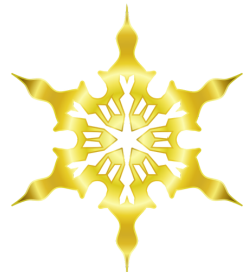




HOLIDAY BOOK SALE



Day 1 * Members Only	Thursday	December 1	12pm - 7pm
Day 2	Friday	December 2	10am - 7pm
Day 3	Saturday	December 3	10am - 5pm



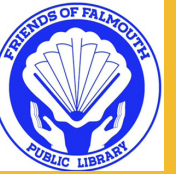
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NEWSLETTER



Fall/Winter 2022

A SUCCESSFUL 2022 SUMMER BOOK SALE

The annual book sale on the library lawn was held over the July 4th weekend this year with a few changes in layout. Each year the challenge of tent placement grows in proportion to the growth of the trees on the lawn. This year the problem was solved by relocating three of the tents to comply with Town spacing guidelines and improved traffic flow.



Hundreds of volunteer hours go into putting on the sale, starting with preparing the tents and tables on the day before the books are brought over from storage. Then, the books are moved to the lawn, boxes are unpacked and tables are filled. During sale days shifts of volunteers staff the tents and cashier tables. After the last half day of the sale a book reseller removes any left-over books. A small crew of remaining volunteers cleans up the lawn. The last task of every sale is sorting the supplies and equipment and moving it from the the Bay Room back to storage for the next sale. More volunteers are always welcome for the cleanup phase.

It takes a village, so to speak, to put on the book sale. In addition to the twenty or so people who sort, price, and pack the books during the year there are usually about a hundred people from our volunteer list who show up to staff the sale. Each and every person who participated in any way is greatly appreciated. A big thank you to the citizens of Falmouth and out of town visitors and guests who made the sale a success through your shopping. Thank you to the many people who shared the gift of their time to help unpack and arrange the book displays, staff the tents each shift, and work at the cashier tables. Thank you to library staff who filled the tables in the Bay Room each sale day with a wonderful assortment of refreshments for the volunteers. Thank you to the Cooperative Bank of Cape Cod for providing the volunteers with refillable water bottles. Thank you to the Town of Falmouth building department for your support. Finally, thank you to the DPW for mowing, providing trash and recycling barrels, and emptying them regularly throughout the sale.



Planning for the next summer book sale will begin shortly after the beginning of the new year. Some activities that will need extra help include publicity, water and snacks, and volunteer scheduling. If you, or someone you know, is interested in helping please email friends@falmouthpubliclibrary.org. It's a lot of hard work, but fun and very rewarding.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

One of my most cherished memories of growing up in Honolulu, Hawaii was the weekly trip to the Honolulu Public Library. Every Saturday morning my parents would drop off my sisters and me to do research, homework or just browse the stacks for books to read in the coming week.

The Hawaii Library system began as reading rooms for ships' officers and crew who stopped in the Islands as a port before continuing on a whaling voyage or to the Far East. We know that whaling ships from Falmouth and Woods Hole stopped in both Lahaina and Honolulu. At least two children of whaling captains were born in the Islands and returned to live in Falmouth.

The first Honolulu Library was completed in 1913 with a grant from Andrew Carnegie. The stately columns and central atrium filled with tropical plants openly invited patrons to sit awhile and read. My love of books and libraries began back then and continues with our wonderful library in Falmouth.

It is a joy to watch the young readers of today traipse eagerly past the Friends' Room to borrow books or participate in staff led crafts and activities. We are fortunate to have a library staff that seeks ways to engage the whole Falmouth Community of all ages throughout the year.

This year we were able to hold our Summer Book Sale during the busy 4th of July weekend. Luckily the threat of lightning cancelled only one day of the sale and in the end a high percentage of books were sold that will benefit the many Library programs that the Friends support.

As always, the success of the Summer Sale, Holiday Sale, book nooks, sales on the Amazon website and processing of donated books, DVDs and CDs is dependent on the many volunteers who regularly donate their time. None of this could be accomplished without their regular contribution of time and expertise. We are always looking for more supporters of the library and have just begun a new training program for new volunteers. Come by and join us.

This December, the Holiday Book Sale will be held Thursday, December 1 (12-7pm for members of the Friends), Friday, December 2 (10-7) and Saturday, December 3 (10-5). Many of the books will be gift worthy, but there will also be books just for you to enjoy.

Wishing you all a Hauoli Makahiki Hou 2023.

Edwina Yee - President

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JOY OF LEARNING

During October many people participated in the "Joy of Learning" series! We have offered Joy of Learning classes for many years, in April and October. They are taught by educators and other experts on a volunteer basis, for adults and for teens at a high school/college learning level. This program is free, sponsored by the Friends of the Falmouth Public Library. If you would be interested in leading a session, please let us know. For more information, call the Reference Desk at 508-457-2555 ext 7, or email us at info@falmouthpubliclibrary.org. This fall we offered five classes.

Meditation and Mindfulness with Janet Gardner

Participants explored a range of meditation and mindfulness techniques, including seated silent meditation, guided meditation, meditation using mantras (repeated words or sounds) and walking meditation.

Theater Design and Process with Mark Pearson

The group learned all aspects of theater design from Scenery and Lighting to Costumes and Props! Participants took a creative journey exploring the elements of theatre design by developing your own unique design for a specific show.

Discussion of Winesberg, Ohio by Sherwood Anderson, with David Webb

Sherwood Anderson had immense impact on writers that followed him (Hemingway, Faulkner, Wolfe, Steinbeck), and much of his influence is attributable to Winesberg, Ohio (1919), an early work and largely considered his best. The group read and discussed aspects of this work.

Afghanistan: The Untamable Kingdom: 1750 - 2022 with Michael McNaught

This course examined the historical background of today's events, and perhaps explain why Afghanistan has never been "tamed" by either the great powers, or any of its immediate neighbors, since the days of Alexander the Great.

Falmouth Genealogical Society, instructors Tim Martin and Ralph Wadleigh

Participants learned about genealogy and how to start to research and build out their own family tree.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Friends of the Falmouth Public Library (FFPL) was established in 1992 with just six members. Since then, FFPL has grown to over four hundred members and counting. During the past five years our roster has remained relatively steady between 425 and 430 individual, family, and lifetime memberships. Our mission is to support and enhance the programs and services of the Falmouth Public Library. We do this by raising money through our book sales and through membership dues and donations. Organizational growth is important to sustaining our mission. We're asking all of you to actively promote membership in FFPL. If you or anyone you know is interested in membership development, please contact Mary Tamucci or Edwina Yee at friends@falmouthpubliclibrary.org. We're looking for people to join our membership committee.

There are several opportunities to volunteer. We have a few openings for weekly participation in the book room. This activity entails sorting book donations into categories, pricing and packing the books. There is a team ready to move the boxes to storage on a weekly basis who will always welcome an extra person and vehicle. In addition to our Book Nook at the main library there are books for sale at the East Falmouth Library and at the Bus Station. These shelves need to be restocked on a weekly basis. The Holiday sale is coming up soon. We'll need people to help with setup and decorating Thursday, November 30, in preparation for the sale, and again Monday, December 5, for packing books and cleaning up. During the sale volunteers are needed to staff the membership and cashier tables. If you don't receive the call for volunteers but wish to participate, please contact Mary or Edwina by email or a call to the Friends.

As noted on the last page of this newsletter, the Holiday Book Sale will be held on Falmouth by The Sea weekend. Opening day of the sale is always reserved for FFPL members only. You should receive an invitation via post card before the end of November. Typically, the cards are mailed to people within easy travel distance to Falmouth. If you don't receive a postcard, call the Friends room or email Mary directly at sekras288@gmail.com.

Mary Tamucci - Membership Director



GETTING TO KNOW BRIAN STOKES



I am excited to introduce the new Assistant Director of the Falmouth Public Library. Brian Stokes received a BA in Journalism from Pennsylvania State University and an MS in Library and Information Science from the Pratt Institute. He comes to us from the New York Public Library.

Brian was most recently a Library Manager of the New Amsterdam Branch in Tribeca. This branch, located in the heart of lower Manhattan, had the highest circulation of all the NY Public Library Branches. Prior to working there, he was at the Grand Central Branch and the Jefferson Market Branch, working as a Senior Young Adult Librarian. Brian also has experience working with incarcerated individuals at the Brooklyn Federal Prison and the Rikers Island Jail. His first library experience was working as a Reference and Instruction Librarian in Mercy College's Manhattan campus. His experience working with a variety of library patrons from college students, to incarcerated individuals, and teens, have given him a strong and varied background.

Brian's responsibilities at the Falmouth Public Library include collection development, staffing, and scheduling. He will also be working closely with all Library Departments as we move towards a new integrated library system that the CLAMS libraries will transition to in February of 2023. And of course, Brian will assume the role of the Library Liaison to the Friends of the Falmouth Public Library. I hope you will all join us in welcoming Brian Stokes and his family to the library and the greater Falmouth community.

Linda Collins, Library Director

BRANCHING OUT

Branching out at the East Falmouth Library means offering community activities. Currently, on Tuesday mornings we offer Songs, Stories and Instruments for children and Sit and Stitch for adults. The Fact & Fiction Book Discussion meets on the last Wednesday of each month. The Coalition for Children offers a variety of programs at this location. The Falmouth Together Memory Café is our newest activity.

What is the Falmouth Together Memory Café?

- Hosted by Dr. Donna Jackson and the Cape Senior Services, The Falmouth Together Memory Café is a welcoming place for people living with memory concerns and their families or care companions.
- The Falmouth Together Memory Café offers an opportunity to meet other people in the community who are experiencing similar concerns with memory issues.

When: First Monday of every month from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. (Nov. 7th, Dec. 5th).

At the North Falmouth library branching out means inviting children and their caregivers into the library by offering passive activities. This includes Lego building on Monday afternoons, Stay and Make Crafts on Tuesdays and Friday Scavenger Hunts.

Please consider joining us at a branch library.

-- Meg Borden

THE BOOK NOOK

Most people in town are familiar with the Book Nook located in the lobby at the Katherine Lee Bates entrance to the main branch of Falmouth Public Library. But, did you know that there are really three book nooks? Several years ago, the Economic Development Commission added a book case to the Bus Station and invited us to fill it with books for sale. Shortly after that, a book case became available at the East Falmouth branch. Director Linda Collins suggested we set up a book nook. Both locations get replenished at least weekly. If anyone has any special request for genres just drop us a line at friends@falmouthpubliclibrary.org. All proceeds go directly to providing enhanced services and programs at all three library branches.



-Mary Tamucci - Membership Director

EXCERPT FROM THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

In a foreword to the photographic essay, *The Public Library* (2014) Bill Moyers wrote that "the library is being reinvented in response to the explosion of information and knowledge, new technology, and changing needs." We now recognize after two years of COVID's presence that libraries are an "emerging new commons," as a trusted gathering place, in person and virtually.

What have the Trustees been focussing on in this time of pandemic recovery and stewardship of the "emerging new commons"? We have opportunities and challenges of responsibility for the administration and operation of the Town Library, as stated in Falmouth's Home Rule Charter.

We have the long view through the Library's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan and its annual Action Plans; and the month-by-month lens on administration and operations through our monthly Trustee meetings and meetings of our Resource, Policy, and Building and Grounds committees.

In the period from July 2021-June 2022, the Trustees Fund supplied funding for the Library's public access computers; for staff professional development; for adult and young adult programs (155 on site and 76 virtual with a total of 4,332 attendees); for a portion of the new Chill Zone for 5th-8th graders; for two staff appreciation events; for relocation of the AirFoil marble sculpture to the Library Lawn; and for Falmouth Village Association's Movies under the Stars.

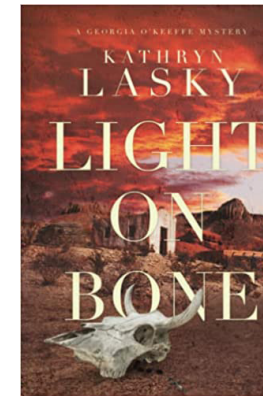
The staff of the Library helped the community to weather COVID by keeping the public informed, educated, and entertained. In my FY2021 town annual report I wrote that the Library, during the height of the pandemic, found opportunities for transforming systems and processes, increased partnerships, expanded digital access, and outreach, which all came out of new ways of working and thinking about our mission. In FY2022 much of that expanded engagement continues because the Library staff has made it so.

The Friends pulled out all the stops for the annual summer Book Sale, held in late August 2021. It was a grand re-opening party for the Library with tens of thousands of books under the well-organized tents, and people scooping up books, games, puzzles, and DVDs and reconnecting with folks they had not seen in too long or first-timers wowed by the volume of books and good cheer. Thank you to the Friends for bringing us back together again.

Judith Fenwick - Chair, Library Board of Trustees

BOOK REVIEW

Light On Bone by Kathryn Lasky



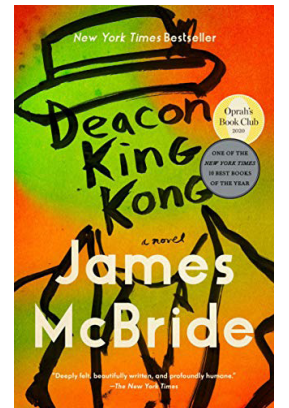
Never having read one of Kathryn Lasky's children or young adults books, I had no idea what to expect. But I love Georgia O'Keefe's paintings and the beautiful city of Albuquerque and the quaint town of Abiquiu. I thought what better person to solve a mystery than an artist who sees many aspects of a setting. How Kathryn brings the historical characters of Charles Lindbergh, Herman Goering, J. Edgar Hoover, FDR, Eleanor and others into this mystery is captivating. A must read!

--Nancy English

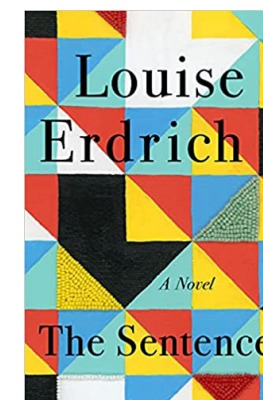
Deacon King Kong by James McBride

The book opens with an attempted murder, but isn't a mystery thriller. Instead the author writes about the characters' (many of whom have colorful nicknames) seeking to fulfill their own dreams and those of people dear to them, in their close knit inner city community, which is just starting to feel the impact of drugs. The new and old relationships between the characters are filled with love, trust, hope and humor. Give yourself a nickname and sit down for a good read.

--Carolyn Brzezinski



The Sentence by Louise Erdrich



A bookstore in modern day Minneapolis is haunted by the spirit of a former customer. This is not a Stephen King kind of haunting, but instead a spirit that is coming to terms with who she is, after years of believing otherwise. Other characters also wrestle with their history and identities, particularly a Native American woman, Tookie, that is working in the bookstore and rebuilding her life after being in prison. In addition to the spirit, the bookstore staff have other challenges, including keeping the store open during COVID, and the riots that followed the George Floyd murder. Throughout it all you'll meet some quirky, sometimes humorous, characters, while learning a bit about indigenous culture and beliefs, and challenges faced by Native Americans today. The author cleverly includes a

link to [Tookie's Essential Reads](#). How many have you read?

--Carolyn Brzezinski