

FRIENDS OF THE Ayer Library



SUMMER 2021 NEWSLETTER

The Town of Ayer has eased restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and the Library is now open for public browsing in conjunction with outside curbside services during new hours: Tues.-Thurs. 10:00 am – 8:00 pm, Fri. 10:00 am – 5:00 pm and Sat. 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Patrons can request curbside pick-up by phone or by email. Library staff will no longer be making phone calls in regards to holds unless requested by the patron; email notifications will be sent instead. Library staff recommends that all visitors to the library wear masks. For more information please contact the Library at 978-772-8250 or ayerlibrary@cwmar.org.



Friends Membership: The Friends' Executive Committee is giving a free Friends of the Ayer Library canvas tote bag to all active members. If your membership is paid up-to-date then your name is on the list at the front desk in the Library. Also, if you rejoin now, along with your free tote bag, you can choose up to 10 free books/DVDs/CDs during one visit to the Library book sale room. The Friends' Annual Membership Dues use to cover the calendar year, but a new by-law was recently passed that reads:

"Membership shall be one year from the time a member joins or renews their membership."

If you have not yet paid your 2021 membership dues, please do it now to get on the tote bag list. You can 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 our website at [ayerlibrary.org/friends](https://www.ayerlibrary.org/friends) to pay online. You can also become a new member by downloading the membership form on the Library website and mailing it along with your \$10 check. Some membership forms will also be available inside the shed used for curbside pickup. The Friends of the Ayer Library is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, so your membership dues are tax deductible. Dues are used to support the programs and services of the Ayer Library. **Once you are a new or renewed member of the Friends, be sure to pick up your free tote bag!**



Upcoming Friends Fundraiser: On Saturday, November 6, The Friends will be partnering with the Ayer Cultural Council to sponsor a Holiday Treasure Trove, selling books, gifts and arts & crafts at the Ayer Town Hall's Great Hall from 12 noon – 5:00 pm. There will be a huge number of books on sale as well as vendors selling enough gifts and arts & crafts to fill all your holiday shopping wishes.

While the Library is still NOT accepting book donations, you can donate your books, DVDs and CDs for this sale by bringing them to Town Hall's Great Hall on the following FRIDAYS only – October 22 & 29 or November 5 from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. You must drop your donations off with a Friends staff member. Also, we need members of the Friends to help with this fundraiser. Please email friendsoftheayerlibrary@gmail.com or call 978-496-5839 if you can work at the book donation collection on Fridays or during the holiday sale. Please attend this event and tell your friends about it.



The Friends have added the 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 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.

Sale Room Donations: The Book Sale Room is currently open but no new donations are being accepted at the Library. **But you can drop off books, DVDs & CDs at the Town Hall on selected Fridays – October 22 & 29 and November 5 between 11:00 am and 1:30 pm prior to the Holiday Book, Gift and Arts & Craft Sale on November 6!**



Books on Wheels

Home Library Delivery

The Ayer Library *Books on Wheels Program* is expected to restart in September, delivering no-fee library materials to the home of Ayer residents who are permanently or temporarily unable to access the Library. Residents of Nashoba Park will once again be receiving a supply of books. However, the program is not just for seniors, but for anyone who is homebound temporarily or long term for any reason, such as recovering from an illness or caring for a newborn. You are encouraged to contact the library at 978-772-8250 or ayerlibrary@cwmar.org for program information. Volunteers are also needed to make deliveries.

Join the Friends at the Heart of Hometown Celebration: On Saturday, October 2, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. the Friends are planning to have a table at the Heart of Hometown street festival behind Town Hall. We will be promoting Friends membership, passing out craft kits, selling tote bags and used books, as well as promoting our upcoming Holiday Treasure Trove. Plan to attend and sign up to help us if you can!

Calling All Friends of the Ayer Library – We Need Volunteers! As you can see, the Friends are organizing and staffing a number of special programs in Town. We have a small, but dedicated group of volunteers to work these events, but we need more help. You can get involved to help with planning, advertising or setting up an event. Or you can work at the event. You'll be helping alongside a lot of great people. If interested in working on a specific event or just offering your services as needed, please email friendsoftheayerlibrary@gmail.com or call 978-496-5839.

Mark Your Calendars! The next Friends of the Ayer Library quarterly meeting will be on Wednesday, October 20th at the Ayer Library. At our October meeting, we will accept nominations for the 2022 Friends of the Ayer Library Executive Committee.

2021 Friends Executive Committee:

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