

Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library

January-February 2023 Newsletter

Letter from the President **Goodbye 2022 and Hello 2023!**

[Note: This is a letter I wrote and sent out with the November 28, 2022 agenda. I feel so strongly about the people who tirelessly give their time to the library that I am going to state my sentiments again.]

Dear Board Members, Trustees, Staff Members, and Friends:

In the time I have had to reflect on this past year, I realize how blessed we are to have such a wonderful group of hard-working people.

Being a volunteer isn't always easy. It requires a lot of our time from our busy lives, hard work, patience with others, and enjoying the camaraderie with our fellow volunteers.

This year, everyone has achieved all of the above requirements and created an awesome volunteer base which allowed us to move forward. We have come together by stepping up to the plate when needed, taking on new challenges, and have kept a warm, friendly atmosphere throughout the year.

I can't say enough about the Board of the FJBPL. Individually you bring wonderful, insightful, creative ideas to the table. You are the "Best of the Best." It is a true pleasure to be associated with such a group of hard working, loving, funny people! I personally want to thank each and every one of you for being the best volunteers I have ever worked with. You have certainly made a big difference in making the Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library a better organization, which allows us to go forward and do what we need to do to make the library outstanding.

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I would like to thank the Trustees for their kindness and camaraderie. Working together is imperative to reach the long road ahead with the library.

I would like to thank the library staff.....all of you are AMAZING!!! Each and every one of you is the "face" of the library. What a fun, smart, helpful group! The programs coming out of our library are, without a doubt, the best around!

Last but not forgotten, a great big thank you to the members of the Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library, for without your financial and spiritual guidance we would not be able to maintain the excellence!

I wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year. Here's to 2023....so get ready!!

—*Marilyn Tarallo*



A Holiday Season to Celebrate

The 2022 winter holiday season at the Jonathan Bourne Library was marked with music, dance, handicraft classes, a record-setting holiday auction, and more, all through the month of December. On December 1, Danielle Beaudette of The Cozy Tea Cart provided an engaging lecture on the history of Victorian Christmas traditions and the history of tea, along with delicious samples for an appreciative audience. December 3 brought a group of aspiring artists to paint their own Russian nesting dolls, or *matryoshka*.

The following week saw many young children to showcase their creativity and satisfy their sweet tooth with a workshop on building their own gingerbread houses. While they worked, their parents could browse the Caring and Sharing Auction offerings that were displayed in the library from early November to December 2, when bidding closed.

Probably the highlight of the season was the performance of scenes from Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker Suite* by young members of the New England Ballet Theater. Bourne residents who attended enjoyed not only the dances but also hot chocolate, mini cupcakes, and the official lighting of the Christmas tree in front of the library as part of our annual Christmas in Old Bourne Village.



A Holiday Season to Celebrate, cont.



Many thanks to the Library staff, the volunteers, the performers, the artists, the workshop participants, and the community members who make our holiday season so memorable!

Caring & Sharing Auction 2022

This year the Caring & Sharing charity auction filled the library with seventy-five lovely donations. So many folks commented that it was so nice to have the event back again in the library! Many said they thought the donations were some of the best they had seen! The end result was that the auction raised more money for charity than it had in the last five years! The total raised was \$4,911.

The Friends Board members thank every donor for their gifts, their creativity, and their time! This Bourne tradition highlights so many stories of kindness and giving. This is the true meaning of the Holiday Season. It is the act of giving, and not the money, that really makes Caring & Sharing so special!

Here are a few of the stories behind the donations.

- * A woman loves to crochet. She begins to think that perhaps she could make a wreath and decorate it with crocheted shells and fish. The next thing you know, she's inspired to do a tree, a lighthouse and a nativity set. Her work was admired by many!
- * A man who lives in Old Bourne, stops by the Thrift Shop at the United Methodist Church to browse. One day he finds a half-finished quilt there. He remembers his mother used to love to quilt. He takes the quilt home and goes to work to finish it. Then he donates the quilt and hopes to pass on a little bit of history and a little bit of love. Another man is the high bidder on the quilt. Perhaps it too reminds him of the past.
- * A seven-year-old boy gives his grandma a copy of the first book of the Harry Potter series. Grandma reads the book and gets inspired to make a Harry Potter tabletop tree. Then a Mom with a three-year-old boy falls in love with the tree. She plans to read the books to her son. The magic connects their lives.
- * The Painted Ladies of Bourne created outdoor winter plaques that were a delight. Their talent is so special!
- * Many, many of the most special stories were inspired by the charities that were designated. One woman was so moved by the small community of homes being built by Habitat for Humanity in Falmouth that she decorated a tabletop tree with lovely hand-painted birdhouses.
- * Another woman was touched by the work Tommy's Place is doing in Falmouth. There they have remodeled a home to be a week's free vacation house for families with a child who has cancer. She made a lovely wreath, the proceeds of which she donated to Tommy's Place.



All told, eighteen charities and two public departments benefited from the silent auction.

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Welcome Our New Assistant Director

Library Director Irja Finn has announced that Colleen Cunningham joined the library staff on January 10th as the next JBPL Assistant Director.

Colleen was the Community Outreach Librarian at the Westbank Community Library in Austin, Texas, where she worked for almost 10 years. She holds a Master's degree in library science from Texas Woman's University and a Bachelor's degree from Penn State. She comes with experience in collection development, leading genealogy groups, book clubs, history groups, and coordinating quarterly art shows. Additionally, Colleen was very active in the Texas Library Association.



Colleen brings many new possibilities to the Library, just as the Cape opens new possibilities for her. As she told the Newsletter staff, "I am excited to find out about life on the Cape and my new position at Bourne Library. My background is in adult programming and at my last job I was awarded a grant for Grown-up Games, where we had afternoon games — Mahjong, Mexican Train Dominoes and Canasta! I am also interested in starting a genealogy group at Bourne Library. My first week has been great and everyone has been so welcoming!"

Colleen will be working Tuesdays through Saturdays. Please stop by to welcome our new Assistant Director.

Caring & Sharing Auction 2022, cont.

2022 Caring & Sharing Recipients

A Baby Center, Hyannis @ \$60	Herring Pond Wampanoag Tribe @ \$115
Black Cat Rescue @ \$39	Homeless for the Holidays @ \$50
Bourne Council on Aging Department @ \$337	Planned Parenthood @ \$176
Bourne Food Pantry @ \$725	Pocasset Community Building @ \$75
Bourne Meals on Wheels @ \$65	National Marine Wildlife Center, Buzzards Bay @ \$263
Bourne Police Department @ \$40	St. Vincent de Paul, Falmouth @ \$59
Cape Kids Meals @ \$30	Tommy's Place, Falmouth @ \$300
Doctors Without Borders @ \$700 (raised \$350 then matched)	Tunnels to Towers @ \$171
Friends of Falmouth Dogs @ \$73	World Central Kitchen @ \$255
Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library @ \$1,008	
Habitat for Humanity, National @ \$220 (raised \$110 then matched), and Habitat for Humanity, Falmouth @ \$150	

Treasurer's Year-End Report for 2022



2022 was a very good year for the Friends. We worked closely with the Trustees of the Library and the staff to complement the resources of the Library. Expenses and income are consistent with the Budget adopted for the year.

Expenses

The Friends **spent \$31,717** to provide adult and children programs, museum passes, scholarships (2021), and other services. In addition, three scholarships awarded in 2022 will be paid for in 2023 at \$4,500.

Income

The Friends held two book sales and supported on-going book sales in the library. In addition, the Friends hosted the Caring and Sharing Charity Auction, and were a designated recipient. In total, **\$4,247 was raised through book sales and the auction.**

Membership **dues provided \$1,920**, and **donations brought in \$6,490.**

The balance of the funds required to cover 2022 expenses and the 2023 scholarships was covered by cash reserves. The Board decided to not withdraw any funds this year from the Brokerage account.

Resources

The Friends closes 2022 with the following funds:

Cash Reserves @ \$12,212

Library Support Operations Brokerage Account @ \$682,222

Library New Construction Building Account @ \$115,409

Looking Ahead to 2023

The 2023 Budget was adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Friends in October. The total expense Budget is \$30,900. In addition to dues, donations and fund raising, the Budget plans for a \$21,600 withdrawal from the Brokerage account.

Note: The 2023 Budget does not include a scholarship program.

—Pat Nemeth
Treasurer

Recognition of 2022 Donors



To all donors, the Friends thank you for your generosity! You help provide for the many free programs that the Library can offer to the community. **Thank You!**

	Name	Donation
\$1 - \$25	Judy Shortsleeve	\$5
	Mark & Shirley Fickie	\$10
	Laurie York	\$10
	Natalie Forrest in Memory of Avis Clay	\$20
	Carol Sterns in Memory of Avis Clay	\$25
\$26-\$50	Linda Mason	\$30
	Carolee Packard	\$30
	Donna Hackett	\$30
	Bruce Tainter	\$50
	Marianne & Andy Harcourt	\$50
	Sharon Dyer in Memory of Virginia C. Burke	\$50
	Eli Perrone	\$50
	Donna Carpeno	\$80
	Donna Fitzsimmons	\$100
	Aptucxet Garden Club	\$100
\$51 - \$100	Eugene & Joan Nawrocki in Memory of Avis Clay	\$100
	William Donkin	\$100
	Eileen & Joe Mattingly	\$200
	Charles & Helen Bresnahan	\$500
	Bill & Teri Cavanagh	\$550
\$1,000 +	William Ribich on Behalf of Crystal Ribich	\$1,000
	Gilmore-Cox Publishing	\$2,000
	Sub-Total	\$5,090
	Additional Anonymous Donations	\$1,400
	Total	\$6,490



Winter Early Literacy Groups
@ the Jonathan Bourne Public Library



JANUARY 9TH - MARCH 17TH

Monday 9:15 - 10am

Babies & Books w/ Miss Angie

Story time for babies birth - walking.



Monday 10:15 - 11:15am

Toddler Hop Skip Read w/ Miss Angie

Music & movement for kids walking to 3 years old.



Friday 10 - 10:45am

Pre-school Story Time w/ Miss Judy

Stories & songs for kids 3 - 6 years old.



**Miss Annie's groups below will meet at the new
Bourne For Children classroom at Bournedale Elementary**

Thursday 9:15 - 10am

Toddler Hop Skip Read w/ Miss Annie

Music & movement for kids walking to 3 years old.

Thursday 10:15 - 11am

Pre-school Story Time w/ Miss Annie

Stories and songs for kids 3 - 6 years old.

Please Register for these programs @ www.bournelibrary.org



*These programs are offered by the Jonathan Bourne Public Library
and the Bourne For Children CFCE grant
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Department of Early Education and Care*



Little Builders Story & Play Group

Calling all Builders!!!

Tuesdays 6-7pm
January 10th - March 14th

Bring your imagination,
we will supply the LEGOs



This drop-in group is for kids
5 years and older
Join the fun
@ the Jonathan Bourne Public Library

Thursdays ~ 10 - 11am
January 12th - March 16th
@ the Jonathan Bourne Public Library



This drop-in group is for kids
5 years and under
along with their parent
or care provider.
**You supply the imagination, we
supply the blocks!!**

Indoor Mushroom Growing

Saturday February 18th ~ 2pm

Join us to learn how to grow your own mushrooms
using limited space.



Register @ www.bournelibrary.org

JOIN US AT THE BOURNE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR SCIENCE SATURDAY

January 21 - Dinosaurs - Investigating the habits, needs and characteristics of dinosaurs facilitates the exploration of the fossilization process. Hands-on activities assist students with their understanding of fossils and dinosaurs

February 11- Jr. Bubble Wonders- A bubble is a pocket of air that gets trapped inside a layer of water. Detergents and soaps give a bubble elasticity that allows it to grow and stretch as air is added. Adding other ingredients to a bubble solution changes the properties of the bubbles.

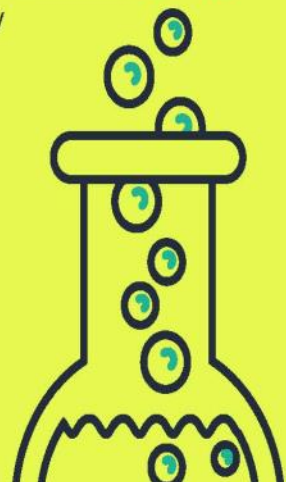
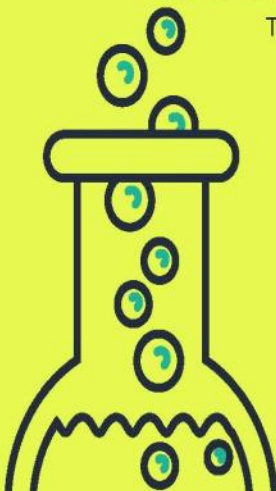
March 11 - Let's Look Closely - Learn all about the world around by using their powers of observation during this hands-on look at the world up close. You will discover that to observe something is to look at it closely. You will use hand-held microscopes to get a closer look at everyday objects. Each child will take home a magnifying glass so they can continue to observe the world around them closely at home!

10am

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Join Dr. Carolyn Saluti
for a pediatric sports medicine lecture focusing on
adolescent sports nutrition, sports specialization,
and concussions.



Tuesday, March 21 ~ 6-7pm
@ the Jonathan Bourne Public Library



Dr. Carolyn Saluti is a pediatrician, fellowship-trained in primary care sports medicine. She is board certified in pediatrics and sports medicine.

The Great Closet Cleanout

what to sort, share, sell, store
this spring

Saturday February 25th
2pm

register @ www.bournelibrary.org

Join us at the Jonathan Bourne Public Library

Knit by Day
Tuesdays 2-3pm



Knit at Night
Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Led by local knitter Maryann McGerigle
All abilities are welcome to join us for this free 6 week session.
Bring your own project and enjoy each other's company ~
Register @ www.bournelibrary.org

FEBRUARY

school vacation
Free & Fun@ the Bourne library

Tuesday, February 21st @10am

Toe Jam Winter Variety Show

Can you do the penguin?

Take an imaginary walk with a yeti?

Yes you can with the Toe Jam Puppet Band!

Thursday, February 23rd

1-2:30pm

Stop Motion Animation Class

presented by the

RI Computer Museum

Stop Motion animation is where a series of pictures are combined to make a moving image making for a great introduction into video for artists of all backgrounds.

This class is for kids 10 and older.

Registration is required.

Friday, February 24th

11-11:30am or 1-1:30pm

Joys of Nature Live Animal Show

Registration is required.

2023 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.

January

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Monday, January 23 – 1 p.m. meeting

February

Monday, February 27 - 1 p.m. meeting

March

March - April Newsletter

Monday, March 27 – 1 p.m. meeting

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 Library.

2022-2023 Board

Marilyn Tarallo, President

Open Position, Vice President

Nancy Selchan, Secretary

Pat Nemeth, Treasurer

Eileen Mattingly, Communications

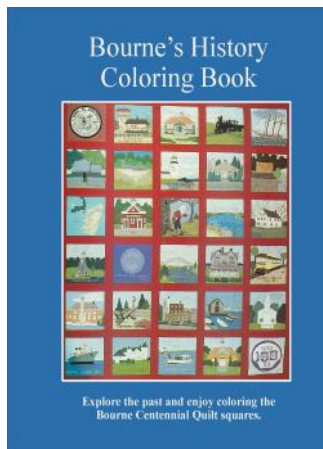
Open Position, Membership

Laura Bergeron, Helen Bresnahan,

Kathy Cardeiro, Anne Gregory, Amy Shank,

Betsy Woodley, Members at Large

Own a piece of Bourne's History!



If you have ever come to the community room at the Jonathan 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 was made from these sketches and 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. You can purchase a copy at the front desk for \$5.00. All proceeds from the sales go to support library programs.

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