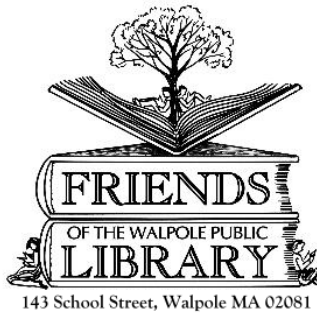


February 14, 2017



Dear Friend of the Walpole Public Library,

Thank you for your past support of the Friends of the Walpole Public Library. **It's time to renew your membership for 2017 if you have not already done so.** Please fill out the enclosed yellow renewal form, making any changes to your address. Include your email address, if we don't already have it, so we can keep you updated on future events. You can either mail your membership renewal using the enclosed envelope or drop it off at the library.

Philip Czachorowski
President

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Vice President

Sally Rose
Treasurer

Barry Oremland
Secretary

Your support enabled the Friends to sponsor 60 programs last year, with more than 2,100 people in attendance. We also funded several children's programs, including a noted children's author, David A. Kelly, funded by a generous contribution of the Harding Family in memory of their mother and grandmother, Eleanor Harding, first children's librarian at the Walpole Public Library, 1930-1938. We contributed to the Library in other ways such as making a major contribution for the purchase of a new state-of-art projector and screen in the Community Room.

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Enclosed is the mid-winter newsletter summarizing the past year and describing some of the events planned for 2017. On Saturday, March 4, 2017, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, the Library will be celebrating the 5 year anniversary of the new Library building. The celebration is being sponsored by the Library Trustees with the help of the Friends. Please stop by the Library during the day and join us for this special event. The Friends will be serving refreshments all day and there will be special programs. See the enclosed newsletter for more details.

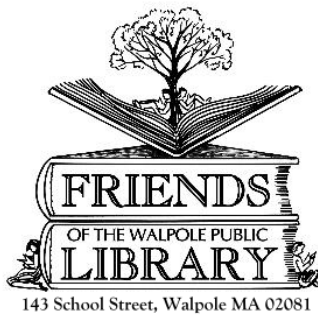
We could not offer these diverse programs without your generous support. So please consider renewing your membership. Also let us know if you have any suggestions for library programs or if you would like to volunteer to help. You will find a list of volunteer opportunities on the renewal form.

Lastly, I want to acknowledge and thank our officers and board members for their commitment and for all their work in making 2016 such a success. I also want to commend Sal Genovese, Library Director, the Library staff, and the Library Trustees for their dedication to the Library.

Thank you again for your support.

Regards,

Philip F. Czachorowski
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Friends of the Walpole Public Library Midwinter Newsletter February 15, 2017

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Join us for the 5th Anniversary Celebration of the Walpole Public Library's New Building Opening Saturday, March 4 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

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- 10:30 am and 2:00 pm: Library Building Tours with David Wildnauer, that will showcase the sustainable and sustainability education aspects of the building
- 11:00 am: **"Tea with Emily Dickinson"** - a one-woman show featuring Beth Goldman, based on William Luce's play "The Belle of Amherst"
- 1:00 pm: Cake and celebratory speeches
- 1:30 pm: Young children's program: "Mother Nature" performed by Clare Vadeboncoeur and crafts with Diane Scotti
- The Friends of the Walpole Public Library will provide refreshments all day in the Friends Room

The 5th anniversary celebration is sponsored by the Walpole Public Library Trustees with the support of the Library Friends and the Library staff.



Groundbreaking of the new Library Building, August 28, 2010



Grand Opening - Ribbon Cutting of the new Library Building, February 28, 2012

Walpole Public Library Upgrades A/V Equipment with Help of Friends

The Walpole Public Library has installed a new state-of-the-art projector and screen in the Community Room. According to Salvatore Genovese, Library Director, the new ceiling-mounted projector and the screen as well as the sound are controlled from a single point, so presenters can easily and quickly turn on the system without having to connect to multiple components. The projector is brighter and the screen wider than the old system, making it suitable for any type of presentation or video, including movies. The new equipment enhances the Community Room, which, with its seating capacity of 120, is in great demand by many town organizations. The purchase and installation of the new projector and screen was funded jointly by the Walpole Public Library Trustees and the Friends of the Walpole Public Library.

Library Friends Committees

The work of the Library Friends is done by committees made up of the Friends' board members and volunteers.

Communications Committee: Barry Oremland, Philip Czachorowski

Event Publicity: Barry Oremland

Webmaster: Steve Rose

Program Committee: Frank Quinn, Brenda Pollack, Audree Dyson, Brendan Sheehan*

Membership Committee: Kristin Moses, Frank Quinn, Ellen Curran, Mary Schmidt, Philip Czachorowski

Membership Renewals: Kristin Moses

Book Sale: Diane Scotti, Joann Quinn*

Nomination Committee: Sally Rose

Art Committee: Philip Czachorowski, Steve Rose, Diane Scotti, Ellen Curran, Helen Connor*

Secretary: Barry Oremland

Treasurer: Sally Rose

Tax Accountant: Steve Rose

*Volunteer

Summary of 2016 Accomplishments

- **Sponsored 60 events in 2016**
 - Program budget for the year was almost \$12,000
 - Combined total of over 2,100 attendees
 - Wide range of programs including authors, historians, music performances art presentations, movies, storytelling
- **Funded programs and purchased items for the Library**
 - Funded several Children's Room programs (\$4,000)
 - Purchased Movie License USA for the Library (\$465)
- **Held on-going used book sale**
- **Funded a major portion of the new state-of-the art A/V system upgrade in the Community Room (with the Library Trustees)**

Volunteers

Please let us know if you would like to volunteer to help the Friends. Opportunities include serving on the Board or a committee, working on the ongoing book sale, or working on an event or other project.

Library Friends Board Changes

We thank Linda Carley and Connie Harrington for their past service on the Board and we welcome Mary Schmidt and Linda Winslow who have just joined the Board.

Storytelling Workshop

**First Tuesday each month, 7:00 PM
Senior Center, Walpole Town Hall**

Join a Storytelling Group led by Alan O'Hare to bring out your stories in words, art, music, or even silence. The group meets monthly at the Senior Center in the Walpole Town Hall, and people are invited to attend as they can.

Contact Alan at bridges95@aol.com for more information.

Friends Book Sale

The Friends continue to sell used books, magazines, CDs and DVDs every day in the Friends Room (beside the stairs) for a dollar or less. The sale is an important source of funds for the Friends. The books and magazines are donated by the public, and any not in good condition are recycled. Occasionally there is a themed selection, such as April Fools' Day and garden books for Spring. Our thanks go to Diane Scotti and Joann Quinn for coordinating the sale and to all the volunteers who help maintain the books.

If you would like to help, please contact Diane Scotti at lowercased@hotmail.com.

Friends Event Calendar

(All events held in the Community Room unless noted)

| Date | Time | Event |
|-------------------------|---------|--|
| February 14 Tuesday | 7:00 pm | Bob Jackson, "The First Ladies" |
| February 18 Saturday | 1:00 pm | Jerry Thornton, Author, "From Darkness to Dynasty: The First 40 Years of the New England Patriots" |
| February 25 Saturday | 1:00 pm | Debra Britt, "Black Doll Museum" |
| March 6 Monday | 7:30 pm | Friends Board Meeting (Pinnacle Room). All meetings are open to the public. |
| March 7 Tuesday | 7:00 pm | Alan O'Hare, Storytelling group (monthly -- at the Senior Center) |
| March 11 Saturday | 1:00 pm | "Stanley & Grimm," Celtic music duo: Nikki Engstrom, fiddle; Sean Brennan, guitar |
| March 16 Thursday | 7:00 pm | Stephen Collins, Actor, "Irish Voices" |
| March 20 Monday | 7:00 pm | Chris Coyne, Watercolor demonstration |
| March 25 Saturday | 1:00 pm | David Kruh, Author, "Scollay Square" |