



AMONG FRIENDS

Spring Cleaning & Friends Book Sale Have Arrived!

Sweep off those old books to the Friends book sale.



We will begin accepting books Thursday April 27th and continue until May 16th. The Friends will kick off the Spring Book Sale on Thursday May 18 6 – 9pm. The general public is invited Friday May 13, 5 – 8pm and again on Saturday May 14 from 10am – 4pm. Sunday noon – 3pm is Bag Day. All the books you can fit for \$5 a bag.

We will be holding orientation for book sale volunteers Saturday April 29 at 11am in the small conference room. If you are interested in volunteering for the Spring Book Sale, or involved with an organization interested in collecting our left over books, please contact us at FriendRoxburyLib@aol.com.

See you at the sale!

Our lives have been enriched by knowing her, sharing her interests.

Suddenly we are left to travel alone, taking with us her love of learning, to share with others as she shared with us.

author Unknown

Barbara Blackburn



Barbara Blackburn, Friends recording secretary, passed away January 5th.

Barbara's presence at board meetings, book sortings before and manning the cash register during the sales, and all other Friends' functions, was always welcome.

Her enthusiasm and eclectic tastes in literature was contagious. Always quick to share an author, book, or subject, being with Barbara was also a learning experience. Whether it be a travel expedition, history or poetry, Barbara had read about it. Listening to her enthusiastic synopsis of a book or a subject made for sure sales. Barbara was always interested in hearing

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your suggestions and learning something new.

Ever ready with a Friends' membership form she was one of our best boosters. Barbara is truly missed.

Friendship arises out of mere companionship when two or more of the companions discover that they have in common some insight or interest or even taste which the others do not share and which, till that moment, each believed to be his own unique treasure (or burden). The typical expression of opening Friendship would be something like, "What? You too? I thought I was the only one". . . . It is when two such persons discover one another, when, whether with immense difficulties and semi-articulate fumbblings or with what would seem to us amazing and elliptical speed, they share their vision – it is then that Friendship is born. And instantly they stand together in an immense solitude.

C S Lewis, *The Four Loves*

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That's what Friends are for...

Ever wonder what the Friends do? Our goal is to “stimulate community awareness and use of the Free Public Library of the Township of Roxbury... and to support the Library in developing its facilities” If you would like more information about donating your time or money to the library, visit our Website at www.roxburylibrary.org.

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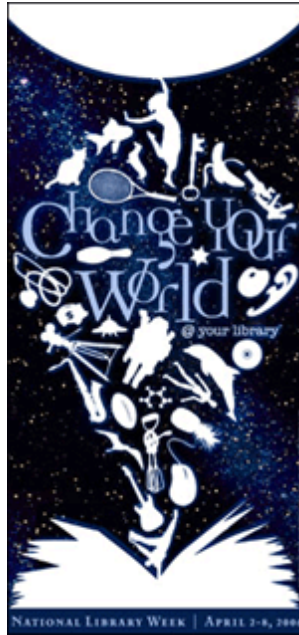
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National Library Week



April 2-6 is National Library Week, a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers to their communities.

National Library Week is the perfect time to come in and see how the library can help you change your world. Whether you're looking to make a small change in your life or a big change in the world, the Roxbury Library has the books and magazines, databases and free Internet access that can help you get it done.

Libraries have always been places of opportunity and one of the best values in the community. The librarians and library staff at are there to help you find what you're looking for so you can achieve your goals.

For more information about National Library Week, visit the

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library's Web site at
www.RoxburyLibrary.org.

Read Across America

What better way to celebrate a birthday than a pajama party? On Thursday, March 9th, as part of the Read Across America program, Dr. Seuss's birthday was celebrated with a special pajama story time in the children's area of the library. Mayor Martin Schmidt, Caroline McLaughlin and Miss Diane were special readers of Dr. Seuss books. The children in attendance were given goodie bags from the Friends. NEA's Read Across America focuses the country's attention on how important it is to motivate children to read in addition to helping them master basic skills.



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The Read Across America nationwide reading celebration takes place each year on or around March 2nd, the birthday of the beloved children's author Dr. Seuss, who epitomizes a love of learning. This ongoing program is underwritten by the Friends.

Director's Corner

By
Mary Romance



Americans value their libraries, and they show that appreciation by using their libraries in large numbers and by supporting library funding. The library is seen, quite correctly, as both a benign and benevolent pillar of the community and is one of the very few places you can go and be provided with educational, recreational, and/or useful materials for free. You can walk out the door of a public library with hundreds of dollars worth of your tax money all because you have a library card!

In these challenging economic times, libraries are being used more than ever, and are responding to public demand for additional goods and services, even though funding levels don't increase at the same pace. Therefore, the same amount of library staff, almost all with fewer resources, are providing more services, such as story hour for babies, programs for seniors, teen events, and community reference and outreach.

On Tuesday, April 4, 2006, during National Library Week, communities across the country will celebrate National Library Workers Day and the valuable contributions of our librarians and library support staff. Libraries are part of the American dream – places for opportunity, education, lifelong learning and free and equal access to a world of resources no matter your age, income or background -- but that dream would not exist if it were not for the people who work in libraries.

Library workers organize and maintain everything that is in the library. Materials need to be selected, ordered, processed, and then made available for users. From a book for research or leisure reading to a wireless connection for your laptop, a skilled and dedicated human is responsible for its presence in the library. Library workers—catalogers, circulation staff, reference/technology librarians, library assistants, maintenance people, student assistants, youth services staff, webmaster, administrative assistant, account supervisor, to name a few—all work together to provide access to the present while preserving the past.

They plan for the libraries of the future and community displays. They choose, order, catalog, label, and shelve all of the books, media, magazines and newspapers, and other materials. They lobby for funding and crusade against censorship. Library workers read stories to children and provide services for the disabled. They suggest good reads, organize book clubs, and get the word out. They provide information on any, and every, subject, and also throw fabulous parties (everything from American Girl Tea Parties to Teen Events).

Those in public library service are skilled and knowledgeable researchers

who know just which tool to use for which information need, and know how to navigating through a variety of electronic and print resources, including almanacs, bibliographies, catalogs, databases, dictionaries, gazetteers, encyclopedias, reviews, and yearbooks. And they know! More and more, those who work in libraries need to know how to use technology. Library workers are drawing on education and experience to locate just the right answer, and can simplify the process of looking for accurate information.

Library workers do all this and more, even though they are rarely thanked and so often poorly paid. When municipal budgets become tight, library funding is often cut. Yet, tough times are when the library is needed most, and full funding provides a valuable community resource.

Working in the library is rewarding for most people because it involves giving a service that contributes to the overall quality of life in a community. It is positive work that should be recognized in a society that values knowledge, learning and opportunity.

I encourage everyone to take a moment to thank our library workers for the services they provide and to remind our public officials that libraries, and library workers, provide vital services, programs, and collections, each and every day.

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National Library Workers Day

April 4th, we say thanks to our librarians. In order to recognize the hard work, dedication and expertise of library support staff and librarians, Tuesday of National Library Week is designated National Library Workers Day.

Librarians are the ultimate search engine. Librarians are trained experts in finding information, wherever it is — in books, in archives, on the Web. In a world of information overload, librarians are information navigators — clearing a path, pointing you toward the information you need.

SAVE THAT DATE Upcoming Events

Book Sale Orientation April 29 11am	Book Sale Bag Day May 21 12-3pm
Spring Book Collection April 27- May 16	Annual Friends Meeting May 22 6:00pm
Friends Preview Sale May 18 6-9pm	Volunteer Appreciation May 22 7:00pm
Spring Book Sale May 19 5-8pm May 20 10am – 4pm	Fall Book Sale September 7-10

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