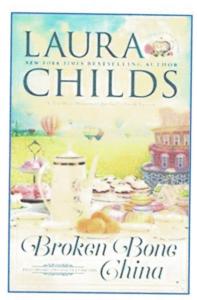
Review by Pat Nemeth

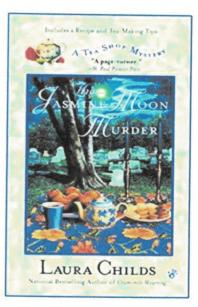
A few years ago, I sat one afternoon at the Dunbar Tea Shop in Sandwich. It was a rainy day, and the tea shop was a cozy place for a late lunch. I sat in the back, near a bookshelf. There I discovered Laura Child's Tea Shop Mysteries. I decided to buy one and check it out.

Now I look back, after having read a number of her books. These books are perfect winter companions. You will enjoy learning about Charleston, North Carolina, teas from around the world, and the delightful characters that live in these stories.

These books are light reading. No James Bond espionage, or serious non-fiction. But all minds need a little of this and a little of that. And as a tea drinker and a modest baker, I love the fact that each book ends with a section of recipes. Here are three of her books that I have enjoyed.







And now for a brief peek at the last of these three books, *The Jasmine Moon Murder*. Theodosia Browning is the proud owner of the Indigo Tea Shop in the historic district of Charleston. She is known for being an amateur sleuth who instinctively finds the culprit. Her tea shop family includes Drayton Conneley, an impeccable tea sommelier, and Haley Parker who is an amazing cook! Together these three host many theme-oriented teas.

The Jasmine Moon Murder opens at the Jasmine Cemetery where Theodosia and her crew are hosting a tea for charity, while local actors perform scenes from Charleston's illustrious history. But the fun is interrupted by a loud argument between two men. They are partners in a firm that has invented a minimally invasive laser for heart surgery. One man stomps away; and the next minute the other man lies dead on the ground.

Theodosia is swept into a chase that will take her on a hound hunt of a ride. She'll be shot at and threatened. But with her dog Earl Grey at her side, the calming influence of a cup of tea, and help from her friends, she will solve this mystery. Enjoy the book and find out "whodunit."

And you will come away with a recipe for tea smoked chicken, chocolate sour cream muffins, and Drayton's Green Tea Tippler. Ms. Child's books are fun! I know you will enjoy her Tea Shop Mysteries.

Updating JBLF Bylaws

Bylaws Amendments



The Executive Board of **Friends** is proposing a few amendments to the Bylaws of the corporation. Notice of these amendments is hereby provide to all members. A Zoom meeting will be held on March 7th at 10:00 am to review and adopt the amendments. All interested members are invited to attend. The link to the meeting will be provided by email.

A full copy of the Bylaws with the amendments is attached with this newsletter. Here is a summary of the proposed amendments:

- Add "At Large Board Members" to the Officers of the organization.
- Make the Vice-President the representative to meetings of the Trustees.
- Provide for "interim appointments" of officers, prior to the annual meeting.
- Provide for mid-year Budget amendments, with subsequent approval at the annual meeting.
- Limit withdrawal of funds from the Brokerage account to funds more than \$500,000.
- Establish controls for withdrawal of funds from the Building Fund accounts.
- Delete the category of "Honorary" member.
- Change "Fundraising" Committee to "Events and Activities" Committee.
- Provide the option for electronic meetings.

Meeting Calendar

Note: Meetings will be on Zoom until further notice.

There will be no meeting of members in February. There will be two meetings in March, on Monday, March 7, and Monday, March 28. Both meetings will begin at 10 a.m.

You will receive an email invitation to the Zoom meeting. Just click on the Zoom link or copy and paste the link into your address bar, and you will be admitted to the meeting after a minute or two.



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.

<u>2021-2022 Board</u>

Marilyn Tarallo, President
Open Position, Vice President
Nancy Selchan, Secretary
Pat Nemeth, Treasurer
Eileen Mattingly, Communications
Open Position, Membership
Laura Bergeron, Helen Bresnahan,
Kathy Cardeiro, Anne Gregory, Amy Shank,
Betsy Woodley, Members at Large



FRIENDS of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library

January 2022 - Treasurer's Report

Major Updates

- Paid: Brett Outchcunis (Noon Years Dance Party) \$500, Roger Bruno (Too Human) \$100, Jamie Novak (1/15 Virtual Program) \$150, Chef Rob Scott (1/29 Virtual Program) \$39, and Trivia Brothers (2/10 Virtual Program) \$400.
- Renewed: Roger Williams Park Zoo pass for \$250 and Cape Cod Children's Museum for \$400.

Proposal:

Move the Building Fund account funds from the 2 CDs and 1 savings account, representing a total of \$116,613, into a brokerage account with Eastern Bank. This is proposed to improve the overall long-term growth of the funds. (See related Bylaws amendments designed to safeguard the management of these funds.)



2022 Budget Status 1/22/22

	2022			
Expenses	Budget	Spent	Remaining	
Adult Programs	\$7,000	\$1,189	\$5,811	
Children Programs	\$8,500	\$0	\$8,500	
Museum Passes	\$5,000	\$650	\$4,350	
Scholarships	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500	
Equipment & Online				
Services	\$3,500	\$0	\$3,500	
Office	\$3,500	\$11	\$3,489	
Total to Fund	\$32,000	\$1,850	\$30,150	

Income	2022 Budget	Raised	Remaining
Dues	\$2,400	\$0	\$2,400
Donations	\$3,500	\$0	\$3,500
Fund Raising	\$3,500	\$71	\$3,429
Brokerage Account	\$23,000	\$0	\$23,000
Total	\$32,400	\$71	\$32,329

Friends Checking = \$32,870 Beacon Checking = \$4,259

Reading furnishes the mind only with materials of knowledge; it is thinking that makes what we read ours.

John Locke

