Spring Greetings from the President of the Friends – Ginna Shahid ….

Greetings and a Happy Spring to All! March has definitely been more lion than lamb this year, but that’s what makes living in New England so exciting. Just when I think it’s safe to put my winter boots away and drag out the spring galoshes, we get hit with four nor’easters in a row! (I think I’m laughing, but I’m not entirely sure.)

2018 has been full of excitement and change in many ways for The Friends. In January, three beloved members of our board - Dallas, Don and Suellen - stepped down after years of service, and we are now a fully female-run entity. As President, I am joined by Christine Abramo, Vice President; Barbara McDonough, Recording Secretary; Barb Parmet, Corresponding Secretary; and Hiral Gandhi, Treasurer. We are pleased and honored to represent all of you, The Friends of the Burlington Public Library.

Our first initiative of the year has been to actively update our signs and brochures, as well as increase our general visibility within the library. As you may have noticed, we now have our very own dedicated wall and floor space to the right of the exit door. There you will find our revolving Friends’ Book Store where you can drop off book donations for our bi-annual sales, as well as purchase a book or two to take home with you. You will also find membership brochures and monthly notices pertaining to The Friends’ activities and accomplishments. Be sure to keep an eye out for what promises to be an active corner of the library.

Our next initiative will piggy-back on this increased visibility. We hope to expand membership beyond our current 150-200 Friends. I suspect that many library patrons believe their taxes pay for the museum passes and special programing they enjoy at the Burlington Public Library when, in fact, it is because of The Friends’ commitment to and tireless fundraising on behalf of the library that these benefits are made available to all. It is our goal to make each and every library patron aware of the important role each and every Friend plays in maintaining the library as a strong community resource, in hopes that more patrons will become supporting members of the FOBPL. As a current member, you can help in our effort. Please be a nudge, and encourage your friends to become members, too.

Friends of the Burlington Public Library: Keeping our library strong one Friend at a time!
Friends come in all shapes and sizes: individual, family, corporate, sustaining. This month, one of The Friends’ annual benefactors, The Burlington Breakfast Rotary Club, presented Library Director Michael Wick and me with a check for $1,500 specifically earmarked to purchase one annual museum pass to The Museum of Science, Boston and one annual museum pass to The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. The Friends are extremely grateful for their continuing support and generosity.

FOBPL Events Coming Soon:

April 27-29th is the 2018 Spring Book Sale. Mark your calendars! Come browse the large and varied collection, and take home a book or two. Looking for a fun way to spend a few hours at the library that weekend? Come help us with the book sale! We love welcoming all the volunteers who help us fill the tables with books, work the “registers,” and/or clean up afterward. Come find out what fun you can have with the Friends. You’ll see old faces and meet new ones. Sign-up sheets will be located at the library’s front desk beginning in April.

May is famous throughout Burlington as May Baskets Month at the Library. Be sure to stop by to buy your raffle tickets and “bid” on your favorite baskets. Feeling inspired? Feel free to put together your own basket for the raffle. Then sit back and watch as the bids roll in for your special donation!

As they say in The New York Times, I believe that’s “All the News That’s Fit to Print!”

Have yourselves a Perfectly Pastel Spring!

Ginna
Virginia Churchill Shahid, President
Friends of the Burlington Public Library

From the Desk of Michael Wick - Library Director…

As I’m writing this, New England is gearing up for what will (hopefully) be the last significant snowfall before we can fully welcome Spring. I guess Punxsutawney Phil was correct! Even though it’s been a harsh end to winter, at the library we’ve been happy to do what we could to help. People usually come to the library looking for a good book to read or a movie to watch, but this winter has taught us that we can offer much more. The first Nor’easter of March left a quarter of the residents without electricity, heat or Internet, and when everyone started beating a path to the library, we opened our meeting spaces to accommodate charging and study stations, as well as ongoing movies throughout the day for families. Seeing people view the library as essential during a time of crisis was a humbling moment for me and extremely energizing for our staff.
Speaking of energizing, we’ve been hard at work coming up with some new changes at the library! In February, we transitioned the “hot title” book collection from a seven-day loan period to 14 days, and patrons can now check out two “hot title” movies at once. We have begun purchasing many more copies of the latest best-selling books and DVDs for the collection. Keep an eye out for the library this spring when we’ll debut mobile circulation at community events, which will allow us to register patrons and circulate materials remotely. By the time you have this newsletter, our Reference Department will have a new microfilm reader, allowing patrons to easily scan high-resolution images of local newspapers. There are many other changes, such as our new display cases (thanks, in part, to the Friends of the Library!), so I’d suggest stopping by to see what we’ve been up to.

I’d also like to welcome the new board members of the Friends of the Burlington Public Library. Ginna Shahid (President), Christine Abramo (Vice President) and Hiral Gandhi (Treasurer) joined the board in January and have already been hard at work to increase the visibility of the Friends and expand the membership. I’m excited to work with them and to have the continued support of the rest of the board and members.

In closing, please consider contributing to the Friends’ May Basket Raffle. It’s the largest fundraiser of the year for the Friends and last year we sold over 4,700 tickets! Please see the last page of the newsletter for information on how you can participate.

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Spring Storytime Sessions: April 2 - May 26

Raise your child to be a reader!

You are your child’s most important teacher. The Burlington Public Library offers weekly storytime sessions to help your child develop reading, language and listening skills needed to succeed in school. Together, parents and librarians help children get ready to read!

**Please Note:** Caregivers are expected to stay with children during all storytime sessions. No registration is required for storytime – just drop by!

**iToddler Storytimes and Tea Parties are in place of regularly scheduled storytimes.**

- **Baby Storytime - Fridays @ 11am**
  For caregivers with children ages birth-18 months. Delight and stimulate your baby’s senses with books, songs, toys and puppets! Build brain power!

- **Toddler Storytime - Tuesdays & Wednesdays @ 10:30am**
  For caregivers with children 18-36 months. Interact with your toddler to nurture a love of books. Be active with music and movement!
Preschool Storytime – Wednesdays @ 11am & Fridays @ 1:30pm For caregivers with children ages 3-6 years. Help your preschooler get ready to read. Enjoy stories together and build language skills!

Pajama Storytime - Tuesdays @ 7pm For caregivers with children ages 3-7. Bring your favorite stuffed animal & blanket, and snuggle in for some evening storytime fun!

Story & Craft Mondays: April 9 & May 14
Join us for a story and craft based on the tale! No registration required.

Toddlers @ 10:30 am For caregivers with children ages 18–36 months.
Preschoolers @ 11:30 am For caregivers with children ages 3-6 years.

BABY, TODDLER & PRESCHOOL EVENTS

Monthly Programs

Baby Sensory Activities - Mondays: April 2 & May 7 @ 11am Babies will enjoy fun activities to enlighten their senses and learn to play in a group. This program is best for babies that can sit up on their own - children 2 years of age.

Preschool Science (Ages 3-6) – Thursdays April 19 & May 17 @ 1pm Enjoy fun and educational science experiments with your preschooler.

Preschool Fun and Games (Ages 3-6) – Mondays: April 23 & May 21 @ 1pm Stop by the library for fun games!

After School Story & Craft (Grades K-3) – Wednesdays: April 25 & May 23 @ 3:30pm Come enjoy longer stories and more complicated crafts. This is a special storytime for older children, and some crafts may be messy, so wear old clothing.

Lego Club (Grades K-6) - Mondays: April 23 & May 21 @ 3:45pm We provide the Legos – you bring your imagination!
Mother-Daughter Book Club (Grades 3-6) - Thursdays: April 5 & June 7 @ 6pm For mothers (or other caregiver) and their daughters. Book-related activities and snacks will be available at the meetings. Books will be at the Youth Services Desk.

Magic Tree House Book Club (Grades 2-4) - Thursdays: April 12 & May 10 @ 3:45pm Each month will be a different Magic Tree House book and meetings will have themed activities around the books.

APRIL

Tinker Lab (K-5) - Thursday, April 5 @ 4pm Mary has been collecting junk again. See what you can invent with it! You may take these creations home with you.

Pooh Party (All Ages) - Saturday, April 14 @ 11am Meet Winnie the Pooh and do some Pooh games and activities!

Tween/Teen Movie & Waffle Bar (Grades 3 & Up) - Saturday, April 14 @ 12:30pm Enjoy a movie (TBA) and we will feed you waffles with toppings.

Alice in Wonderland Storytime (All Ages) - Tuesday, April 17 @ 11am Wonderland story and crafts.

TBA Family Movie (All Ages) - Wednesday, April 18 @ 11am Movie with popcorn.

Tech Take Apart (Grades K-5) - Wednesday, April 18 @ 6:45pm Take apart electronics and appliances like computers, coffee makers and calculators and see what’s inside!

James Lepler Music (All Ages) - Friday, April 20 @ 11am Music and dancing with Musician James Lepler!

Peep Houses (Grades 4-8) - Monday, April 23 @ 7pm Make houses for your Peeps.
iToddler & iPreschool -
Tuesday, April 24 @
10:30 (toddlers) & 1pm
(preschool)
For caregivers with
toddlers and preschoolers.
This is a special ebook
storytime using an iPad. Stories will be
projected on the big screen along with
songs, rhymes and fun interactive apps.

Penguin PJ Time -
Tuesday, April 24 @ 7pm
Let’s celebrate penguins by
reading stories and doing
penguin activities. Come in
your PJs.

MAY

Blocks & Beyond (Grades K-5) - Thursday, May 3
@ 4pm Join Mary at a
construction site where we
will be building with
everything but blocks or
other building kits. We will have lots of
unexpected building supplies here, but if
you find something you think might be fun
to build with, bring it along.

Percy Jackson Party
(Grades 3 & Up) -
Thursday, May 3 @
6:45pm Do all kinds of fun
activities based on the
Percy Jackson world. A new Rick Riordan
Book will be given out as a prize.

Mother’s Day Cards (All
Ages) - Wednesday, May
9 @ 3:30pm Enjoy a
movie (TBA), and we will
feed you waffles with
toppings.

Play with STEAM (Ages
3-5) - Thursday, May 10
@ 10:30 Join members
from Communities
United, Inc. for some fun

with science, technology, engineering, art
and math! This program is free for the
public.

Moms & Muffins (All
Ages) - Saturday, May 12
@ 11am Special Mother’s
Day storytime.

Cosmic T-Shirts (Grades 3 & Up) -
Saturday, May 12 @
3pm Make out of this
world T-Shirts with
Jenna! Please bring your
own shirt, and we provide
all decorating materials.

Un-Birthday Party
(Grades 4-8) - Monday,
May 14 @ 7pm It’s
everyone’s un-birthday
today! We will celebrate
with wonderland activities
and cupcake decorating.

Frog Jumping Day (All
Ages) - Thursday, May 17
@ 3:45pm Have a hopping
good time with Miss
Amanda at this frog-themed storytime!
iToddler & iPreschool - Tuesday, May 22 @ 10:30 (toddlers) & 1pm (preschool) For caregivers with toddlers and preschoolers. This is a special ebook storytime using an iPad. Stories will be projected on the big screen along with songs, rhymes and fun interactive apps.

Minute to Win It Games (Grades K-5) - Thursday, May 24 @ 4pm Join Miss Mary for some fun and challenging games.

JUNE

STEAM

Play With STEAM (Ages 3-5) - Monday, June 4 @ 10:30 Join members from Communities United, Inc. for some fun with science, technology, engineering, art and math! This program is free for the public.

Dads & Donuts (Ages 2-Grade 2) - Saturday, June 16 @ 11am Storytimes meant for dads, grandfathers, uncles and other male caregivers to bring little ones to. We will have stories, fun and donuts!

TBA Tween Movie (Grades 3 & Up) - Saturday, June 16 @ 2:30pm Enjoy Pokémon activities and fun.

Summer Reading Kick-Off with Moana and Maui (All Ages) - Tuesday, June 26 from 10-1pm Sign-up for our summer reading program “Every Page an Adventure” and do some fun adventures activities! Moana and Maui will join the fun and teach the kids how to do the hula.

TEEN EVENTS
Grades 6-12 Only

Teen Advisory Group: Monday, April 9 @ 7pm Join us at Teen Advisory Group. We will be preparing for a Winnie the Pooh Party, taking book faces, creating a book list of favorites for the Young Adult area and more! New members always welcome.
TEEN LOUNGE:
Fridays 2:30 - 4:30 PM
Join us (almost) every
Friday after-school and
hang out with your
friends. You'll have the meeting room all to
yourself with the Wii, board games, crafts
and snacks.
*Please note there is no Teen Lounge on
April 27.

Craft: No Sew Emoji Pillow -
Tuesday, April 17 @ 4PM
Create an emoji pillow! No
sewing necessary.

Mario Kart Tournament -
Thursday, April 19 @ 2:30
PM Go head-to-head in our
video game tournament! Small
prizes awarded.

Save the date: Teen Summer Reading Kick Off -
Tuesday, June 26 @ 3 PM
Sign up for summer reading. Earn prizes and raffle tickets for reading, checking items out and
attending events all summer long! The fun kicks off with Nicole and Jenna at 3 PM. Stay tuned
for more details.
An Evening with Tony Funches, Former Lead Singer of the Platters on April 19 at 7pm
For more than a decade, Tony Funches graced stages around the world as the longest standing lead singer of the legendary Hall of Fame music group, The Platters, performing classic hits such as “Only You,” “Smoke Gets In Your Eyes,” “The Pretender” and many more. Tony will perform not only the songs of the Platters, but many other timeless songs from musical artists such as The Drifters, Nat King Cole, The Temptations and more!

Spring Cleaning: the Feng Shui Approach with Julie Pelletier-Rutkowski on May 17 at 7pm
This slide presentation is for individuals wishing they could do the impossible, wiggle their nose to magically rid their homes of clutter! Not possible? Then learn how to use the principles of Feng Shui to get inspired and WANT to clean! This presentation is based on the principles of Feng Shui and understanding the relationship between people and the places they live. Julie will also share her downsizing tips.

I Can’t Die but Once: Harriet Tubman’s Civil War with Gwendolyn Quezaire-Presutti on June 21 at 7pm
Gwendolyn Quezaire-Presutti portrays Harriet Tubman in I Can’t Die But Once. Harriet Tubman was enlisted by Governor John Andrew of Massachusetts as a scout and spy for the Union. She battled courageously behind enemy lines during the Civil War. For twenty years, Gwendolyn has engaged audiences with performances giving voice to real-life accounts, struggles, self-determination and triumphs of the women she portrays.
AUTHOR SERIES

Ted Reinstein and New England’s General Stores on April 12th at 7pm
In talking about *New England’s General Stores: Exploring an American Classic*, broadcast journalist Ted Reinstein shares the rich and colorful history of this iconic institution, how general stores figured in the rise of early American commerce, why they began to fade, and why—like another New England icon, the diner—they have begun to come back and even be reinvented and re-imagined for a new era.

Boston Ballerina with Laura Young and Janine Parker on May 19 at 2pm
Laura Young and Janine Parker will talk about their book *Boston Ballerina*. It is both a memoir of Young’s personal journey and a fascinating account of Boston Ballet’s rise from a regional troupe to the internationally recognized company that it is today.

EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Our Evening Book Group meets on the last Thursday evening of the month. Join us, starting at 7pm, for a discussion of the month’s book selected by the discussion leader. Books are available at the circulation desk at the beginning of each month. For more information, please contact the Assistant Director at 781-505-4985.

- **April 26** – *LaRose* by Louise Erdrich (discussion led by Marnie Smith)
- **May 24** – *Stolen Marriage* by Diane Chamberlain (discussion led by Diane Fitzgerald) (date is 4th Thursday)
- **June 28** – To Be Determined
**MORNING ‘BOOK TALK’**

Book Talks take place on the second Tuesday of the month starting at 10:30am and are friendly and informal gatherings of people who like to read. Hear about new books and share what you've been reading. No required reading! Walk-ins welcome. **Dates include: April 10, May 8 and June 12.**

**ADULT COLORING AND CRAFT GROUP**

Our fourth Monday Adult Coloring and Craft Group will be meeting on **April 23rd and June 25th at 6:30pm**. There will be no meeting in May due to the Memorial Day Holiday. We will still provide all the coloring materials you know and love, but we'll also be doing a special craft each month (materials and instruction provided). If you already have a creative project you're working on and just want to spend time with others while you work on it, feel free to join us as well.

**Download Free Magazines from the Burlington Public Library**

The library subscribes to RBdigital which provides access to a selection of digital magazines. Check out—and keep—magazines such as *US Weekly, Newsweek, ESPN The Magazine, Young Parents, High Five* and many more! Find it in our eLibrary on our website, www.burlingtonpubliclibrary.org. Please contact the librarians at the reference desk on the second floor (781-270-1691) if you have any questions.

**Exhibits and Displays**

The Library is looking for anyone interested in displaying their artwork in our Art Gallery or for any non-profit who wants to display items of local interest in our Lobby Cases. Contact the Assistant Director to learn more at 781-505-4985.
COULD YOU DONATE A BASKET?
TO BENEFIT THE BURLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

May Basket Raffle 2018

Businesses, community groups and individuals are urged to donate May Baskets:

Filled with appealing items worth $25 or more delivered to the library by April 25

Donors receive publicity on the basket, our website and in other advertisements

Baskets will be displayed at the library and tickets sold to the public during the month of May. Winning tickets will be drawn on Thursday, May 31

For more information or to donate contact Michael Wick at 781-505-4990 or mwick@burlington.org
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