Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library
July-August 2025 Newsletter

Letter from the President

Happy Summer!

The JBPL has a new full-time circulation assistant. Falon Williams comes to us from the Snow library in Orleans and has her MLS from Simmons College. Please stop by and say hello!

What are you doing this summer? Ever wanted to use a metal detector on the beach? How about a Dewalt drill and bits to help with that DIY project? Or a Singer sewing machine with an accessory kit to complete a home decorating project or a new outfit?

Having a backyard party this summer? Do you need some games like a Ropoda giant tumble tower, pickle ball paddles and balls, or a limbo set? Do you need extra folding camp chairs for your backyard party? How about a Karaoke machine to liven things up?

How about food for that party? Do you need any of these items: a KitchenAid 4.5 Quart Tilt-Head stand mixer; a stand mixer attachment pasta roller and cutter; a food grinder attachment; a food dehydrator; or a canning pot?

All of these items can be borrowed from the Library of Things at the library. Check out the library website (https://www.bournelibrary.org/Pages/Index/229296/lot) for more details, or stop by the circulation desk to learn more.

Do you need a hot spot for your device? The library is upgrading 5 of their hotspots with newer 5G technology. (The new units can deliver both faster Wi-Fi connections to newer devices and receive faster cell-broadband connections to users within range of newer cell towers.)

Looking for something to do with your kids or company? Check out all of the museum passes that offer free or half price admission to 18 museums. Check out the library website at https://www.bournelibrary.org/Pages/Index/228236/museum-passes for more details.

As you read this summer, don't forget to stop by the Friends bookcase in the library. Also, remember to save your finished books to donate to our September book sale. The drop-off date is Saturday, September 6 and the book sale is Saturday, September 13.

I hope that you all have a fun and safe summer season.

Anne Gregory
President

Table of Contents

Letter from the President 1
Summer Reading Dance Party 2
Introducing New Librarians 3
Upcoming Events 4
Children's Summer Events 5
100 Years, 100 Stories 6, 7
Summer Hours 6
Summer Eats Program 6
It's All in the Numbers 7, 8
Note from a Patron 9
Membership Application 10
Friends Calendar 11
Friends of the Library Board Members 11

Summer Reading Fun is ON!!!

It all began when children's librarian Terry Johnson hosted the Summer Reading Kick-Off Dance Party on the afternoon of June 26. A total of 54 families attended, including 89 children, their parents, and 17 teenagers, for a total of 183 participants.

The music and more was provided by Brett Outchcunis, aka DJ Ooch. The performer uses comedy, story-telling, and music to help his elementary and middle school audiences focus "on making positive life choices for a healthy state of mind and spirit."

A face-painter was present to transform the participants on the outside, and Frosty Friends ice cream truck was there for the inside, with flavors like watermelon and lime rickey. The children danced and even engaged in a hula-hoop contest.

There were raffles as well. The one for children was for a free week at the Braves baseball camp. The other, for adults who became members of the Friends of the Bourne Library that day, was for a $100 Market Basket gift certificate, which was won by Rachel Tennelle.

Although the weather was less than cooperative, participants had a wonderful time, and left eager to begin the fun of summer reading and to join in the other exciting summer activities planned for the school vacation. All are on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. [Note: A handy printable poster can be found on p. 5 of this newsletter for you to clip and put on your refrigerator.]

Here are the scheduled events:

July 10—Flying High Frisbee Dogs

July 17—Toe Jam Puppet Band

July 24—Animal Adventures

July 31—Tanglewood Marionettes

August 7—Henry the Juggler

August 14—End of Summer Celebration

Introducing Our New (and Much Needed) Librarians

Falon Williams

Falon Williams is our new full-time circulation librarian. She comes to the Bourne Library from Snow Library in Orleans, where she held a part-time position in programming. At the Jonathan Bourne library, she is face to face with patrons rather than just behind the scenes, and she enjoys this very much.

Falon grew up in Maine and moved to our area at the age of fourteen. She used to love her frequent visits to the library with her mother. As a college student, she worked in her campus library and decided to pursue a graduate degree that would enable her to do this work as a career. She completed her M.S. degree in Library and Information Science, taking special courses in reader advisory, a specialty that helps her when patrons wonder, "What shall I read next?"

She has many other interests in addition to library work. She is a knitter, and she likes to read and write poetry. Our Cape Cod poet Mary Oliver is a particular favorite. Welcome, Falon!

John LeRoy

John LeRoy will need no introduction to some of our younger patrons; he has been the school librarian at Bourne High School since 2022. With a bachelor's degree in history and secondary education, he first became a substitute teacher in Falmouth. Then, when a library position opened at the Barnstable Community Innovative School, he discovered how much he enjoyed library work. He eventually returned to working with high school students as the Bourne HS librarian.

He is working at the Bourne Library for the summer, helping out because the staff has been shorthanded. (He previously worked seasonally at the public libraries in Osterville and Yarmouth.) He enjoys Bourne for its very friendly staff and patrons. John has a goal of visiting every library on Cape Cod.

Meanwhile, he lives on a nearby farm, where he and his wife keep two horses. He began riding as a high school senior, when the girl who became his wife convinced him to try it. Welcome, John!

Upcoming Events at the Library

Check our calendar for more events and details!

July/August Adult Programs

July 8 – 1:00 p.m. – Everyone Hates Ticks! – Entomologist Blake Dinus

July 10 – 1:00 p.m. – Craft – Beaded Bracelet – (Registration Required)

July 14 – 10:00 a.m. – Estate Planning (Registration Required)

July 14 – 7:00 p.m. – Virtual Program – Captain Kidd: "A True Story of Treasure and Betrayal" with Author Samuel Marquis (Zoom Link)

July 21 – 10:00 a.m. – Sound Healing (Bring a mat or blanket) Registration Required)

July 21 – 7:00 p.m. – Virtual Program – Wisdom of Morrie -author talk- (Zoom Link)

July 22 – 6:30 p.m. – Summer Concert in the Garden – Guitarist – Scott Ouellette

July 28 – 9:30 a.m. – Qi Gong (Registration Required)

July 29 – 6:30 p.m. – Summer Concert in the Garden – Songs and Stories with Matt York

August 4 – 9:30-10:15 a.m. – Qi Gong (Registration required)

August 5 – 6:30-7:30 p.m. – Summer Concert in the Garden: Sea Shanties with Denya and Mark O'Leary

August 11 – 10:00-11:00 a.m. – Chair yoga (Registration required)

August 12 – 6:30-7:30 p.m. – Broadway Musicals: Keyboard Performance by Richard Amir

August 13 – 4:00-6:30 p.m. – Movie Matinee, *Master and Commander*

August 19 – 2:00-3:00 p.m. – Tuesday Tech Talk

August 20 – 3:30-5:00 p.m.—Monthly Poetry Group

Ongoing Weekly Events at Bourne Library

Fiber Friends– Wednesdays - 10:00 a.m.– noon. All levels welcome. (Try our beginner project!)

Thursday Night Knitters - Thursday evenings 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. All abilities welcome. Bring your own project or try our beginner project!

Bullet Journaling – Thursdays 3- 4:30 p.m. - Supplies provided, no experience needed

Book Clubs (Copies of all books are available at the circulation desk in multiple formats.)

Award-Winning Book Club - Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. , 7/15, *Blackouts* by Justin Torres

Wednesday Afternoon Readers - Third Wednesday of the month. 7/16, 2 p.m., *The Music of Bees* by Eileen Garvin.

Mystery Book Club - Fourth Thursday of the month. 7/24, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom - *Snow* by John Banville

July-August Children's Programs

For our many children's summer programs, too many to list here, please see the library's events calendar at: https://www.bournelibrary.org/Pages/Index/228191/event-calendar.

Some are also listed on the next page.

HELP WANTED!

Would you like to be a reporter for this newsletter, covering an occasional event or program at the library, taking a few photos, and writing about them? If so, please contact the editor at eileenmattingly@yahoo.com.

COLOR OUR WORLD™
Family Night in the Garden
Thursdays @ 6:30
July 10th
Flying High Frisbee Dogs
July 17th
Toe Jam Puppet Band
July 24th
Animal Adventures
July 31st
The Tanglewood Marionettes
August 7th
Henry the Juggler
August 14th
End of Summer Celebration
bournelibrary.org

Member News

100 Years, 100 Stories: Have You Told Your Story Yet?

Greetings, fellow Friends of the Library!

Our "100 Years, 100 Stories" committee would first like to thank you for paying for the refreshments for our celebration event on September 28, 2025! It is very generous of you (us…I am a member but until I retire, I cannot come to your meetings much of the time!)

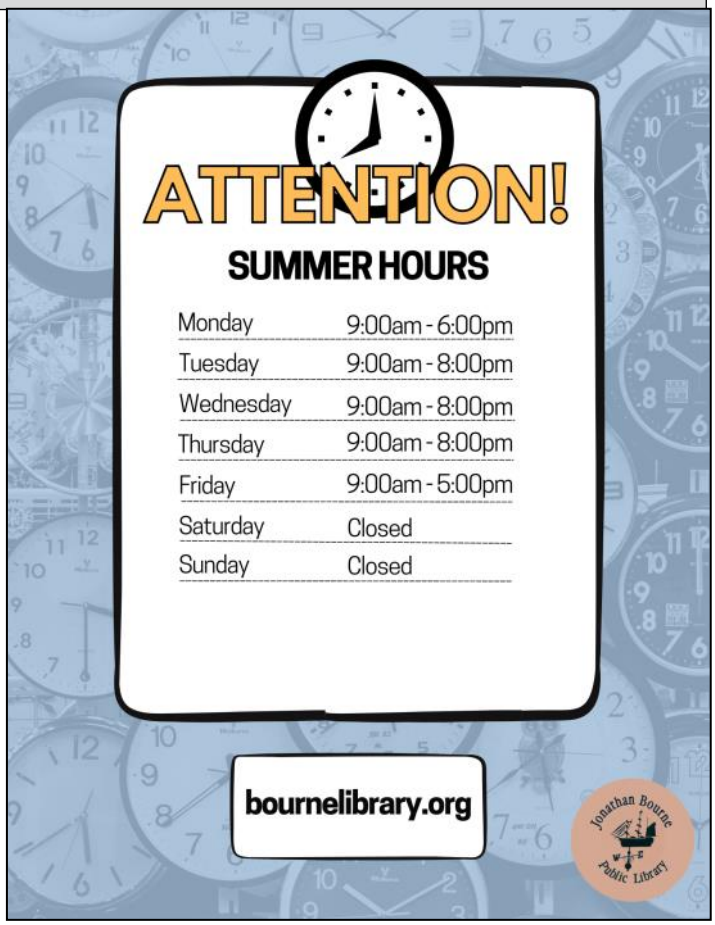
I would also like to invite you to tell a story. We need more stories of the building and memories you have. It doesn't have to be a long or profound story, just a memory you have. Whether you were a student or a staff member when it was a school, or part of the Cape Cod Collaborative when it was here, or a story of its time as a library, please tell it!

It is a quick process. Make an appointment with tech librarian Nicholas Schiller and he will record your story. It doesn't take long.

And, finally, come to our event on September 28! Invite your friends, family, neighbors or houseguests to join us from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm where we will share the stories, hear music from the jazz group Catnip Junkies, and enjoy each other's company. Stay as long or as briefly as you'd like!

Thank you!

—Susan Schmidt



Summer Eats Program

The YMCA Cape Cod is providing free, nutritious meals during the summer when school is closed. Their goal is to support healthy development for children and reduce food insecurity across the community.

Bourne Library will host the program on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during the summer. Food will be served from noon to 1 p.m. to children and teens age 18 or younger, no questions asked. The Y will package and deliver the meals., to be eaten at the library. Other venues are available for other days.

For more information, contact mreilly@ymcacapecod.org.

100 YEARS
100 STORIES

CELEBRATE 100 YEARS WITH US!

TELL US YOUR STORIES ABOUT 19 SANDWICH RD

WRITTEN OR RECORDED SUBMISSIONS ARE WELCOME!

SEPTEMBER 28,2025

Email: 100years100stories@bournelibrary.org

It's All in the Numbers

ITEMS ADDED TO THE COLLECTION

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
FY 2025													
Added	324	324	267	356	316	343	226	238	292	279	268		3233
FY 2024													
Added	305	502	291	545	503	312	459	208	312	384	304	338	4463
FY 2023													
Added	426	505	426	365	437	320	346	187	313	347	357	353	4382

There were 508 items withdrawn from the collection in May.

Room Usage

FY25	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Door												
Study Room	0	11	12	17	21	11	5	9	*	*	*	-
Community Room	9	5	11	10	7	8	8	5	7	14	17	
Conference Room	14	12	13	19	9	6	6	4	16	5	8	
FY24												
Door	4279	2864	1293	4312	3929	4100	4369	4041	4678			
Study Room									21	9	0	0
Community Room									11	12	13	7
Conference Room									0	12	23	17

September and April are partial counts due to battery errors. Door Counter not working (April – 2024)

- Study Room was blocked off for March – June

Continued on next page

It's All in the Numbers, cont.

CIRCULATION

FY25	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
CKO	12273	11476	9773	9471	8869	9109	8722	8490	9959	9424	8726	
FY24												
CKO	11904	12630	10320	9850	9137	9062	9697	9019	10625	9731	10324	9068

PROGRAMS

All FY24 Programs onsite

FY25	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Programs												
Offered	18	10	11	10	14	7	10	11	14	8	5	
Attended	174	103	127	159	112	109	132	113	160	81	70	
5FY24												
Offered	14	9	4	14	9	10	11	15	15	11	14	10
Attended	84	81	25	133	46	59	95	88	155	204	87	56

A Note from a Patron

After Barry Cohen's author talk on *The Hut* on June 25, library patron Susan White sent us this note:

[T]he library lecture...was very nice. Another author attended who had summered on Mashnee and had connected with Barry Cohen; her name is Lenore Bavota. She wrote *Sesuit In My Heart: A Tony Cabella Adventure.* I told her Cold Storage Beach is one of our favorites as it is right next to Sesuit Harbor. She lived there for 40 years.

More interesting was Stephen Days, who built the cottage colony and lived on Mashnee; his nephew and wife attended. The nephew's mother was Stephen's sister. He and his wife now live on Mashnee but he said they had lived in lots of other places while he was working.

Authors Barry Frank Cohen and Lenore Bavota.

Application to Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library

The Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library is a non-profit organization that promotes our Library. We help fund programs, resources, services and equipment not made available through the normal operating budget or capital outlays appropriated by the Town of Bourne. Your membership entitles you to attend our monthly meetings.

Please print and complete the application below, and drop off at the library or mail to:

Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library
19 Sandwich Road, Bourne, MA 02532

Name:	
Address:	
Email:	**Phone:**

Check	Membership Type	Fee	$ Enclosed
☐	Senior (65 or older)	$20 Annual	
☐	Individual	$30 Annual	
☐	Family	$50 Annual	
☐	Lifetime	$500	
	Help us provide more free programs and services at the Library! Additional Donation		
	Total		

You can join by going to the Jonathan Bourne Public Library website and click on "Friends". You can pay via PAYPAL. https://www.bournelibrary.org/Pages/Index/182460/friends-of-the-library

We are always in search of volunteers.
Would you be interested in helping in one of the following areas?

Events & Activities _____ **Spring/Fall Book Sale** _____

Season of Giving Auction _____ **Publicity / Marketing** _____

"The more we read, the better we can build up and expand our knowledge."

2025 Calendar

Monthly Board meetings are on the 4th Monday of the month from 1:00–3:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room. (Meetings may be held by Zoom, at the discretion of the President.) Please note that the calendar will be updated in each newsletter if dates change.

July

July-August Newsletter

No Board Meeting

August

Board meeting, August 25, 1 p.m.

September

Book donation drop-off, September 6

Book sale, September 13

Board meeting, September 22, 1 p.m.

September-October Newsletter

An Easier Way to Give

We have added PayPal to our Friends page on the Library web-site. There are two buttons there, one for membership dues; the other is for donations.

PayPal

Please use the donation button to pay for Caring and Sharing items.

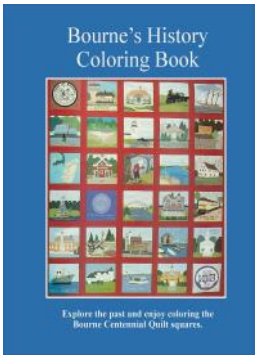
We would be delighted to have you "click away" and send what you can to support your Library.

2025-2026 Board

Anne Gregory, *President*
Nancy Selchan, *Secretary*
Marilyn Tarallo, *Treasurer*
Eileen Mattingly, *Communications*
Laura Bergeron, Helen Bresnahan,
Betsy Woodley, Elizabeth Ferris,
Linda DeBenedictis,
Members at Large

Own a piece of Bourne's History!

If you have been in the community room at the Bourne Library, you have no doubt seen the amazing quilt that hangs in a case there. The images in the quilt are all scenes from Bourne's history, drawn by art teachers in local schools and appliqued and quilted by a group of local quilters. A coloring book made from these sketches is still available for you to see in the children's room. But a newly-reprinted edition with additional information is now available for sale at the front desk for $5.00. All proceeds from the sales go to support library programs.



Friends of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library

19 Sandwich Road
Bourne, Massachusetts 02532

https://bournelibrary.org/Pages/Index/182460/friends-of-the-library

Find us on: facebook®

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100066241073728