



Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library, Inc.

Winter 2019-20 Newsletter

A Letter from the President

Hello Friends!

It has now been one year since I was elected to be your JBPL Friends President and I am feeling a great sense of community. I will be the first to admit that it was a slow start to my presidency as I took in all the activities and routines of our fantastic group of volunteers. I had many questions and everyone came together; Friends and library staff alike, to assist me on this great adventure. Even library patrons that are not Friends (we will get them to sign up soon!) gave me advice on things that they like or are wishing to see change. I cherished all the conversations and brought every idea back to our hard-working Board to see how we could incorporate the requests into our agenda. It is because of those conversations that we now have an updated Budget with new line items and an updated set of Bylaws that alters the structure of our meetings and the membership renewal structure.

At the Annual meeting in October we voted on the Annual Budget and the Bylaw changes with much discussion before both votes. We have decided to earmark funds for a JBPL Friends Scholarship that will be handed out to a group of eligible graduating high school students that fit the criteria set aside by the Scholarship Sub-Committee. There were strong opinions about the structure and dollar amount for this item, but everyone agreed that it is a positive way to contribute to the community. We are all very excited about the first round of applicants to review this spring.

The Bylaw changes were more than just minor corrections and we presented these at two meetings to make sure that everyone had the opportunity to review and digest the edits. We added language about our finances to explain where the money comes from and where it is allowed to be used. We re-

structured the Committee Chairs; omitting a few positions while making the remaining three part of the Executive Board. The Fundraising Chair, the Membership Chair, and the Communications Chair will now have voting rights and be the leaders for these important activities in our group. They will be reaching out to our Friends community to seek help with ideas and volunteer needs. Most importantly, the Membership Committee Chair will be reaching out to every annual member in January to remind you that your annual dues now expire on February 28th each year for everyone. Please be on the lookout for that change in the new year (well after the holiday shopping and crazy season is over!).

Our biggest community event is happening at the end of this month; The Caring Sharing Trees are coming! It is a great event that showcases many uniquely decorated trees from individuals all around town that then benefits multiple local and regional organizations around Bourne. Please come in to enjoy the decorations, and maybe place a bid, before they are gone on December 13th. I look forward to seeing you around the library!

Your friend,
Heather A.M. DiPaolo
FOL President

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Introducing Assistant Director Irja Finn



Our new Assistant Director of the library, Irja Finn, made up her mind that she wanted to work as a librarian while she was still in high school—just as soon as she found out that all the members of the Library Club would be allowed to

skip school to attend a Red Sox game as a reward! She soon discovered that she loved the work.

Although she also worked in the library at Wheaton College during her undergraduate years, she strayed from that path after graduation, working for the municipal government in Pelham, New Hampshire, then traveling extensively as a software teacher and as an employee of Access Graphics. But when her first child was born, she decided to return to a more settled life, taking a job first at the Derry Public Library and then in Chelmsford and North Andover. Her most recent post was at the Pelham Public Library, where she held positions as Assistant Director, and eventually as Director of the library.

Irja (a Finnish name pronounced EER-ee-ya) is delighted to be at the Jonathan Bourne Public Library. She loves all libraries because she loves the fact that they have “all that information in one place.” She particularly appreciates the fact that the library patrons here are so friendly and openly complimentary of the staff. Every day, patrons stop staff members to thank them.

Since one of her duties is to support special events at the library, she is actively seeking interesting subjects for the adult speakers program. In January, she has scheduled an expert to speak on the very timely topic of whistleblowers. In February, a speaker will discuss the work of Toni Morrison, whose birthday is celebrated in that month. She is already working on lining up other engaging presenters for the spring. Another project is expanding the collection of large-print nonfiction to include current topics of interest.

When not working at the library, Irja is looking for a home to buy in our area with her partner Jake, a retired attorney, and her dog Lewy. In spite of her fear of bridges (!), she loves to travel and her favorite places visited are Costa Rica, Iceland, and Russia; she is looking forward to a possible visit to Kyrgyzstan if her younger son continues with his plan of serving there as a Peace Corps Volunteer.

So when you see Irja at work at JBPL, please stop by to say hello and welcome her.

We're Going Digital!

This will be the last issue of the FOL newsletter that we will be printing and mailing out. Beginning in 2020, all newsletters will be sent to you electronically. If you haven't given us your current email, please be sure to let us know as soon as possible by leaving your information at the library's front desk or emailing us at jbplfriends@gmail.com. We will make available a limited number of printed copies at the library and the newsletter can always be found on the library's website under the Friends link. This change is going to allow us to save the money spent on mailing out 300 printed copies and allow us to use it for library programs.



The Friends Do Canal Day!

On September 14, the Friends participated in the 2nd Annual Cape Cod Canal Day event in Buzzards Bay, sponsored by the Canal Chamber of Commerce. Many Friends made for a fun day as we educated folks about the Friends and played trivia. Everyone was a winner as we gave away prizes including books, bags and hats. We signed up new Friends and enjoyed the beautiful day.



Christmas in Old Bourne Village

On **Friday, December 6**, come and be part of the neighborhood festivities! Starting at 5:30 p.m., the Friends of the Library will be serving cookies and cocoa while the Bourne High School band and chorus delight us with holiday songs. At 6 p.m., the tree will be lit to kick off the festivities in town! Hope you can join us in this most treasured library tradition.

On **Monday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m.**, A'ine Minogue invites you to join her on a spellbinding journey through ancient Celtic lore. Her performance, "To Warm a Winter's Night" features music tailored to the celebration of Celtic mid-winter traditions.



Caring Sharing Holiday Silent Auction

Ah, November. A feeling of cooler temperatures, thoughts of turkey and pumpkin pie and--*evergreens*? Yes, evergreens, to decorate those tabletop trees and wreaths with shells to add to the driftwood and other handmade objects that will be part of the Friends Annual Caring Sharing Silent Auction. Every year, as the Friends gather to accept the many trees and other decorations, from baskets to driftwood figures, everyone is thankful. Whether you make a tree or just bid on one, you are making a difference in someone's life.

This year, donations for the auction will be accepted on Thursday, November 21, from 5 – 8 p.m.; Friday, November 22 from 9 am – Noon; and Saturday, November 23 from 9 am – 11 am. Please advise us of what charity you have chosen and be sure to label each item. Only 3 items per person or organization will be allowed so that many different folks can participate. Battery-powered lights for the trees are strongly encouraged because, due to the new configuration of the library, cords are not available.

Please bid generously and often for your favorite charity. Bidding will close on December 13 at 5 p.m. Proceeds of the auction will be sent to each charity on December 18. A donation form is available in the library or by contacting the Friends. Last year, the Auction raised almost \$4,000! We hope to increase that number with your help. Thank you for so generously helping those who may not enjoy as much as others.

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

The JBPL Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon was held on Monday, October 28, immediately after the Annual Meeting. The room at the Pocasset Community Center was packed with a capacity crowd. The catered lunch included clam chowder and kale soup; chicken and tuna salad sandwiches, ham and cheese roll-ups, and green salad; and there was a tempting array of petits fours and other tiny pastries to follow.

Volunteers enjoyed visiting with each other and making new friends through a scavenger-hunt-style questionnaire, and this was followed by library bingo, led by President Heather DiPaolo. Prizes included table centerpieces blooming with lollipops and containers of bright mums. Members of the library staff, the JBPL Friends group, and the Volunteers all enjoyed this celebration of one of our community's great resources.



MUSEUM PASS SUGGESTIONS

If you're looking for something to do with your children or grandchildren during the upcoming cold weather you might want to check out the exciting and extensive list of museum passes at the library. For example, there are passes for three wonderful Children's Museums and each of these museum passes offers a 50% discount for up to 4 people. The websites are listed with the museums so that you can check out the hours of operation and any special events that are planned.

1. Cape Cod Children's Museum
<https://capecodchildrensmuseum.org>
2. Providence Children's Museum
<http://www.childrensmuseum.org>
3. Children's Museum of Boston
<https://www.bostonchildrensmuseum.org>

It's simple to reserve the passes. Call the library directly or use the link on the library website. Just pick your preferred date or dates and use your library card number to make your reservation. We suggest you reserve the pass or passes as early as possible because at school vacation time they go quickly.

This is a great way to have a fun family day at a reduced price. These museum passes have been made available through the hard work of the Friends of the Library. Enjoy!

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Renewal dates of your FOL membership have changed. With rolling membership in the past, your membership was for one year from the month you paid your dues. This is difficult to monitor, so we have decided that moving forward the yearly membership will be on a calendar year. Memberships will run from March 1 to February 28 each year.

If you have recently paid your membership we will adjust your membership date so that you will not lose any months. In the future you can expect a membership reminder after the first of the year. If you have any questions about your membership please email it to jbplfriends@gmail.com.

Learning Space Place

We are pleased to announce that the new JBPL Learning Space Place opened to the public with a Reveal Party on September 21. The space was once a storage closet and it has been transformed into a bright and welcoming family play space with games, puzzles and books. Stop by to see the Learning Space which was created with federal funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

The Children's Library has terrific programs planned for November and December! Please visit the JBPL website at www.bournelibrary.org for details and registration information.



Bedtime Stories

Put on your coziest pajamas and join us at the JBPL on Thursday, November 21st at 6:30pm for Bedtime Stories with Big Ryan!

Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus

Santa and Mrs. Claus invite you to join them for a holiday breakfast at the JBPL on Saturday, December 7th. There will be 2 seatings at 8:30am and 9:30am. Tickets must be purchased in advance. The cost is \$5.00 for children 2 and older and \$15.00 for adults.

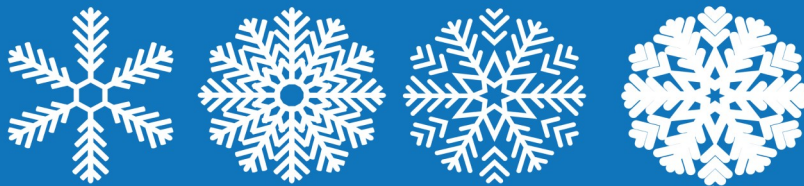
Holiday Sing-along with Belle and Cinderella

A special holiday event is planned for children on Friday, December 20th at 1:00pm at the Bourne United Methodist Church. Come sing along with Belle and Cinderella and enjoy Princess Punch and goodies supplied by the Bourne Women's Club.



TD BANK DONATIONS

TD Bank's Affinity Membership Program helps non-profit organizations like us. The bank makes a small donation for each new and existing account registered with them. Just notify TD Bank that you would like to assign the Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library as your choice of non-profit. It's that simple! TD Bank does the rest! Each year the Friends receive a check for the amount collected in our name. This year it was \$2,931.83, so several programs will be covered thanks to TD Bank's generosity. If you already have an account or are thinking of opening one, please keep this opportunity in mind. There are information sheets about the program at the library.



Coming Soon!

Winter Book Sale

Holiday books, new fiction, children's books,
cookbooks, DVDs, and lots of puzzles



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