



FRIENDS

NEWSLETTER



Friends of the Norton Public Library

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Message from the President

Dear Friends,

As summer winds down and the fall season arrives, the Friends of Norton Public Library are busily preparing for their 2017 membership drive and fall fundraisers. Our 2017 membership drive will begin in early November. We welcome new members to our group and thank our existing members for their continued support. You may become a new member or renew your existing membership by returning the enclosed form to the library. Dues and fundraisers support the many adult and children's programs throughout the year. They also fund approximately \$4000 worth of museum passes. If you enjoy these programs, please consider becoming a friend. Friends meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings generally last about an hour.

Our fall fundraisers will begin with the Jewelry Jingle on October 13, 14 and 15th during library hours. Come browse the large collection of jewelry, scarves and purses. Our Fall Book Sale will be held from November 1-5. We have a large selection of books from all genres. Our children's book room is overflowing with books for children of all ages. The Holiday Craft Fair will be on Sunday, December 11th from 10-3. Volunteer help is always welcome at all our fundraisers. Your continued support is much appreciated and will help to keep the library's programs moving forward.

Have a wonderful holiday season and thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

Joanne Hadley, President



Holiday Craft Fair



Sunday December 11 10:00-3:00

Do some holiday shopping and support local crafters!

Fall Book Sale November 1-5

Tues. Nov 1 4pm – 7pm Friends Only

It's a good evening to join the Friends!

Wed. Nov 2 10am – 3pm

Thurs. Nov 3 10am – 7pm

Fri. Nov 4 10am – 2pm

Sat. Nov 5 9am – 12:30pm

Please note that Book Sale hours begin on Saturday before the library opens at 10am.

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Good libraries need good Friends!

Officers and Committee Chairs:

President: Joanne Hadley

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The Friends meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 at the Norton Public Library.

All Friends are invited to attend.

Because of the book sale, the next Friends meeting will be moved to October 25 at 6:30

Annual fundraising events:

Spring and Fall Book Sales

Spring Plant and Bake Sale

Fall Flea Market

Norton Public Library staff contributing to this issue:

President: Joanne Hadley

Library Director: Lee Parker

Information Services Librarian: Amanda Viana

Youth Services Librarian: Meredith Ruhl



A Word from ...**Library Director Lee Parker & Information Services Librarian Amanda Viana**

Summer went by quickly. The 2016 Summer Reading Program theme was Exercise Your Mind: Read for adults. We had three evening concerts in the park this summer: GQ & the Lady, Timmy Brown, and Four in a Row, a high school Beatles tribute band, who drew a huge crowd for their first appearance here. Programs sponsored by the Friends included Zumba classes, card making, and a morning concert with Tom Madden. We also had a painting class that was so much fun we hope to have a series next year!

Upcoming events for adults this fall/winter: Hail to the Chief lecture with Dr. Gary Hylander, rug hooking class with Loop by Loop Studio, card making with Betty Saccocia, Zumba classes with Kelly Brophy, book appraisal program with Brattle Book Shop's Kenneth Gloss, and a holiday concert with Timmy Brown sponsored by the Norton Cultural Council. Ongoing programs include the Morning and Men's monthly book groups, adult coloring nights, and the weekly Knot Just Knitting group—new members always welcome to all of these groups!

Keep up with us by checking our event calendar/website at nortonlibrary.org/events, pick up a monthly calendar at the library, or sign up for our email newsletter so you don't miss out on anything! You can also find us on social media: Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, Instagram, and Pinterest. We have a wide variety of programs for all ages and there is bound to be something that appeals to you. With fewer local newspapers, many people tell us they hear about library happenings online or by word of mouth – so help us spread the word!

Can't make it to the library? Check out our online resources! We offer free eBook and audiobook downloads through our SAILS Overdrive site; NoveList Plus and Novelist K-8 databases will help you find your next great read; we offer online access to historical Norton documents through our digital archives; and Ancestry Library is available through the library's computers and Wi-Fi. You can even print from home and pick up your work at the library using MobilePrint: never struggle with an empty ink cartridge or a broken printer—just send the jobs our way. And don't forget to download the Bookmyne app through iTunes or the Android store so you can manage your library account on your mobile device; you can search, place holds, renew materials and more. Thanks to the continued generosity of the Norton Media Center we've been able to continue to offer online resources like Freegal music downloads and streaming, Cypress Resume for help with resumes and cover letters, Rocket Languages free online language learning, and World Book Online Encyclopedia!

Many people help make our library the hub of the community—our staff, volunteers, trustees, and wonderful Friends are dedicated to serving the Norton community. We cannot say enough how lucky we are to have such hardworking volunteers in our Friends. If you are interested in bettering the library and the town, won't you please

consider joining and helping make a difference? Volunteer opportunities include helping with fundraisers such as the Book Sale, Plant and Bake Sale, Flea Market, raffles, Jewelry Jingle, Craft fair, assisting with programs and more. Being a Friend means being part of a great team, making new friends, and supporting the Norton library and community.

Enjoy the fall and the upcoming holiday season – and thank you for your support.

Lee Parker, Director

Amanda Viana, Information Services Librarian



Adult Painting class



Four in A Row performs in the Library Park!

Youth Services News

My first few months as the Youth Services Librarian at the Norton Public Library have flown by, with a lively Summer Reading Program and a busy start to the new school year. I'm joining the NPL after having previously worked at the Marlborough Public Library, the Morrill Memorial Library in Norwood, and the Winsor School in Boston. Thank you all for the warm welcome to this wonderful community! Please stop by the Children's Room anytime to chat about children's and YA books and programs, offer suggestions, or look at pictures of my sweet orange cat, Marmalade.

I would also like to thank you on behalf of the children and families who attended Summer Reading events and proudly filled their reading logs with stickers you helped us purchase. The Friends-sponsored programs all drew large crowds of enthusiastic patrons. Summer Reading opened with Jungle Jim's Reading Olympics, which entertained a laughing audience with interactive Olympic events created from balloons. Families were also delighted with the two sessions of yoga taught by Karen Damiecki, the two fantastic art classes led by Sandy Churchill, and the balloon animals made by Ciel Riveras at the final Summer Storytime session. In total, we offered 24 programs for children and teens with 1,147 people in attendance. We couldn't have done it without you!

This fall, patrons can attend many of the same programs they know and love from Leslieanne's time as Youth Services Librarian, including a weekly storytime on Wednesday mornings, a monthly LEGO Club, a variety of volunteer opportunities for the Junior Friends, and more. Check our calendar for some new programs as well, including Baby Time and a tween and teen book club. We're also looking forward to several upcoming special events, including a series of Making Music classes with Ellen Hoffman and a Coding with Minecraft workshop with the Rhode Island Computer Museum, both cosponsored by the Friends.

Meredith Ruhl
Youth Services Librarian



OTHER WAYS TO GIVE TO THE LIBRARY



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- Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.
- AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.
- Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping [atsmile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile).

When you go to [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) there are spotlighted charities up top on the right, and below that is a box to choose your own charity. Type in Norton Public Library and search. **Make sure you select the Norton Public Library in MA, not KS!**



Chateau Give Back Gift Card Program

Purchase gift cards from the Chateau on their website, select “Friends of the Norton Library” for the community sponsor and the Chateau will give the friends 5% back every quarter. Chateau gift cards make great gifts!



We’re proud to announce a new partner in our fundraising efforts. We’ve joined TD Bank’s Affinity Membership Program, which provides our organization the opportunity to earn annual cash contributions. We’re thrilled with the ease of participating in this program and that there is no cost to our organization or our members. For additional information, stop by or visit your local TD Bank.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Year _____

Dues (circle one)

Individual \$10

Senior \$5

Family \$20

Sponsor \$40

Corporate Sponsor \$300

Life \$200

Dues are by calendar year with exception of Life membership.

Payments received after Nov. 1 however will count toward the following year also.

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 Sales

Serve on Board

Conduct a program

Other (explain)

Return form along with your membership dues to:

Friends of the Norton Library

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 the library or email

kerryannecummins@yahoo.com



Annual Membership Dues

Individual \$10

Senior \$5

Family \$20

Sponsor \$40

Life \$200

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.