Book Sale Success

Thank you for your show of support at our annual book sale. As a community, we came together to raise almost $6,000, which will directly benefit the library.

Thank you for the numerous services and donations from our volunteers who helped pull this massive effort off once again this year, including:

- Trader Joe’s
- Souhegan High School
- College Bound Movers
- Countryside Storage
- Moulton’s Market
- Numerous community volunteers

As always, we’d like to extend an enormous thank you to Vick and Nancy Bennison for 30+ years of dedication to ensure this book sale is a success!
Annual Membership Drive

We’re in the middle of our annual membership drive and hope to reach our goal of 200 members shortly.

Help spread the word!

Friends members benefit from:

- Up to $15 in one-time late fee/fine forgiveness
- Membership newsletter
- Early access to Friends events
- Tax deduction on membership donation
- Meet like-minded people who love what the library offers

Friends enrich the library by:

- Raising money for computers, books and digital media
- Decorating for the holidays
- Arranging displays and art exhibits including the ever-popular Student Art Show
- Subsidizing library services and programming including museum passes, concerts, and children’s room craft activities
- Financing larger gifts and contributing funds for capital improvements

Visit our Door on the Green

We’re excited to announce that the Friends will be supporting the Amherst Makerspace by renting a “Door on the Green” this Halloween!

Come visit us 3-8pm on the Amherst Common for a treat!

THANK YOU for being a Friend. Find your current membership card enclosed. We greatly appreciate your generous contribution!
Professional Artist Exhibitions

Come explore the talents of local artists at the library. Works of our own Friends board member and ceramic artist, Lisa Walker, are displayed alongside those of her father, painter Patrick Carter. This is an extra-special exhibition, not to be missed!

**Patrick Carter - Painter**

Patrick is a professor of drawing, mixed media, and portraiture at Tufts University. He has shared his talents broadly by conducting several workshops in Paris and Havana, and was an artist-in-residence at a maximum security prison.

Patrick thinks that the two opposite worlds (working in the prison and in Paris) have had a deep and lasting impact on his life and art. He believes we carry all of the experiences of our lives with us - including mental and physical notes and sketches – as a part of our soul which may find its way into what shapes us as humans and artists.

**Lisa Walker - Ceramic Artist**

When she’s not working in the library, Lisa is an artist whose primary medium is clay. She loves to design unique forms on the wheel and handbuild creations from animals to fairy houses, often inspired by her daughter, Dylan.

Lisa had her first experience with pottery as a young child when her father, Patrick Carter, a painter and art professor, would bring home a wheel for the summer. At a young age, she knew art would always be a significant part of her fabric. She later earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology with a ceramics minor.

Lisa continues to explore and refine her artistry at NHIA-Sharon Arts Center and in her home in Amherst village. Her most recent works include puzzle jugs (replicas of a popular drinking vessel from the 18th and 19th centuries), rattles, bowls, and vases inspired by Japanese floral arrangements.
A Note From Your Library Director

Fall is a great time in the publishing world and there are lots of buzz-worthy titles coming out in October-December. Below is a sampling of a few:

- Ribbons of Scarlet by Kate Quinn
- The Best American Short Stories 2019 by Anthony Doerr, guest editor
- Cilka’s Journey by Heather Morris
- Warrior of the Altaii by Robert Jordan
- The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes
- What Happens in Paradise by Elin Hilderbrand
- The Infinite Game by Simon Sinek
- A Dog’s Promise by W. Bruce Cameron
- The Body: A Guide for Occupants by Bill Bryson
- Olive, Again by Elizabeth Strout
- Christmas Shopaholic by Sophie Kinsella
- Christmas at Rosie Hopkins’ Sweetshop by Jenny Colgan
- The Night Fire by Michael Connelly
- Edison by Edmund Morris
- Agent Running in the Field by John le Carré
- The Starless Sea: A Novel by Erin Morgenstern
- Chika by Mitch Albom
- The Andromeda Evolution by Michael Crichton
- Twisted Twenty-Six by Janet Evanovich
- A Minute to Midnight by David Baldacci
- The Confession Club by Elizabeth Berg
- The Self-Care Solution by Jennifer Ashton
Your Donations in Action

In the last few years alone the Friends provided more than $25,000 in library funding to support concerts, new shelving and cabinets, the new café area, garden benches, audio visual equipment, new furniture, the annual Student Art Show and so much more.

Did you know?

The Friends fund all of the library's museum passes...

A new inclusion this year was tickets to The Butterfly Place in Westford, MA, used 18 times this summer.

The most used passes this summer were:
- New England Aquarium
- Boston Museum of Science
- Zoo New England (Franklin Park Zoo + Stone Zoo)

Be sure to take advantage of this awesome library perk!

Most 2019 donations to the library via the Friends are now in use! We're excited to soon unveil a newly remodeled restroom in the children's area!

Harry Potter Festival

Come join us for the third annual Harry Potter Festival!

The Friends will once again provide whimsical snacks for “the leaky cauldron.”

Join us Sunday, Oct. 27 1:00-3:00pm for all the fun - sorting, snacking, divinations, scavenger hunt, and lots, lots more!

The Amherst Rec Department joined the library planning crew this year to create some Quidditch activities that you won't want to miss.

Put on some cool wizarding clothes, or come dressed as a Muggle - all are welcome at this library-wide event! Activities are most appropriate for kids ages 5 and up. No registration required.
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