

FUTURE FRIENDS EVENTS



Paint-A-Birdhouse – Tired of seeing mud? Bring some color to your garden by coming and painting your

own birdhouse to hang in your yard. Birdhouse, paints and brushes will be supplied for a \$15.00 fee,

The event will be held in the Community Room at the library on May 4th between 6-8 p.m. Look for the sign-up sheet at the circulation desk to reserve your spot and pay the registration fee. Be sure to wear old clothes. Painting a birdhouse is fun, but it can also be a little bit messy.

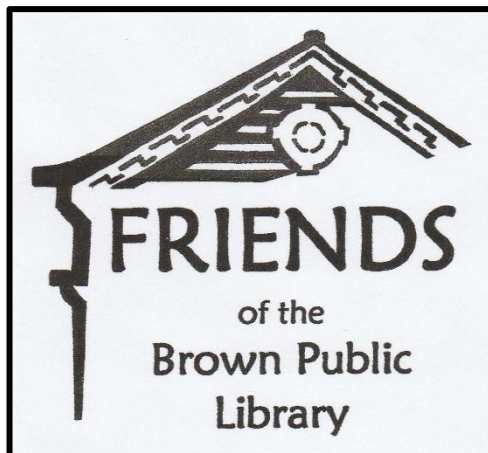


Green-Up Day at the Library – the *Friends* will be maintaining the beautiful

flowers planted on the grounds of the library. Come and join us on Green-Up Day, Saturday, May 6th from 11 am to 2 pm, and help us get the library ready for the Spring and Summer months. Refreshments will be served.

We're looking for at least 6 volunteers to help. Sign-up sheet will be located at the front desk. It's a great way to love your library. Bring your favorite garden tool!

The newsletter for the *FRIENDS*



of the Brown Public Library

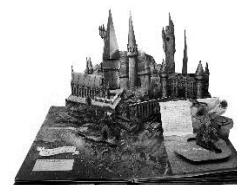
MEET OUR NEW YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN



Britta with her daughter, Ada.

In December, the library began its search to find the perfect person to be Youth Services Librarian and found her in long-time library patron, Britta Eberle.

Britta Eberle is a native of Northfield and while growing up, she often came to the Brown Public Library. Britta has a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Minnesota and a Master of Education with K-6 teacher certification from Johnson State College. When she's not at the library, Britta enjoys word games, gardening, cooking, and spending time with her husband and two young children.



Come check out our pop-up picture books

During her first week, Britta uncovered a collection of pop-up picture books that hadn't been available for a while. They are now located on the shelf near Britta's desk. Come and check them out. They bring to life a story to life in a unique way.

The Lego Club is changing from Wednesdays to Thursdays; its new time will be 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

There will also be special programs for the children on Saturdays. On February 11th, there was a Valentine's making event and on February 25th a snowflake-making event. Be sure to stop by every month to get your copy of the youth calendar located at the circulation desk for times and events planned for that month.

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FRIENDS NEWS

Acting President and Treasurer, Margaret England.

- **Wine and Cheese Reception** – was a great success. The library made \$300 in sales from the event and the *FRIENDS* gained 15 new friends. We want to thank both TOPS and Shaw's for donating cheese to the event and Kristie Bush for the donation of apple cider.
- **Top *FRIENDS* Officers Resign** – Judie Desrochers resigned as President and Marilyn Peace as Vice-President shortly after the Wine and Cheese Reception. We want to thank both for all the contributions they made to the *FRIENDS* and wish them only the best in future. Margaret England, who currently holds the position of treasurer has stepped in as Acting-President. If anyone would be interested in becoming a *FRIENDS* board member please contact Margaret at Margaret.england@yahoo.com
- **Secretary Position Becomes Non-Voting Board Member** – to avoid any conflict of interest with Kathryn Szelag [who is a staff member of the library] continuing as secretary on

the *FRIENDS* board the position has been made a non-voting member.

FRIENDS' MVP AWARDS

In this case MVP stands for Most Valuable Patrons.

Some of our library patrons go beyond the call of duty to help the library out with a helping hand when it needs it most. The *FRIENDS* would like to thank them, personally.

Lydia Petty – Lydia volunteered to do Story Time Hour and the weekly meeting of the Lego Club until the library filled the position of Youth Services Librarian. When Lydia wasn't able to do it, she arranged for someone else to fill in for her at Story Time Hour.

Chris Bean – When we had a big snowstorm one Saturday, this winter, Chris came in and offered to shovel the steps and walkway so patrons would be able to get into the library.

Carole Klinger – Whenever Carole purchases a new book, after reading it, she donates it to the library so the library won't need to purchase it. Many of the new books that patrons are reading are donations from Carole.

Joel Jennett – Joel is a regular patron and he's more than happy to help to help out in whatever way he can. He's become a member of the Brown Public Library family.

Thank you all so much for all your help.

MEETING MINUTES

From the quarterly meeting that took place in June and

September 2016.

From the June meeting

Judie Desrochers, announced the *FRIENDS* had a new filing cabinet located in the library office that was donated by her daughter, Dominique. Marilyn Peace was elected, Vice-President. Job tasks were assigned for the Wine and Cheese Reception. There was discussion of creating a procedure for processing membership funds so they don't get confused with donations for the library. Treasurer, Margaret England reported there had been expenses totaling \$491.16 and \$782.00 in membership fees. It was also suggested the the *FRIENDS* put out the newsletter twice a year.

From the September meeting

– the Wine and Cheese Reception was declared a success with 15 new members joining the *FRIENDS*. Margaret England reported \$244.57 in expenses and \$775.00 in deposits from membership fees.

Agreement was reached that Friends would attempt to publish a newsletter two times a year.

LIBRARY NEWS



- If you've been in the library during the winter or the rainy season you're aware the library's roof has been leaking for some time. But in October the roof was repaired, and the library is in the process of replacing all the water-stained ceiling tiles.
- The Paine Mountain Art Show and the School Art Shows will once again be held in the Community Room at the library. Dates and times to be announced.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

- **Volunteers** – Joining the volunteer staff are Jeannette Cole, Janet Robitaille, Margaret England, Donna Trucksess and Gail Hall
- **Board of Trustees** – Cynthia Bushey has agreed to fill the position vacated by Kate Reilly-Fitzpatrick.

MAGAZINES AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY



Magazines

You can check out magazines for three weeks just like you check out books and DVDS. The magazines

available for check out are: Consumer Reports, Everyday with Rachel Ray, Good Housekeeping, Keplinger's, Personal Finance,

Long Trail News, Northern Woodlands, The New Yorker, McCall's Quilting, Oprah, People, Time, Vermont Fences, Web MD, Wheel Tracks, Woman's Day and Yankee.

You can check out any issue except for the current month.

DID YOU KNOW?



- 1,561 check-outs.
- 220 computer sign-ins.
- 1297 visitors.
- 16 new library cards.

Those figures represent monthly averages for 2016 at BPL.

APRIL IS POETRY MONTH



Poets Jeanne Cook and Jane E. Bryant,

Northfield residents, will read from their collections of recent poetry on Sunday, April 23 at 2 pm, in celebration of Poetry month. They chose the room with the fireplace at the north end of the library, a space neither too big nor too small for a friendly gathering. Refreshments will be served.

Jane plans to read from her work about Northfield and Vermont, and Jeanne plans to read from her poems which one critic called "honest and unadorned."

WHAT'S NEW



JUST A FEW OF THE MANY RECENT BOOKS ORDERED

FOR BROWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Moonglow by Michael Chabon
- Thank You For Being Late by Thomas Friedman
- The Orphan's Tale by Pam Jenoff
- A Book of American Martyrs by Joyce Carol Oates
- The Blood of Emmett Till by Timothy Tyson
- In This Grave Hour by Jacqueline Winspear
- A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles
- Our Revolution: A Future to Believe In by Bernie Sanders

If you have a suggestion for a book you'd like Sherri to purchase, she always welcomes book suggestions from patrons.



Join the ***FRIENDS*** of the Brown Public Library
 93 South Main Street
 Northfield, VT 05663

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

I have enclosed my annual membership dues for 2017.

Checks should be made payable to the ***FRIENDS*** of the Brown Public Library.

(Please one of the following boxes.)

- _____ Friend Annual Membership Dues: \$10.00
- _____ Family Friend Annual Membership Dues \$20.00
- _____ Good Friend Annual Membership Dues \$25.00
- _____ Best Friend Annual Membership Dues \$50.00

_____ I would be interested in volunteering my times for the ***FRIENDS*** of the BPL.

How would you like to receive your ***FRIENDS*** newsletter?

- by mail by e-mail by both mail and e-mail

E-mail us at ghsoapster@yahoo.com