

# FRIENDS OF THE Ayer Library

## FALL 2021 NEWSLETTER

The Ayer Library is open Tuesday through Saturday for in-person browsing, historical research, computer use, study or work, or just relaxing with something to read. Visitors are strongly encouraged to wear masks while inside the Library building, and curbside services are still available upon request. For more information about Library services and programs, contact the Library at 978-772-8250 or [ayerlibrary@cwmars.org](mailto:ayerlibrary@cwmars.org). You can also visit the Library's website at <https://ayerlibrary.org> for updated information and to sign up for the Library's email newsletter.

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**Friends Executive Committee Elections:** At the Friends' Fall quarterly meeting there was an election for the Executive Committee 2022 members of the Board of Directors. All current members agreed to serve another term and were voted in. Elected members include Carol Horgan, President; Liz Nonis, Vice President/Treasurer; Laurie Sabol, Secretary; Elaine Sullivan, Member-at-Large. And Ellen FitzPatrick agreed to serve as a Member-at-Large as well as editing the *Friends Newsletter*.

**Mark Your Calendars!** The Friends of the Ayer Library quarterly meetings for 2022 have been scheduled for January 19, April 27, July 20 and October 19; all on Wednesday nights from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Whether meetings will be held in the Library or via Zoom is to be determined. The public is welcome to all Friends quarterly meetings.

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**Tote Bags for Friends Members:** All active members of the Friends of the Ayer Library are entitled to a free canvas tote bag. If your membership is paid up-to-date then your name is on the list at the Library Reservation Desk, where you can ask for your free tote bag. The Friends' Annual Membership Dues are \$10. Membership now covers one year from the time a member joins or renews their membership, rather than the calendar year. To pay your dues you can 1) send a check for \$10 made out to the Friends of the Ayer Library c/o the Ayer Library at 26 East Main St., Ayer, MA 01432 or 2) use the PayPal link on our website at [ayerlibrary.org/friends](https://ayerlibrary.org/friends) to pay online. You can become a new member by downloading the membership form on the Library website and mailing it with your \$10 check to the Library. The Friends of the Ayer Library is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, so your membership dues are tax deductible. Dues support the programs and services of the Ayer Library, such as Summer Reading Program Prizes, Fiber Arts Programs and Spice Kits.

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**Birding Author & Illustrator David Sibley Speaking Program:** The Friends of the Ayer Library joins the Friends of the Hazen Memorial Library in Shirley to sponsor a presentation by award-winning, New York Times bestselling author and illustrator David Sibley, whose *The Sibley Guide to Birds* is as well-known as *Peterson Field Guides*. The program on Sunday, April 3, 2022 is part of The Bull Run's Speaker Series. Purchase tickets at [tickets.bullrunrestaurant.com/davidsibley](https://tickets.bullrunrestaurant.com/davidsibley). The program begins at noon with an optional brunch starting at 10:00 a.m. Proceeds from the event will support programs and services at the Ayer and Shirley libraries. For more info on David Sibley, visit [www.prhspeakers.com](http://www.prhspeakers.com) and watch for local news articles and the *Friends Winter Newsletter*.



Friends Executive Committee, left to right, back row: Liz Nonis, Carol Horgan, Laurie Sabol; front row: Ellen FitzPatrick and Elaine Sullivan, at the Holiday Treasure Trove book sale, following Town Hall mask protocol.

**The Holiday Treasure Trove:** On November 6<sup>th</sup>, the Friends partnered with the Ayer Cultural Council to sponsor a Holiday Treasure Trove, selling books, holiday gifts and arts & crafts at the Ayer Town Hall. The event was a huge success. Many books were sold and the Friends raised more than \$1300. Thanks to all the Friends and Library staff who helped, as well as Boy Scout Troop 3, Ayer DPW staff and highway personnel, our guest book readers and especially to JulieAnn Govang and the Ayer Cultural Council.

**The Friends Sale Items:** The Friends are offering some unique holiday gifts this year. Samantha Benoit displays the historic 11" x 17" Ayer Junction Map (circa 1875) available in either black & white or sepia tone for a suggested donation of \$10. To order ask at the Library Reservation Desk, go online to [www.tinyurl.com/orderayermap](http://www.tinyurl.com/orderayermap), or contact the Friends at [friendsoftheayerlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftheayerlibrary@gmail.com).



There's also an 8" x 2½" wooden Ayer Library model, designed by The Cat's Meow as part of their Central Massachusetts Series. One side features an illustration of the Library exterior



and the other a history of the building. Suggested donation is also \$10.

**New Name for Book Sale Room:** The Book Sale Room in the basement of the Library has been renamed the Friends Book Cellar. It is currently open and overflowing with hardback and paperback books as well as CDs and DVDs. However, no new book donations are being accepted at the Library.

**amazon smile** The Friends of the Ayer Library was added to the list of non-profit organizations you can choose to receive a portion of your Amazon purchase price by using AmazonSmile. Visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) to sign up and choose "Friends of the Ayer Library Inc" as your charity to start generating donations at no cost to you. Any members interested in helping with the Friends with this or other fundraising programs should contact [friendsoftheayerlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftheayerlibrary@gmail.com).

**Books on Wheels:** The Library *Books on Wheels Program* will restart soon, delivering no-fee Library materials to the home of Ayer residents who are permanently or temporarily unable to access the Library. Volunteers are needed. Contact Samantha Benoit at [sbenoit@cwmars.org](mailto:sbenoit@cwmars.org) if you can help.

**Friends Fund Spice Kits:** Barbara Cheeks, Ayer Library Head of Adult Services, last year introduced a new program – Spice of the Month. It features a sheet of information on how to use a spice mix (like Apple Pie, Chai Spice, or Gingerbread in December) with the pre-packaged spices to make it attached. It's so successful that it's been extended through 2022. The Friends pay for the spices. Coming in 2022 – Chaat Masala, Buffalo Seasoning Mix, and Everything Bagel. Ask for a Spice of the Month Kit at the Main Circulation Desk or sign up for notices by calling 978-772-8250.