



Fall 2019 Newsletter

This newsletter is an outreach effort to members of the Friends to let you know what's happening at the library and how your membership dues are used.

Report from Friends Meeting on October 2019

- Members of the Friends completed review and approval of new by-laws.
- Members expressed appreciation to Liz Nonis who founded the Friends and served as our first President for many years. We are indebted to her for all the work she did in forming & maintaining the group for 20 years!
- We approved \$6,000 for Library Programs in 2020, out of an annual budget of \$9,000.
- The Friends gave thank you gifts for long-time library staffer Nancy Askin who retired in October. We also give annual appreciation gift cards to all library staff in December
- For a full copy of the minutes of the last meeting or of the new By-Laws, please contact Friends Secretary Laurie Sabol at friendsofayerlibrary@gmail.com or 978-496-5839.
- New Executive Committee Elected:
 - Mary Metzger: President
 - Carol Horgan: Vice President
 - Liz Nonis: Treasurer
 - Laurie Sabol: Secretary
 - Elaine Sullivan: Member-at-large

Mark Your Calendar



Annual Library Holiday Party – Saturday, December 7, 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Upcoming Friends Quarterly Meetings -- January 16, April 16, July 16 & October 15. Thursdays 5:30PM – 8:00 PM, at the Library

Friends Annual Garden Sale – Saturday, May 30, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM on the Library lawn

Remember to Renew Your Friends Membership Dues for 2020

Annual Friends of the Ayer Library dues will remain \$10. You can pay dues at library front desk or print Friends Membership Form at www.ayerlibrary.org/friends.asp and mail with cash or a check to the Friends of the Ayer Library, 26 East Main St., Ayer, MA 01432. We are also working to set up online dues payment system in the near future.

Donate your used books and DVDs for resale in the Friends Book Sale Rooms. No textbooks please.

Green Thumbs Wanted

The Friends' Annual Garden Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 30, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. At our January meeting we'll set up a planning committee and work on finding people to donate items for the sale and work during the event, as well as advertising the sale to the community. This year we hope to expand the sale from just plants to include other garden items as well.

New Books on Wheels Program Is About to Start

Library staff and the Friends will launch an innovative new program before the end of the year. **Books-on-Wheels** is a no-fee library materials delivery service for Ayer residents who are unable to visit the library. Friends Vice President Carol Horgan and Library staffers Samantha Benoit and Christina Zoller are finishing the Volunteer Handbook. They will also be recruiting volunteers to take calls from patrons wishing to borrow items; to help locate the items on library shelves; and to do the actual deliveries. If you can contribute even a couple of hours a week to this program, please contact Samantha at 978-772-8250. This program will allow those who are temporarily or permanently confined to their homes to utilize library services.

Your Friends Membership Dollars at Work

Here's a list of just some of the great programs the Friends funded at the Ayer Library in 2019: Summer Reading Program, Star Wars Symposium, Kids' Crafts, Sisters-in-Crime Author's Talk, Living with Bears, Pumpnickel Puppets, Hands on Nature Storytime, Tea Workshops, Mushroom Workshops, Art Workshops in pastels, watercolors and paper crafts, Family Bingo Night, Yoga Storytime & Annual Holiday Party. Hope you and your family participated.

A Few Remaining Tote Bags Now on Sale

The Friends created a great Tote Bag that's on sale at the library for just \$15. All proceeds go to the Friends to promote library services & programs. Great for carrying books, magazines, DVDs, etc. to and from the library. And they make great gifts!

Please Give Us Your Ideas and Feedback!

Help improve services & programs at our Library. Email us: friendsoftheayerlibrary@gmail.com

Are there any new Museum Passes you'd like to see the Ayer Library offer?

What programs would you like to see offered at the Ayer Library in 2020?

If we sponsor a local/regional authors speakers series, are there any authors you'd like to see participate?

Thanks for being a member of the Friends of Ayer Library!

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