



# FRIENDS *of the* THOMAS CRANE PUBLIC LIBRARY



## From TCPL Director Sara Slymon

Greetings! I am the new Library Director! I have been at the Thomas Crane Public Library since June, and am thrilled to be a part of such an exciting community!

I have spent my entire career as a librarian, working for twenty-nine years in various capacities in both public and corporate libraries. I most recently worked as the Director of the Public Library of Brookline, and previously served in the same role in Randolph at the Turner Free Library -- one of the first public libraries in Massachusetts. I also worked as an Assistant Director at the Thayer Public Library in Braintree. While in Brookline, I designed and deployed an extensive renovation at Brookline's Coolidge Corner Branch Library. As a branch librarian at the Boston Public Library's Mattapan Branch, I oversaw the \$17 million construction of the branch's new facility. I hold a bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, a master's degree in library science from Rutgers University, and am certified by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

The TCPL is a vibrant and storied institution where I look forward to further applying the principles that have guided me throughout my career in libraries -- including ensuring equal access, maintaining and building broad and language diverse collections, and developing inclusive programming that connects the library to the entire community, regardless of age, ethnicity and ability.

My husband and I live in Milton and have two grown children and a very cantankerous cat. I enjoy art, reading, the beach, and skiing.

I have appreciated the warm welcome from the Friends and look forward to many years of success working together!



## Friends of the TCPL Officers & Board Members

- \* Catherine Lynde, *President*
- \* Jennifer Sammons, *Vice President*
- \* Eileen Courtney, *Secretary*
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  - Gunica Bhatia
  - Claire Fitzmaurice
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  - William Mackey
  - Hilary Miller
  - Laura Owens (*Newsletter*)
  - Gene Sperry
- \* Sara Slymon, *Library Director*  
(*Ex-Officio*)

## Letter from President Catherine Lynde

Greetings to you all! I'm delighted to introduce two new Executive Board members for the Friends. *Hilary Miller* is a Park Ranger for the National Park Service at the Adams National Park. She previously worked at the Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls, NY, as well as Fort Necessity National Battlefield and Friendship Hill National Historic Site in southwestern Pennsylvania. Hilary is also an adjunct History Professor at Quincy College. *Erin Kostigen* is the educational director of a private special education school in MetroWest. She has two children in the Quincy schools and uses the Adams Shore Library frequently. Erin has particular expertise in the use of social media as well as publicity.

While we're delighted to have Hilary and Erin joining us, we also have to say adieu to two long-standing Board members. After fifteen years of service, *Betty Malloy* is stepping down from the Board. Betty served as President of the Board from 2011-2014, and has played an important role in just about everything the Friends of the Thomas Crane Library has done. Betty was one of the founders of the bookstore in 2011 and helped expand the Friends and raised funds for library programs, all to enhance the lives of Quincy residents. She is a force of nature and will be sorely missed. Fortunately, she continues to be the chief sorter of children's books for the bookstore, as she has done since the beginning. *Kim Calvi* has served on the Board for several years and has been our "face" on QATV for a quarterly update on our activities. She is the owner of a media marketing company and has been very involved in the development of our social media presence. We'll miss her input and participation.

Our group of Friends continues to grow; we now number 620. Last year's renewal campaign was very successful, thanks to all of you. To join or renew your membership online and pay with a credit card, please visit [thomas-cranelibrary.org/friends](http://thomas-cranelibrary.org/friends), choose your membership from the drop down menu and click "Join Now". You can also print a membership form and mail a check, if you prefer.

We are interested in learning how to better communicate with you. If you would like to receive our communications, such as our newsletters or renewal notices, by email, please let us know! Send an email to [quincylibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:quincylibraryfriends@gmail.com) or fill out our survey at <http://bit.ly/FOTCPL2021survey>.

We're also making it easier for you to donate to the Friends of Thomas Crane Public Library! Now when you visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsTCPL>, you'll be able to make a donation to the Friends from a button at the top of the page. You can also help us by creating a Facebook fundraiser benefiting the Friends for your birthday (or really anytime!). Best of all, we receive 100% of all donations - no credit card or service fees are deducted.

Your generous support has allowed us to continue offering many engaging educational and musical programs for adults and children. Many of our programs which aired in the past year are available to watch or rewatch on the Library's YouTube channel. Check out the upcoming programs for Children, Teens, and Adults at the "Events & Classes" tab on the Library's website.

We also encourage you to use our Museum Pass program for discounted admission to the Museum of Fine Arts, the New England Aquarium, and the Trustees of Reservations properties, among others. The list of available passes can also be found on the Library's website under the "Events & Classes" tab and on page 7 of this newsletter.



## Friends of the TCPL Bookstore

The media sale in early September was a resounding success. In fact, it was one of the best sales weeks at the bookstore going back to our original opening in 2011. The first week went so well that we successfully repeated the sale the following week! Weekly bookstore sales are still below pre-pandemic levels, but there are positive signs of a rebound.

Our cookbook sale is ongoing and will continue through the end of October. We expect to bring out holiday and gift books for Christmas and Hanukkah, along with holiday media in early November. New this year, we have prints available of the TCPL that are suitable for framing.

The bookstore's 11th anniversary is coming up on Saturday, November 5. In celebration, we are planning on having some giveaways every hour.

Historically the bookstore has accepted payments in cash and in limited cases, checks. We are studying the feasibility of accepting payment via credit and debit cards, which we expect will be a great convenience to the growing number of customers who live in the increasingly cashless world.

There are opportunities for bookstore volunteers, both in sorting donations and in working in the bookstore. Please see the box below for more information about volunteering. Again, my thanks to all for the continued support of the Friends and the TCPL!

***Bill Mackey, Bookstore Coordinator***

### Bookstore Volunteers Needed

The bookstore is looking for volunteers to work on Thursdays, 6:00 to 8:00 pm or Saturdays, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm or 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Volunteers are also needed to help sort book donations at other times.

We have many Chinese language books and are looking for some help sorting them. If you would like to give us some help with this, we'd greatly appreciate it.

If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please contact Eunice Charles at [eunicecharles3@gmail.com](mailto:eunicecharles3@gmail.com).



## Membership Update

With 605 active members, the Friends of the TCPL are stronger than ever. Help us grow ... tell your friends about the Friends!

### Welcome to our new members:

- ◇ Heather Barris
- ◇ Barbara DeVoco
- ◇ Theresa DiBona
- ◇ Nathan Dilgard
- ◇ Linda Donough
- ◇ Arthur Duffy
- ◇ Jan Stetson Duyer
- ◇ Harold Edwards
- ◇ Ann M. Holt
- ◇ Jean Kenney
- ◇ K. Kinnealey
- ◇ Erin Kostigen
- ◇ Mary Jane Larkin
- ◇ Maureen McKenna
- ◇ Susan McPherson
- ◇ Donna Merrill
- ◇ Hilary Miller
- ◇ Patricia Mortimer
- ◇ Sean Murphy
- ◇ Paige Neumann
- ◇ Mary Ellen Reardon
- ◇ The Smith Family
- ◇ Ken Stanford
- ◇ Rochelle Sugarman
- ◇ Joyce Tanner
- ◇ Victoria Ward

**Upcoming Events** Updated information can be found on the TCPL Events Calendar: <https://thomascranelibrary.org/events-calendar>

**Children's & Teen Events (see next page)**

**Cultural Events**

- ♦ ***Concerts at the Crane: The Rubin Brothers*** Sunday, November 6, 3:00 pm
- ♦ ***Family History Research Series: On Receipt of Ancestry DNA Results*** Monday, November 14 at 7:00 pm
- ♦ ***Concerts at the Crane: The Modernistics Trio*** Sunday, December 11, 3:00 pm
- ♦ ***Family History Research Series: Following the Trail of Shared Matches*** Monday, December 12 at 7:00 pm

**Movie Matinees**

- ♦ ***Love & Thunder*** Wednesday, November 2 at 1:00 pm
- ♦ ***Elvis*** Wednesday, November 9 at 1:00 pm
- ♦ ***Cave Rescue*** Wednesday, November 16 at 1:00 pm
- ♦ ***Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris*** Wednesday, November 23 at 1:00 pm
- ♦ ***Jurassic World Dominion*** Wednesday, November 30 at 1:00 pm



**Remembrance Fund**

*Everyone wants to be remembered, whether it is for a birthday, an anniversary, a special thank you, or an expression of sympathy for the loss of a dear one. If you have such an occasion to remember someone, please use the form on the back page. The donor will receive a receipt and the recipient will be sent a personal acknowledgment. Donations recently received:*

- ♦ Ann Yeomans

*Thank you for your support of the Friends!*

**Social Media & Website Info**

***Stay connected to the Friends of the TCPL:***

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/FriendsTCPL/](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsTCPL/)

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# DINOVEMBER



FALL II STORYTIMES	AGES 3+	AGES 2-3	AGES 4-8	12-24 MONTHS	AGES 2-3	AGES 2-3	4-11 MONTHS	12-24 MONTHS
	MONDAYS 10AM	MONDAYS 10AM	MONDAYS 3PM	TUESDAYS 10AM	TUESDAYS 10AM	WEDS. 10AM	THURSDAYS 9:30AM	THURSDAYS 11AM
	MAIN LIBRARY	NORTH QUINCY	REGISTRATION REQUIRED WOLLASTON	REGISTRATION REQUIRED MAIN LIBRARY	ADAMS SHORE	MAIN LIBRARY	MAIN LIBRARY	MAIN LIBRARY REGISTRATION REQUIRED
	11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5 & 12/12	11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5 & 12/12	11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5 & 12/12	11/15, 11/22, 11/29, 12/6 & 12/13	11/15, 11/22, 11/29, 12/6 & 12/13	11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/7, & 12/14	11/17, 12/1, 12/8, & 12/15	11/17, 12/1, 12/8, & 12/15

3  
6:30PM

**Family PJ Storytime**  
 AGES 1-5. at the Main Library

5  
10AM

**TOY TIME**  
 AGES 9-23 MONTHS at the Main Library

5  
3PM

**DINOMAN DINOSAURS!**  
 AGES 3+, at the Main Library

10- W  
16- AS  
19- NQ  
26- ML

**Preschool Discovery: Dinosaurs!**  
 AGES 3-5. at these branches:  
 WOLLASTON. NOVEMBER 10 at 3PM  
 ADAMS SHORE. NOVEMBER 16 at 3PM  
 NORTH QUINCY. NOVEMBER 19 at 10AM  
 MAIN LIBRARY. NOVEMBER 26 at 10AM

12  
10AM

**Native American Heritage Month Storytime**  
 AGES 3+. at the Main Library

14  
6:15PM

**ARABIC STORYTIME**  
 AGES 3+. at the Adams Shore Branch

15  
7PM

**DUNGEONS & DRAGONS**  
 Online & in-person at Main Library  
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED** AGES 10-15

To register online, visit our website at [thomascranellibrary.org/events-calendar](http://thomascranellibrary.org/events-calendar) and click on this program's title on NOVEMBER 15.

16  
6:30-8PM

**Ex.P.L.O.R.E**  
 (Experiment Play Learn Observe Read Examine)  
 GRADES 4-6 AT WOLLASTON LIBRARY

19  
10:30 & 11AM

**Music & Movement**  
 with Ms. Rubi!  
 In the Main Library Meeting Room

## BOOK CLUBS FOR KIDS

**NIGHT OWL BOOK CLUB**  
 Grades 3 & 4  
**NORTH QUINCY:**  
 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 AT 7PM  
**MAIN LIBRARY:**  
 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10 AT 7PM



This month join us for *A True Home* by Kallie George. The first in the Heartwood Hotel series about a mouse discovering the true meaning of home in this charming, illustrated chapter book abounds in courage, kindness and adventure. Copies of the book are available to check out or as an e-book or audiobook.



**GRAPHIC NOVELS ONLY! BOOK CLUB**  
 Grades 3-5  
 NOVEMBER 9 AT 7PM, MAIN LIBRARY



This month we'll be discussing Mac Barnett's *The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza*. Something terrible is happening in the skies! Rates are eating the moon and there's only one hero for this job... a cat! A cat who will be blasted into space. Copies of the book are available in the Children's Room or as ebook.

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## TCPL Garden Notes

### **Drought Tolerant Plants in The Friends' Flower**

**Beds** *Drought*. This is a frightening word and up until now, the home gardeners of New England have been mostly spared the challenges of drought. During this Summer of 2022, folks who are not even gardeners were well aware of the high heat and absence of rain that we experienced.

When I became a homeowner in Quincy, my mother gave me a very useful gardening book called *The Weekend Garden Guide: Work-Saving Ways to a Beautiful Backyard* by Susan Roth (1991). Roth argued for including drought-tolerant plants and shrubs to save time. Gardens are meant to be enjoyed and are not meant to be drudgery. I confess that I call myself "frugal" and I loved the idea of saving time and money. Early on, I defaulted to "drought-tolerant" plants for any garden beds that I planted. "Xeriscaping" was a concept then in use way out West in places with dry and infertile soil. Gardeners were encouraged to use native grasses, perennials, and succulents. Including native plants in our gardens is fundamental to maintaining our local ecosystem for supporting insect and bird populations. Pronounced "zee-rah-scaping," the word is a derivative of the Greek word "xeros," which means dry. In landscaping terms, xeriscaping means using slow-growing and drought-tolerant plants to conserve water and establish a waste-efficient landscape. Perhaps you have noticed the proliferations of grasses and succulents available to home gardeners? Try 'em, you'll like 'em.

The flower beds at the TCPL have irrigation systems for which we are profoundly grateful. Without those systems, I doubt the Friends' Gardeners could have lasted as we have. Still the beds are large and there are sections that are out of range of the irrigation systems. During the especially dry weeks, I brought up my hoses and watered the parts of the beds that were parched. The long summer days

gave me plenty of time to access and appreciate the beds in the quiet hours early in the morning or after 5 pm on a Friday night. From the beginning of the building of The Friends' Gardens, we chose reliable, drought-tolerant perennials such as *Sedum* "Angelina", *Nepeta*, *Echinacea*, *Rudbeckia*, *Heuchera*, *Lavender*, *Irises*, *Baptisia*, *Asters*, *Russian Sage*, *Hostas*, *Grasses*, *Montauk Daisies*, *Cranesbill* *Geraniums*, *Calendula*, and *Veronicastrum*.

Because of the irrigation systems, we have the luxury of planting annual flowers which are grown to bloom only for one summer. The pansies planted in the spring by the Broad Meadows Middle School were followed by hot pink *Vinca*, white *Dipladenia*, and the yellow *Lantanas*. They are still giving a show as I write.

Gentle reader, please accept a garden hint. "Drought Tolerant" plants are not a free pass to skip watering. New plants need to be watered regularly until they are established. (This might take a couple of years.) Beware the paradox of over-watering. If you water your plants too much then they set shallow roots which will be weak. Let the plants set deep roots and you will have a strong plant. (Methinks there is a moral there...) I want to thank all the Friends and patrons who have been so supportive this year. There were a few awfully hot days when we, my garden partner Mimi Balsamo and I, truly appreciated the compliments and the encouragement!

**Claire Fitzmaurice, Garden Coordinator**

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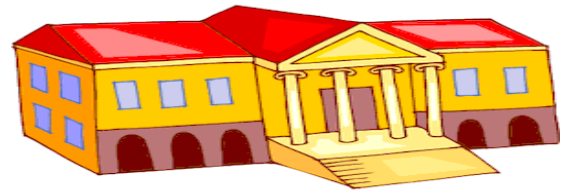
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- ♦ Edward M. Kennedy Institute
- ♦ Franklin Park & Stone Zoos
- ♦ Fuller Craft Museum
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- ♦ Harvard Museum of Natural History & the Peabody Museum
- ♦ Heritage Museums & Gardens
- ♦ House of the Seven Gables
- ♦ Institute of Contemporary Art
- ♦ Isabella Stewart Gardiner Museum
- ♦ JFK Presidential Library & Museum
- ♦ Massachusetts Audubon Society
- ♦ Mass Parks
- ♦ Museum of Fine Arts
- ♦ Museum of Science
- ♦ New England Aquarium
- ♦ Peabody Essex Museum
- ♦ Plimoth Patuxet (formerly Plimoth Plantation)
- ♦ Roger Williams Park Zoo
- ♦ Trustees of Reservations GO Pass:

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- ⇒ Ashley House
- ⇒ Bartholomew's Cobble
- ⇒ Bryant Homestead
- ⇒ Cape Poge
- ⇒ Castle Hill
- ⇒ Chesterfield Gorge
- ⇒ Crane Beach
- ⇒ Eleanor Cabot Bradley Estate

- ⇒ Fruitlands Museum
- ⇒ Halibut Point
- ⇒ Long Point Beach
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- ⇒ Mission House
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