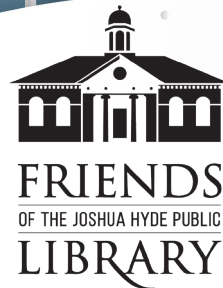


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From Our President

Those of you who've visited the library recently might have noticed it shrunk a bit...down to one tiny office in the Town Hall. But while our building is getting back in tip top shape with a new HVAC system, the Friends will continue in our mission to serve the community by providing events and programs for all. Even though we might have to offer these programs virtually or in the temporarily relocated Senior Center (currently in the Federated Church) for a while, we will continue on our mission.

And one thing that will definitely remain the same: January kicks off The Friends of the Joshua Hyde Public Library's Annual Membership Drive! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and the one that brings in the funds to cover all of those great programs you've come to enjoy! From the Summer Reading Program, to kid's story times and programs, to book discussions and movie series, the museum pass program and all of the various other offerings, the Friends of the Joshua Hyde Public Library will continue to provide for the needs of the community. But these programs all cost money...money that isn't supplied by the town. And that is why your membership in the Friends is so very important. Your membership dollars are what allow all of the wonderful programs and activities we all enjoy. We hope you can give generously this year.

If the end of summer is leaving you looking for a little warmth, we hope you will be able to grab a ticket and join us for some Stewing over Mysteries. This event always warms the cockles of the soul with a warm bowl of stew and insightful discussion about a new mystery novel. This year's author is Edwin Hill. Hope to see you there.

Another great way to entertain yourself in the gloomy winter days is to come enjoy our film series. This year it will be at the temporary Senior Center and the theme is "The Things We do for Love." What a great way to enjoy a lovely Thursday afternoon in January. And don't forget to mark your calendar for March 2nd and 3rd for the always fun Library Mini-Golf!

See you at the library!

Donna Englander
President

From Our Librarian

Dear Friends,

What a few months we have had! As you are aware, the library has been in flux since the middle of October with various levels of closing and staff and programs being held in different locations around town. We want to thank the Senior Center, Town Hall, and their staff for being so accommodating to our programming and service needs. I also want to thank the library staff for being flexible and doing what needs to be done in some very uncomfortable and harried environments.

We will be moving out of the Town Hall and back into the library for limited browsing again on Tuesday, January 16. Starting that day and going forward, we will be open regular hours including all nights and Saturdays and Sundays. We are getting closer to opening all areas – we just need to hang on for a couple more weeks!

I am looking forward to this year's Stewing Over Mysteries at the Publick House on January 25th. Our guest of honor is author Edwin Hill. His newest book, Who to Believe, will be released just 2 days before and we are excited to be one of his first stops to talk about it. Tickets are available online and at the library – don't wait! – this event does sell out!

As always, you can keep track of what is going on at the library on our website sturbridgelibrary.org and on the JHPL Facebook page and Instagram accounts.

Your Librarian,
Becky Plimpton



"We feel honored to again receive this donation from the Federated Church," explains Donna Englander, president of the Friends of the JHPL. "We are not only neighbors but share a common goal of the betterment of all in our community. We have worked with the Church throughout

the years for many of our programs and hope to continue for many more to come."

New Tote Bags Available

When the library reopens, head on over and purchase one of the Friends' new tote bags. These redesigned bags are a great way to help haul all your books home and show your support for the Friends. They are available for \$12, but members can get them for only \$10.



From the Children's Room

Dear Friends,

As 2024 is kicking off, we are looking forward to the end of our renovation and welcoming our youngest patrons back into the Children's room! Our story times are scheduled to start up again in February and Jess and I are excited! We will also be hosting some great events over the February break, including a Princess Party with Something Royal, a puppet show with Tom Knight, and a musical story time with Deb Hudgins.

Wishing everyone a wonderful start to the New Year!

All the best, Lisa Rice
Children's Librarian



Friends Online

Find out what the Friends are doing or renew your membership online:





Friends Kick Off 2024

It's January and that can only mean one thing, it's time for the Friends of the Joshua Hyde Public Library's Annual Membership Drive. Who doesn't love being surrounded by others with similar interests banding together to achieve their collective goals? The Friends of the JHPL want what's best for their community.

How We Raise Funds:

- Our Annual Membership Drive
- Book Sales throughout the year
- Library Mini-Golf
- Special events and benefit fundraisers
- Donations



Benefits of the Friends:

- Your donations are tax deductible
- Subscription to the Friends' newsletter
- Pre-sale admission to Book Sales
- Ability to reserve Museum Passes up to 2 weeks in advance
- Chance to preregister for library events before the general public

• Opportunity to purchase a discounted Friends tote bag

Bubbles and Bands!

• First to know about upcoming library events via email



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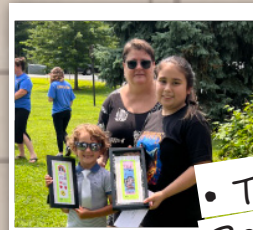


Annual Membership Drive!

Friends want to see the needs of our citizens flourish. We accomplish this through a wide variety of programming that appeals to many. We encourage literacy and creativity among our children, provide book discussions for those of all ages to express ideas and expand their world views, and we have a number of programs to encourage seniors to get out and stay active. We hope you'll join us and become a Friend!

What the Friends Provide:

- Kid's Lego Club
- Technology equipment
- Children's program supplies
- Film Series
- Free and reduced-price Museum Passes



President award ceremony

• Teeny Tiny Art competition and Bookmark Contest

• Summer Reading Program



• Books on Tap



• Stewing Over Mysteries

• Armchair Travelers and Afternoon Book Discussions



• Programs have included:

Chinese calligraphy, beekeeping, coffee and chocolate tasting, magic shows, puppet shows, book banning programs, an evening with an FBI profiler, artist presentations, The Graveyard Girls, and so much more!



Books and snacks with everyone!



How Many of these Programs would be Provided without the Friends:
• **ZERO!**

