

HOLIDAY BOOK SALE

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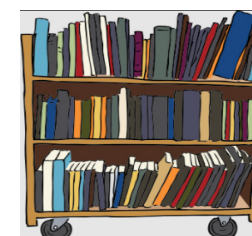
A SUCCESSFUL SUMMER BOOK SALE

Because Covid restrictions were not clear this summer, the Friends annual book sale was not held during the first week in July. Residents and visitors alike were disappointed that they could not purchase books over the Fourth of July holiday, an activity that is a highlight of the year for many people. However, with the decline of Covid cases in July, it was decided by the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Falmouth Public Library to proceed with having a book sale during the last week in August. Under the leadership of Mary Tamucci, the Friends president, along with board members Lenny Miele, Deborah Winograd, Rob Gillis, Edwina Yee, and Kevin O'Brien, the book sale was held from August 15 to August 22. More than 40,000 books were transported to the library lawn on Main Street where they were categorized by subject and sold under six tents.



The largest tent anchoring the book sale included non-fiction books and all categories of literature. There was also a history/biography tent, a specials tent with nautical, music, antiques, and Americana books, a children's tent, a cooking and how-to tent, and a media tent with CDs, DVDs, and picture puzzles.

The Friends of the Falmouth Public Library want to thank all the loyal volunteers who worked for five days arranging, sorting, and packing books, serving as cashiers, and rolling and unrolling protective tarps each morning and afternoon. It was a productive and gratifying team effort that helped to raise \$58,000 for our three libraries.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been a busy summer. It was wonderful to be able to conduct our summer book sale. We had a great turnout with shoppers who seemed very happy to be once again browsing the book tables. Many thanks to our super team of volunteers without whom none of it would be possible. The show of support from the Library and the Board of Library Trustees was outstanding and very much appreciated. Thank you to the fabulous library staff for treating us to a wonderful array of refreshments throughout the sale. I want to recognize the teen helpers, Town of Falmouth Building Department, the DPW, Dig Safe, Bay Side Tents, Colonial Movers, and Discovery Books for being very prompt with service and support despite short notice in some cases. Special thanks to Cavossa Disposal for recycling all the cardboard boxes we emptied.

I'm happy to report that our Book Nook is back in full swing and open for business in the Katharine Lee Bates lobby of the main branch. We have two satellite sale cases. One is located at the East Falmouth branch and the other is at the Bus Station. Please drop by and browse.

Moving into autumn we're happy to welcome several new members and book room volunteers. We're again open to accept your book donations by appointment. Due to the large volume, we're asking that people call before dropping off donations to make sure there will be enough space in the book room and someone to accept your books. We still need help moving packed books to storage. If you're interested in sharing your time and talent, please email friends@falmouthpubliclibrary.org. It would be great to have three or four people with a truck or SUV who would be willing to do this task on a rotating basis.

We're happy to announce that The Friends Holiday Book Sale will be held during Falmouth Holidays by the Sea weekend. The sale will be open Saturday, Sunday and Monday December 4 -6 in the Herman Room in the lower level of the library. As always, all books offered will be in like-new condition and suitable for gifting. Hours will be 10 – 5 on Saturday and Monday, and 1 – 5 on Sunday.

Wishing everyone a safe autumn and winter and a happy holiday season.

Mary Tamucci, President

FFPL Board

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BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

What follows is an excerpt from the Board of Library Trustees' Town report covering the Town's fiscal year from July 2020 to June 2021.

The current Board of Library Trustees are Jenifer Alai, Secretary; Kathryn Elder, Treasurer; Judith Fenwick, Chair; Lucy Helfrich; Lindsay Hopewood, Corresponding Secretary; Kathie Mount; and Sylvia Szulkin, Vice Chair. In May 2021 Jenifer Alai and Kathie Mount were re-elected to the Board, and Lucy Helfrich was elected for her first term; these Trustees will serve until 2024. The Trustees welcome Lucy's new perspective and fresh ideas. She filled the seat held by Margo Finnell who stepped down after one term during which she served with distinction as the Board's Treasurer.

Two of the Trustees, Jenifer Alai and Judy Fenwick, worked on developing and refining the Library's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan as members of the Plan's working group. The working group was also composed of staff members Linda Collins and Jennifer Woodward, and community representatives Len Miele of the Friends of the Falmouth Public Library, and Suzie Hauptmann, Director of Falmouth Human Services. The Strategic Plan was approved by the Trustees in May 2021, submitted in September 2021, and approved within a week. Submission and acceptance of the plan by the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners allow eligibility for grant programs and state aid.

In July 2020 the community had come out of COVID lockdown but with town buildings still not open for public access. The Library staff found ways to bring the Library outside with curbside pickup of books and materials ordered ahead at all three locations, and curbside "grab and go" kits and projects for children and adults. The late summer followed with soft openings and the Library feeling its way to welcome the community back inside in September 2020.

The Friends of the Falmouth Public Library under the leadership of Mary Tamucci and Len Miele powered through a challenging year saddened by having to cancel its annual July book sale, not only for the loss of income, but because the book sale is a much-ballyhooed community event. Despite that loss of income, the FFPL still honored the Library's annual wish list. This made sure there was no gap in FFPL's support including children's programs, digital collections, and the Joy of Learning classes which were Zoom-based in 2020 and 2021, as well as helping to support the "grab and go" kits that entertained and engaged children and adults throughout the Library's closure. When the book sale did finally take place in August 2021 (outside of this reporting period), it was like the grand re-opening of the Library, a community party on the Library lawn. The FFPL continues to be supportive of the Library and its mission, and the Trustees are grateful for the FFPL's continuing generosity, innovation, and collaboration.

Judith Fenwick, Chair



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In the words of Bob Dylan, the times they are a changin' at the Falmouth Public Library. We have been fortunate to enjoy fairly stable staffing over the years but we are about to lose two long-term Department Heads. Children's Librarian, Laura Ford has crossed the Bourne Bridge for the last time and will now be delighting the children of Plymouth with her unique story telling abilities. Laura first came to Falmouth in 2007 as a Reference Librarian. It wasn't long before we discovered her talents were working with the little ones and getting children of all ages excited about books. Miss Laura has managed the Youth Services Department ever since. She will be missed by young and old alike.

Head of Reference and Adult Services, Jill Erickson has worked at the Falmouth Public Library since 1991. She came to Falmouth from the Boston Athenaeum. The nineties were a pivotal time for libraries and Jill helped to shepherd us along into the digital age. A month after her arrival the Falmouth Public Library went online with the CLAMS catalog. When asked what brought her the most satisfaction over her time at here Jill said, "There are so many things that I am proud of having done during my 30-years of working at the Falmouth Public Library, but there are two that particularly stand out. The deep pleasure of helping patrons find the answers to their questions, and the joy of being able to talk about books monthly on our local NPR station, CAI." Jill's retirement is well earned, but we will miss her both here in the Library and on The Point with Mindy Todd.

Librarians will be hired to fill these important roles but Laura and Jill have left their mark and will forever be a part of the history of the Falmouth Public Library.

Linda Collins, Director



Laura Ford



Jill Erickson

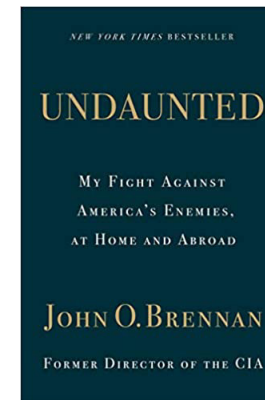
REPORT FROM THE FALMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY SUPPORT FUND

Finally, after well over a year we were able to meet in-person for our September board meeting and everyone agreed was wonderful to do and see one another. While a relatively quiet period, we were able over the Summer to provide funding for the library to purchase canopies for the East Falmouth Library to hold their youth programs outside in the Children's Reading Garden. At our recent board meeting our guest speaker was Jill Irving Bishop, Falmouth Senior Center Director. Jill provided an overview on the new Senior Center, and board members brainstormed on how we might work with the Center on special programs. As we get back to meeting and holding events in-person, we look forward to funding new projects, and as always, we look forward to working with The Friends of Falmouth Public Library on new funding opportunities. Thank you and wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season!

Bob Ripley, Chair

BOOK REVIEWS

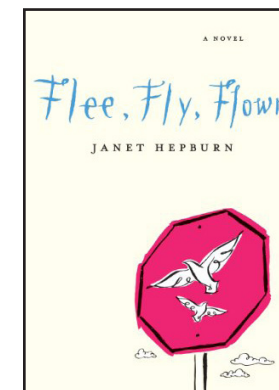
Undaunted by John O. Brennan



Undaunted is more of an autobiography than other similar books. Previously, I have not read the details on the selection, training, and development of CIA analysts and agents. The author went from a son of immigrants to the highest levels in the US government as Director of the CIA and advisor to the President. He addresses many topical issues of concern both in the private and government sectors and appears to have a strong moral bearing based on his upbringing as he strives for personal integrity for himself and his country. He is a firm supporter of the men and women in the CIA who silently labor on behalf of the citizens of the US.

As a former Director of the CIA, he addresses many issues in *Undaunted* from his perspective on various crucial topics such as the intervention in Iraq, the Benghazi tragedy, enhanced interrogation techniques, the Mueller investigation, Bin Laden's death, and Russian interference in the US elections. The background discussions of each issue were very enlightening from my perspective. The book is a history lesson with insights into the obscure area of national security with implications for our country's relationship to the rest of the world at a time of a chaotic political environment in this country. --Paul Dreyer

Flee, Fly, Flown by Janet Hepburn



Lillian and Audrey, residents of a memory care facility, decide they need a vacation. While they can get confused, and often do, they are sharp enough to plan their "escape" from the facility, retrieve a car that once belonged to Audrey, and begin their journey. While this plot could have easily fallen into a slapstick or lighthearted tale, it is so much more.

Hepburn has a keen understanding of the aging process and what it must be like to not be able to count on your grasp of a situation. The two engage a young homeless man to drive them west and Lillian alternately sees him as her son, her husband, or their new friend, caretaker, and driver. Knowing she cannot rely on her memory she writes in her notebook only to later question, who has been writing in my book?

The one very real question this book addresses is that of quality of life. In the facility Lillian and Audrey are safe, but they are told what and when to eat, when to sleep, and when to play bingo. Can we provide people with the freedom to live their lives as they age and require care and protection? Perhaps a road trip with a homeless musician is out of the question, but he provides Lillian and Audrey with the one thing they do not seem to receive from the staff at the facility or even from their families and that is respect and appreciation for the unique individuals they are and the lives they have lived.

Flee, Fly, Flown is a quick read that leaves you with so much more to think about.

--Linda Collins

“POSTCARDS FROM FALMOUTH” , A LOCAL HISTORY PROJECT



Seems like it was just yesterday that the Library kicked off Postcards from Falmouth, a Library Services Technology Act grant that enabled the Library to usher in new approaches to how staff develops, manages, and shares the Library’s local history resources. The primary goal of the effort is not only to create an oral history based upon the Library’s extensive collection of historical postcards of Falmouth, but to also build a digital archive to preserve and provide access to such resources for generations to come. Although the

pandemic delayed the undertaking, the staff is delighted to resume work on the project. Anna Lee, the grant assistant, is busy scheduling oral history recordings in the FCTV studio again, and Barbara Kanellopoulis and Troy Clarkson continue to interview an array of local oral historians. A work in progress between the staff at FCTV and FPL, after the oral histories go through a post-production process, they are uploaded to the Library’s digital archives, along with the transcripts and other pertinent resources. To date, there are eight, and they are available to view through the Library’s website, just click on the blue [Digital Collections@Falmouth Public Library logo](#).

Also included in the first round of oral histories are two noted historians with deep ties to Falmouth, who regretfully passed not long after the recordings:

Richard Kendall, a dedicated public servant who served in the MA House of Representatives and as the Commonwealth’s Commissioner of Environmental Management, and who remained an active part in town government, shares recollections of baseball games in Falmouth Heights, from informal youth games to Cape League contenders.

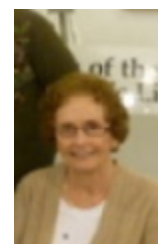
Donald Fish, a direct descendant of the Hatch Family, shares several memories of growing up in Falmouth, from the Hurricane of 1938 to the town’s celebration of the end of WWII. In fact, Mr. Fish is interviewed by his niece, Carrie Aiken, a Library staff member, and filmed by her son, Cameron.

Soon to be released oral histories include Rob Blomberg on the Woods Hole Library, Linda Collins on Falmouth Public Library, Reverend Nell Fields on the Waquoit Congregational Church, Charles McCaffrey on the West Falmouth Library, Mark Pearson on the College Light Opera Company (formerly the West Falmouth Inn), Joel Peterson on the Dome Restaurant, and Mark Schmidt on the Falmouth Historical Society.

The Library invites the public to share their memories of Falmouth inspired by the postcards, too, by commenting in our digital archives, on the Library blog, or on the Library’s social media. Contact us for more information, or if you know a potential oral historian: postcards@falmouthpubliclibrary.org or (508) 457-2555 (ext 2951).

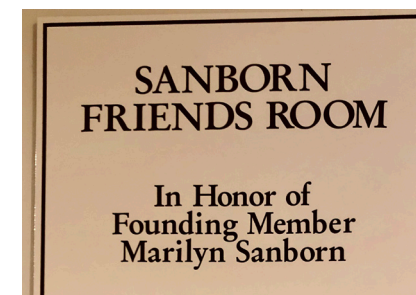
Kim DeWall, Head of Technical Services

A TRIBUTE TO MARILYN SANDBORN



Marilyn Sanborn, a true friend of the Friends of the Falmouth Public Library, died on March 24, 2020 at the age of 93. Marilyn was a founding member of the Friends and an active member of the organization until last year. She served as president of the Friends, was the editor of the Friends Newsletter, chaired the Programs Committee, and was a member of the Finance Committee. During her career, Marilyn was a teacher and elementary school librarian in New York, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts before moving to Falmouth with her husband Raymond in 1986. She received a BA degree from Brown University and MAs in Education and Library Science from the State University of New York and Villanova University.

Because of her nearly three decades of dedication supporting the Friends, the Friends Room in the lower level of the main library has been officially named the Marilyn Sanborn Friends Room.



AMAZON SALES

About ten years ago two seasoned volunteers asked the Board permission to set up an Amazon account for some of our special donated books. Some of these books were passed down through generations and even though the donors felt torn about giving up the books to sell, they knew they must downsize. Other books are beautiful art and music books, special sports books, history and children’s, and even college texts. Over the years we have developed a system of identifying books we think will sell, listing them on our Amazon account, and filing them on our shelves while waiting for a sale. We have about 4,000 books on line averaging between \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year in sales. Monthly we review the books on sale, compare ours to others on line, and perhaps reduce the price or remove them for our summer sale.

The Friend’s Board agreed to offer any book we have on line to any member of the Friends for a 25% discount. Our seller’s name on Amazon is Shining Sea. You must pick the book up in person and pay by cash or check. You can call the library at 508-457-2555, ext. 2918 to speak with a volunteer.

Nancy English, Amazon Group

