

Friends of the Needham Public Library

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40th ANNIVERSARY SIGNALS RE-COMMITMENT

The 40th book sale on September 29 and 30 upheld its place among Needham traditions. Before recycling became a watchword, Needham residents donated their books to Friends of the Library, and came to buy others' books at the fall sale. Since the first one on Saturday, October 13, 1973, the venue has been renovated and rebuilt, trade and mass market paperbacks outnumber hard covers, and audiovisual materials claim space. Expanded buying opportunities include two-day events in fall, winter, and spring, an occasional one-day event, and an ongoing sale. The newest outlet is online through Amazon.

The original purpose of the nonprofit membership group remains: To advance the goals and enrich the resources of the Needham Free Public Library. The Friends are attuned to its goals and resources through updates by the library director at board of directors'* meetings. Successful book sales translate into generous allocations to enhance the Library's service to the community. After forty years, we celebrate our role. *

* Who are members of the Friends' Board of Directors?

Lois Bacon, Ted Baker,
Bruce Barnett (President),
Jan Bowen (Recording Secretary),
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Mary MacMahon, Lynn McClelland,
Keith McClelland (Treasurer),
Erna Place (Corresponding Secretary),
Susan Richman, Jim Saum,
Gregory Shesko, Sam Stern,
Jane Swett, Gloria Welter



It Would Be a *CRIME* to Miss These Programs

➤ **Sunday, JANUARY 13 | 2:00**

The Other Woman: The World of Fact & Fiction

Hank Phillippi Ryan, Emmy-winning reporter and best-selling author of fast-paced murder mysteries, talks about her latest book with its new female investigator, and the creative influence of her varied career experiences.

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➤ **Sunday, February 10 | 2:00**

The Boston Mob Guide: Hit Men, Hoodlums & Hideouts

Beverly Ford and Stephanie Schorow, journalists and co-authors, present an illustrated lecture, expanding on the history of Boston's organized crime from the early 20th century through the capture of James "Whitey" Bulger.



BOOK SALE

FEBRUARY 2 - 3

9 to 4 Saturday
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1 to 4 Sunday
Bargain Day

**Books and materials
in the Ongoing Sale
half-off on both days**

ALLOCATIONS INCLUDE PRINT, NONPRINT ITEMS

In June, the Friends began the fiscal year with an allocation of \$14,445. The audiovisual collection received almost half the amount; the balance includes the purchase of laptops and several e-readers. The latter were featured at a "petting zoo" on December 13 in the reference department. Other key items were a barcoder, printer, software, and supplies for archives and inhouse publications.

"The most wonderful time of year" for the Friends is after the annual fall sale. This November, we fulfilled a Wish List totaling \$39,662. Both print and nonprint collections in Children's, Young Adult, and Adult departments are well represented. The Archives acquires a negative/photo scanner used to digitize and scan its collection. Costly audiobooks receive a large share of audiovisual funds.

Expanded support for passes and periodicals reflects community interests. Friends have long paid for passes to the Boston Children's Museum and Discovery Museums of Acton. At a cost of \$5,500, Friends will pay for passes to an additional 13 museums, such as the Museum of Fine Arts, Institute of Contemporary Art, and Museum of Science. Contact the Library online or at reference to reserve a pass. Visit the periodical room for Friends'-sponsored international subscriptions like *Hola* or *India Today*. These now include the Chinese language newspaper, *World Journal*. In this spirit, we wish "Bonne Année 2013" to all. *



CELEBRATING YEARS

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ON EXHIBIT IN THE FRIENDS' GALLERY

JANUARY

- Paintings by Natalia Shapirovsky
- Hidden Structures & Colors: Heaven and Earth, Landscapes and Still Life

FEBRUARY

- Paintings by George A. Marks, Jr.
- New England Landscapes

DECEMBER 1—QUITE A SALE

Treasurer Keith McClelland calls this six-hour sale "remarkable" for receipts that totaled \$4,375.51. Assisting book sale chair Greg Shesko at the outset of a busy time of year were: Bill Bacon, Lois Bacon, Bruce Barnett, Barbara Bergquist, Jan Bowen, Julia Buratowski, Robin Buratowski, Joan Dimond, Bob Dole, Kathryn Exon, Ellen Freeman, Tom Harkins, Gail Hedges, Alex Jaszek, Sandra Jaszek, Barbara Lovely, Mary MacMahon, Jim Maguire, Keith McClelland, Lynn McClelland, Linda Novak, Sarah Novak, Mary Lou Pierron, Jim Saum, Sam Stern, Jane Swett, Carol Thomas, Rein Verschoor-Kirss, and Gloria Welter. *

"THANK YOU" FOR YEAR-ROUND SUPPORT

Do patrons marvel at the thousands of books and other materials set out for sales? The Friends always do. We know what is involved in routing donations from the first to the third floor, then back down. Cheers for the library custodians! Ray Cranton handled the largest part of recent sales; Angel Lopez and Howard Egerton no less shared the unending background work.

We credit the patient library staff with enabling the ongoing sale to be ongoing, for answering questions about donations and sales, and carrying on business as usual throughout the hubbub of Friends' events.

We appreciate the essential brown paper bags, supplied by Roche Brothers/Sudbury Farms, and also by our volunteers, who recycle from their own purchases. *

MEMBERSHIP MEMOS

"Welcome" to our new members: Jocylyn Bailin, Claire Dee & David Ecsedy, Reg & Barbie Foster, Betsy & David Harris, Deborah Lovett, Laura Toscano, and Suzanne & Wesley Wildman.

APPLAUSE FOR BOOK SALE VOLUNTEERS June 2-3 and September 29-30

Coordinators Robin Buratowski, Lynn McClelland, and Jane Swett join book sale chair Greg Shesko in expressing appreciation for the volunteer energy that fueled both two-day sales. There is a "J" beside names of those who contributed in June, and an "S" beside those who did so in September. Stalwarts with both "JS" support our claim that it is *fun* to be part of the process.

Bill Bacon-S, Lois Bacon-JS, Jocylyn Bailin-S, Bruce Barnett-S, Jo Belval-S, Barbara Bergquist-JS, Jan Bowen-S, Julia Buratowski-JS, Stuart Chandler-J, Diana Cherot-JS, Dylan Copley-S, Kit Copley-S, Barbara Cusack-J, Ann DerMarderosian-J, Joan Dimond-S, Bob Dole-JS, Marguerite Fallon-JS, Ellen Freeman-JS, Jeanne Gerber-JS, Joe Gerber-J, David Glass-S.

Amanda Goldin-J, Rochelle Goldin-JS, Gail Hedges-J, Raekwon Houston-S, Ellen Hysten-JS, Patty Jamison-JS, Alex Jaszek-JS, Sandra Jaszek-JS, Dee Kingston-J, Don Leathe-S, John Lechner-S, Barbara Lovely-JS, Carol Lucibella-JS, Maureen McCaffrey-J, Gina McClellan-JS, Keith McClelland-JS, Mary MacMahon-JS, Ellen Moskowitz-J, Leslie Needleman-J, Linda Novak-JS, Sarah Novak-JS, Holly Palli-S.

Also, Mary Lou Pierron-JS, Erna Place-S, Sally Powers-JS, Eileen Prato-S, Shirley Pratt-JS, Joyce Preston-S, Hannah Reading-JS, Susan Renaud-JS, Susan Richman-JS, Dorothy Rifai-JS, Dawn Rosenberg-S, Miriam Rovner-S, Jim Saum-JS, Kalpana Shah-JS, Pam Shaw-S, Lynne Stern-S, Sam Stern-JS, Chet Swett-JS, Carol Thomas-S, Rein Verschoor-Kirss-S, Lia Vito-S, Rachel Weinstock-J, Gloria Welter-JS, and Martin Yapp-J.

All of the above, please take a bow for helping to realize \$6,592.81 in June and \$5,795.75 in September, the 40th anniversary sale. *