

## FALL 2020 NEWSLETTER

**2021 Friends Executive Committee members elected  
at the Friends Fall Meeting October 15:**

Carol Horgan, President  
Liz Nonis, Vice President/Treasurer  
Laurie Sabol, Secretary  
Elaine Sullivan, Member-at-large



**NEW – ShopWithScrip Gift Cards Sale:** The Friends of the Ayer Library has partnered with ShopWithScrip to offer patrons an easy and convenient way to shop for gift cards **from over 750 businesses** while a portion from each purchase will go directly back to the Friends, to support library collections and programs offered throughout the year.

With the holidays approaching and the pandemic resurging, it is a great time to take advantage of shopping from home and ordering gift cards while supporting your local library! **Gift cards are available from Amazon, Visa, Walmart, Best Buy, Kohl's, Target, Dunkin', Starbucks, CVS, Subway, Kmart, Stop & Shop, Ace, Exxon, Sunoco & many more.** Start today by going to [ShopwithScrip.com](https://www.shopwithscrip.com) and clicking "Join a Program" or downloading the RaiseRight app ([iPhone](#) | [Android](#)) on your phone and use the library's enrollment code **7CCF3EA97168L**.

Order gift cards from local businesses you're already shopping at for groceries, gas, health and beauty, department store items and more! Your purchase will benefit our library and its goal to offer learning and entertainment opportunities for Ayer residents.

Any members interested in helping with the Friends with this or other fundraising programs should contact [friendsoftheayerlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftheayerlibrary@gmail.com)

**Book & Media Sale:** The Friends sponsored their first outdoor book /media sale in the Library parking lot on October 24. It was a great success, raising more than \$1,500 for library programs and services. There were many attendees, who were all socially distanced and wearing masks. This helped to significantly reduce the number of books in the Library's basement Book Sale Room. Kudos to event organizers Laurie Sabol, Elaine Sullivan & Carol Horgan and to all the members and staff who assisted.





**AmazonSmile:** The Friends are adding Ayer Library 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](https://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.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** The next Friends of the Ayer Library meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 20**; whether inside in the Library or via Zoom is to be determined. The remaining quarterly meeting dates for 2021 include **April 21, July 21 and October 20**.

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**Friends Membership:** The Friends experienced a 60% increase in memberships in 2020, and we hope to do as well in 2021. Annual Friends Membership Dues cover the calendar year. If you have not yet paid your 2020 membership dues, please do it now and it will cover the rest of this year as well as your membership for all of 2021! 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 use the PayPal link on the our website at [ayerlibrary.org/friends](https://ayerlibrary.org/friends). You can become a new member by downloading the membership form on the website and mailing it along with your \$10 check. Some membership forms will also be available on the tables used for curbside pickup. The Friends of the Ayer Library is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

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**Book Sale Room Donations:** The Book Sale Room is currently closed and no new donations are being accepted. **The Books on Wheels Program** also remains on hiatus until further notice.

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#### **News from Ayer Library:**

- Adult craft kits are now available for curbside pickup. They change monthly. Call or email the library to request a kit.
  - Also, newly acquired book covers are now on display in the front window of the Library and are available to be checked out. Call or email the library to order the new book you want.
  - The Library is planning to be putting more information out via email. Use [this link](#) to sign up for the Library's email list to get updates on programs and service changes during the pandemic
  - You can also check the Library website – [ayerlibrary.org](https://ayerlibrary.org) – to learn about planned events and other services at the library.
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**The Ayer Library Board of Trustees:** Board Meetings are open to the public. To become better informed about the Board's plans for the Ayer Library, visit [ayerlibrary.org/trustees](https://ayerlibrary.org/trustees) to learn more about their meetings. During the pandemic, meetings are held virtually rather than in person.

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**Happy Holidays:** Our next Friends of the Ayer Library Newsletter will be published in January. Until then we hope you all stay safe and well. Enjoy the upcoming holiday season. We hope you can stay in touch with friends and family, even if not in person.