

# FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

Friends of the Norton Public Library

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## Message from the President

Dear Friends,

Have you seen the new “look” of the Library? It is amazing! Stop in and visit!

I would like to thank you all for being so supportive of the Friends. We are looking for some friends to become more “active”. Please consider joining us the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 to see how you can become involved or give me a call at 508-285-2315.

Time to renew? If you have paid your dues, please consider passing the form on to someone else. We are always looking for new members. If you are unsure of your renewal year, just send us an email and we can look it up!

[friendsofnortonpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofnortonpubliclibrary@gmail.com)

Don't forget to use the museum passes this winter.

It's a great way to spend a cold day!

-Kristen Miller

President FNPL

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Good libraries need good Friends!

Officers and Committee Chairs:

President: Kristen Miller

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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: Leslie Costello

Information Services Librarian: Amanda Viana

## Fall Book Sale

The Fall Book sale is just around the corner. I'd like to welcome Barbara Hagg as the new chairperson for this big event.

Please contact her at [barbarahagg1@comcast.net](mailto:barbarahagg1@comcast.net) or 508-622-1314 if you are interested in working this event.

Set up Monday Nov. 4 10am-afternoon

Sale dates/hours:

Tues. Nov. 5 4pm - 7pm Friends Only

Wed. Nov. 6 10am - 3pm

Thurs. Nov. 7 10am - 7pm

Fri. Nov. 8 10am - 2pm

Sat. Nov. 9 9am - 1pm (cleanup after)

Thank you as always for your support.

## Summer at the Library



Boston Bruins Mascot Blades



Concert with Timmy Brown

Did you see our new book bags? Two new types are available.

Fall is time to renew your membership. Renew now for 2014.

A big THANK YOU again to Roche Bros. for their annual book drive!

## Volunteer!



Book Cooks Chef Anna Biron

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## A Word from the Library Director

Summer flew by this year. We were busier than ever, with fewer staff handling the overload. We were sad to see Circulation Supervisor Debra Clifton leave in July.

More sad news was the loss of our longtime volunteer and friend, Pauline Solmonese. Pauline was such a joy here in the library, and we will all miss her smiles, attitude and the many wonderful things she did for the library and the staff. Her family requested donations to the library in lieu of flowers, so she continues to give to us. The donations have been coming in from all over, as Pauline touched so many lives. You will be seeing Pauline's name in many new materials, and even on a park bench, a book cart and funding a program next summer.

This summer reading theme for adults this year was Groundbreaking Reads. We had lots of traffic in the library and a great deal of participation in the free raffles (both trivia and check-out grand prize raffles – with most contents donated by the Friends.)

Some of the great programs the Friends helped fund since the last newsletter include a genealogy class, Gravestone Girls, a concert with Timmy Brown, a Book Cooks class, craft programs and lectures with favorites such as Gary Hylander. The Friends held a fundraiser in conjunction with the kickoff concert with Timmy Brown and The Best Sandwich Shop, which raised \$200. Their Bruins' raffle ended when the Bruins visited and pulled the winner - it raised \$517.

The Friends are funding this October's monthly morning program with ever-popular presenter, Judy Bernstein, and other upcoming

programs including craft programs and yoga classes.

We have many more wonderful upcoming programs for adults, especially on Thursdays. On November 21<sup>st</sup>, Notable Blend, a women's barbershop ensemble, will perform at 7:00 p.m. In 2014, some of the booked programs include *Henry Beston's Cape Cod: How the Outermost House Inspired the National Seashore*, and *Coast to Coast in 48 Hours! Lindbergh's Dream*. Keep checking our calendar of events <http://nortonlibrary.org/events/events.htm> so you don't miss out on anything.

If you have not been by the library lately, please visit! You will see beautiful new carpeting throughout the building, friendly faces, some familiar and some new, a stunning digital display funded by a grant from Norton Cable, and a whole new look in the library. The staff, volunteers, board and Friends have kept the library thriving and the patrons and I are very appreciative.

As always, the Friends make a world of difference, and I feel so lucky we have such a dedicated and hardworking group of volunteers.

If you are not already a member of the Friends, won't you please consider joining and helping make a difference? Your support would certainly be put to good use. Thank you!

*Lee Parker*  
*Director*

## A Word from the Information Services Librarian

As usual, things have been very busy here at the library and if you haven't visited in a while, expect big changes! Cleanup and maintenance of the adult collection continues. We took advantage of the opportunity to clean and move materials while our carpet was being replaced. The paperback spinner shelves were no longer serving our needs, so we've made room for the paperbacks on regular shelves. Next up we'll be cleaning and moving the Reference and Large Print collections. Cataloger Sandy Day and I are hard at work making sure the adult print collection is clean, fresh, and accessible. Speaking of accessibility, we are working hard to diversify our collection and provide materials and services 24/7. In addition to the Enterprise online catalog and the Overdrive digital collection, we've renewed the library's subscription to Ancestry.com (available on library computers and through the library's wifi), NoveList Plus, and Cypress Resume. And we've added three new online services to our collection:

- Zinio provides unlimited access to complete digital magazines, which can easily be viewed on most Internet-enabled devices inside or outside of the library. Zinio's unique technology digitally recreates a magazine page for page, including full color pictures, intuitive navigation, key word article search and interactive elements such as audio and video.
- Freegal: the free and legal way to download music with your library card! Under the terms of our license agreement, registered card holders of the Norton Public Library can download a maximum of three (3)

tracks per week from the music catalog, which contains hundreds of thousands of music tracks from many labels. Music you download is yours to keep. Just enter your Norton Public Library card number and search or browse the catalog for music tracks, review sound clips, and click download.

- Rocket Languages online language learning! Available languages: Spanish (Latin American), Arabic, French, German, Chinese (Mandarin), Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, American Sign Language, English (Spanish Speakers), English (Japanese Speakers)

And for those of you who never carry cash we have another great new service—online bill pay! The SAILS Library Network and the Norton Public Library now offer the option to securely pay library fines or donate to your library via credit or debit card using SmartPAY. Visit our website for more details.

We would not be able to provide these materials and services without the unmatched support of our hardworking Friends group. And I would be remiss if I did not mention the generous donations made in memory of our dear friend and volunteer, Pauline Solmonese. Those donations will go a long way in helping us develop and beautify our library collection. 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*

## Youth Services News

Our 2013 Summer Library Program for children went fabulously well this summer, and for that many many thanks are due to the Friends of the Norton Library. Average attendance at our events was up 60% from last year, hitting a high we haven't seen since 2006. Children's registration in our reading incentive program increased to 245% of last year's number! Thank you for providing us with enough reading log materials to reach the children at all of Norton's elementary schools—I have heard from teachers, students, and parents, so I know we made a difference.

Throughout the summer months, children were able to keep track of their reading and earn incentive prizes. We registered 517 children and youth over the summer. Prizes they earned included free books, beach pails, pencils, candy coupons (courtesy of Haskin's Pharmacy), ice cream coupons (from Jake's Place), and tickets to a baseball game (a donation from the Paw Sox.) Teens earned free books or candy by writing book reviews and encouraging their peers to take a closer look at our YA books.

The summer events line-up started off with a stupendous Magic Show by Scott Jameson, sponsored by the Friends of the Norton Library and the Norton Cultural Council. If you missed it, you can watch some of the enthralling show on [www.nortontv.org](http://www.nortontv.org). Other great events included a cool live Animal World Experience show and some wonderful programs with the Oak Knoll Audubon Society sponsored by Butch Rich. We enjoyed visits from the Fire Chief and Police Sergeant as well as many elementary reading & writing teachers and Lisa Farrell, the Yelle school

principal. Our "Dig Into Reading" Storytimes were a lot of fun, especially storytime with Blades, the Mascot of the Boston Bruins. Thanks to the Yelle School PTA and the Norton Cultural Council children had a chance to touch some real dinosaur bones and prehistoric fossils.



Our grand finale Touch-a-Truck event was a huge success thanks to so many local benefactors.



How lucky we are to be in Norton!  
With gratitude and best wishes for the fall and winter,

*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 Kristen Miller at 508-285-2315 or email [FriendsOfNortonPublicLibrary@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsOfNortonPublicLibrary@gmail.com).

## Annual Membership Dues

Please note our new rates for 2013.

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.

### 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)

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**Don't Miss These Upcoming Events**

- **November 5 - Book Sale Friends' Night**
- **November 21 - Notable Blend**

***Details inside!***