The Millennials Have Arrived  
From the Director, Megan Allen

In 2015, Millennials surpassed Baby Boomers in sheer numbers to become the largest U.S. generation. These young Americans born between 1981 and 1996 differ from the older Gen X, Baby Boomer, and Silent generations in many interesting ways, according to a series of recent studies by the Pew Research Center.

The Millennial generation is the most racially and ethnically diverse in American history and is more likely to have at least some college education, more likely to be living in a metropolitan area, and less likely to be married. Millennials are less affiliated with political parties and religious institutions but more attached to friends and social networks. They are the first generation of “digital natives” and the most avid users of the Internet and mobile technologies.

As I ride the T these days, pretty much all I see are phones and other mobile devices where once commuters were perusing print books and newspapers. And yet, the research shows that Millennials care about books and libraries just as much as their elders do. Younger adults not only visit libraries and borrow print books as often as older adults, they use library computer and Internet services even more, and are significantly more likely than older Americans to use the library as a study or “hang out” space.

In recent years, the TCPL has been strengthening and expanding services to teens and younger adults, the demographic cohort that has been least visibly served at the library. With our first ever Young Adult Librarian on board and a Teen Advisory Board in place, we have improved our teen book collection, purchased digital equipment and software for gaming and other teen programs, and created a comfortable teens-only space at the main library. New this year, our Homework Help program provides teens with a rewarding community service experience as volunteer tutors for younger students after school.

To enhance the library as a place to “hang out,” we now have designated conversation, quiet, and silent zones at the main library. Whether you want to read in peace or meet friends, there’s a comfortable spot available. We continue to expand access to streaming and downloadable digital resources while maintaining a strong collection of print materials, CDs, and DVDs. Our public computer and Internet service recently underwent a complete upgrade, and our mobile app makes it easy for Millennials (and everybody else!) to access library services anytime, anywhere. Most recently, we launched a new series of events and activities for adults in their 20s and 30s (look for the Grownups logo), with more to come.

Here at the TCPL, the nation’s overall generational shifts can be seen in the changing demographics of the library staff: more than a dozen Baby Boomers have retired over the last five years, a trend that will likely continue apace for some time to come. This seasoned and dedicated group led the library through decades of innovation, from the card catalog into the digital age. Today, Baby Boomers still represent about half of the library’s staff team, with the rest divided evenly between Gen Xers and Millennials. Our younger librarians are just as passionate about library service as their predecessors were, and the future of the library as a vibrant and relevant community institution for every generation of Quincy residents lies in their creative and capable hands. As a Baby Boomer who can’t imagine life without a good public library nearby, I find this eminently reassuring—and I hope you do, too!

Save the Dates!

Wednesday, April 13 • 7 p.m. • Friends’ Social

Gear up to hit the road at the Friends’ popular annual social. Gather ideas for local day trips and getaways. Mingle with fellow Friends for the people scavenger hunt. Enjoy refreshments and door prize drawings. See you at the social!

Tuesday, May 10 • 6:30 p.m. • Friends’ Annual Meeting and Program

Brief business meeting at 6:30 p.m. followed by intriguing talk by a local private investigator. See page 6 for details.
**Have You Seen? The Children’s Room is in Candy Land!**

The whole children’s room looks like the Candy Land game board; stop by and check it out. This winter and spring the Friends will be sponsoring children's programs for all ages. The various popular weekend program series will continue. Check the library's website, [thomascranelibrary.org](http://thomascranelibrary.org), for calendars, details, and updates on these and all other library programs.

**First Saturday** of each month: *Music and Movement with Rubi* for our youngest patrons has been so popular that we are now running two back-to-back sessions at 10:00 and 10:30 a.m.

**Second Saturday**: Cathy deVeer presents a *Drop-in Story Time* for children ages 2-5 at the North Quincy Branch at 10 a.m.

**Third Saturday**: Denise Shaver and Diana Kane will present *story times* at the main library for ages 2-5 at 10 a.m.

**Fourth Saturday**: brings *Full STEAM Ahead Science* exploring the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math.

**First Thursday** at Wollaston, 10-11:30 a.m. *Preschool Science Discovery*: Enjoy simple science activities and experiments with your toddler.

*Mad Science* will join us in February for *Eggbert and Ice* featuring some “cool” science experiments for wintery weather.

The *Children's Museum in Easton* will be presenting *Squishy Circuits*, a technology program in March, and *Build It!* an engineering program in April. May brings *Let's Gogh Art* with their *Science of Art* program, showing how science and art combine to create some amazing things.

Special programs coming! **February** we’ll be showing the *Minions* movie at Adams Shore, playing children's video games on our big screens, and hosting a morning of *Candy Land* games and crafts at the main library. **March** brings Dr. Seuss’ birthday, and once again we’ll be celebrating in the children’s room. **April** we’ll be hosting *Mr. Vinny’s Puppet Show*, including the tale of the “12 Little Pigs and the Big Bad Pineapple,” and having a *parade for International Children’s Day*.

**Homework Help** is here! **Monday** and **Wednesday** afternoons from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Under the supervision of teen librarian Kerri Darcy, a team of high school volunteers provides homework assistance to children in grades 1-6. Stop by the main library children’s room for details.

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**Friends Make It Happen! Did you know?**

Children’s Librarian Julie Rines noted that basically all of the programming in the Children’s Department is sponsored (performers paid for) or supported (money given for supplies for staff-presented programs) by the Friends.

Library Director Megan Allen reported that between October 2014 and 2015 the number of new children’s programs has increased by 28% and the number of children attending has increased by 40%.

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See page 7 for *Calling All Teens*, four upcoming programs geared to teenagers.
Fight Cabin Fever with Programs for Adults this Winter!

Visit the library and take advantage of the wonderful programs for adults this winter, including concerts, evening films and matinees, lectures, discussions, and even tech help. You can’t go wrong with the selection, many of which are sponsored by the Friends.

Winter Concerts at the Crane Sundays at 3 p.m.

1/10: Akiko Kobayashi, violinist
1/24: Allison, Paul Ciemniwa, harpsichordist, and Allison Messier, mezzo-soprano
2/7: Raley Beggs, Classical Guitar
2/21: The Nick Dinnerstein Quartet
3/6: The Craft String Quintet
3/20: Hiroya Tsukamoto, Acoustic Guitarist, Impressionistic and Cinematic Music

Device Advice, Tuesdays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Cooking with Books at Adams Shore branch, second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
2/8: Chocolate
3/8: One-Pot Meals
4/11: Italian Food
5/9: Cookouts

Danger: Fracked Gas in Quincy?
1/26 at 7 p.m. with Dr. Curtis Nordgaard

Human Sex Trafficking
2/2 at 7 p.m. w/Joan V. Barry, My Life My Choice

The (almost) Lost Art of Writing a Love Letter
2/9 at 7 p.m. with author Kevin V. Symmons

Antiques Roadshow
2/16 at 7 p.m. w/appraiser Kenneth Gloss

Leaving a Lasting Legacy: Planned Giving
3/2 at 6:30 p.m. w/TCPLF (See p. 5 for details.)

Crime by the Book:
3/8 at 7 p.m. White Devil, The True Story of the First White Asian Crime Boss,
with author Bob Halloran
4/11 at 7 p.m. Master Thieves, The Boston Gangsters Who Pulled Off the World’s Greatest Art Heist,
with author Stephen Kurkjian

Discover Historic New England
3/15 at 7 p.m. Boston Marathon, History by the Mile,
with runner and author Paul Clerici

Go Places @your Library
4/19 at 7 p.m. Indonesia/East Timor, with world traveler and photographer Barry Pell

The Family Business, Memoirs of a Boston PI
5/10 at 7 p.m. with author and PI John DiNatale
(See p. 6 for details.)

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Boston Bronze and Stone: Celebrating Public Art
5/17 at 7 p.m. with author Joseph R. Gallo Jr.

So Close to Home: A True Story of an American Family’s Fight for Survival During World War II
6/21 at 7 p.m. with author Michael Tougias

New! Grownups Programs for the 20/30s Crowd

Retro Video Game Night: 1/25 and 2/23 at 7 p.m.
Grown-up Game Night: 1/27 at 7 p.m.

Cards Against Humanity
Classic Films: Saturdays at 1 p.m.

Movies, Movies, Movies!
Wednesday matinees at N. Quincy at 2 p.m.
Thursdays, main library, 1 p.m. and reshowing at 6:30 or 7 p.m., depending on length of film.

Book Clubs

Booked for Lunch; first Friday monthly, noon
Join other readers for a lively exchange of authors and titles over your brown bag lunch.

World Literature; one Friday monthly, 10 a.m.
2/12: Saving Fish from Drowning by Amy Tan
3/11: Land of Love and Drowning? by T. Yanique
4/8: Life after Life by Kate Atkinson
5/13: All the Light We Cannot See by A. Doerr
6/10: Etta and Otto and Russell and James
by Emma Hooper

Device Advice: Free Tech Help
Take Advantage of Hands-on Individualized Help

Having a hard time getting the TCPL app to work on your phone/tablet? Want to learn how to do live video-conferencing for free with your device (Skype)? Want to learn how to take advantage of all the eBooks, eMusic, eMagazines, and eEverything? Then Device Advice is for you.

Drop by and talk with our skilled librarians during this dedicated tech-advice session. Come to the top floor and someone at the big desk can help you find where this program is taking place.
**Teepees, Tuteurs...What’s in a Name?**

“Just what are those teepees? And what is the point of them?” These are common questions about the installation of cone-shaped bamboo structures that are distributed across the flower beds called the Atrium Gardens. Though most patrons call the form a “teepee,” the correct name is “tuteur” (pronounced “too-TUR”). The structure is commonly used in gardens to support climbing plants, beans for example, during the growing season. They are especially useful in very small garden plots or roof decks so that vertical space can be maximized for color, texture, and produce. The word “tuteurs” derives from French and has the same origins in the archaic English root of tutor: to train, school, or discipline.

Our tuteurs were first created to solve a traffic problem. The campus of the TCPL is comprised of three distinct buildings constructed over a period of 130 years. Alas! There are so many doors but only two are official entries for patrons. Frequently, new visitors arriving on foot from the MBTA are attracted to the imposing façade of the Coletti Wing that faces Washington St. They mistakenly believe that they will find the library entrance through the old children’s entrance or the doors at the top of the double staircase. Both egresses are necessary as emergency exits; they cannot be blocked and nor can the sidewalk, even though it is a dead end.

For almost a decade, the Atrium Gardens were not maintained; when visitors arrived and discovered their mistake upon trying to seek entry to the library, they beat shortcuts through the beds to the entrances of either the new addition or the Atrium. When the Wollaston Garden and Operation Day’s Work clubs replanted the Atrium Gardens four years ago, we watched how visitors and patrons moved around and through the flower beds. With the coming of winter when so many of the summer perennials would die back, we were worried and knew that we needed to discourage foot traffic to protect the young plants.

The Friends consulted with the Wollaston Garden Club on potential strategies. Contrary to Carl Sandburg’s advice, we had no budget to surround the beds with fences. We decided to fill the Atrium Gardens with tuteurs to create impediments for any pedestrians considering a shortcut. The colors that we chose were inspired by red and yellow traffic lights: “Stop!,” “Warning!,” and “Do Not Cross.” They were painted red, yellow, and two shades of orange. This year, the bamboo sticks are covered in combinations of duct and electrical tape in the same color scheme.

We hope they will last a few more winters. We are delighted that the idea has worked far beyond our original intent. Library patrons really like them and have often complimented the aesthetic effect. The warm, cheerful colors and the repetition of forms provide something bright and pleasing to look at on a bleak, grey day. Immediately after a snowstorm, they are surprising pops of color above the new-fallen snow. Also, at four different heights (18", 30", 42" and 66" above grade), they are intriguing snow gauges. Finally, they are just fun. Dare we call the installation “public art”?

Thanks to Claire Fitzmaurice, Friends’ garden coordinator and member of the Wollaston Garden Club, for her report.

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**Branch Libraries Offer More Hours**

Can’t remember the branch hours? Clip and tape to your refrigerator.

**Adams Shore:** Monday 1-9, Tuesday 9-5, Wednesday & Thursday 1-5.

**North Quincy:** Monday 1-5, Tuesday 1-9, Wednesday & Thursday 1-5, Saturday 9-1.

**Wollaston:** Monday & Tuesday 1-5, Wednesday 1-9, Thursday 1-5.
Honor Your Loved Ones & Your Library

Frequently a member of the Friends wishes to acknowledge a special occasion or honor a deceased loved one or friend.

If you wish to honor someone with a gift to the Friends of the Thomas Crane Public Library, please complete this form and mail it with your donation.

Send to: Thomas Crane Public Library
Attn. Ina Cutler
40 Washington Street
Quincy, MA 02169

Please make your check payable to: Friends of the Thomas Crane Public Library (FTCPL).

Your gift will be acknowledged with a letter (card) to the recipient of your thoughtfulness and with a thank-you note to the donor.

Tribute gift given by:

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In honor of ______________________________

Please send acknowledgement to:

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Address ______________________________
Message (optional) ______________________________

For inquiries, please call 617-472-8793.
**Friends Invite All to the May 10 Annual Meeting and Presentation by Boston PI**

Join the Friends for the annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. and special program at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10. Learn about the operation of the Friends’ organization and vote in the election of the executive board. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served by 6:30 p.m.

Come hear Boston private investigator John P. DiNatale speak about his book, **The Family Business, Memoirs of a Boston PI**. He began an apprenticeship with his father in his late teens, accompanying him on surveillances and investigations, taking notes during interviews of criminal defendants, penning witness statements, and ultimately learning the art of investigation through practical experience. He and his father started the detective agency in 1968, and he has been a practicing private investigator in Boston 40+ years.

He will share his perspective on his father’s role in the Boston Strangler investigation, and you will hear revelations of some of the most interesting cases this family agency has worked on over the years—from cheating husbands and wives, to rape accusations, the theft of a Stradivarius violin and a Louis the XIV desk, large-scale gray marketing, missing children (including the son of an African dictator), wiretapping, and more.

The book offers a look beneath the surface of city life, into the minds of those who break the law—from murderers and rapists to welfare cheats and petty thieves—as well as insight into families troubled by divorce, addiction, and secrets. Books will be available for purchase.

John DiNatale has lectured and offered presentations at law schools and legal conferences. He has been a featured guest on numerous television and radio programs and his articles have appeared in *Lawyers Weekly*, the *Journal of the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys*, and other publications. He is a charter member of the Licensed Private Detectives Association of Massachusetts; he served on that organization's board of directors for five years and as president from 1994-95.

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**Please share this Friends’ Membership Form with Friends**

Name: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
City/State/Zip: ____________________________
Phone: ____________________________
Email: ____________________________

Categories – check one

______ Individual $10
______ Family/Household $15
______ Sponsor $25
______ Patron $50

Additional Contribution

Please make checks payable to: Friends of the TCPL.
You may drop this form off at the library or mail it to:
Friends of the TCPL
40 Washington Street
Quincy, MA 02169

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**TCPL APP: Free, Get It!**

Scan the QRC above to get the TCPL app or search your app store for “Thomas Crane Library.” You will love the speed, convenience, ease of use, and efficiency. And it’s a free app!

Get instant access to your account, check items out using your tablet or smart phone, get a super-easy search of our catalog, catch up on the latest additions to our collection, read the library calendar, get the latest library news, and more!

Available for iPhones and iPads, Android devices, Kindle, and Windows phones—if you have a smart device, you should be able to get this app.
Crane Library Bookstore Update
Bill Mackey, Bookstore Committee Chair

So far winter has been gentle with us. Knock on wood that it may continue thus. 2015 ended on a strong note, with the week of 12/17 and 12/19 generating the highest weekly sales of the whole year. Sales for the entire year totaled $22,379, an increase from $20,772 for the prior year. For 2015 there was an additional $1,039 received from a third party for excess books. Thanks to all for your support towards another successful year.

A year ago at this time, we were wondering if the Olympics were coming to Boston. It didn't happen, but as recompense, the Patriots did pull off a miracle, and there is still hope for a repeat this year.

Change continues all about our immediate neighborhood. The new auditoriums at Quincy High and Central Middle School both seem to be adding to the cultural life of the city. Many familiar faces from the Friends are to be seen as both patrons and performers at the many events. The refurbished old City Hall is quite beautiful and also worth a visit. All positive signs that hopefully will generate some foot traffic and visibility for the bookstore.

I would encourage members to come out for the ongoing bi-weekly *Winter Concerts* classical music series (see p. 3) that will continue into March. It's a perfect way to while away a winter Sunday afternoon when you tire of football games or are too fatigued for skiing.

Please note that supplies of books, movies, and CDs in the children’s section of the bookstore have been restocked since Christmas and our successful children’s sale of several months back. We would love to see more children visiting us. Free CDs, DVDs (some in Chinese), and VHS tapes are still available. As always, there is a limit of five per customer.

On a final note, this would be a great time to visit us in order to stock up before any possible winter snows. Please keep in mind that all proceeds from the store are used to support library programs and activities that are not available through the normal library budget. Hope to see you in the bookstore soon.

TCPL Needs You!
The library is in dire need of volunteers to help shelve non-fiction books. If your Dewey Decimal System skills for shelving are rusty, the library will train you.

A few hours a week, flexible hours, great work environment, paid with deep gratification. Contact the library at 617-376-1315 or email qvolunteer@ocln.org to sign up for a satisfying volunteer opportunity.

South Shore Children’s Museum Pass

Have you visited the South Shore Children’s Museum (SSMC) inside the Hanover Mall? It’s where “play and learning come together” and exhibits use interactive play to teach about American history. A new pass, offered by the library due a donor’s generosity, admits 2 adults for free and all children under 16 are free. The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Check out the SSMC website at www.southshorecm.org and view the calendar to see a wide range of events.

Calling All Teens

*Tabletop Board Games*, 2/2, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Drop-in board game program; come on by.

*Maker Lab*, 2/9, 1:30-3:30 p.m. and 3:00-5:00 p.m. Explore your creative side with TCPL’s new computer lab and digital equipment.

*Book Discussion*, 2/11, 4:30 p.m. Share your thoughts on *We Should Hang Out Sometime: Embarrassingly, a True Story*, by Josh Sundquist.

*Teen Tech Week: Maker Lab*, 3/8, 3:30 p.m. Celebrate Teen Tech Week in the new Maker Lab. Work on new or existing projects.

*The Teen Advisory Board (TAB)*, 1/28, 3:30 p.m. The TAB meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Come voice ideas and make suggestions for what you want to see happen in the library! Snacks provided.

**Dates to Remember**
March 2 • Leaving a Lasting Legacy
April 13 • Friends’ Social
May 10 • Friends’ Annual Meeting/Program
**Friends’ Board Meeting Highlights**

There have been four meetings of the Friends’ board since the fall 2015 newsletter.

Library Director Megan Allen reported a number of exciting developments for the children’s department. A new science initiative, “Full STEAM Ahead,” with science, technology, engineering, art, and math aspects, has been added to the monthly lineup. “Mother Goose on the Loose” story hour is being offered weekly at 6:30 pm and has proved very popular. Thirty new child-safe Launchpad tablets, preloaded with literacy and educational apps, are available for loan and in very high demand. The new literacy program, “1,000 Books Before Kindergarten,” has begun.

Megan noted other developments. The library is now fully staffed. New exterior lighting for walkways around the main library is in the works. A new digital microfilm reader/printer is available for patrons’ use. Younger adults in the 20s and 30s age group will be targeted with hands-on creative programming that will be promoted through social media and a Meetup group.

Treasurer Susie Wilkening reported a healthy bank balance. The library received a donated pass for the South Shore Children’s Museum in Hanover. Membership renewal letters, with a list of programs funded by the Friends in the past year, were mailed, and the thank-you letters include an updated guide for members. Bill Mackey of the bookstore committee said that bookstore sales generally top $500 per week. Nonfiction and history donations have been high.

The children’s book sale in November was very successful; Bill credits increased publicity for the success of the sale and steady weekly sales. Claire Fitzmaurice noted the gardens are ready for winter after a prolonged summer and the colorful protective tuteurs are in place.

Barbara Newman, who’d been shepherding the Memorandum of Understanding to completion, presented the final revision to the board. It was approved and sent to the trustees for their approval. President Diane Dopp reported on the progress of gaining 501(c)(3) status for the Friends. The audit and financial reports are complete; the Friends’ board approved a conflict of interest policy, and the application will be reviewed before submission.

Plans for the annual meeting and Friends’ social are in the works. The board presented departing member Maureen Bertman with a certificate of appreciation for her service. The board appointed Nadine Steffan to fill the vacancy.

**A Hearty Welcome to All the New Members of the Friends for 2016!**

Renewals continue to roll in! There are currently 400 paid-up members of the Friends of the Thomas Crane Public Library, including our newest members, listed below. Friends make it happen.

- Bob Begin
- Lynne Courtney
- Robin Curtis
- James T. Dalton
- Nilufer Jackson
- Marie-Louise Jackson-Miller
- Nancy Kramer
- Julianna Lozynsky
- Casey O. Neumann
- Paige E. Neumann
- Sara Tess Neumann
- Have you “Liked” the Friends on Facebook? We’re at 375 “Likes” and are aiming for 400.

“Like” us on FB and visit for instant updates on the TCPL and Friends’ programs and activities. Find us at:

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President — Diane Dopp
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Trustee Member — Janet DiTullio
Library Director (ex officio) — Megan Allen

Friends...make it happen. The Friends of the Thomas Crane Public Library is a nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to raising money for special programs and raising public awareness of the library’s vital role in the educational and cultural life of Quincy.

Sign up for the monthly library e-newsletter for updates and program details or check the website: thomascranelibrary.org.