



Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library
March-April 2024 Newsletter

Letter from the President

Happy Spring, Friends! The crocuses are pushing through the ground, the peepers are out in full force, and the sun is shining. (At least today it is.) I know I am looking forward to more sunshine as the weeks pass.

Spring, in the Northeast, is an awakening of our senses. Just like bears, it's time to come out of hibernation. Whether it be digging in the dirt, cutting back bushes, or getting the lawn mower ready for the growth of the grass. It's also time to come to the library to enjoy the events we are hosting.

On March 23, we are hosting Scott Ouelette, a classical guitarist whose repertoire includes Spanish, Brazilian, and Latin American music, for a spring concert. On March 30 at 2:00 – 3:30PM, the library is hosting, *“The Name That Must Not Be Forgotten: Thornton W. Burgess,”* an author talk by Christie Palmer Lowrance. Learn more about this talk at <https://bournelibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/natures-ambassador-the-legacy-of-thorton-w-burgess/>.

National Library Week will be held April 7 – April 13. If you are in and out of the library that week, please take a moment to thank the librarians. They work hard to make our experience within the library pleasant.

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We, the friends, are beginning our planning of Spring Book Sale, which will be held Saturday, May 18. We will be collecting Books on Saturday, May 11. Stay tuned for updates of times and possible “rain dates.”

If anyone is interested in helping at the Book Sale either with the drop off books or at the sale, please send us an email at jbpl-friends@gmail.com. If you don't have email, please feel free to leave a message (we have a mailbox) at the library.

Enjoy the sunshine, the warmth, the new buds, and the return of the birds. Looking forward to seeing you at the Book Sale!

—*Marilyn Tarallo, President*

Welcome Our New Librarian!



Want help learning how to listen to a book on your phone? Need to charge your phone up while you are doing your research at the library? Never learned how to send and receive emails? Nicholas Schiller, the new public services librarian at the Jonathan Bourne Public Library is the man to see.

This experienced and friendly library and technology expert comes to the Bourne Library after a long stint in Portland, Oregon, and more recently a year in Morris County, New Jersey. His wife Natalie has just become the Dean of the Library at Bristol Community College in Fall River. Having experienced the pleasures of Cape Cod in the winter five years ago, Nicholas decided to come to Bourne.

Before earning his master's degree in library science and an advanced certificate in instructional design, Nicholas began his academic career as a

philosophy major. As such, a major concern for him is answering key questions: What is trustworthy? What is meaningful? In today's era of frequently biased reporting or outright lies in the media, answering these questions is particularly important, and Nicholas is eager to help Jonathan Bourne Library patrons in their search for honesty and clarity.

Library patrons can easily schedule 30-minute appointments with Nicholas for help with both research questions ("Can I access other sources beyond those at my own library?" "How do I footnote this passage?" and technology questions ("How do I register for this website?" "I can't get the camera to work on my laptop.") . You can reach him at his work at nschiller@bournelibrary.org to arrange an appointment. As he says, sometimes the barriers to using electronic resources are small and easily solved. Here is someone to help!

Nicholas has in the past given technology talks on such topics as maintaining data privacy, and expects he will be doing so in Bourne in the future. Be sure to check the library website to find out when such talks are scheduled.

When he is not working at the JBPL, Nicholas finds time for his enthusiasm for bicycles and for reading science and speculative fiction. Stop by his desk to say hello when you next drop by the library—he may have some interesting book suggestions for you!

—*Eileen Mattingly*

It's membership renewal time for the Friends of the Library.

See the application form on page 7 of this newsletter.

Recent Events at the Library: Were You There?

The First Lady Comes to Bourne



Eleanor Roosevelt

The March 7 program on Eleanor Roosevelt sponsored by the Friends was attended by 49 people. Carol Cohen, appearing as Eleanor Roosevelt, spoke about her life and her human rights activities from her home, "Val-Kill" in New York, the

small cottage near Hyde Park that was truly hers.

Ms. Cohen showed a variety of slides to illustrate her talk. After listening to the presentation, we were invited to look at a variety of books displayed about Eleanor. The Program sparked an interest in many of the attendees to learn more about her life.

—*Elizabeth Ferris*

Editor's Note: For those who would like to learn more about Eleanor Roosevelt, the CLAMS Library system has a number of books about her, including *Eleanor Roosevelt* by Blanche Wiesen Cook. "A study of the complex and political figure of Eleanor Roosevelt begins with her harrowing childhood, describes the difficulties of her marriage, and explains how she persuaded Franklin to make the reforms that would make him famous."

Just for fun: Elliott Roosevelt, the son of Eleanor and Franklin, has written a series of murder mysteries in which Eleanor becomes an amateur detective. Among them are *The Hyde Park Murder*, *The White House Pantry Murder*, and *Murder in the Map Room*.



Carol Cohen as Eleanor Roosevelt

A Grand Old Game: Baseball on Cape Cod

If you are a follower of the Bourne Braves baseball team in the Cape Cod summer league, you know that our team won the championship last year for the second year in a row. Did you know that baseball on the Cape goes back to 1865? Patrons who attended the March presentation at the library by volunteers from the Braves learned much more about this fascinating history. Here is a photo shown at the presentation of the 1888 Sandwich Athletics, a precursor to the Braves.



Upcoming Events for Adults at the Library

March 2024 at Bourne Library

www.bournelibrary.org

Adult Programs

3/7 – Data Privacy Tips – Program by Nicholas Schiller – 1:00 pm (Community Center)

3/7 – A Look at the Life of Eleanor Roosevelt- Presentation by Carol Cohen 2:00 pm

3/9 – “No Irish Need Apply” - The History of Irish in Boston – Presentation by Chris Daley – 1:00 pm

3/13 – Women’s History Month Film Series – (*On the Basis of Sex*) 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

3/23 – Spring Concert – Guitarist Scott Ouelette – 2:00 pm

3/27 – Women’s History Month Film Series – (*Hidden Figures*) 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

3/30 – “The Name that Must Not Be Forgotten: Thornton W. Burgess – Presentation by Author Christie Palmer Lowrance – 2:00 pm

Ongoing Monthly Events in March at Bourne Library

Fiber Friends– 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

Mystery Book Club – 6:30 on zoom – 4th Thursday (call library 508.759.6302 for zoom link) (March 28th)

Death at La Fenice by Donna Leon

Wednesday Afternoon Readers – 2:00 pm – 3rd Wednesday at Bourne Library – (March 20th)

First Ladies by Marie Benedict

April 2024 at Bourne Library

www.bournelibrary.org

Adult Programs

4/3 – A History of the Cape Cod Canal by Army Corps of Engineers – Park Ranger – Samantha Gray

4/6 – Sourdough Starter Workshop – Sourdough Brandon – 1:00 pm (register – www.bournelibrary.org)

4/10 – Organic Seed Starting Lecture & Demonstration – Paul Split - 6:00 pm

4/13 – Attracting Pollinators with Healthy Practices in our Backyard- Marie Chieppo, ecological landscape designer and educator– 1:00 pm

4/18 – Zoom Talk – Ukraine/Russia- The last 2 years – 5:00 pm (Zoom link available at the library)

4/20 – Music in Dementia: – Music in Dementia: Finding the Piano -The accidental creation of a 92-year-old social media star – 2:00 pm

4/27 – Lincoln: Life, Law and Leadership – Ret. Superior Judge Dennis J. Curran – 1:00 pm

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The Shape of Water by Andrea Camilleri (April 25)

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Upcoming Events for Children

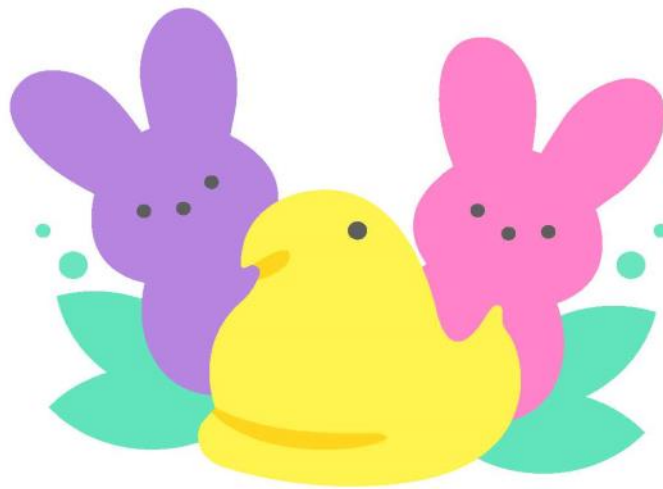
The Jonathan Bourne Public Library Peep Diorama Contest 2024

Create a book based diorama using Peeps candy and your imagination.
Dioramas can be dropped off March 4th - March 30th

Prizes will be awarded April 4th

3 categories

Kids (family), Teen & Adult



MARINE MAMMALS 101

With Bridget Ruiz,
Senior at Massachusetts Maritime Academy

Saturday March 23, 10-11 AM

Jonathan Bourne Library

Register at <https://www.bournelibrary.org/>

Learn about marine mammals with this hands on and engaging program.

Participants will be able to learn about whales, dolphins, manatees and more!

Suggested ages: 4-7

Upcoming Events for Children, cont.



April School Vacation

@ THE BOURNE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Tuesday April 16th ~ 6-7pm Lego Night

We supply the bricks,
you bring your imagination!!

Wednesday April 17th ~ 2pm Mr. Vinny's Bubble Show

Join us on the field behind the library to run,
jump and chase some **GIANT** bubbles.

Friday April 19th ~ 3pm Learn to Play Ukulele

Want to try an instrument that is fun
and easy to play?

Join Julie Stepanek

as she shows the fundamentals of ukulele playing.

No experience necessary.

For children of all ages accompanied by an adult.

Please register @bournelibrary.org

Thursday April 18th 4H Baby Sitter Class 9am-4pm

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Class size is limited to 15

Please register @

bournelibrary.org

508-759-0600, x6106

Participants must be 11 years old or older

Instructed by a 4-H Program Associate



Would you like to help support children's programming in the library?

Then support the Spring Book Sale run by the Friends of the Library. Proceeds go to support both children's and adult programs like these.

How to help:

1. Donate your gently-used books to the Friends on May 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Just drive up and drop them off at our table in the parking lot.
2. Call and volunteer two hours of your time at the book sale on May 18, to help set up, manage, or take down the sale.
3. Come on May 18 to shop for great bargains in new books for both adults and children

**WHY DO TREES MATTER?
ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST
SPONSORED BY THE
APTUCKET GARDEN CLUB**

Calling all student artists pre-school - 12th grade
Create a poster to tell us why trees matter.
Finished posters can be dropped off in the children's room
@ the Bourne Public Library
by April 24.

Please be sure to include your name, phone # and age
on the back of your poster. Prizes will be awarded.



Membership Application



Application to Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library

The Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library is a non-profit organization that promotes our Library. We help fund programs, resources, services and equipment not made available through the normal operating budget or capital outlays appropriated by the Town of Bourne.

Your membership entitles you to attend our monthly meetings.

Please print and complete the application below, and drop off at the library or mail to:

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

Name:	
Address:	
Email:	Phone:

Check	Membership Type	Fee	\$ Enclosed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior (65 or older)	\$20 Annual	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual	\$30 Annual	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family	\$50 Annual	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lifetime	\$500	
	<i>Help us provide more free programs and services at the Library!</i>		
	Additional Donation		
	Total		

You can join by going to the Jonathan Bourne Public Library website and click on "Friends".
 You can pay via PAYPAL. <https://www.bournelibrary.org/Pages/Index/182460/friends-of-the-library>

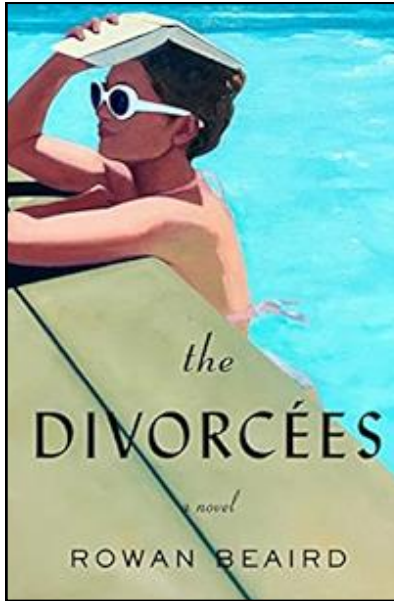
We are always in search of volunteers.
 Would you be interested in helping in one of the following areas?

Events & Activities _____ Spring/Fall Book Sale _____
 Season of Giving Auction _____ Publicity / Marketing _____

"The more we read, the better we can build up and expand our knowledge."

Book Review: *The Divorcées*

I enjoyed *The Divorcées* by Rowan Beard for a few reasons. First, I had no idea that women in the US at one point in time (not that long ago), had to establish “residency” in Reno, Nevada, to be granted a divorce. Second, I also never knew that special ranches existed to house the women while they waited out their six weeks residency for their divorce to be final. Lastly, the book made me happy about how far women have come in managing and controlling their lives.



I enjoyed the friendships between the women, despite their varying backgrounds. In numbers, they gained insight into what future single life may look like or, for some, what a new marriage might bring. At times, the women were lost and whiled away their nights in casinos, gambling and drinking. But they did gain support from the other divorcees and the Golden Yarrow matriarch.

The main character, Lois, is taken in by the wildness of the ranch and the new mysterious divorcee Greer Lang. Lois starts to trust Greer, but not sure if she should, but can't stop herself. Greer leads Lois on an escapade one night at the casino and Lois starts to have some shocking new thoughts about Greer. I liked how the author layers the plot of the story with very vivid characters. Fans of *Strangers on the Train* by Patricia Highsmith will enjoy *The Divorcées*.

—Colleen Cunningham

Do you have a favorite book you would like to review for this newsletter?

Send your review to eileenmattingly@yahoo.com.



The new benches in the garden, donated by the Friends of the Library, have recently been installed. For summer reading and summer concerts, this will be a welcoming and comfortable spot.

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.

March

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Board Meeting—March 25, 1 p.m.

April

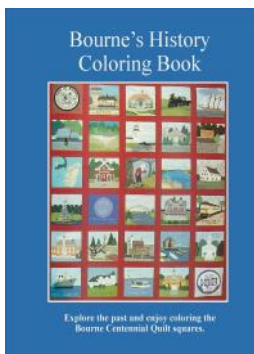
Board Meeting—April 22, 1 p.m.

May

May-June Newsletter
Book donations collected for book sale—May 11
Spring book sale—May 18
Board meeting—May 27, 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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