



THE FRIENDLY WORD

Friends of the Norwell Public Library Newsletter



Welcome to our Spring 2013 newsletter, with information about Friends of the Library activities, Library Programs, Museum Discount Passes, and other topics. The Friends is a nonprofit, charitable 501(c)(3) organization whose purpose is to enhance and promote the Norwell Public Library. All donations are deductible. Remember, there are many different ways to give, among which are time, money, and media.



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FRED-THE-SHED OPENING AND PLANT SALE

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Volunteer Brunch- **SAT. APRIL 27TH 10 AM**
- Donation Drop Offs begins **MON. APRIL 29TH 10-Noon**
- **FRED-THE-SHED OPENING SAT, MAY 4TH 10 AM**

Fred-the-Shed's spring 2013 opening will be Saturday, May 4th 10 am – 2 pm. along with a plant sale of donated indoor and outdoor plants, including colorful annuals from R&C Farms, and the drawing of the winner of the Friends' Mother's Day Basket at 2 PM.



The Volunteer Meeting will be held in the Community Room, Saturday, April 27th at 10 am. It is a time for new and returning volunteers to hear about any changes, new procedures, and schedules for Fred-the-Shed's upcoming season.

DONATION DROP OFF time and days:

- 10 AM – Noon on Monday, April 29th, Tuesday, April 30th, Thursday, May 2nd, Friday, May 3rd
Gently used media donations are gratefully accepted: books, textbooks published 2000 and later, cd's dvd's and books on tape. Please no magazines, encyclopedias, videotapes or moldy mildewed items.
- Plants for opening day may be left beside or behind Fred-the-Shed. If anyone needs pots or containers to make a plant donation from their garden, pots will be available, no charge, at Fred-the-Shed, beginning Wed April 10th. If possible, please label the plant donations with the name of the plant and whether it prefers sun or shade.

In case you are not familiar with Fred-the-Shed, it is the little building in the woods, along the side of the Norwell Library, where gently used media donations are sold by the Friends from May to October. Fred-the-Shed is open for business during Library hours, when the weather is good, 4-6 hours a day, depending on volunteer availability. Volunteer hours are flexible, usually 2 hours at a time, and all are encouraged and welcomed to participate. Friend's volunteers sell and accept donations, shelve books, and take payments from visitors. Anytime Fred-the-Shed is open donations may be dropped off.

On a sad note, regular Fred-the-Shed volunteer Marilyn O'Neil Fitzgerald passed away this February. Marilyn was always with a smile, a helpful hand and great fun to be with. She loved being at Fred-the-Shed helping people with selections, while taking advantage of the quiet time to read herself. Her energy and commitment to the Library will be very much missed. In lieu of flowers, her family has asked that donations in Marilyn's memory be made to the Friends of the Norwell Public Library.

Daune Haskell
Fred-the-Shed Director

FNPL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hello all!

We are optimistic that our Annual Membership Campaign and our Spring and Summer Fundraisers will be successful, as funds are in need of replenishing. We have given much to the Library in 2012 and the cost of Programs and Museum Passes have all gone up. Programs are well attended and Passes are used by many, so we know residents appreciate our supporting these activities. Please send in your annual membership donations and contribute what you can.

Last year the Friends launched a Sponsor of the Month Fundraiser program for local businesses and professionals. For a tax-deductible donation of \$500, the Friends publicize the donor business as the Norwell Public Library Sponsor of the Month in various media. We hang a Sponsor of the Month banner prominently inside the Library for at least a month, naming and thanking the sponsor, with room on the banner for a sponsor-supplied statement. Sponsors may keep the banner at the end of the month. Sponsors may choose to have their donation associated with specific Museum Passes or Programs or used as a non-directed donation. Banners are seen by roughly 20,000 Library visitors each month!

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank our generous Sponsors of the Month to date and ask that if you or someone you know would like to become a Sponsor, please contact me through the Library, at 781-659-2015. Thanks go out to:

1. **The offices of Attorney William T. Kennedy** 617-773-7100
21 McGrath Highway, Suite 404, Quincy, MA 02169 www.wtkpc.com
2. **Eastern Bank** with over 90 branches from the Merrimack Valley to Cape Cod 1-800-EASTERN www.easternbank.com
3. **Career Bound**, Personalized Services to Help Graduates Land the Right Job

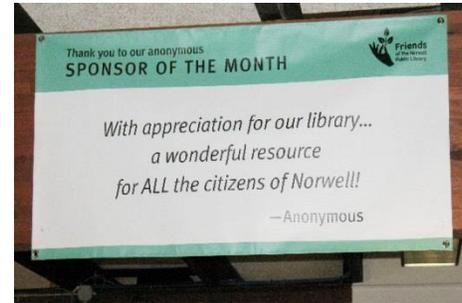


William T. Kennedy

Bob Kustka 787-871-7700 www.getcareerbound.com

4. Anonymous

5. Anonymous: Although our April 2013 Sponsor of the Month wishes to remain anonymous, they feel strongly that everyone should know what a wonderful library the Town of Norwell has. With limited resources, the Library serves more and more people and provides more and more services than ever before. For example: book purchasing. In the past the Library could purchase one book for its shelves. Now it may be necessary to purchase that one book in three or four different versions: print, Large print, CD and downloadable format. The Library supports the town. Let's support the Library.



These sponsors have expressed appreciation for all that the Library does for the town and its residents. They consider the Library a valuable resource which deserves their support. We, in turn, very much appreciate their sentiments and support.

VOLUNTEERS: There are many and varied ways you can volunteer to help the Friends. We are looking for volunteers who can donate a few hours here and there (bakers, gardeners, or at Fred the Shed) as well as those who can volunteer their time and talents on a more regular basis. **WE NEED YOU!** We will have a sign-up sheet at the circulation desk. Just leave your name, telephone and/or email and we shall get in touch.

Looking forward to seeing you at Fred-the-Shed, Norwell Reads, MamaSteph, Bubble 'n Books, Tai Chi, Dinner and a Movie – you get the idea.

Penny Wilson,
Chairman

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Happy Spring!

The response from the Library Survey mailed to all households in Norwell last year made it apparent that people want more open hours (especially weekend hours). Consequently The Board of Library Trustees voted to implement a pilot program to determine patronage on Sundays for a trial period.

The Library began Sunday hours on January 6 and will continue through April 28, open 1-5 pm. We have averaged three Sundays per month.

Patron responses have been ecstatic! We see about 100 visitors in a four hour period each Sunday we are open.



The benefit of Sunday hours is that we are open when families are looking for together time. When the Library is closed on Sundays, families must leave town to avail themselves of Library services. It is a special experience to visit your local Library where you may see neighbors and meet folks who attend the same schools as one's children.

In the coming weeks there are special programs planned for Sundays, giving people the chance to attend programs who might ordinarily have work obligations. State aid is being used to fund the Sunday pilot program. The remaining Sundays that we will be open are: April 7th, 21st and 28th.

● On Sunday, April 21st there will be a special Sunday performance of MamaSteph at 2 PM

NORWELL READS, “The Gardner Heist” by Ulrich Boser couldn’t be more timely given all the new developments surrounding the decades old robbery at The Gardner Museum. Events began April 6th with a reception and talk with Anthony Amore, Director of Security at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. Punch and refreshments will be served.

Rebecca Freer
Director

OUR NEW LIBRARIAN – ELISSA DERBY

Elissa Derby is the new Adult Services and Young Adult Librarian. Elissa began her library career at Pembroke Public Library and worked for several years at the Business Library at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. (We’re impressed!) Elissa also has experience with grant and office management from Boston Children’s Hospital. Looking forward to returning to the public library sphere, Elissa will be planning some exciting new Programs for the Norwell community. Come introduce yourself to Elissa!



TRUSTEES REPORT

As winter reluctantly turns into spring, the Trustees reluctantly will bid Henry Goldman farewell in May. He is stepping down as Trustee after leading Norwell Public Library through the last few years of economic turmoil to emerge as a strong, viable institution. We thank him for his dedication, his firm belief in the importance of public libraries, and his championship of fair and equitable municipal support for Norwell Public Library.

Spring is also the season to prepare for Town Meeting. The process is new since the adoption to the new Town charter. It appears that the budget submitted by the Library will be in the warrant with no modifications, but we encourage all library patrons to attend Town Meeting beginning Monday, May 7 to support the library budget.

We invite patrons to visit the Library on a Sunday afternoon through the end of April, try out a laptop or other technology, investigate your roots, sit by a window to read or contemplate, or attend a program. Norwell Reads is ready to begin. Come in and enjoy your library.

Jeanne Hagelstein-Ivas
Chair, Norwell Board of Library Trustees.

ANNUAL FNPL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Every year, usually in the Spring, the Friends launch a membership drive for donations. The money we collect at this time provides the lion’s share of resources we depend upon to underwrite Library Programs for adults, young adults and children as well as the Museum Pass Program. Although once a Friend, always a Friend, we ask that all of our Friends make an annual donation to keep the organization functioning.

This year we streamlined FNPL mailing costs both in sending and in acknowledgement messages. A membership drive postcard (dayglo green – you can’t miss it) has been mailed to all Norwell residents. We hope you will be as generous as possible accept our sincere thanks for your support.

Your generosity is our lifeblood.

Kathleen Fitzgerald
Membership

TECHNOLOGY PETTING ZOO

The Library has a variety of high tech devices which you are encouraged to use in the Library. Library staff is familiar with the devices and can help if needed. Judy McConarty is the Library's technology systems manager, by the way. The various devices available now are an iPad 2, a Dell Windows-based laptop, Nook and Kindle e-readers, and two AWE computers in the Children's Room. Come pet the technology! It doesn't bite.

iPad 2 Now Available for In-Library Use

Friends of the Norwell Public Library donated an iPad 2 to the Library in 2012. The iPad has been loaded with a variety of magazines, some fun Apps for children from School Library Journal's list of top picks, plus chess, word games and more. Patrons may borrow the iPad for use in the Library and



may suggest additional Apps for purchase. This is a great opportunity for anyone thinking about buying an iPad or simply wanting to borrow one for a few hours. Detailed instruction on iPad use is available by appointment although librarians can answer most questions you might have. Call the Library at 781-659-2015 or stop by the front desk for details.

MUSEUM PASS UPDATE

At times the Friends rotate the museum passes offered to vary the options available. To see the most up-to-date list of museum passes offered for reservation, visit the Library's website.

MOTHER'S DAY AND FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE BASKETS

The Friends annually gather gift cards and goodies as donations from local merchants and Friends to create both Mother's Day and Father's Day Raffle Baskets.

The Mother's Day Raffle Basket is on display at the Library beginning on April 9th. Tickets become available on April 9th and the drawing will be held on May 4th at Fred-the-Shed's opening. The raffle basket already includes a 3 month membership to the Norwell Athletic Center, 10 Yoga classes, 6 months of free delivery from Hornstra Farms, and much more!

The Father's Day Raffle Basket will be on display at the Library beginning on May 14th and the drawing will be held on June 11th.

Thank you for your support,
Karen Leary
Museum Pass and Raffle Basket Wrangler

TREASURER'S REPORT

Due to your generous donations and savings from previous years 2012 was a banner year for grants from The Friends of the Norwell Public Library to our Library

Grants to Norwell Public Library 2012

Library Programs

Adult Programs
Young Adult Programs
Children Programs

Technology

AWE Computer
iPad 2
Camcorder

Extras

Museum Bookmarks
Community Room Fix Up:
Painting
Lighting added

Museum Passes

Boston By Foot/Boston
Boston Children's Museum
Fuller Craft Museum/Brockton
Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston
Isabella Stewart Gardner/Boston
Museum of Fine Arts/Boston
Museum of Science/Boston
New England Aquarium/Boston – Sponsored
by the Norwell Women's Club
NE Quilt Museum/Lowell
Pawtucket Red Sox/Pawtucket, RI
Peabody Essex Museum/Salem
Plimouth Plantation/Plymouth
Roger Williams Park Zoo/Providence, RI
South Shore Science Center/Norwell
Zoo New England
Franklin Park Zoo/Boston
Stone Zoo/Stoneham

As of today our projected 2013-2014 budget is underfunded. We hope you will give generously in support of our Membership Drive, our Mother's Day Raffle Basket, and all of Fred-the-Shed's activities. Your strong support of these events and our generous Sponsors will allow us to fully fund the Library Programs and Museum Passes that our Town has come to rely on and enjoy.

Thank you in advance for remembering our Library and its benefit to our Town.

Tracy White
Treasurer

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

- 🌸 April 21st, 2 PM Sunday – Mama Steph Performance
- 🌸 May 4th - Opening of Fred the Shed
Plant Sale
Mother's Day Basket Raffle Drawing
- 🌸 May 6th – Town Meeting – Come and support your library!!!

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