



# Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library October–December 2020 Newsletter

## President's Corner

**H**ow about that summer? It was a unique one for sure! I tried to embrace the many cancellations and found new ways to enjoy the carefree season on Cape Cod. Now that we are headed into the Fall more opportunities seem to be popping up for socialization and continuing education. I may sound like a broken record, but the library is open—just the building is closed to the public right now. The hours for curbside pickup have increased and the staff is getting very adept at the new ways of interacting with the public. We hope that you will swing by soon.

I am happy to tell you about two activities that have not been cancelled this fall: our Annual Meeting and the Caring and Sharing Auction. The Friends Board discussed both events at the past two Zoom meetings and all agreed that we needed to find ways to include these traditional social gatherings this year. We hope you will embrace the changes that we made to them both.

## ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> (rain date October 6<sup>th</sup>) outside in the Pavilion at the Aptucxet Trading Post Museum located at 6 Aptucxet Road, Bourne MA at 1 p.m.). This meeting will provide an opportunity for members to mingle and catch up with one another after the six-month hiatus from in-person meetings. We will also be conducting some business items that include approving the 2021 Annual Budget, recapping the first-ever scholarship winners, and highlighting our alternative fundraising efforts, to name a few. All that we ask is that you arrive with a mask on and sit six feet apart once the meeting begins. We are looking forward to seeing everyone safely in person once again.

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## JBPL Friends Annual Meeting

October 5, 1:00 p.m.

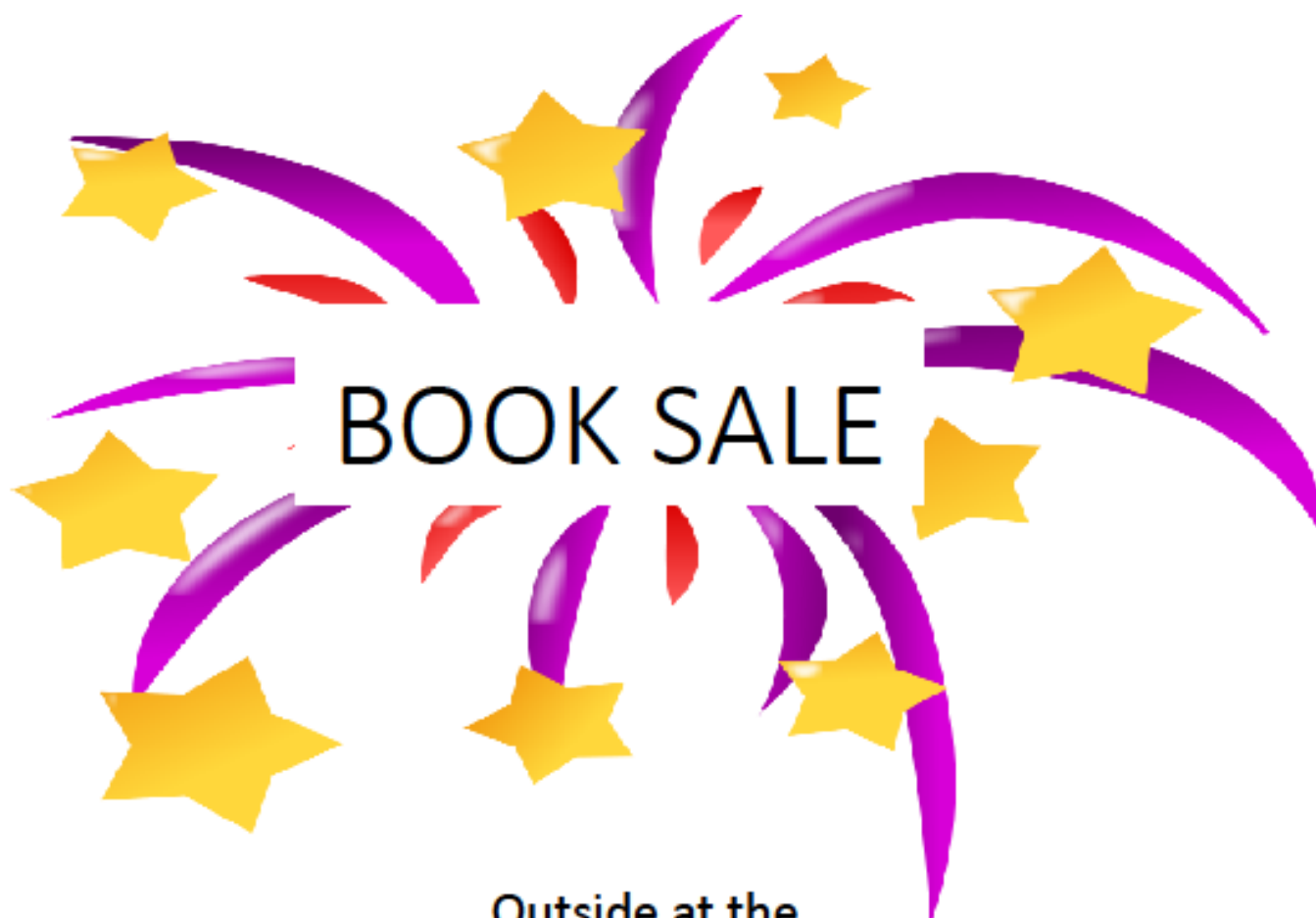
(Rain date October 6)

Location: Aptucxet Trading Post  
Pavilion

6 Aptucxet Road, Bourne

Due to the pandemic:

- Water and a snack will be available.
- Chairs will be provided, appropriately spaced.
- Masks and social distancing are required.



Outside at the  
Jonathan Bourne Public Library  
19 Sandwich Road, Bourne

Book Donations Friday September 25,  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM & 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
ONLY books in excellent condition.

**Sale on Saturday, October 3**  
**Rain date October 4**  
**10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

*All books \$1! Come support your Library . Wear a mask.*

**Sponsored by the Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library**



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Caring & Sharing

Last year we raised \$4,065 for thirty-one charities. Through the Caring & Sharing holiday auction, 53 items were donated. Without a doubt, the items that raised the most money were all handmade works of art! We raised money for adult and children's organizations, healthcare, housing, and food. **Let's do it again!** Perhaps with the pandemic, our help is needed now more than ever.

But the Library building is closed for the time being. So, we cannot do the auction as we have done it in the past. This year our auction will be on-line with 32Auctions.

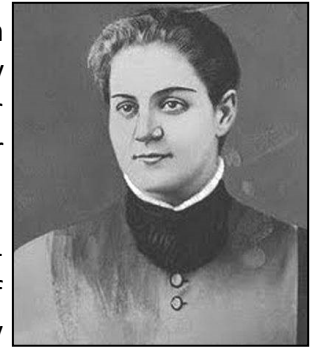
If you donated in the last two years, check your mailbox for your invitation to participate again. If you wish to be a new donor, please contact us at [JBPLFriends@gmail.com](mailto:JBPLFriends@gmail.com) and we will send you all the information.

The auction will be held from November 30 to December 8. Stay tuned for more news on how to participate. We will send out a few email blasts as we get closer to the time of the auction. Donations will be dropped off and picked up on December 12, at the Pocasset Community Building.

**Thank you in advance for participating  
in the 2020 Caring & Sharing Auction.**

## ***Bourne's Own Halloween Nightmare***

With Halloween coming up, it's time to turn to Bourne's own version of mayhem from the distant past. We are so interested in the soon-to-be-published story of Jane Toppan that we thought to give you a little advance notice. Better known as "Jolly Jane," Ms. Toppan was a 19<sup>th</sup> century nurse who was known for over 31 murders but arrested and tried for only one.



Throughout the years, there have been various stories, podcasts and other productions about this rather misguided (to put it mildly) woman whose murder of an entire family in Cataumet spurred the trial in Barnstable County in the early 1900's. From Elmer Landers' *Yankee Magazine* (July 1971) interview to the 2016 "This is Criminal" podcast, Jolly Jane remains a force and a very interesting story. Watch for *The Enterprise Newspaper* special magazine in October for a story which took the author, Candace Powers over a year to research and write. And if you wish to hear about Jane before then, check out this podcast and make up your own mind:

<https://thisiscriminal.com/episode-38-jolly-jane-3-4-2016>.

There is a personal connection with the Jonathan Bourne Library as well. Diane Ranney, who recently retired from the library staff, is quite the historian of Jolly Jane. "She was extremely smart," Diane says. "Her professors said, 'Wow, this woman really knows what she's doing,' but she had an unfortunate habit that she liked to experiment. She felt that she needed to know how her patients would react if they were given certain doses of morphine and atropine."<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>North Carolina Public Radio at <https://www.wunc.org/post/criminal-mysterious-murderer-jolly-jane>

## ***Treasurer's Report***

William Arthur Ward once said, "*The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails.*" This fits our current situation, as we continue to live in a world impacted by the pandemic. The Friends are working hard to adjust our sails in order to support our Library and our wonderful staff.

Here are our financial highlights for the last two months. We have:

- Received \$425 in member donations,
- Launched our first on-line fundraiser, a Bulb Sale event,
- Purchased prizes for the Adult and Children's on-line Beanstack reading program,
- Purchased our eleventh Museum Pass subscription, and
- Funded the repair of the whimsical wooden benches in the Children's Garden.



To date we have raised \$18,573, of which \$15,000 came from our Brokerage account. We have spent \$20,355. Our present checking account balances are \$17,781 (Friends) and \$4,592 (Beacon).



## ***Want a Story? Take a Hike!***

Wondering what to do with the kids when their cabin fever is overwhelming or they want a break from online school? Come over to the Jonathan Bourne Public Library and see what Miss Terry Johnson has in store. Miss Terry and her counterpart Maura Dankert from the Bourne for Children CFCE (Coordinated Family and Community Engagement) grant. (For more information about Bourne for Children activities, see their website at <http://www.bourneforchildren.org/>.)

When children and their parents arrive at the Library, they can enter through the gate at the back of the building, where a book cover greets them to announce the story of the day. On September 9, it was *The Busy Tree* by Jennifer Ward, a book that introduces children to a busy world of chipmunks, baby birds, squirrels, ants, and more.

From there, they enter the field in back, where pages from the book have been “deconstructed” and placed around at stations along the wrought-iron fence. There is a natural one-way track to maintain social distancing as the families read through the book. Sometimes parents read to their preschool children; other times, new readers proudly read for their younger siblings. The walks between stations provide a chance for everyone to talk about what they have read and ask questions.

Finally, as the story comes to an end, participating families arrive at the Children’s Garden, where the newly-refurbished benches are located. There they find hand sanitizer and a free craft package to take home to complete. For *The Busy Tree*, the craft was a friendly-looking paper squirrel.

The last Story Walk will be held on September 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. See you there!



The Jonathan Bourne Public Library  
& the Bourne for Children CFCE



# Alphabet Challenge

October 1 - November 30  
Ages 0 -7 years



Beanstack



It's easy to participate with the  
Beanstack online tracking tool & app.

Simply go to  
<https://bournelibrary.beanstack.org/> or  
download the free app & create a family  
account.

Complete all 26 activities to earn a free book.

Beanstack will also be used for other literacy  
challenges and activities, throughout the year.

Questions??

Call Terry (508)759-0600 x6106  
or email [tjohnson@bournelibrary.org](mailto:tjohnson@bournelibrary.org)



JONATHAN BOURNE PUBLIC LIBRARY

# FALL INTO READING 2020

October 1 - November 30

Ages 8 - 108 Years

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IT'S EASY TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE  
BEANSTACK ONLINE TRACKING TOOL & APP.

SIMPLY GO TO

[HTTPS://BOURNELIBRARY.BEANSTACK.ORG/](https://bournelibrary.beanstack.org/)  
OR DOWNLOAD THE FREE APP & CREATE A FAMILY ACCOUNT.  
MEET MILESTONES TO BE ENTERED INTO DRAWINGS



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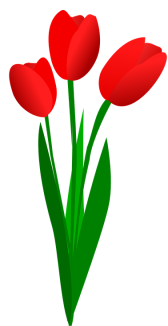
## ***President's Corner, cont.***

The Caring and Sharing Auction holds a special place in our hearts because it not only brings together the library community, but also the many Bourne residents and local non-profits as well. Each year crafters bring their uniquely decorated trees and holiday items to the library to brighten up the shelves and then ask bidders to support their favorite local non-profit. The concept of the auction will be the same, but it will look very different as we are taking it online. Please check out the details of this year's alternative Caring and Sharing auction on page 3.



In addition to these two traditional activities, we are planning a new one: a pop-up book sale, to be held in early October. You can donate books on September 25, and they will be held for a week to be sure they are safe. Then on October 3 (October 4 rain date), we will have an outdoor sale. See p. 2 for details.

I would be remiss if I did not mention our online Bulbs for Books fundraiser that we are doing with Dutch Mill Bulb Company. Since our traditional annual book sale cannot occur right now, we are asking our supporters to consider buying flower bulbs online.



50% of all the profits will go to the library and your yard will look very bright in the spring. Go to <https://groups.dutchmillbulbs.com/shop/?affiliates=JBPLFriends> and make your selections, provide billing and shipping information, and enter "Friends

of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library" in the "Organization" field.

Opportunities are out there to re-connect with the Friends and we hope you will take advantage of the new ways of doing our old favorites.

Your Friend,

—Heather A.M. DiPaolo  
JBPL Friends, President

## ***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.

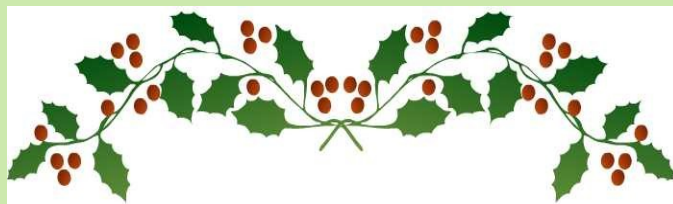
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We wish you a very happy  
holiday season. Stay safe!  
We'll see you again in 2021!