

Friends News

of Brooks Memorial Library

224 Main Street, Brattleboro, Vermont

The Library in Our Lives



Jaime Dunham
and son Cyrus

ONE OF THE JOBS that the Friends are tasked with is advocating for the library. I thought it might be interesting to see just what the library means to patrons. Along those lines, I had a chance to talk with Jaime Dunham when she was helping out with the book sale set up.

Jaime frequents the library with her young sons, Liam and Cyrus. Their favorite activity is Rhyme Time. She said Liam loves the music in the program and will frequently sing the songs at home. Jaime enjoys it because she gets to meet other parents of young children and socialize each week.

Liam also is learning life skills. He is very responsible with borrowed books and makes sure they are returned so that other children can read them.

Jaime also likes the new spaces since the renovations and feels they have enhanced the idea that the library is a true community gathering space.

Libraries in the 21st century are so much more than just the books they house. These are just a few of the reasons why the library is a vibrant and vital part of our community. ■

Friends Contributions

THE FRIENDS SPONSOR several fundraisers during the year: book sales, calendar sales, concerts and this year, raffles and a book bag fundraiser. Our biggest fundraisers are generally the book sales and the Annual Appeal, which is done in conjunction with the Library Board of Trustees.

With the Annual Appeal letter being recently sent out, we thought it would be a good idea to let you know what some of these funds have contributed to the library in 2017:

- First Wednesdays Programs
- Recorded Books, LLC
- Indieflix
- OneClickdigital Audiobooks and eBooks
- Constant Contact — an emarketing service for the library
- Lynda.com — online courses
- Foundation Center — an online resource for non-profits
- DearReader.com — providing New Book Alerts
- Green Mountain Library Consortium
- ProQuest and Ancestry.com
- LibGuides — a resource for library administrators
- Museum Passes
- Children's Room Special Programs
- Software
- Young Adult Room furniture
- Friends of Brooks Memorial Library Newsletter
- Journalism Film Discussion Series

Partial Contributions: \$19,550

These are the most significant items the Friends have supported this year, up to the publication of this newsletter.

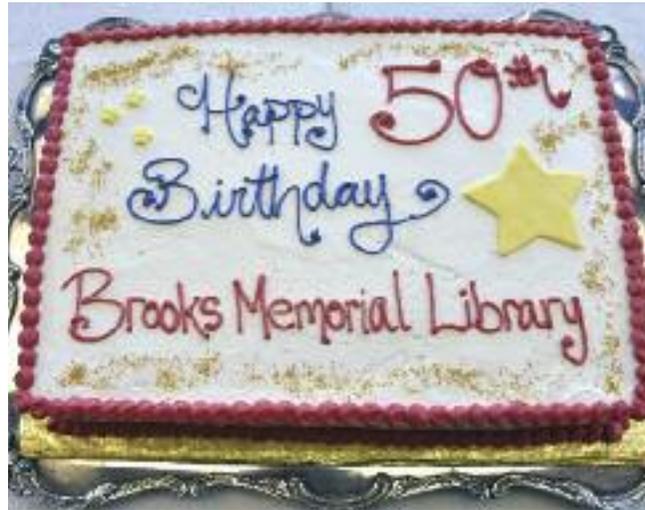
The Friends Board of Directors would like to thank everyone for their continued generous support of the Annual Appeal and our various fundraisers. ■

Birthday Party Library Building 50th

THESE ARE JUST A FEW IMAGES from the building's birthday party that was held in September. Many thanks to Randy Holhut for the photographs. ■



Amy Dickinson



Jeanne Walsh



Starr LaTronica and Meris Morrison



Sharon Leslie and Dan Kasnitz



Corky Elwell and Peter Elwell



Jerry Carbone and Tom Bidell



Kevin O'Keefe

Holiday Book Sale

THE FRIENDS 11TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOOK SALE was a great success. As of publication, we have earned \$3,700 dollars.

These sales would not be possible without the generous support of all the friends and patrons of the library who donate their books for this cause, as well as all the volunteers who sort the books, set up and break down the sale and act as cashiers during the sale.

We wish to thank Bob Oeser, Bob Glennon, Robert Stack, Mark Eggert, Mary Heninger, Elizabeth Tannenbaum, Joyce Marcel, Jane Southworth,

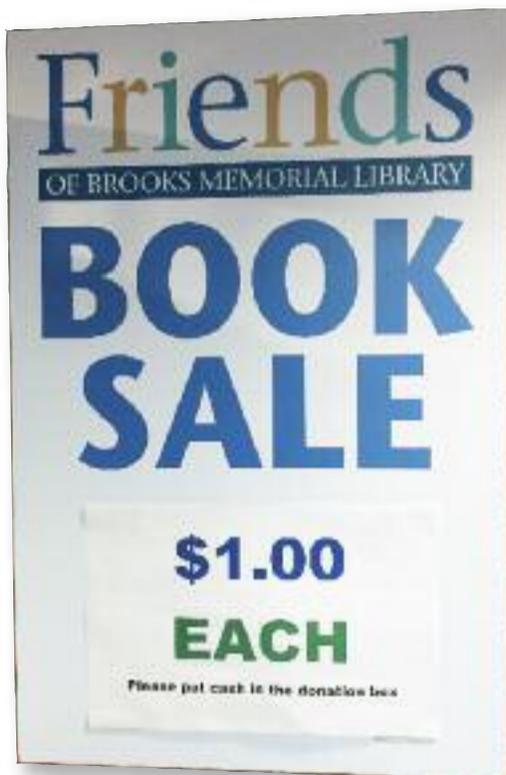
Wendy Houlihan, Therese Marcy, Carmen Berelson, Carol Davis, Debby Tewksbury, Jaime Dunham, Betsy Judson, Karen Duggan, Susan Rohde, Mary Mathias, Dianne Shapiro, Harriet Ives, Sue Dyer, Erin Schulman, Kate Wylie, Amy Wickstrom, Veronica Wheelock, Elaine Murray, Betsy Wagenknecht, and John LaTronica.

Therese Marcy, Circulation Manager and Volunteer Coordinator, does the entire advance planning as well as the recruitment of volunteers for the sale.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who helped with this important fundraiser. ■

Ongoing Book Sale

THE GRAND HOLIDAY BOOK SALE is over, but you can still find books for sale up on the Mezzanine, just outside the new small meeting room. All the books in this Ongoing Book Sale are \$1.00 each, and the stock is renewed when supplies get low. The monies from these sales go to support library programs. ■



Journalism Film Discussion Series

THE JOURNALISM FILM DISCUSSION

SERIES at the Latchis Theater will continue over the winter with two exceptional films.

On Sunday, January 7, at 4PM: *Broadcast News* takes a caustic look inside broadcast media.

On Sunday, February 25, at 4PM: *Spotlight* tells the story of how investigative journalists from *The Boston Globe* exposed the scandal involving the Catholic Church and their exploitation of children.

The series is sponsored by a coalition including the Latchis Theater, the Friends of Brooks Memorial Library, Brooks Memorial Library, *The Commons* and the *Brattleboro Reformer*. ■



Re-Gilding



DENNIS TIER, the man who had originally gilded the Library's name on the front of the building 50 years ago, contacted the Library just before the Birthday celebration. He was offering to retouch the letters for the 50th Anniversary and as a capstone to his career.

The Friends Board voted to pay for this service.

So the next time you approach the main entrance, look up. The letters look beautiful, and we hope they'll last for another 50 years! ■

First Wednesdays Schedule

THE VERMONT HUMANITIES COUNCIL FIRST WEDNESDAYS LECTURE SERIES began in October and continues on the first Wednesday of each month. The talks are held on the main floor of the Library, beginning at 7PM.

Visit vermonthumanities.org/first-Wednesdays to see the full 2017–2018 schedule of First Wednesdays events held across the state.

The Brooks Memorial Library First Wednesdays lectures are made possible by the generous support from: Brattleboro Savings & Loan, Dead River, Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC, Friends of Brooks Memorial Library, The Richards Group and Windham World Affairs Council. ■

JANUARY 3 • David Mills

An Evening with Langston Hughes

In this dramatic rendition of Langston Hughes' poems and short stories, actor and writer David Mills celebrates the life of the Harlem Renaissance writer.

Underwriter: Jack & Mary Ellen Bixby

FEBRUARY 7 • Nancy Crumbine

The Legacy of Rachael Carson

Silent Spring not only launched the environmental movement but also laid out the fundamental problems with our relationship to nature. Dartmouth professor Nancy Jay Crumbine celebrates scientist and poet Rachael Carson's clarity, courage, and brilliance.

MARCH 7 • Judith Frank

The Known World and the Literary Character

Amherst professor Judith Frank discusses Edward P. Jones' 2003 Pulitzer-winning novel *The Known World*, described as "a masterpiece that deserves a place in the American literary canon," and considers what its unusual approach to characterization can tell us about slavery, personhood, and novel-reading. Books available to read in advance (NOT required).



APRIL 4 • Barry O'Connell
An Emerson for Our Time

Drawing on Ralph Waldo Emerson's essays "The American Scholar," "Self-Reliance," and "Experience," Amherst professor emeritus Barry O'Connell explores the many ways Emerson's writings continue to offer insights that can make our lives more open and fruitful.

MAY 2 • Jim Maroney

Georgia O'Keeffe: A Critical Look

Georgia O'Keeffe lived 99 years and produced over 2,000 works in her 75-year career. James Maroney, the former Head of American Paintings at both Sotheby's and Christie's in New York who conducted her estate appraisal after her death, presents a critical evaluation of her best work.



Parking for evening Library events

IF YOU PLAN to attend an evening event at the Library, the Municipal Parking Lot behind the Library is available for free parking after 6PM. It is a short walk to the rear entrance of the Library, and there is an elevator to the First Floor. There is one handicap parking spot nearest to the walkway to the Library.

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that gives access to over 8,000 independent shorts, features, documentaries and TV and web series from many countries, film festivals and film schools. The best part is that it is free to you, as a service that the library provides, funded by the Friends.



So if you are looking for something new to watch, you can access this from the Home Page at the Library's website. Choose the Digital Media Button and follow the links and prompts. ■

Raffle Drawing

WE THOUGHT we would try a new fundraiser this winter with the addition of some Raffle Baskets at our Holiday Book Sale. We would like to thank everyone who participated in these drawings.



Karen Hesse

Joyce Marcel picked the winners on Monday, December 18.

- Congratulations to:
- Jenn Ansart — Luxury Basket
 - Sirkka Kaufman — Nutcracker Basket
 - Karen Hesse — Artist's Way Basket
 - Larry McIntosh — Book Lover's Basket



Museum Highlights

DON'T FORGET to take advantage of all the great museum passes that the library has to offer. Here are a few highlights for the coming weeks.



The Shelburne Museum only has selected buildings open in the winter time, but there are two exhibits worth the visit.

Hooked on Patty Yoder

Patty Yoder (1943–2005) was an American rug hooker. But she was so much more — her rugs were truly works of art. This exhibit brings together her early work as well as later pieces. I have seen many of her pieces over the years at the Annual Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild exhibits at Shelburne Museum. It's worth the trip to Shelburne as this exhibit will brighten any gray winter day!

This exhibit is open through January 21, 2018.



Patty Yoder hooked rugs



Sweet Tooth: The Art of Dessert features works of art that are dessert-themed. Paintings, prints and sculptures examine our quest for all things sweet!

This exhibit is open through February 18, 2018.



Historic Deerfield has self-guided tours of the Flynt Center of Early New England Life on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:30 to 4:30.

Among the exhibits on display here is **Why We Collect: Recent Acquisitions at Historic Deerfield 2010 to 2017**.

This exhibit is open through February 11, 2018. ■

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