



Dear Friends:

As the snow lingers this "spring", I have been thinking about how fortunate we are to live in Harvard. Among the many great aspects of the town I think of the 4th of July, the new Cultural Collaborative in the old library, the Harvard Press, the many volunteers who put in countless hours to make this town run, the dedicated staffs at the schools, fire and police departments and the list goes on and on. Among these is our wonderful library. I recall reading years ago that the internet was going to be the end of libraries. Yet HPL continues to thrive due to a great staff and ongoing support of many, many Harvardians and a little help from their Friends.

In this issue of "Among Friends", you can learn about the new Ancestry Library Edition, hoopla, young adult activities and what's happening in the children's library. We have also posted our book sale schedule.

The book sale and memberships are our major fundraising activities. Thanks to your contributions of books and funds, we are able to support many of the programs that families love at HPL. There continues to be huge turnouts for children's programs – many of them funded by the Friends. Through the Friends of the Arts nationally acclaimed artists continue to perform in Volunteers Hall. As always, hundreds of patrons took advantage of museum passes funded by the Friends (you can reserve passes online).

Enclosed is our annual membership renewal envelope. I hope you will consider a tax-deductible donation to the Friends.

Thank you for your support. I hope to see you at the Library soon!

Chris Frechette, President
Friends of the Harvard Public Library

Congratulations to **Charlotte Durham** – the 2017 winner of the **Dr. Jeffrey Harris Memorial Scholarship**. Charlotte attends Wellesley College. This award, funded by the Friends, is presented annually to one of Harvard's students who exemplifies Dr. Harris' belief in citizenship and service.

Can't get to the library? We'll bring the books to you!
Books@Home will deliver books to patrons who are homebound. Call 978-456-4114 for more information.

2018 Book Collection and Sale Schedule

Book Collection Dates: Saturdays from 9:00 AM - Noon starting April 21 through May 5 at the main entrance to the Library

Book Sale Dates:

Friday, May 11: Preview Sale *for Friends of the Library only (must be a Harvard resident to join the Friends – may join at the door)* 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Saturday, May 12: Early Bird Admission 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM @ \$30 per person - **Free admission from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Sunday, May 13: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Saturday, May 19: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Sunday, May 20: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Museum Passes at the Library thanks to your donations and book sale proceeds:

Concord Museum ~ DeCordova Museum
Discovery Museum ~ Fruitlands ~ Garden in the Woods ~ Institute of Contemporary Art ~ Isabella Stewart Gardner ~ John F. Kennedy Museum ~ Mass Audubon ~ Museum of Fine Arts ~ Museum of Russian Icons ~ Museum of Science ~ New England Aquarium ~ Peabody Essex Museum ~ Worcester Art Museum

From the Reference Desk ~ Lisa Gagnon

Ancestry Library Edition: Explore the Amazing History of You!

Ancestry Library Edition, the world's most popular consumer online genealogy resource, is now available at the Harvard Public Library. It is an extensive online collection of individuals from North America, the United Kingdom, Europe, Australia, and more.

Answers await everyone—whether professional or hobbyist, expert or novice, genealogist or historian—inside the more than 7,000 available databases. And, with ongoing updates and new content always being added, you'll keep coming back to discover more.

Ancestry Library Edition is available to use inside the Harvard Public Library on one of our public computers or via the library's Wi-Fi. There is no remote or home access. Discover the clues your ancestors left along the way!

Cord Cutting?

Use your Harvard Public Library card and hoopla's new Android TV, Apple TV, Fire TV or Roku app to stream movies and TV shows for free.

hoopla is a groundbreaking digital media service offered by the Harvard Public Library that allows patrons to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, eBooks, comics and TV shows to enjoy on their computer, tablet, or phone – and now even your TV.

You can now browse or stream over 33,000 movie and television shows (including Acorn TV shows) using the hoopla app available on: Android TV, Apple TV, Fire TV & Roku.

With no holds and no waiting, titles can be streamed immediately! Instructions for using the hoopla app on a streaming device as well as smartphones and tablets are available on our hoopla Learn More page on our website.

But wait there's more!

Use your Harvard Public Library Card to access thousands of FREE eBooks, eAudiobooks, eVideos, digital magazines, music, language, financial resources & more!

[Go to www.harvardpubliclibrary.org](http://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org) and click on Resources & Research.

From the YA Room ~ Jill Hayes

There's a lot going on for teens in Grades 6 & up at the Harvard Public Library!

Students are welcome to attend monthly Maker Days, programs where they can explore all aspects of "making" by visiting 3-4 Maker Stations. Each Maker Station features a different project, which students can create or improvise on as they choose. The library also hosts monthly treat workshops, where students use frosting and candy to creatively decorate delicious treats. Registration is appreciated, but not necessary. Drop-ins are welcome.

Know a teen with lots of opinions? We want to hear them! Our Teen Advisory Board, a volunteer group, meets once a month to come up with a Maker Day theme and several Maker Station ideas. They also brainstorm creative treats for the treat workshops. Teen Advisory Board is a great place for teens to hang with friends, plan programs, offer suggestions about library materials (books, music, etc.) and get volunteer experience.

The library also offers two book groups for teens, Teen Book Group for Grades 7-9, or Teen Book Group for Grades 10-12. These groups meet once a month to have a snack and talk about books. Please contact Teen Librarian Jill Hayes at jhayes@cwmar.org for more information

Thank you to all our generous volunteers and donors who make the Friends of the Library so successful. We cannot run all these great programs without you!

From the Children's Room ~ Abby Kingsbury

We have had another terrific and busy year in the Children's Room! Thanks to the generous funding of the Friends of the Harvard Public Library, children of all ages and their families enjoy a plethora of programs, from storytimes to book groups to family movie nights to special monthly programs with renowned performers. Programs this year that were sponsored entirely by funds from the Friends include: North American Birds of Prey with Wingmasters, Magic by Scott Jameson, the Caterpillar Lab, Under One Sky with Davis Bates, the Pumpernickel Puppets, Magic with Ed Popielarczyk, the Dinoman, Circle of Songs with Hugh Hanley, Animal World Experience, Simple Machines with David Hyde Costello, Sciencetellers, and Rainforest Reptiles.

Also funded entirely by the Friends of the Harvard Public Library is our very popular circulating board game collection. The board game collection has been so popular that we have doubled the collection, and we now have 80 board games that you can borrow! Games can be borrowed for two weeks and are checked out at and returned to the Children's Room desk.

Last summer we added a new and increasingly popular once-monthly program: Sensory Playtime. Sensory Playtimes are scheduled for one Saturday a month, and are geared towards children of all ages – babies, toddlers, and younger elementary-aged children have all enjoyed attending sensory playtime. Each playtime features several sensory stations with things to smell, touch, see, and hear in this interactive program that is designed to encourage sensory exploration for young children and their caregivers.

Storytimes have continued to be extremely popular this year. We offer a Mother Goose on the Loose storytime for infants to two-year-olds, as well as a storytime for two and three year olds and a storytime for four and five year olds. All of our storytimes are curriculum based and feature age-appropriate early literacy components which enable children to develop their pre-reading and school readiness skills.

As always, we have book groups for 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades that each meet once monthly. Participation in these book groups encourages children to explore book genres that they might not seek out on their own, and the book group discussions help develop skills in considering the perspectives of others and in using analytical language to discuss literature.

Other children's programs include the Book Buddies program, afterschool movies, afterschool crafts, Saturday Storytimes, once-monthly Lego Club meetings, the yearly Lego Expo, the biennial Stuffed Animal Sleepover, and, of course, the annual Ice Cream Social which is the kickoff to the library's summer reading program.

Come visit us soon in the children's room and join in a storytime or find a great new book. We can't wait to see you!

Our good friends from the **Harvard Garden Club** are having their fabulous, all local **Plant Sale** on Saturday, May 19th from 9AM – Noon on the Common. After you get your plants stop by the book sale – we always have a huge selection of garden books!