

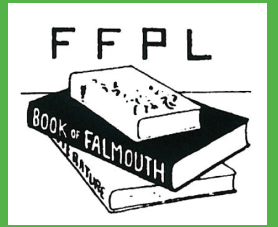
## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

This has been a busy year for membership, with a flurry of activity toward the end of the year. There were 30 new memberships registered during 2017 along with 170 renewals. We currently have 438 family and individual memberships. We have been working to increase our membership by making the Friends more visible in the Library and around town. Please help by encouraging your friends and neighbors to join.

Thank you.

*Mary Tamucci*

*Membership Chair*



# Friends of the Falmouth Public Library Newsletter

Spring 2018

## *Annual Meeting and Election of Officers*

*10:00 a.m.*

*Saturday, April 28, 2018*

*Hermann Room*

*A light lunch will be served.*

## Guest Speaker: **Martha Speirs**



Martha Speirs, who has led an adventurous life as an international library consultant, will be the featured speaker at the meeting. As an “army brat” born in Quincy, Massachusetts, Martha became a world traveler at a young age. She attended elementary school in Florida and Germany; middle school in England; grades 9, 10, and 11 in Great Falls, Montana; and her senior year in Paris, France at the Paris American High School. As a library consultant, Martha traveled the world advising foreign governments on how to design, organize, and install new university libraries. For a quarter of a century, she shared her expertise about libraries in Egypt, Abu Dhabi, Azerbaijan, and Nigeria. Her lecture will discuss her experiences in these countries and their diverse cultures.

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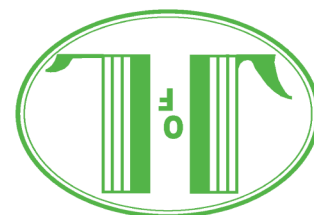
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*Joy of Learning*  
Spring Schedule 2018

Please See Details Inside



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Friends,

The Friends of the Falmouth Public Library By-laws state, "The objective of the Friends shall be to support, enhance, and augment the Falmouth Public Library system." We certainly do support the Library. Every year the Library presents us with a wish list for the following year. Next year's list, totalling \$47,430, includes such items as Museum Passes, Programs, and Databases. Please see page 7 for more detail on the Wish List. Our support for the Library would not be possible without hard work by many, many people. For example, the Holiday Book Sale was a big success due to the many volunteers who helped throughout. Speaking of volunteers – we need volunteers to help with the **Joy of Learning** classes. A volunteer would choose one class to staff. The duties include taking attendance and copying handouts from the teacher if necessary. So, if you intend to take one of the classes, please consider volunteering. Don't rule out volunteering because you might have to miss a class. We will have substitutes available. If you are interested, please get in touch with me or with Yang Conley.

Thanks for your participation in the Friends.

*Jane Hewitt*

## FFPL Board

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## NEWS FROM EAST FALMOUTH

Fixing a drainage and parking problem has morphed into an opportunity at the East Branch Library. The DPW was busy last fall with their heavy equipment creating safer parking especially for handicapped users. After pavement has been laid and the storm drains installed, what is left is a canvas where we are envisioning new landscaping. The Library Foundation and the Trustees have spearheaded an effort to transform the grounds of the library. The Friends of the Library, the East Falmouth Village Association and various Neighborhood Associations have offered support. The outside area of the children's room will be surrounded by a whimsical garden and story circle. This will be an area for outdoor programming. We have been brainstorming with the Child Nutrition Outreach Coordinator at the Eastern MA Project Bread to lay the groundwork to become a site for their Books and Bites program this summer. This is part of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) which is a federally funded nutrition program that provides free meals to youth ages 18 and under when school is not in session. At the East Falmouth Branch Library in addition to providing a site where kids can pick up a nutritious lunch, we would be providing summer activities for them. We welcome community volunteers to make this partnership a success. To help with the Books and Bites Summer Food Program, please contact Ryan at 548-6340. To help plan, plant and/or maintain a garden, please contact Meg at 548-6340. *Meg Borden, East Branch Librarian*

## FFPL Wish List : April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019

<b>MUSEUM PASSES</b>
Boston Children's
Buttonwood Park
Cape Cod Childrens
Heritage (2)
Isabella Stewart Gardner
Museum of Fine Arts
Museum of Science
New Bedford Whaling
NE Aquarium
Plimoth Plantation
Roger Williams Zoo
<b>PROGRAMS</b>
Children
Movie License
Falmouth Reads Books
Refreshments
<b>COLLECTIONS</b>
Lynda.Com
Olive Software
McNaughton Express Books
<b>FURNITURE/SHELVING UPGRADES</b>
Arm Chairs (4)
Computer Chairs (3)
Slat Endcaps (6)
Display Holders
<b>SUPPORT SYSTEMS/TECHNOLOGY</b>
Technology Support
Scanner with Computer
iPad Replacements (2)
New Equipment
<b>MEETING ROOM UPGRADES</b>
Shades (6)
Table Skirts
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>
East Branch Reading Garden
Kitchen Cleaning Supplies for Staff
<b>GRAND TOTAL: 47,430</b>

## TALKING BOOKS ON WCAI



Radio host Mindy Todd (left) and Jill Erickson discuss their favorite books.

Once a month I have the great pleasure of talking about books on the radio with Mindy Todd of WCAI, our cape and islands NPR affiliate. What started as a one-time invitation in 2005 to talk about books with Melanie Lauwers, then the book editor for the Cape Cod Times, gradually turned into a monthly visit to Woods Hole (where the station is located) on the last Wednesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. Recently I counted up the number of radio book shows I have done, and was astonished to discover that I have talked about books for 115 shows! Our topics over the years have ranged from politics to baseball to fairy tales to maritime to the ever popular beach reads.

The process of getting ready for a book show often begins months before the actual show. Mindy and I will think about possible topics, and then we have to decide who might be the best book talker to be on the air for a particular topic. Once Melanie retired and moved to Florida, Mindy began to invite all sorts of people to come on and talk books. We've enjoyed shows with local author Peter Abrahams, naturalist Dennis Minsky, bookseller Vicky Titcomb, and Woods Hole librarian Jennifer Gaines to mention some of our regulars. One of the interesting things about the show is that I never know what books the guest will be bringing, and they never know what I will be bringing. Mindy and I are often as surprised as the listeners as to what books end up being discussed. I always try to bring a book or two that might not be expected. So, for example, when we talked about books having to do with transportation, I included *Mary Poppins*, as Mary uses her umbrella to get around.

One of the most interesting things about the show is that it is usually done live, so that listeners can call in or e-mail us while we are on the air. A live show is sort of scary, but also lots of fun. We never know who will call or what book they might want to discuss. As we talk to them, we also try to write down the title and author, so that by the afternoon we can post a full list of all the books that have been mentioned on the library website. It certainly adds excitement to every show when we know that we will be live, although every so often we have to pre-record a show, due to scheduling issues. Most recently, we took the show on the road, and had the very exciting experience of broadcasting live from the WGBH studio at the Boston Public Library. For that show we discussed books about libraries and librarians with Andrew Maloney, a Boston Public Library librarian. If you've never listened to the book show before, I hope you'll give it a try! You can listen to it on WCAI at 90.1 FM or listen online at [capeandislands.org](http://capeandislands.org). And if you have a book topic you'd like us to consider, please send me an e-mail at [jerickson@falmouthpubliclibrary.org](mailto:jerickson@falmouthpubliclibrary.org) with your suggestion or just stop by the reference desk.

*Jill Erickson, Head Reference Librarian*



## FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

When I began my new duties and moved into the director's office I found a wax maquette, or sculpture, of a boy sitting on a rock reading. The head had come off but someone had taken care to save it. I was very intrigued by this sculpture and interested in preserving it for the library. In my research I found it had been done by Lloyd Lillie, the famous sculptor who created our wonderful statue of Katharine Lee Bates. The sculpture of the young boy reading was done in 1987 and has been safely stashed away in the director's closet for the past thirty years.

I contacted a foundry in Chelsea who, employing the lost wax method, could cast the statue in bronze. They were confident that their wax artist could repair the damage and I was particularly pleased to hear they had worked with Lloyd Lillie in the past. The library is fortunate to have the Friends of the Library who support the library and the arts. Now the bronze sculpture, *Young Reader on Boulder*, thanks to the Friends, can be enjoyed by all who visit the Library for years to come.

*Linda Collins,  
Library Director*





## JOY OF LEARNING SPRING 2018 SCHEDULE

**TUESDAYS 2:00–3:00 p.m. – APRIL 17, 24** – This will be a 2 session course. Hermann Room  
**Icebergs and Their Drift Into the North Atlantic Ocean**

This talk will discuss the size and shape of icebergs and their origins, with emphasis on the West Greenland icebergs which drift into the Atlantic shipping lanes. It includes the International iceberg patrol of the U.S. Coast Guard. Attempts to destroy bergs are shown. **Robertson Dinsmore** retired from the Coast Guard in 1971. He was Director of Operations and occasional captain of the research ships Atlantis II and Oceanus, retiring again in 2001. He served as a consultant to the National Science Foundation and is currently the director of the U.S. Lighthouse Museum.

**WEDNESDAYS 10:00–11:15 a.m. – APRIL 11, 18, 25** – This will be a 3 session course. Hermann Room  
**Exotic Campaigns: the struggle for the Kaiser’s African colonies in the First World War**

For a number of reasons, the conquest of Germany’s African colonies was a vital component of the Allies’ grand strategy. This course will cover the fighting in these little-known theaters of the First World War. It will also introduce some colorful leaders, Germany’s only undefeated WWI general, the longest naval engagement in history, and the amazing flight of the Zeppelin L59. **Michael McNaught** earned BA and MA degrees in history at Oxford University where he specialized in Military History and the Theory of War. An independent school teacher and administrator for 44 years, he has lectured extensively at Falmouth Academy, the Falmouth Historical Society and the Joy of Learning program since moving to Falmouth permanently in 2004.

**THURSDAYS 1:00–2:00 p.m. – APRIL 19, 26, & FRIDAY, MAY 4 1:00–2:00 p.m.** – Hermann Room  
**Does The U.S. Still Need A Navy?**

An exploration of the role of the Navy in facing today’s security threats. **Michael T. Corgan PhD.** Associate Professor of International Relations, Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston Univ., Adjunct Faculty, Univ. of Iceland. Assoc. Faculty, Univ. of Lapland.

**FRIDAYS 10:30–11:30 a.m. – APRIL 6, 13, 20, 27** – Hermann Room  
**The Portuguese In Falmouth – Updated and revised.**

Session 1: Portugal, the Azores and First Wave. Session 2: Immigrants and Outcasts, Second Wave. Session 3: Immigration Restriction and Assimilation. Session 4: The Third Wave to Present day. **Lewis A. White** worked at M.I.T.’s Synchronic Lab and NASA’s Electronic Research Center. He completed graduate work at Worcester Polytech and taught computer technology at Poly Tech. and at Hesser College.

To Register: send your selections with your name, address, phone number and e-mail to  
Joy of Learning, P.O. Box 480, Falmouth, MA 02541

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to enroll in the following course or courses:

Icebergs \_\_\_\_\_ Exotic Campaigns \_\_\_\_\_ Navy \_\_\_\_\_ Portuguese \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to volunteer to help with the following course \_\_\_\_\_

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All courses are free and open to the library community.

## SPOTLIGHT ON TAMMY AMON



Tammy Amon, the Circulation Department Head at the Falmouth Public Library, has been a welcome presence at the library since 1990. Over the past 28 years, she has worked under four library directors, first processing overdue notices and working in registration her first three years before assuming her present position in circulation. According to Tammy, she “enjoys seeing people and books matched up at the circulation desk” and “is proud of the fact that the town of Falmouth supports five libraries that share the CLAMS system.” Tammy is a true Cape Cod native, having grown up on Quisset Avenue in Woods Hole. Like her mother, grandmother, and great grandmother before her, she attended the Woods Hole School and graduated from the old Lawrence High School in downtown Falmouth. Her maternal grandfather was the legendary Sam Cahoon who owned the successful Harborside Fish Market conveniently located on the Great Harbor wharf abutting the railroad tracks servicing Woods Hole. Her father was Homer P. Smith, the general manager of the Marine Biological Laboratory for nearly 40 years.

As a senior in high school, Tammy began working the first of four summers at the Marine Biological Laboratory Library printing articles that people requested for their research and delivering books to the college classes that were being taught at the MBL. She was fascinated by the students who were “passionate about squid” and whose research might possibly contribute to the improvement of vision or the curing of diseases. Tammy recalls that when she went away to Colby-Sawyer College in New Hampshire and the University of Missouri to pursue library courses her friends would refer to her hometown as “bug hunterville.”

When Tammy returned from Missouri, she met her husband Douglas, fittingly, in a library in Cambridge while she was working in the Economic Development Department Library at Harvard University. They eventually moved to Woods Hole to raise their son Tyler and their daughter Hannah. For 20 years, Doug managed the Oak Grove Cemetery in Falmouth before assuming the management of the Church of the Messiah Cemetery in Woods Hole for the past seven years. And in 2013 when Tammy’s mother died at 95, she and Doug moved back to her childhood home on Quisset Avenue where Tammy looks forward to sharing family memories with her five granddaughters.

Tammy credits Mrs. Helen Gray, a former head librarian at the Woods Hole Library, as her role model for becoming a librarian and understanding how central a library is to all our lives. As Tammy notes, she “was a wonderful influence in helping me to appreciate the importance of a kind library setting within our community.” Of course, the Friends of the Falmouth Public Library know how kind, generous, and supportive Tammy has been to our library community. She has stated that the “Friends have allowed us to be a first rate library. They support our needs, services, programs, and supplementary finances. We are a better place because of the Friends.” Likewise, the library is a better place because of Tammy Amon.

*Lenny Miele, Friends VP*

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