

FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

Friends of the Norton Public Library

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Message from the President

Dear Friends,

For those of you who have not heard, Joanne Porter resigned from the Friends last month. She is now residing in Florida to be with family. We miss her greatly. Joanne was a driving force in the Friends and not only ran the monthly meetings, but was chairperson for several of our major fundraisers. We would like to thank Joanne for the many years she has served the Library and wish her all the best.

I now ask any of you who have been thinking about becoming a more active member in the Friends, please consider doing so. We are looking for someone to run the annual Flea Market, Book Sales-Spring and Fall, serve on the board, and attend meetings for general help. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30. Stop in!

We started out this year with the Spring book fair and it was our most successful to date! Mark your calendars for the Fall book

sale which is right around the corner. We were fortunate to have wonderful weather for the Fall Flea Market last month. Thanks to all the vendors and shoppers who attended. We raised \$500 for the Library.

Keep your eyes open for new Library passes. We will be adding a Pass for the New England Aquarium available Nov 1. Also, coming soon will be a pass to the Boston Children's Museum offering half price admission for 4 people good 7 days a week.

As always, thank you for all of your support. We can't do it without you!

Sincerely,
Kristen Miller



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Fall Book Sale

Wednesday Nov. 3

5-8 pm Friends Only Night

Thursday Nov. 4

10 am-7 pm

Friday Nov. 5

10 am-5 pm

Saturday Nov. 6

9 am-12:30 pm

“Gently used” books for sale, Adult & Children’s books

Time to stock up on your winter reading books!

As always, 100% of the proceeds supports the wide variety of programs the Norton Library offers.

Thank you for your support!

Roche Bros. Book Drive

A special thanks to Roche Bros. for their recent used book drive which collected 800 books for the Library.

Paw Sox Tickets

Thanks to the Friends, many families enjoyed reduced admission to Paw Sox games with a new pass this summer.



Friends Appreciation Night



Weekly Knitting and Crocheting DropIn



Tai Chi Class this Summer

A Word from the Head Librarian

How sad we are that our Friends' President, Joanne Porter, has moved to Florida. We will miss seeing her at the library. Joanne spent a lot of time here volunteering to shelve books in addition to tending to all of her Friends duties such as moving and sorting books for the book sale, creatively wrapping baskets for our raffles, hauling items for the yard sale and Recycle Day and generally seeing that all the Friends activities were running smoothly. Joanne must have made hundreds of "quick calls" to Friends to bake or help at various fundraisers. Joanne instituted our annual "Friends Appreciation Night." The most recent one was a Salad Fest at Daggett-Crandall-Newcomb Home where we were led by Chef Anna Biron to create delicious salads, truly a feast for the eyes and the mouth -- an enjoyable evening filled with much laughter and friendship. Thank you, Joanne, for all you have done for the Friends of the Norton Public Library. We'll miss you!

The adult summer reading program for 2010 followed the same theme as the children's: "Go Green at Your Library." Forty six adults participated. We learned how to make natural sun protection and bug repellent, enjoyed two classes of Tai-Chi, created a green craft with scraps of paper, saw several "green" movies, and became fascinated with outdoor life on the reservoir and in our neighbors'

back yards. "Going Green" also suggested reading the book, *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle, a year of food life* by Barbara Kingsolver and we followed this up with a book discussion and "Book Cooks: Close to Home" with Chef Anna Biron. Thanks to the generosity of the Friends, Cornelia DeVeau, Kathy Zawasky and the Land Preservation Society, we were able to offer a summer of interesting activities – and prizes – for our adult summer readers. As one patron put it, "It was creative, constructive and even nutritious!"

Please remember to attend our monthly morning programs for adults on the third Thursday of each month from 10:30 to 11:30. We'll have a visit from Richard Clark as Ernest Hemingway on November 18th and Jack Craig's holiday songs complete with background stories on Dec. 16.

Many thanks to Kristen Miller, Vice President of our Friends, who will assume the duties as President until our Annual Meeting. Kristen has been a tireless worker for the Friends for many years. Please contact Kristen and offer your help on our November Book Sale. Many hands make light work.

*Elaine Jackson,
Head Librarian*

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The Friends meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm at the Norton Public Library. All Friends are invited to attend.

Annual fundraising events:

Spring and Fall Book Sales
Spring Plant and Bake Sale
Scholastic Book Fair

Norton Public Library staff contributing to this issue:

Head Librarian: Elaine Jackson
Assistant Head Librarian/Youth Services Librarian: Lee Parker
Reference Librarian:
Jane Michelmore

Reference and Adult Collection

We now have four active book discussion groups at the library this Fall. The first Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am and the first Thursday of the month at 4 pm we have groups open to all. On the first Monday evening of the month at 6:30 pm we have a Men's Discussion group. Check the Calendar of Events for each month's reading selection and contact information. There is a new World Affairs group that will meet on the third Tuesday in October, November and December in anticipation of our usual Winter/Spring Great Decisions discussions.

The Friends have generously funded a Digital Photography Workshop this Fall with Tom Golota from Photography by Golota. This three part workshop is taking place in late September and early October. The group will be meeting in the Library Park to test out their newly learned camera skills.

October is the month to emphasize our network downloadable books/music component called Overdrive. This free service dramatically enhances our books on CD and music collections. If you haven't tried it, go to our web site and look for the Overdrive link on the first page.

We have changed vendors for our Books on CD in order to get the most for our dollar. Since our materials budget continues to shrink, I asked the Friends at the last meeting to fund this new Standing Order Plan for 48 Books on CD a year. They have agreed to do this and our patrons will be most grateful. Books on CD are one of the most popular circulating items in the Adult library and we cannot keep them on the shelves. Many thanks Friends. With Overdrive and the Friends gift we hope to bring this collection closer to the demands of our patrons.

Be on the lookout for our Spring Civil War programming in anticipation of the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the hostilities on April 12, 1861 at Fort Sumter. We hope to have Gary Hylander give a lecture and also have an open house of collectors from the Olde Colony Civil War Roundtable showing some of their treasures. Also, at the end of April the Friends are sponsoring an appearance by Ken Gloss of the Brattle Book Store in Boston to give us a heads-up on appraising old books. Thanks again to the Friends for providing these programs for our patrons.

*Jane Michelmore
Reference Librarian*

Morning Adult Program

10:30 am – 11:30 am

10/21 – Dr. William F. Hanna – “Seeds of Rebellion: Events leading up to Taunton's Liberty and Union Flag”

11/18 – Richard Clark – “Life, Language and the Pursuit of Happiness – Ernest Hemingway Alive!”

12/16 – Jack Craig – “Music – with Class! Holiday Songs and their Stories”

Women's Book Group Led by Jane Michelmore, the Women's Book Group meets the first Wednesday of every month from 10:30 am-12 noon and the first Thursday at 4:00 pm

Men's Book Group Led by Jay Boucher, the Men's Book Group meets the first Monday of every month at 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

World Affairs Group Meets the third Tuesday in October, November, and December.

Knitting and Crocheting Drop-in Led by Kathy Kearney, the sessions are held every Thursday at 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Children's Room News

The Friends continue to generously sponsor the purchase and/or lease of many of our new children's and teen audiovisual materials (movies, music, videogames, downloadables & audiobooks) to meet the growing demand. If you haven't tried downloading from home, check out the Overdrive training tour here: <http://www.overdrive.com/products/dlr/tour/>.

The Friends and the MOMS Club of Norton co-sponsored a concert with Rick Goldin in June, which was a great start to summer. Go Green at Your Library was a successful summer reading program.



We had close to 300 children and teens register for the program, and many more participate in the activities. Thanks to the Friends, everyone was able to enjoy small prizes throughout the summer, fun crafts at the storytimes, and visits with our new mascot, Reddit the Frog. We had a quilt program that the Friends

sponsored, and the result (a beautiful tulip quilt filled with kids' illustrations that tie into the Go Green theme) is hanging in the children's room. Over 100 books were given to readers this summer, and close to 50 winners were chosen in our weekly raffles.

The Friends also co-sponsored a concert with the Celtic Bells, which took place September 2.



As you can see, the Friends made a huge difference. If you weren't able to enjoy any of this year's events, you can see what you missed on our website.

Next year's theme is world cultures/travel, so send us postcards from your vacations, and photos of you holding your library card in front of a landmark. These will make a great bulletin board next summer – and you could win a prize as well!

Despite our continued reduced budget, staffing and schedule, we try to keep offering programs for families. This fall,

we have weekly Family Storytimes on Wednesday mornings, Tuesday afternoon programs for teens and pre-teens, and occasional music & sports classes. The teens will be celebrating Teen Read Week in October, and sponsoring a holiday make & take for young children in December. We also continue to partner with the MOMS Club of Norton and the Community Partnerships for Children. Be sure to check out our calendar of events to see what's happening as it is constantly updated, and to see photos of all the wonderful events you enable us to offer.

Thank you, Friends, for your continued support for the families of Norton.

"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all."
- Jacqueline Kennedy



*Lee Parker
Asst. Head Librarian/ Youth
Services Librarian*

Be a Friend

Want to join the Friends of the Norton Library? Please fill out the membership form and return it to:

Friends of the Norton Library
68 East Main St
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Time to Renew?

Take the time to renew your membership now. Please fill out the membership form and return it to the Friends. Please note on the form if you are interested in becoming involved with any activities. Any address changes, corrections, or questions regarding your membership please call Kristen Miller at 508-285-2315 or email ksonnenberg@comcast.net.

Annual Membership Dues

Individual \$7
Senior \$3
Family \$10
Sponsor \$25
Life \$100
Corporate Sponsor \$300

Volunteer Opportunities

The Friends are always in need of volunteers. Here are some of the ways you can help the Friends in addition to paying your membership dues:

- ✓ Chair a committee
- ✓ Be on the board of directors
- ✓ Coordinate a book sale
- ✓ Coordinate a plant sale
- ✓ Bake something for the bake sale
- ✓ Edit the newsletter
- ✓ Volunteer for a committee
- ✓ Work at a book sale or plant sale

Come to a meeting to find out what you can do to help the Friends. New faces and ideas are always welcomed.

Membership Form

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Type of Membership: _____

Please check off any events you may be interested in helping with and a member of the Friends will contact you before that event.

- Book Sales
- Plant Sales
- Bake Sale
- Serve on board
- Conduct a program
- Other (explain)

Return form along with your membership dues to:

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