

Winter 2017

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LIBRARY

Brownell Library News



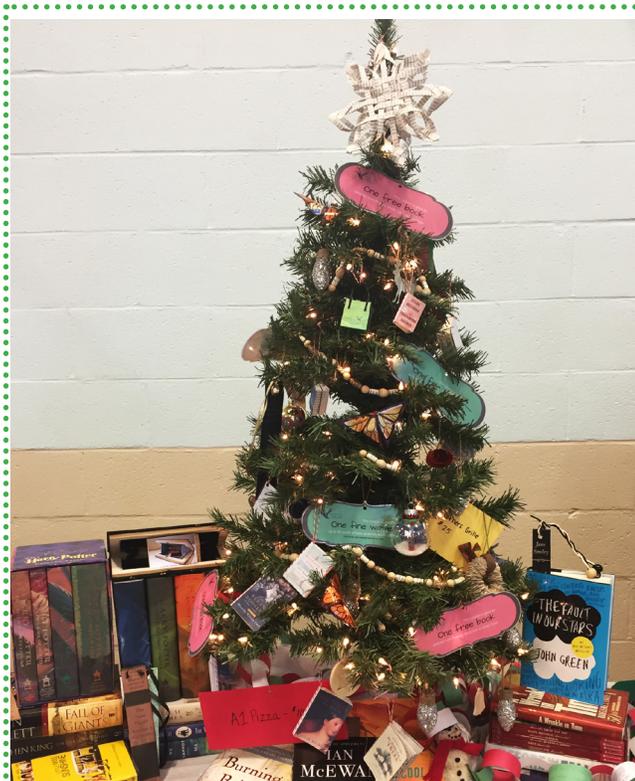
Dear Friends,

We were fortunate this October to have Ann Hood visit us to discuss her life and *The Book That Matters Most*. How to pick just one? The choices are so varied and also, in our opinion, time sensitive. Books speak to us for so many different reasons and seem to come into our lives when they are needed most. Some are instructional, helping us navigate, while others provide comfort at a time when we need reassurance. Books move our spirit, make us laugh, cry, and inspire the sparks that are in need of a gentle breeze.

Winter is a good time to reflect on the books that hold a special place in your heart and read them again, like a visit from an old friend. Enjoy winter filled with good reading!

Sincerely,
Dee Holliday & Roberta Shaw
Co-Presidents of the Friends of the Brownell Library

Brownell Library at the Annual Tree Spree



Did you catch the Brownell Library tree at the 2016 Benjamin Wilkie Memorial Tree Spree?

This past fall Brownell Library staff and volunteers, with support from the Friends of the Brownell Library, compiled a library themed tree for this great fundraiser! Among the items to win were homemade ornaments, bookmarks made from real book spines, a hand-made book clutch, and coupons for fine waivers and free books from the Friends' book cart!

We thank all the wonderful people who made this tree possible, from book donations to many collective hours of hard work.



Adult Programs

Movie Night: Florence Foster Jenkins **Tuesday, January 24, 5:00pm**

Join the Wednesday Night Book Club in their annual after-hours movie night meeting on Tuesday, January 24. The movie tells the story of Florence Foster Jenkins, a New York heiress who dreams of becoming an opera star, despite a less than beautiful singing voice. Starring Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant.

Pizza will be served, so please RSVP.

Stories from the Field: Your National Park Service

Saturday, January 7, 2:00pm

National Park Services Ranger Alyssa Parker-Geisman shares stories and insights into her experiences in the parks. Working in parks from Alaska down to Florida, she has numerous stories of encounters with wildlife in some of the most remote parts of the United States.

Celebrating Ireland in Story and Song **Wednesday, March 1, 6:00pm**

Musicians and storytellers Phil Edmonds, Kevin Fallon, and Mary King will keep the Celtic soul alive with this Irish program that embraces and celebrates Irish history and culture through story and song.

Adult Knitting

Every Monday from 1:00 to 2:30pm
Everyone is welcome.

Book Club

2nd Wednesday of the month from
September to June at 6:00pm

Children's Programs

Stuffy Sleepover

Wednesday, February 22, 6:00pm

What happens when the library closes? Children aged 3 and up are encouraged to bring their stuffed animals to a bedtime story hour and leave them for a sleep-over to find out what happens when the library lights go out.

Middle School Knitting Club

February 27 - April 10

Middle school students in grades 5-8 are welcome to join us Mondays after school to learn how to knit and work on projects together. Registration will be required.

Drop-In Story Time and Crafts

January 30 - May 9

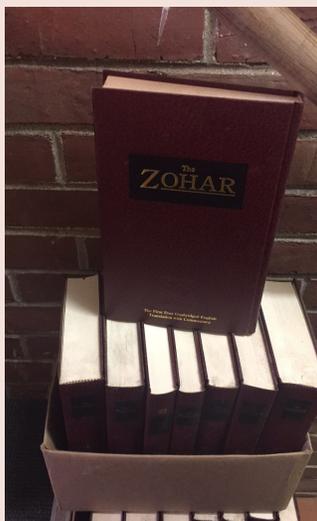
Toddler Story Time
Mondays at 11:00am

Preschool story time and crafts (ages 3-5)
Tuesdays at 11:00am

Amnesty Month

March is amnesty month at the library. Bring in non-expired, non-perishable food items or toiletries to benefit the Little Compton Food Bank and we will waive any outstanding fines.

One Donation's Journey



Every donation has a story, this is just one...

Earlier this year a donation of a 23 volume set of the Zohar was given to the Brownell Library. The Zohar is a collection of scriptural interpretations and commentary of the Torah and is considered to be the most important work of Kabbalah, or Jewish mysticism. It is said to be a guide for people to obtain the origin of their souls.

Local patrons, Simon Bennett and Roberta Apfel, connected the library with Nathaniel Schudrich, who is the cantor in a New Bedford synagogue. The Zohar has become a part of the New Bedford Synagogue's collection. Mr. Schudrich's brother is the Chief Rabbi in Poland who is working to rebuild the Jewish community in the country.

Be on the lookout later this year for a fascinating discussion of Jewish mysticism with local Jewish scholar Simon Bennett!

Collection spotlight

Fond Farewell

Internet Hot Spots

The library now has T-Mobile hot-spots to lend so you can access the Internet at home. Please contact the library to learn about terms and conditions.

Kindles

There are 2 pre-loaded Kindles for loan at the library. One is full of mysteries and the other is general fiction and non-fiction. Please contact the library for terms and conditions.

Cake Pans

Now you can borrow festive cake pans from the library and whip up an exciting creation for your next party. The pans may be borrowed for one week and come with decorative tip sheets.

Fishing Poles

Get yourself a RI fishing license, come to the library, borrow a pole, and get going on catching your dinner. Please contact the library for terms and regulations.

Saige, An American Girl

Saige comes with a variety of clothes and accessories and is available to be checked out. Please contact the library for details.

Museum Passes

The library has passes to many popular local museums at free or discounted rates. Call the library or visit our website for more information.

New museum pass: Save the Bay Exploration Center and Aquarium, Newport, RI.



Our wonderful tech extraordinaire, Emily Goodman, had her final days at the library at the end of December 2016. Starting in the New Year, Emily will be moving to the Tiverton Public Library as their new Community Services Coordinator.

She will be greatly missed by all but we wish her great success in her new position and bid her a fond farewell.



2017 Membership Application

- Page Turner \$15 Short Story \$25 Novel \$50
 Best Seller \$100 Classic \$250 Epic \$500 Other _____
 My Company will match my membership or gift. **Please enclose matching form.**

Please make checks payable to: *Friends of the Brownell Library*

Mail to: P.O. Box 523, Little Compton, RI 02837

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Check here if you prefer to receive this newsletter electronically to your email address listed above.

Special seasonal mailing instructions and dates _____

The Friends depend on volunteers. May we call on you when help is needed? Yes

Your tax deductible memberships and donations help support special programs for the Brownell Library.

Did you know? You can renew/apply for membership and make donations online at www.brownell-libraryri.org/membership

Sweater Weather



The Library has a collection of hand-knit items for sale, made and donated by Rachel Medeiros and other wonderful knitters. Proceeds of sales go directly to help fund Children and Young Adult library programming. Items include children's sweaters, hats, mittens, and even outfits for American Girl dolls.

Since its inception five years ago, this on-going sale has raised over \$3,400 for our library.

Thank you to Rachel, our other knitters, and our patrons who support us so generously.

Brownell Library Staff

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Marjorie Lint, Circulation Manager



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From the stacks

Our Town

And I thought to myself, how nice it is
To be able to live in a town like this,
Where people are real and compassionate too,
Who care for the many instead of the few.

And I thought to myself, how long will it last?
For man to hearken to those of the past
Who worked in the soil to build a town
Whose quiet and beauty have won it renown.

And I thought to myself, they loved this place,
Living in dignity with consummate grace,
Toiling from sunrise to sunset close,
Farming the land of Patten's prose.

And I thought to myself, in ages gone,
What man had done was create a song
Whose grandeur speaks from days of yore
From Quicksand Pond to S'cunnet's shore.

And I thought to myself, what must we do?
To ensure a place for those others too,
Dreamers of dreams for solitude rare
'midst green country setting and sweet salt air.

And I said to myself, this gift is ours,
Meadows and fields and bright holly bowers,
Entrusted to us by those who cared
Granting to theirs the gift they shared.

And I said to myself, we who live now
Must pass to those only who keep the vow
That this fair place shall continue to be
Theirs to enjoy through eternity. ~Ian M. Walker

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Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 10 - 5
Wednesday 12 - 7 November through April
1 - 8 May through October
Saturday 10 - 4 September through June
9 - 2 July and August

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Did you know? The Brownell Library is Little Compton's Warming Center during operating hours.