As Quincy approaches its 400th anniversary as a settlement, it is an apt moment to consider the rich heritage that surrounds those of us who live and work in this historic city of presidents, granite, shipbuilding, and immigrants. High profile sites like the Adams Mansion and the Church of the Presidents spring immediately to mind, but the whole city is strewn with a multitude of historically significant but lesser known buildings, monuments, and markers, including some that honor the indigenous residents who lived here before Europeans even arrived.

Quincy’s stories are also contained in records, documents, photographs, audio/visual media, and memorabilia tucked away in various archives around the city, including your public library. While TCPL’s local history collection is relatively small, it contains many unique treasures, some of which are virtually unknown beyond a handful of librarians. Preserving these materials for posterity and making them more accessible to both historians and curious local residents have been challenging tasks over the years given the library’s limited space, funding, and staff resources, but nevertheless we have persisted!

Our earliest efforts to provide online access to special collections can still be found on the library’s website. Quincy’s Granite Legacy and Quincy’s Shipbuilding Heritage were created in 2000 with the help of a Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) grant from the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners. Peruse these collections to find an array of photographs and documents that tell the stories of two significant Quincy industries.

Since these initial efforts, we have gradually digitized photographs of churches, schools and other historic buildings; the 1986 Quincy Historical & Architectural Survey; the Quincy Historical Society Newsletter; the Quincy Sun; and historic Quincy postcards. More recently, we have collaborated with the Boston Public Library to digitize Quincy’s high school yearbooks and 160 years of city annual reports. Next up: City of Quincy Voting Lists and Resident Lists from 1889-2016, which will be sent off to BPL this month for scanning in its high-tech digital lab.

These rich and fascinating resources represent only a small portion of the library’s archives. For example, among other hidden gems nestle dozens of oral history recordings made by Broad Meadows Middle School students in the 1990s under the direction of teacher Ron Adams. To mark the 50th anniversary of World War II, 7th graders reached out to neighbors and family members to document their experiences at war and on the home front. A subset of this project includes 18 interviews—both audio recordings and written transcripts—with former shipyard workers in the Winnie the Welder collection.

Two other notable and unique collections are the Amelio Della Chiesa and
**One City, Many Stories** (cont’d. from p. 1)

the Percy G. Lamson collections. The former was donated to TCPL during the 1970s and consists of 11 boxes of material belonging to the former mayor and his family. Educated through the 8th grade, Della Chiesa became the youngest master plumber in Massachusetts at the age of 17. During World War II, Della Chiesa stepped in to fill his brother’s City Council position. He served as the 25th mayor of Quincy from 1954 to 1965, also serving as a state representative. This collection, unprocessed and inaccessible to the public since arriving at the library, includes photographs, scrapbooks, filmstrips, memorabilia, and documents covering his time in office and his family life.

The Lamson collection consists of papers belonging to the longtime advertising manager for the granite industry, and reflects the development of the industry during the 1910s and 1920s. The materials cover an important era in Quincy’s granite manufacturing history, which spanned a period of nearly 140 years. Lamson’s son donated the collection to the library in 1987, and it has remained untouched for over 30 years.

As part of the library’s continuing effort to preserve and provide access to these and other unique local history materials, we applied for and received another LSTA grant this year. Led by Head of Technical and Local History Services Therese Mosorjak, this latest project will re-house fragile materials in proper containers, create finding aids for three of TCPL’s archival collections (including the Lamson and Della Chiesa collections), and provide library staff with archival training so that additional collections can be processed in the years to come. After processing and cataloging, digitization efforts can commence and these rare primary source materials will become available online.

A strong community plans for its future and understands its past. Here at the library, we are continually planning and innovating to meet current and projected community needs, while at the same time honoring the city’s heritage in the careful preservation of historic library facilities and collections. We invite you to visit us in person and online to explore Quincy’s storied history.

**SURPRISE!**

...at the Friends’ Crane Library Bookstore

Recently, while sorting books for the children’s section, my eyes opened wide. *First Thousand Words in Japanese* had been donated. Quickly I recalled an interest expressed by my 13-year-old grandson, who lives in Paris, in Japanese Anime and his plans to visit the country with his mother in the fall.

For $1, I purchased this wonderful Christmas present which had the picture, Japanese word, and pronunciation all in one. Marc (right, with the book) was delighted with his very different Christmas gift.

The Friends continue to be thankful for the continued support from our community. The quality and volume of the gently used donations from our clients for the past seven years have allowed the bookstore to flourish. The bookstore raises at least $20,000 a year. This money supports the museum passes, programs for all, and movies.

I enjoy my unexpected FINDS discovered while volunteering at the bookstore!

*Thanks to Betty Molloy for sharing a tale of discovery.*

**Smile for the TCPL: Easy Peasy!**

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The Friends Make It Happen!
Friends’ Funded Programs
October 2017 - September 2018

The Friends funded 543 programs in the past year, attended by 10,541 people: 3,056 children, 1,493 teens, and 5,992 adults.

What a Difference the Friends Make!

Adults
• Abigail Adams Smith: Breast Cancer Treatment History
• Two Open Sings with Dr. Del Case
• Go Places @your Library with Barry Pell
Micronesia, Melanesia, and Polynesia
• Discover Historic New England
Inspiration: JFK and John Quincy Adams, with Dan Breen
New England Pie: History Under a Crust, with Robert Cox
Jordan Marsh, with Anthony Sammarco
• Genealogy: 2 sessions with Seema Kenney
Introduction Workshop on U.S. Census Reports
• QHS/NQHS Holiday Choral Concert
• Tragedy at Chappaquiddick with Dr. Don Nelson
• How to Listen to Classical Music with Dr. Del Case
Four-part lecture series
• Birds with Peter Christoph
Epic adventures of a Massachusetts bird photographer
• Your Big Backyard
Ruth Gordon’s Quincy with Sally Owen
Saving Sea Turtles in Quincy, documentary film
• Go Green @your Library: The Age of Consequences
• Wasted! The Story of Food Waste, documentary film
• Star Wars in Song: Comedic musical tour with Austin Burns, Jonas Kublickas, Elizabeth Walsh, Chris Hess
• Guided Listening Party of the Beatles’ White Album with Dr. Del Case
• 250 Decorating Tips under $50 and Big Ideas for Decorating Small Spaces with Barbara Graceffa
• A Wing and A Care with director Shawn Carey, film
• Cooking with Books, monthly at Adams Shore

Grownups 20/30s
• Crafterdark: Quincy Rocks!
• Video Game Night, monthly
• Hearthstone Fireside Gatherings, monthly

Teens
• Supplies for Teen Advisory Board meetings, book discussion groups, crafts, video gaming, movies
• All Hallow’s Eve Party
• Taste Test Tuesdays
• Teen Pie Time
• Learning to Create Handwritten Notes
• Teen Trivia
• Graduation Celebration
• Guerilla Gardening
• Summer Reading Kickoff and Final Celebration
• DIY Ice Cream

Children
Friends funded supplies for arts and crafts, early literacy materials and programs, movies, video gaming, and more.
• Music and Movement with Rubi Lichauco, monthly
• Multiple Saturday Story Times with Denise Shaver, Susan Paino, and Ryan Rachette
• Summer Reading Supplies and Prizes
• Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration
• Art-to-Go: Weekly Summer Program at all Libraries
• Science Saturdays: Tall Ships and Pirate Tales, Animal World Experience, Math and Geometry, and Physics of Swordplay with Sir Isaac Newton
• Preschool Discovery, monthly: colors, space, animals, shapes and patterns, human body, ocean, dinosaurs, vehicles, and motion
• Animal World Experience with Matt Gabriel
• Percy Jackson Day
• Turtle’s Wetland Quest Puppet Show, Deborah Costine
• Star Wars Symposium, Peter Struzziero
• Mother Goose Explores, multiple, and STEAM
• Night of the Robots
• Mr. Vinny Bubble Day
• Magician Mike Bent

All Ages
Movies, evenings and matinees, main library/branches • Three concert series with 17 concerts • Esther Earl Field Day

Museum and Zoo Passes
Adams National Historical Park
Boston Children’s Museum
deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum
Edward M. Kennedy Institute
Franklin Park & Stone Zoos
Fuller Craft Museum
Harvard Art Museums
Harvard Museum of Natural History and Peabody Museum
Heritage Museums & Gardens
House of the Seven Gables
Institute of Contemporary Art
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
JFK Presidential Library and Museum
Mass Audubon Society
Mass Parks
Museum of Fine Arts
Museum of Science
New England Aquarium
Peabody Essex Museum
Plimoth Plantation
Roger Williams Park Zoo
Enjoy these Programs for Adults During Winter’s Long, Cold Days
Details and Updates at online events calendar

*Winter Concerts @the Crane, Sundays at 3:00 p.m. in the Richardson Room.
3/3: Fanny Lora, Mezzo-Soprano, accompanied by keyboard, presenting Andaluz, dedicated to showcasing the music of Andalucía, Spain.
3/10: Jerome Mouffe, classic guitar.
3/17: The Golden Lane Trio, traditional Irish music with Pat Black, Colin Everett, and Bill Black.

Discover Historic New England at 7:00 p.m.
2/12: Captives from Africa via the Caribbean with Quincy College professor Kerima Lewis.
*5/14: Classic General Stores with Ted Reinstein, local historian and popular Boston television reporter.
*TBD: Shipwrecks of Cape Cod with author and lecturer Dan Wilding.

*Cooking with Books at Adams Shore, Monthly on second Monday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.
1/14: Comfort Food
2/11: Chocolate
3/11: Gluten Free
4/8 and 5/13: TBD

Crafts and Conversation, Monthly on first Monday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Bring your project to a social time of crafting and conversation. Gather at the table near DVDs on first floor of the main library.

Quincy Unplugged: Open Mic, Monthly on last Monday from 6:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Share your talent on free acoustic open mic night.

Pathways to Wellbeing, Monthly on first Friday at 1:00 p.m.
Sometimes life can be really hard. Everything can feel uncaring and overwhelming. We want to help. Join us for a review of resources available in the Quincy area to help you on your path to wellness.

* Snacks and Apps: Wollaston: 2/20, 3/20, and 4/24 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and N. Quincy: 3/11, 4/8, and 5/13 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Do you know how to use your mobile device to make the most of what the library offers online? Come learn about all the books, movies, TV shows, music, and more available for free from the library.

* Crime by the Book on March 26 at 7:00 p.m.
Christopher Daley, history teacher, author, and lecturer, will present famous unsolved mysteries in Northeastern America.

Decibel Diaries: A Journey through Rock in 50 Concerts on May 6 at 7:00 p.m.
Longtime DJ and music director at WZLX in Boston, Carter Alan, will discuss his book, The Decibel Diaries, and share stories of his lifetime in rock with a tour through fifty concerts. A book signing will follow.

Spring for Poetry on May 8 at 7:00 p.m.
Local poets and lovers of poetry are invited to share and enjoy.

Weekly Yoga Meditation, Saturdays at 3:00 p.m.
Attend free workshops to learn an easy but effective meditative yoga technique led by practitioners from Sahaja Yoga.

*Movies, Movies, Movies*
Beat the winter blues; enjoy recently released films. Check the online library calendar for titles.

Main library shows feature films every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. and flocks repeat that night at 6:45 p.m. or 7:00 p.m., depending on length.
*North Quincy matinees are on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.
*Adams Shore Matinees are on Mondays at 3:00 p.m.

World Literature Book Club, Monthly on second Friday at 10:00 am. Get a copy of the book at the main library circulation desk.

Booked for Lunch, Monthly on the first Friday at noon. Discussion of current reads over your brown bag lunch.

The 20/30s Know How to Have Fun!
February events are below; for details and future plans, go to: Meetup.com/TCPL-Grownups20-30s-Meetup.
2/4 at 5:00 p.m. Craft & Conversation. Come socialize with fellow crafters.
2/11 at 7:00 p.m. Fine Liquorature Book Club. Meet up at The China (681 Hancock St.) to discuss Tiny Beautiful Things by Cheryl Strayed.
2/12 at 7:00 p.m. North Quincy Library Fireside Gathering. Come play Hearthstone in a welcoming, inclusive space with free WiFi.
2/26 at 6:00 p.m. Video Game Night and Hearthstone Gathering. Play some of the hottest new titles and re-experience the classics. There’s something for everyone.

*Sponsored by the Friends of TCPL.
To Prevent Cabin Fever: Attend TCPL Winter Children’s and Teens’ Programs

Most of the amazing Children’s and Teen programs are sponsored by the Friends of TCPL.

Winter Reading Challenge—Sign up, get a Bingo card, read, and log your books for points toward the end-of-challenge raffle. For ages 0-12, until February 28 with prizes drawn on March 1.

Music and Movement with Rubi on 2/2, 3/16, 4/6, and 5/4 at 10:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Popular program with Rubi Lichaung for children ages 0-4 accompanied by an adult. Two sessions to accommodate demand.

Science Saturday, Monthly on second Saturday at 10:00 a.m.
2/9: Snow and Ice Science
3/9: Seeds, Plants, Flowers
4/13: Robotics and Coding

Preschool Discovery STEAM for ages 3-5 at the branch libraries to explore animals, shapes and the human body.

Wollaston on 2/14, 3/14, and 4/11.
North Quincy on 1/26, 2/23, 3/23, and 4/27.
Adams Shore on 1/17, 3/21, and 4/18.

Interactive Science Workshop for ages 6-9, on 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/26, and 3/5 at 3:00 p.m. Will explore air pressure, color chromatography, crystals, and more.

Drop-in Story Times, for Children ages 2-5, Monthly on third Saturday at main library at 10:00 a.m.

North Quincy Drop-in Story Times, Monthly on fourth Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Enjoy Dragons, Dr. Seuss, Pirates, Spring, and Artists.

Movies at Adams Shore, Monthly on third Wednesday.

School vacation weeks in February and April are chock full of fun activities, such as Sparky’s Puppets, Mad Science, and Fun With Chocolate. See the online calendar for dates, times, and details.

Teen Programs at Main and N. Quincy

Teen Advisory Board Meetings, Second and fourth Thursday, 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. at main library, and monthly first Thursday, 3:00 p.m. at N. Quincy.

Library Lock-in After Hours, Thursday 2/26 at N. Quincy. Open to all in grades 7 to 12. Teens take over branch after hours for gaming, movies, pizza, and more.

Main Library Events:
Teen Book Discussion, Monthly, third Thursday at 3:00 p.m. Talk books and munch on snacks.

Game On! Tuesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Pit yourself against choice of gaming systems.

Teen Crane Trivia, Monthly, first Thursday at 3:30 p.m. Pop culture, history, sports, and more.

Taste Test Tuesday, Monthly, second Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. Blind taste testing of yummy foods.

Pop-up Art, Monthly, third Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. Be creative! Explore different mediums.

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library, Tuesday 4/9 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Partnering with Quincy middle schools to present afternoon of activities, with snacks and raffles.

North Quincy Events:
Movies, Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. Flicks & popcorn.

Honor/Remember...Loved Ones

Donations to the Friends of the TCPL were recently made in cherished memory of Paul A. Andrade, Robert W. Danne, Morrie P. Hibbard, Joseph E. McDermott, Leon and Claire Miller, Steven Patts, Iolie and Tony Petrelli, George Wakstein, and Isadore Zack.

Please use the form included on the back page for your donation to honor or in memory of a loved one. It is also available through the Friends’ page on the TCPL website.

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Both Gardeners and Readers Be
Claire Fitzmaurice, Garden Coordinator

Allow me to share an unscientific observation that I culled in the Friends’ flower beds of the Thomas Crane Public Library. Not all avid readers are gardeners, but I find that most gardeners are avid readers. (We don’t judge.)

Many, many library patrons are appreciative of the volunteer efforts of The Wollaston Garden Club and its members who partner with the Friends. They are so generous in their encouragement; however, I am always amused by the brutally honest folks who thank us and then toss over their shoulders, “Better you than me!” There is wisdom in that! After all, Joseph Campbell urged us all to “Follow your bliss.”

So it turns out that there are quite a few writers who were dedicated and blissful gardeners. As the temperatures drop and the winter winds blow more sharply, I offer a short list of titles that are available through the OCLN:

- **Beatrix Potter’s Gardening Life** by Marta McDowell
- **Sissinghurst: Vita Sackville-West and the Creation of a Garden** by Vita Sackville-West and Sarah Raven
- **The Natural World of Winnie the Pooh: A Walk through the Forest that Inspired the Hundred Acre Wood** by Kathryn Aalto
- **Edith Wharton at Home: Life at The Mount** by Richard Guy Wilson

Thanks to our followers! The Friends now have 513 “Likes” on Facebook. Encourage your friends to visit the Friends on Facebook for instant updates on the TCPL and Friends’ events and programs, and give us a thumbs-up while there. There’s a lot happening all the time at the TCPL.

Find us on Facebook at:
www.facebook.com/FriendsTCPL

New Membership Drive; please share with nonmembers!

Name: ________________________________
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City/State/Zip: ________________________________
Phone: ________________________________
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- ___ Sponsor $25
- ___ Patron $50
- ___ Additional Contribution

Volunteer Opportunities

- ___ Bookstore
- ___ Mailings
- ___ Membership
- ___ Gardening

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

Crane Library Bookstore Coupon

Visit the Friends’ Crane Library Bookstore behind the Richardson Building. The entrance from Spear Street is handicapped accessible.

Open for business Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Thursdays 8:00 to 8:00 p.m. Look for the signs.

Present this coupon to the cashier for a free book with the purchase of a book or media of equal value ($0.50 - $2.00).
Friends’ Board Meeting Highlights

There have been four meetings of the executive board since the fall 2018 newsletter.

Library Director Megan Allen shared preliminary findings from the FY 2018 annual report. Physical material circulation was up for children’s and teen print books but down for adult materials. Digital use increased by 22% and represented 11% of overall circulation. There was a 3% overall increase in programs presented.

Megan also submitted reports on adult program attendance and museum pass usage for the Friends’ board to use for planning purposes. A tween program is being developed in collaboration with the Quincy Public Schools. The first TGIF after hours social was very successful with almost 100 attendees. The library has hired a new employee to fill an open IT library assistant position.

Treasurer Nadine Steffan recommended not renewing the Audubon pass based on cost and low use, and suggested a pass for Historic New England. The board reviewed both and voted to approve the recommendations and will explore other possible passes, such as the Sandwich Glass Museum and Boston Harbor Islands ferry service. The Friends’ bank account balance is healthy.

Helen Logan, membership committee chair, reported that committee members staffed a Friends’ table at the Food Truck Festival to promote awareness of the Friends. The committee has scheduled the spring social and annual meeting for April 7 and May 14, respectively, and lined up two speakers. Membership renewals roll in at a steady pace and the committee meets regularly to process them.

Helen Logan and Bonnie Ashworth attended the Friends of Libraries “Friends Sharing with Friends” program in Shrewsbury, and were impressed with the enthusiasm, knowledge, and commitment of fellow Friends. They recommended that others attend future meetings.

The Friends are signed up to participate in the AmazonSmile program. Purchases through AmazonSmile generate a donation of 0.5% of one’s purchase to the Friends, with no cost or bother to the buyer.

Bill Mackey, bookstore committee chair, noted the Food Truck Festival drew many new visitors to the bookstore and sales that day were among the highest ever at $731. The bookstore celebrated its 7th anniversary in November with chocolates and free packets of children’s readers. There will be a buy one/get one free sale of DVDs

A Warm Welcome to All the New Members of the Friends for 2018!

We have nearly 400 current members of the Friends, with the newest members listed below. Renewals continue to arrive. Thank you for your generosity and continued support; it is greatly appreciated! Friends make it happen at the TCPL.

Anne Acton
Steve Himmer
Diane E. Krueger
Aliete Langsdorf
Iris Lin

Arlene Mattie
Daniel Quinn
Amanda Varraso
Susan Watkins
David & Beth Weinstein

Bookstore Winter Sale BOGO
(Buy One, Get One Free)

DVDs and CDs: Large Selection
Children and Adult

Come visit the Friends’ bookstore.
Enter from Spear St. at the rear of the TCPL.

OPEN
Thursday 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Don’t you just love a bargain?

TCPL Friends – Officers & Board Members

President — Catherine Lynde
Vice President — Bill Mackey
Secretary — Eileen Courtney
Treasurer — Nadine Steffan
Members at Large — Bonnie Ashworth (Newsletter Editor), Diane Dopp, Claire Fitzmaurice, Danielle Kempe, Helen Logan, Kathleen McCormick, Betty Molloy, Gene Sperry
Trustee Member — Rotating Representative
Library Director (ex officio) — Megan Allen

Friends...make it happen. The Friends of the Thomas Crane Public Library is a non-profit 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.

and CDs due to large donations of media. Sale flyers are being posted around the city.

Claire Fitzmaurice, garden coordinator, reported that the gardens are in winter resting mode. Others commented on the beautiful holly plants with shiny green foliage and lots of red berries as well as the purple cabbages adding a blast of color to the Atrium Garden in winter.

The CPA is preparing an audit and review of procedures for FY 2015-2018. Diane Dopp submitted the annual report to the Secretary of State, as required of all nonprofit organizations.
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.

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