

FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

Friends of the Norton Public Library

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Message from the President

Dear Friends,

The air has gotten crisp again! It's that time of year for a good read and a warm blanket. The Friends Fall Book Sale is right around the corner as well as a new knitted blanket raffle! Note our new book sale hours, details inside. Please keep your eyes open for our help wanted emails for the book sale. Even doing one shift really helps out.

We were lucky to have wonderful weather for the Fall Flea Market last month. Thanks to all the vendors and shoppers who attended. We raised over \$500 for the Library. If anyone ever has ideas for a new fundraiser the Friends could do, please contact us!

Please consider joining our meetings, we meet the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30. Stop in! As always, thank you for your support!

Sincerely,
Kristen Miller



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Friends of Norton Library Fall Book Sale!!

Tuesday Nov. 1

4-8 pm Friends Only Night

Wednesday Nov. 2

10 am-7 pm

Thursday Nov. 3

10 am-7 pm

Friday Nov. 4

9 am-2 pm

Saturday Nov. 5

9 am-2 pm (fill a bag for \$3)

"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!

We are seeking donations of gently used adult and children's books, DVDs, CDs, and VHS tapes (no magazines or text books, please) and will be accepting donations right up until the sale begins.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with set-up (October 31, 10a.m. until finished) and to staff the sale. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Sharon Rice at 508-951-3986 or sharon_rice@comcast.net with your availability. Thank you for your continued support of our book sales!

Special Thanks to:

- The Knot Just Knitting group for donating afghans for us to raffle this year! A beautiful all cream blanket on display now. Tickets \$2 each or 3/\$5. Will make a great holiday gift!



- Ken Perlow for donating a portion of his painting sales to the Friends!
- Roche Bros again for their fall book drive! 1100+ books were donated, exceeding last year.

Upcoming Adult Programs:

October 27 at 6:30 pm
Nutritionist Margaret Slepko
will be joining us here at the
library to talk about “Beating
the Sugar Blues.”

November 17 at 10:30 am
Judy Bernstein will presents her
program entitled “Holidays in
the White House.”

December 15 at 10:30 am
Multi-instrumentalist and
entertainer Kathy Earabino will
perform favorite holiday
classics for sing-a-long for
adults. (Requests accepted!)

Great Decisions, a current event
discussion group, will be
starting again in January.



Elaine's Farewell Party



Friends sponsored Book Cooks
program for children



Introducing Molly Klenowski
the new part-time circulation
supervisor

Congratulations to Kathy
Keaney the winner of the Red
Sox raffle.

Fall is time to renew you
membership. Renew now for
2012.

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**Good libraries need good
Friends!**

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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
- Fall Flea Market

**Norton Public Library staff
contributing to this issue:**

Head Librarian: Lee Parker
Youth Services Librarian:
Leslianne Costello
Reference Librarian: Jane
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A Word from the Head Librarian

This is my first report as Head Librarian. (We miss Elaine Jackson, who retired in June after 22 dedicated years of service! Thank you all who made her party such a great success.) There have certainly been a lot of changes at the library recently. We have new faces, and people in new places.

I moved into the front office at the beginning of the summer, and enjoy interacting with the public in a different role from youth services. I did cover the children's room for the summer, and was able to hire two Norton teens to assist us with the summer reading program. We had over 400 registered participants this year, and had a very busy summer.

We were finally able to hire a part-time circulation supervisor, which is a full time position that has been unfilled since 2008. Molly Klenowski joined us in July and is busy learning the ropes of the role and getting to know the staff and the community. She is finishing up her MLS at Simmons College, and we are excited to have her on board.

We also hired a new Youth Services Librarian, Leslianne Costello, who began in September. She will share more about herself in her report, but we are thrilled to have her and look forward to all that she will bring to the children's room.

We continue to be fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteers who help our page Paula shelve the thousands of books, movies, music, audiobooks and kits. The teens also put in

many hours this spring and summer to help keep the library looking great.

Be sure to check out the quilt they made at the lock-in which highlights the history of the library.



The Friends are a major contributor to the successful running of the library. This year, more than ever, the Friends continue to be our major contributor. Their many fundraisers helped us keep up with bestsellers, movies, audiobooks and library furnishings. They not only fund the museum passes, they also pay for the software that allow you to book them from home. They sponsor many of our programs, from Book Cooks to concerts, as well the software to let you view the calendar of events and spread the word to others. They even pay the subscription fee for Constant Contact, which is how many of you continue to receive news from the Friends and from the library. We cannot thank them enough for all that they do already, and look forward to working with them as the library continues to be the hub of the community, and adapts to the many new digital offerings.

The Library Board voted to open the library an additional ten hours per week beginning Labor Day,

with funding from the library's supplemental account through town meeting. We are open six days a week – 40 hours, which puts us on track for certification next fall. Several libraries in our network have begun allowing Norton residents to borrow from them despite our decertification. Our new hours are:

Monday 10-7

Tuesday 10-7

Wednesday 10-3

Thursday 10-7

Friday 10-2

Saturday 10-2

Thank you to all the library supporters at the Fall Session of Town Meeting - the Finance Committee, Selectmen, Town Manager and the many patrons who came out to vote. The library received the additional \$16,413 and will remain open 40 hours per week through Memorial Day to meet the state's specific requirements for funding and open hours. With the additional funding from the Friends, the supplemental budget and donations, the library will also be able to meet the requirements for spending on library materials and meet the state requirements.

We hope everyone enjoys the new schedule and we all look forward to a brighter future for the library and the town.

Lee Parker
Head Librarian

Reference and Adult Collection

Once again we had a successful adult component to our Summer Reading Program entitled "Novel Destinations." We had fifty adults registered and eligible for a final drawing for two gift certificates in August. We had a craft class "Postcard Destinations" with Kristi Johnston funded by the Friends. Our book for the summer read was "The Good Earth" by Pearl Buck and the Friends sponsored Chris Cormier Hayes as our discussion leader. Also our annual Book Cooks class (this year entitled "Bangkok Banquet") was funded by the Norton Cultural Council and our Friends. As always we know we couldn't have this summer program without the support of the Friends of the Norton Library.

We still have three 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. Great Decisions, a current event discussion group, will be starting again in January.

The newest program this year is a writers group open to all writers. It is held the second Thursday of the month at 10:30am and 6pm. Both groups cover the same topics and exercises. Writers share their works and we have poets, memoirists, novelists, and essay writers that attend.

We have a few additional adult programs upcoming this fall into the winter. On October 27 at 6:30pm Nutritionist Margaret Sleprow will be joining us here at the library to talk about "Beating the Sugar Blues." In November we will welcome back Judy Bernstein as she presents her program entitled "Holidays in the White House." This will take place on Thursday morning, November 17 at 10:30 am. Multi-instrumentalist and entertainer Kathy Earabino will perform favorite holiday classics for sing-a-long for adults on Thursday, December 15 at 10.30 am. (Requests accepted!) Earabino is a talented singer, guitarist and entertainer who has performed at the library in the past.

October is the month to emphasize our network downloadable books/music component called Overdrive. This free service dramatically enhances our books on CD, e-

books 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 now have Kindle downloadables added to the collection.

We will be asking the Friends to help support our material buying this year again in order to meet our required material expenditure for our recertification process. The Friends have always been generous with their hard earned money and we greatly appreciate the monetary support for our materials budget.

*Jane Michelmore
Reference Librarian*

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

Writers Group Second Thursday at 10:30 am or 6:00 pm

Knot Just Knitting
Knitting and Crocheting Drop-in led by Kathy Keaney, the sessions are held every Thursday at 1:00pm - 2:30pm.

Children's Room News

Let me introduce myself: I'm Leslianne, or "Ms. Leslianne," if you prefer.



I like arts and crafts, cooking, being silly, and, of course, reading lots of books (though I seldom bother with "grown-up" books—not while there are so many good kids' ones around.) I briefly dabbled in editing, but after just one season in a publishing house I quickly found my way into a library and haven't had a backwards glance since. I've spent the last few years in the YA department in Bellingham, the Children's room in Easton, and longer ago on the bookmobile in Stamford, CT. Please come by the Children's room to meet me any time. I'd love to meet you, hear your suggestions, and show off pictures of my cute new baby.

In my very first month here as Youth Services Librarian, I have been absolutely delighted to find the Norton Library a brilliant and bustling community of families and Friends. Despite hard times financially, the library continues

to offer great books, a terrific collection of movies, music, videogames, and e-books, and a smorgasbord of programming—in large part thanks to the efforts of the Library Friends group. The Friends sponsored a slew of successful offerings this summer, including concerts, an impressive Let's Gogh Art workshop, tasty Book Cooks classes for kids and teens, and a very well-attended PuppeTree performance of Caps for Sale.



The Friends have also purchased some exciting supplies for our 26-week preschool storytime series, "Alphabits!" Beginning in October and running on most Thursdays until late April or May, we'll be having some alphabetically marvelous mornings at the library. We're also offering a Loosey Goosey Nursery Rhyme Time for babies twice a month, and will continue to partner with Self Help Inc. Coordinated Family and Community Engagement for "Play & Learn," "Book Explorers," and "Music & Movement" programs. Most children's programs will require

registration, but the MOMS Club of Norton will be offering several drop-in all-ages storytimes throughout the fall and winter. The MOMS club and Friends of the library are partnering this November to bring us musician Rick Goldin for a fabulous concert. Check out our website, bulletin board, or pick up a monthly Children's Room calendar for more info on regular programs and special events, and visit our website to see photos of all the wonderful things going on at the Norton Public Library.

Thank you, Friends, for your generosity to the library and the children and families of Norton.

"I have always been a reader; I have read at every stage of my life, and there has never been a time when reading was not my greatest joy. And yet I cannot pretend that the reading I have done in my adult years matches in its impact on my soul the reading I did as a child." –

Diane Setterfield, author of [The Thirteenth Tale](#).

*Leslianne Costello
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
 Norton, MA 02766

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 Ann-Marie Kirshon at 774-292-6173 or email FriendsOfNortonPublicLibrary@gmail.com.

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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Don't Miss These Upcoming Events

- **October 27 – Beating the Sugar Blues**
- **November 1 – Fall Book Sale Friends Only Night**
- **November 17 – Holidays in the White House**
- **December 15 – Holiday Sing-a-long**

Details inside!