

FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

Friends of the Norton Public Library

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Message from the President

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you all for being so supportive of the Friends. We have been able to fund many programs and add new selections to the library's inventory due to your help. We have the fall book sale upcoming; please keep your eyes open for emails. We will need many hands to make this light work. There are a bunch of books to sell!! Thank you to all who donated books!

We would like to thank Ann Marie Kirshon for being our membership coordinator the past two years and welcome Jennifer Phillips who will be taking over that position. Thanks to all the vendors and

shoppers who attended our annual Flea Market, even though there was a bit of rain. We raised \$460 for the Library.

Don't forget to use the museum passes. There are many to choose from. Go online now and reserve yours!

We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. Stop in!

Sincerely,
Kristen Miller



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**FRIENDS OF THE NORTON
LIBRARY
FALL BOOK SALE**

Tuesday Nov. 6
4-7pm Friends Only Night
Wednesday Nov. 7
10am-5pm
Thursday Nov. 8
10am-7pm
Friday Nov. 9
10am-2pm
Saturday Nov. 6
9am-1pm(Fill a bag for \$3)

"Gently used" Adult & Children's books for sale.
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 looking for volunteers to help set up the book sale (Monday, 11/5, at 10am until 5:00pm and Tuesday, 11/6, from 10am 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!

A big THANK YOU to
Roche Bros.
and
Norton High School
who each held a book drive for us. They both exceeded last year's numbers!



Fall is time to renew you membership.
Renew now for 2013.

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Good libraries need good Friends!

Officers and Committee Chairs:

President: Kristen Miller
Vice President: Sharon Rice
Secretary: Jill Mathieu
Treasurer: Joan Casper
Membership Coordinator: Jennifer Phillips
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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:

Library Director: Lee Parker
Youth Services Librarian: Leslianne Costello
Information Services Librarian: Amanda Viana

A Word from the Library Director

The library was very busy this summer, thanks in large part to the generosity of the Friends. A Night to Remember and the Titanic were great themes for the adults. Everyone enjoyed the many summer programs and prizes you sponsored – especially



Gary Hylander’s lecture,



Card marking with Betty Sacoccia

The Friends also generously funded the September monthly morning program with ever-popular presenter,

We have some wonderful Thursday morning adult programs this fall. In October, Wheaton professor Dr. Drouot will discuss J.R.R. Tolkien and the enduring *Lord of the Rings* trilogy and *The Hobbit*, which will be released as a feature film in December. Copies of both books will be available to purchase after this lecture.

November will bring the educational and entertaining *Page Turners* program with Roger Kolb. Learn about the lives and careers of famous New England writers from Harriet Beecher Stowe to Stephen King. In December, just in time for the holidays the Library will host Timmy Brown, a Norton resident and up-and-coming singer. Join us for classic tunes and holiday favorites!



Judy Bernstein.

Other upcoming programs this fall include several craft programs on Tuesday afternoons, making cards and chocolates.

I appreciate the staff, the Board of Trustees – and of course, the Friends – for all the hard work and positive attitude in these challenging times. We are looking forward to re-gaining our certification next month and a bright future.



Chef Anna’s Book Cooks,

Once again, changes are happening at the library. Our circulation librarian, Molly Klenowski, is moving on to a larger library. We wish her the best, and hope to be finding a replacement in the near future.

You help make the library the welcoming hub of the community it is, and we are so very fortunate here in Norton to have such an amazing group of Friends!

We will be ending our Geek the Library public awareness campaign this fall. Be sure to look for us in the Halloween parade on the float *Jack Conways Geeks the Norton Public Library*, sponsored by Jack Conway Realtor and the Friends!

Lee Parker
Director



and craft programs. We are already looking at next year’s theme of Underground and busy planning programs and writing grants.

A Word from the Information Services Librarian

We had a busy summer here at the Norton Public Library and we're looking forward to an exciting fall season! September marked the beginning of the Adult Book Group and Writers' Group meetings after a summer hiatus. Both groups are now regularly meeting twice per month. Check out our online Event Calendar or the library bulletin board for dates and times.

If you've visited the library lately you will have seen many changes to the adult collection. One gem is the Classics collection. After an extensive weeding project we purchased new editions of classic titles, giving a bright and fresh look to the shelves. We've also been working on the Adult Fiction and Nonfiction collections, weeding and making room for new essential titles and topics. You'll see that books are being shifted to give popular subjects like cooking and crafting some breathing room. I'm always looking for suggestions for great books to purchase! If you don't see something you're looking for, ask at the Circulation Desk to place a hold or fill out a New Title Request form.

We've added some great databases and electronic programs to the collection as well! Genealogy buffs will be happy to hear that Ancestry Library is once again available. (This is an in-library service available on library computers and through our wireless internet access.) Those looking to get some quick tips and training for programs like Gmail, Microsoft Excel or flickr should try Atomic Training. This online database offers hundreds of free training videos for popular devices and programs. The library currently subscribes to training for fifteen programs; check out our website for more information. This service is available in the library and at home with your library card. Finally, we offer Cypress Resume, an online resume database that helps you create and customize your resume and cover letters for jobs in particular fields and industries. Cypress Resume walks you through the steps of compiling your resume, formats it for you, and allows you to download it for further customization. This program is also available in the library and from home.

Also in November we are excited to host author Stephen Puleo who will discuss his book *A City So Grand: the rise of an American metropolis, Boston 1850-1900*. Copies of his books will be available for sale and signing after the event. *(Please note the date of this event has been changed).*

We're always looking for ways to improve! Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments you may have.

Amanda Viana
Information Services Librarian

Upcoming Adult Programs

November 15 at 10:30am

Page Turners

Learn about New England's famous authors of popular fiction with Roger Kolb.

November 19 at 6:30pm

A City So Grand

Author Stephen Puleo will give a lecture on the history of Boston from 1850-1900, the subject of his new book.

December 20 at 10:30am

Classic and Holiday Songs

Join us for classic tunes and holiday favorites with Norton's own up and coming country artist, Timmy Brown.

Women's Book Group

Led by Amanda Viana, the group meets the first Wednesday of every month at 10:30am and the first Thursday at 4:00pm.

Men's Book Group

Led by Jay Boucher, the group meets the first Monday of every month at 6:30pm - 8:00pm.

Writers Group

Led by Amanda Viana, the group holds one morning and one evening meeting per month, visit the eventcalendar on the Library website for details.

Knot Just Knitting

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

Youth Services News



Thanks to the generous support of the Friends of the Library, we had a very successful summer reading program. Friends funds paid for our Teen Lock-in afterhours event, our “Indoor Campout” story time (complete with s’mores and all!), an *amazing* visit from



Audubon Ark’s live owl and skunk, those beautiful bookmarks everyone loved, and some terrific reading incentives used to reward the many busy young readers who visit our library. We also have the Friends to thank for co-sponsoring some great programs with the Norton Cultural Council, including a marvelous family concert with Ellen Allard, a visit from an awe-inspiring traveling planetarium,



and in October a Japanese illustration workshop with two professional artists.

Even with summer over, the children’s room is still hopping. This fall the library holds two weekly Story

Times for toddlers and preschoolers, as well as our monthly Parent-and-Child Book Club, preschool Yoga Class, elementary science and history “Book Explorers,” and more. Check our calendar and stop by for an event! And when you visit, don’t forget to pick out one of our great children’s literature bookmarks at the circulation desk—generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

One of our big initiatives is a re-formalization of our teen volunteer program. Formerly called the “Junior Friends” and the “YAs,” but in recent years lumped into one big group, our young volunteers will once again be encouraged to officially join a youth version of the Friends of the Library. The “Junior Friends” group for children in grades 5-8 and the “Teen Friends” for students in grades 9-12 will meet both separately and together in order to collaborate on service and fundraising projects, book, music, movie, and game selection for the Juvenile and Young Adult collections, and fun youth event planning. If you know a young person who might be interested, please encourage them to pick up an application at the library front desk! Both groups will be offered a variety of programs every month.

As always, thanks for your continued support of the Norton Library’s services to youth and families. You do so much!

Leslianne Costello
Youth Services Librarian

“I would be most content if my children grew up to be the kind of people who think decorating consists mostly of building enough bookshelves.” ~Anna Quindlen

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 Jennifer Phillips at 781-630-1362 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 Address: _____

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 Sales
- Serve on the Board
- Conduct a program
- Other (explain)

Return form along with your membership dues to:

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Don't Miss These Upcoming Events

- **November 6 - Book Sale Friends' Night**
- **November 19 - A City So Grand**

Details inside!