



FRIENDS

NEWSLETTER



Friends of the Norton Public Library

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Message from the President

Dear Friends,

As the snow is falling on this April morning, I must remind myself that it really is spring. Our Friends spring season began with two highly successful fundraisers, the Spring Basket Raffle and the annual Plant and Bake Sale. Thanks to all who supported the Friends by volunteering their time, baking delicious goodies and/ or purchasing plants and baked goods. Both fundraisers raised a record amount of money. Special thanks go to Kristen Miller for creating the spectacular baskets and Chelsea Robinson for organizing the cupcake decorating activity for the Friends and Jr. Friends.

The Friends of the NPL are an active group involved in many fundraising activities which support the library. Two ongoing programs are the TD Bank Affinity Program and the Amazon Smile Program. More detailed information about these fundraisers can be found in this newsletter.

New members are always welcome. Meetings are held at 6:30 pm on the first Tuesday of each month. They usually last about an hour. At the present time, we are looking for a Plant and Bake Sale coordinator and a Flea Market/Yard Sale coordinator. If you are interested you may contact me at ajh696@comcast.net.

The Friends' fundraisers support the library in many ways throughout the year. This support includes but is not limited to, monthly adult programs, children's programs, both adult and children summer programs and the purchase of museum passes for the library. The Friends are currently fundraising to purchase a much needed outside CD/DVD drop.

As always, thank you again for your continued support of the Friends of the NPL. I am looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming May book sale.

Have a wonderful spring and fun filled summer.

Joanne Hadley

President, Friends of the Norton Public Library

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

Winter and spring were packed with programs and activities at the library, and there is a lot more to come in 2016! Thursday morning events coming up include Gary Hylander taking us back to Boston in 1919, a concert with Tom Madden and Norton Road Show with Ralph Stefanelli. Other upcoming events include several sponsored by the Norton Cultural Council: Mr. Vinny the Bubble Guy and Jim Manning's Reading Olympics, both for the family summer reading program; Gravestone Girls' Welcome to the Graveyard and Ellen Hoffman's Making Music Classes, all in October, and a Holiday Concert with Timmy Brown in December. Friends will co-sponsor several of these, as well as craft classes, lectures and fitness programs to tie in with the summer program. The 2016 theme is Exercise Your Mind: Read for adults, and On Your Mark, Get Set, Read for children. We will have three concerts this summer – GQ & the Lady, Timmy Brown, and Four in a Row, a high school Beatles tribute band. This year we will have rain dates so hopefully the concerts will all be able to be in the park!

In the fall, we will have author Ann Hood discussing her newest book, "The Book that Matters Most" and the return of Gary Hylander with Hail to the Chief.

Ongoing programs include the Morning and Men's monthly book groups, craftnoons, coloring nights, weekly Knot Just Knitting group—new members are always welcome to all of these groups!

Keep up with us by checking our event calendar/website at nortonlibrary.org/events, picking up a monthly calendar at the library, or signing 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. As there are fewer local newspapers now, many people tell us they hear about library happenings online or by word of mouth – so help us spread the word!

By the time you read this, we may soon have a new Youth Services Librarian. Miss Leslieanne had another beautiful baby and is now home taking care of her three boys. We wish her all the best!

The hard work of our amazing staff, trustees, Friends and volunteers has established the library as the hub of the community. We are especially grateful to the Friends for all that they do to help the library financially and so many other ways! If you are not a Friend, please consider joining this awesome group – thank you for your support!

Hope to see you soon @ the library!

Lee Parker, Director

Amanda Viana, Information Services Librarian



OTHER WAYS TO GIVE TO THE LIBRARY

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You shop. Amazon gives.

- 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://smile.amazon.com).

When you go to 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!**

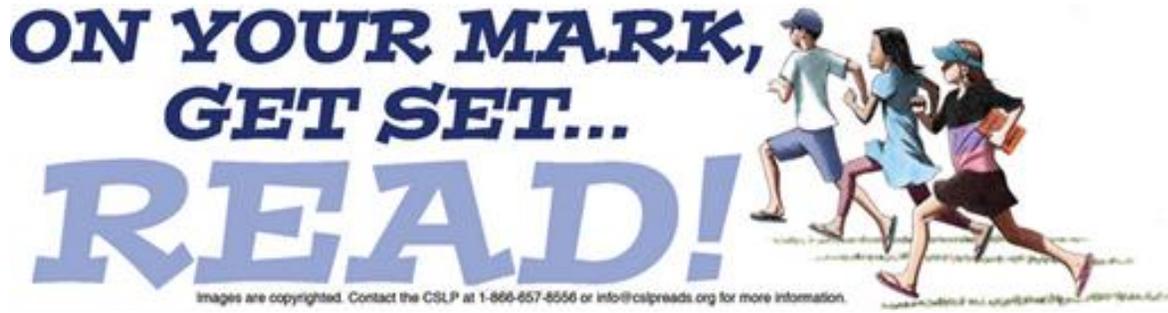


Chateau Give Back Gift Card Program

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!

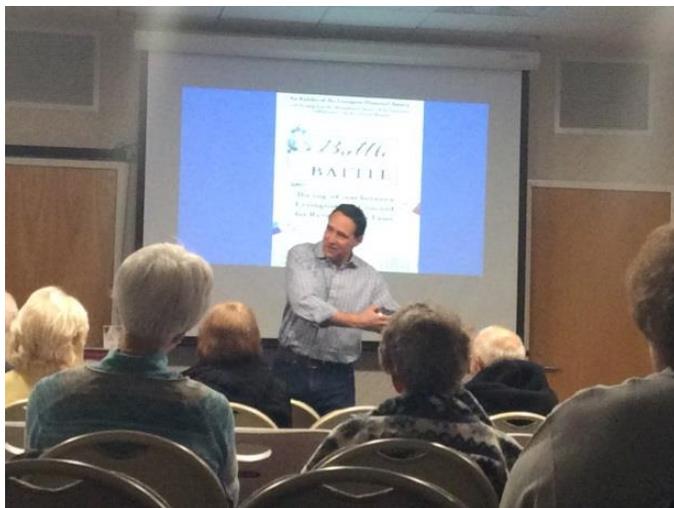


We’re proud to announce a new partner in our fundraising efforts. We’ve joined TD Bank’s Affinity Membership Program, which provides our organization the opportunity to earn annual cash contributions. We’re thrilled with the ease of participating in this program and that there is no cost to our organization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



Summer Reading Program for All Ages

Do you know about all the programs that are sponsored by the Friends?



Ted Reinstein's "Wicked Pissed"



Museum passes!



Joint Friends and Jr. Friends baking for Spring Plant & Bake Sale



Downton Abbey Fashions



Sheep story time with Miss Ellen

*Friends of the Norton Library
Membership Form*

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

68 East Main Street

Norton, Ma.

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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



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.

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Don't Miss These Upcoming Events

- **May 3-7 Spring Book Sale**
- **April 21 Boston 1919**
- **May 19 Tom Madden**
- **June 16 Norton Road Show**

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