



Friends of the Woburn Public Library
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Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Report

The Friends of the Woburn Public Library (WPL) is a volunteer organization whose purpose is to promote increased awareness and use of the WPL, support cultural and educational programs for the community, and assist in fundraising for the WPL and the WPL Foundation. The Friends attend community events and raise money to support the WPL's Museum Pass Program for Woburn residents.

FRIENDS OF THE WPL BY THE NUMBERS:

Beginning Balance: \$2,740.16

Ending Balance: \$ 7,766.86

Income: \$10,627.45

Book Sale Shelves: \$448.85

Totes: \$300.00

Book Sale: \$4,850

Expenses: \$5,600.75

Museum Pass Program: \$5,320

Square fees, Book Sale supplies, Postage: \$280.75

Membership: 232

ANNUAL BOOK SALE:

The Friends of the WPL Book Sale returned in September 2023 with rousing success! Countless donations filled the Program Room thanks to the efforts of over 50 volunteers including middle school and high school students earning their YES hours.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

The Friends of the WPL strive to participate in community events around Woburn. We were present for SCI's Juneteenth Celebration and the Summer Reading program kickoff event, both held at the WPL.

August 12th, 2023: WPL Summer Reading Wrap Up

The Friends participated in the Summer Reading wrap up event at the WPL. We handed out freeze pops donated by Friends and frozen treats from Nanabette's. We sold Friends totes and encouraged attendees to check out the Sale Shelf!

THE WOBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY recently hosted several programs as part of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of its Summer Reading Program. The Summer Reading Program, and the many events associated with it, were for both youngsters and adults. Above, twin brothers Ryan and Jackson along with their mother, Lisa Bartlett, color pictures at the Children's Library during the program's Wrap Up Day. While below, the Friends of the Woburn Public Library joined in the celebration hosting a table outside of the Children's Library. Shown here are (l-r) Meg Dunn and Colleen Cormier showing the Friends of the WPL orange bags which were given out. The Friends also joined in giving out ice cream to guests donated by Nanabette's Ice Cream. On the right side of the table are Caitlin Carbonello and Susie, Jack and Julie Cotton. Readers of all ages enjoyed the summer-long program entitled, "Find Your Voice." Readers tracked the books they read and offered up reviews each earning tickets to a year-end raffle which included many prizes. For more on what is going on at the library visit: www.woburnpubliclibrary.org. (Photos from the additional events will be published as space allows) (KAPAndrewsPhotos)



June 15th, 2024: SCI's Juneteenth Celebration

This year we hosted a table at SCI's 4th Annual Juneteenth Celebration held at the WPL. This was an opportunity to meet and interact with members of our community and spread information about the Friends.



June 22th, 2024: Summer Reading Kickoff

The Friends participated in the Summer Reading Kickoff event held by the WPL. The Friends donated a raffle basket with summer fun items! Friends also donated freeze pops and helped hand out frozen treats from Nanabette's during the event. We had tote bags for sale at our table and encouraged visitors to browse our Book Sale Shelves.



MUSEUM PASS PROGRAM:

Pass usage:

July 1st, 2023 - June 30th, 2024: 1170

Current offerings:

Boston Children's Museum

Boston Harbor Islands Ferry

Discovery Museum

Harvard Museums of Science and Culture

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

Mass Audubon (Drumlin Farm)

Massachusetts State Parks (Department of Conservation and Recreation)

Museum of Fine Arts

Museum of Science

New England Aquarium

New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill

Peabody Essex Museum

Salem Witch Museum

The Butterfly Place **(NEW ADDITION)**

Trustees of Reservations (includes the deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum)

USS Constitution Museum

Zoo New England



FUTURE EVENTS:

Book Sale is scheduled for Sept 20th, 2024 (Friends Preview) and Sept 21st, 2024.

Donation dos:

- Donate gently used books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles, and games
- Donations will be accepted Sept 16th - 19st at the Program room at the WPL
- Clean and free from common allergens (smoke, pet dander, mold)
- Consider books you would buy yourself or as a gift if you saw it at a book sale

Donation don'ts:

- No textbooks, travel books over 5 years old, or computer books over 2 years old
- No musty, water damaged, or heavily marked up books
- No books with broken spines or missing covers
- No encyclopedias, condensed books, magazines, or VHS tapes



FRIENDS OF THE WOBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY EXECUTIVE BOARD 2023-2024

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