



Dear Friends:

I hope this finds you and your loved ones well as spring arrives. We are happy to announce that our **Annual Book Sale is coming May 5-7!** We will be collecting books on April 22 & 29. More details at the library website. The book sale is how we raise more than 50% of our funds.

The other large portion of our funding comes from our annual memberships. Enclosed is our annual membership renewal envelope – please consider joining to help us maintain the important programming the Friends support. **You can join by donating using PayPal: <https://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org/about/friends-library>**

The money we raise goes directly back to the library to pay expenses beyond what our taxes cover. For examples, see the report from the Children's Room, Teen Programs and other events below.

We held our 1st concert since the pandemic this past January. We are hoping to offer more programs later in the year.

Thank you and I hope to see you in May,
Chris Frechette, FOHPL President

Congratulations to Felicia Jamba, Mackenzie Hoover and Jordan Hoover for winning the 2022 Dr. Harris Scholarship. This is the first time we have awarded the scholarship to 3 students! The award is given to those who exemplify Dr. Jeff Harris' spirit of community service.

Updates from the Children's Room – Abby Kingsbury

This has been a busy year for programs in the children's room! Book groups (including the Children's Literature Discussion Group for Grownups), the Write Stuff writing group, and storytimes for all ages are going strong. In addition, some old favorites returned including monthly LEGO Club meetings and annual LEGO Expo, monthly GraviTrax Challenge sessions, Family Movie Nights in Volunteers Hall, craft programs, afterschool movies in the story room, and bi-monthly Paws and Read sessions with the awesome therapy dog team of Rhia and Chase!

With support of FOHPL, we had an amazing summer reading program in 2022 with lots of great programs, including the Summer Reading Kickoff, Animal World Experience, Camp Balloon Magic, Mr. Vinny the Bubble Guy, and Circle of Songs with Hugh Hanley.

Since September, we have hosted many awesome early release programs including Ghost Stories with Mary Jo Maichack, the Whalemobile, Toe Jam Puppet Band, a magic show with the amazing Bonaparte, and in May a visit from the Harvard Alpaca Ranch.

We're excited to announce that the upcoming Summer Reading program will kick off with the return of the Ice Cream Social. Also this summer we'll have comic mime Robert Rivest, Pumpernickel Puppets, a hula hooping program with Wildkat Hoops, and Rainforest Reptiles.

All of these great programs are sponsored by the Friends! Details on the summer reading calendar will be unveiled when we visit HES in June!

For information about upcoming programs – send an email to the children's room to be added to the email list: childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org. We hope to see you soon!

Updates from Jill Hayes

We are happy to report that Teen Programs are fully in-person again at the library. We run monthly treat workshops and maker days. There are two teen book groups and Teen Advisory Board.

The Books@Home program is always available to patrons who find it physically difficult to get to the library. You can join the program temporarily or long term to have books and other library materials delivered to your home. Contact Jill Hayes at the Reference Desk for more information - .978-456-4114, Ext 225.

Monday Afternoons @ The Movies for seniors have also returned. Watch our website for upcoming dates.

Museum Passes

With your support we sponsor over 20 museum passes. Here is just a sample.

New: Historic New England & American Heritage Museum (co-sponsored with the Harvard Women's Club) ~ Boston Children's Museum ~ Discovery Museum ~ Ecotarium ~ Gardner Museum ~ ICA ~ JFK Museum ~ MFA ~ MassParks ~ Museum of Science ~ NE Aquarium ~ Peabody Essex ~ Worcester Art Museum ~ USS Constitution Museum & many more!