

# FRIENDS OF NEWS PUBLIC ROCKLAND LIBRARY

# LETTER

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## FROM THE PRESIDENTS:

*Hello, Fellow Friends and Supporters,*

We are pleased to offer the spring Newsletter full of reports of the activities of the Friends since last fall. We hope you will enjoy reading about them, even if you participated in them.

The 2017 Annual Appeal was a great success, thanks to the generosity of our members and supporters. We sent out 300 letters and raised a total of \$8,295, which allows us to insure that Sunday hours continue and to fund other new initiatives.

The Annual Appeal is one of the cornerstones of our fundraising efforts.

Fundraising events such as book sales, bake sales, the Plant Sale in June, the increasingly popular Tag Sale in August, and the Tree Auction are a key component of the Friends revenue. Income from these events allows us to underwrite programs for adults and children, buy books and

media, and provide public computers. It also supports events such as "Love your Library." Membership dues are another key component of our fundraising. Income from the Book Stop is also critical to funding our work.

This year marks a quarter century of the Friends of Rockland Public Library. We would like to celebrate by welcoming more friends and are planning a celebratory event for the fall, so stay tuned for more information about that.

None of our activities would be possible without your support and engagement.

Rockland is fortunate to enjoy an exceptional library. The work of the Friends is to participate in keeping our library strong and able to provide the resources our community depends on.

If you would like to learn more about volunteering to help with Friends activities or becoming a Board member, please email us at [friendsofrocklandpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofrocklandpubliclibrary@gmail.com).

— Katharine & Rebecca

*The mission of the Friends of Rockland Public Library is to support the goals of the Library and its Advisory Board in their efforts to serve the City and the greater Rockland community.*

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## Friends' Annual Meeting — August 16 with Guest Speaker Paul Doiron

The Annual meeting of the Friends will be held on **Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 6 p.m.** in the Community Room to elect new board members and thank all our volunteers. Please join us for a brief meeting, light refreshments, and stay to hear our guest speaker. Bring a new Friend!

Our guest speaker will be celebrated Maine author Paul Doiron. He's described as "among the best crime writers working today" by Maine Sunday Telegram. His new Game Warden Mike Bowditch crime novel "Stay Hidden" will be coming out in July.



# UPCOMING FRIENDS EVENTS

## **Book, Plant & Bake Sale: Tag Sale:** **Saturday, June 9**

The annual Book, Plant and Bake Sale will be held 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Early-bird Friends shopping starts at 8:00.) It is our biggest book sale of the year, held in the Community Room of the library. We've been stockpiling books all year, in preparation for this event. We always have a diverse selection — something for everyone! Do you have books you'd like to donate? Send us an email: [friendsofrocklandpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofrocklandpubliclibrary@gmail.com). We'd be happy to come pick them up. We will also have a wonderful selection of baked goods at this event, and if you'd like to be one of our bakers, let us know!

On the lawn of the Library will be the Plant Sale: always a wonderful and rich selection of plants donated by our community gardeners. It's still too early to highlight plants donated, but stay tuned! Do you have plants you've been meaning to divide? Give us a call or send an email. We have a team of gardeners happy to dig up, divide, and pot up your gardening treasures. Want to volunteer in the fun? Contact Rebecca Albright at 207.975.3946 or [becalbright1@gmail.com](mailto:becalbright1@gmail.com).

## **Tag Sale:** **Saturday, August 18**

Our 4th Annual Tag Sale is coming right up! The sale starts at 8 a.m., with Early-Bird shopping for Friends at 7:30 a.m. This has become one of our most anticipated and financially successful events. Treasures for everyone! Think of the Friends as you do your spring cleaning and decluttering! Your donations are tax-deductible, as the Friends is a 503(c) non-profit. Although we start taking major donations in July, if you have items you'd like to clear out early, give us a shout!

Want to volunteer for this event? Contact Rebecca Albright, 207-975-3946, [becalbright1@gmail.com](mailto:becalbright1@gmail.com). We are also looking for a centrally located storage space (large barn, garage, empty warehouse or basement) to store our treasures for the upcoming sale.

## **SAVE THE DATE:** **25 Years — October 24**

The Friends are hosting a Library cocktail party to celebrate 25 years of the Friends of Rockland Public Library. Details of the event will follow as it gets organized.

## **Tree Auction and Holiday House Tour:** **Saturday, November 24**

On the Saturday after Thanksgiving, the Friends of Rockland Public Library will have their annual "Festival of Trees" Silent Auction. We will have on display over 30 tabletop trees generously decorated by local businesses. Come visit the Library, which will be all decked out for the holidays. Bidding starts at 1:00 and ends at 4:15. Stop in, have a warm cup of cocoa or cider, some treats (baked by our amazing Friends, and bid on your favorite tree(s)! In years past, we have had a house tour component to our tree auction. Do you know of someone who does a bang-up job of decorating for the holidays? We would like to bring back the "house tour" aspect, but need interested community members to make it happen. Send us an email to [friendsofrocklandpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofrocklandpubliclibrary@gmail.com) if you have any Holiday House Tour leads!

## S U C C E S S !

### **Love Your Library**

This year's Love Your Library was our most successful yet with 400 guests coming for the entertainment and the supper. It was so successful in fact that we ran out of main courses. We will not make that mistake again. Spike Hyssong and Bill Barnes entertained guests in the Reading Room with some jazz while Jean Young kept young guests busy with crafts in the Children's Room. The roving juggler Steve Athearn impressed adults and kids alike with his tricks.

Love Your Library is a joint effort by library staff, PLEA and the Friends. It is great to see patrons enjoying the library and each other's company in a way we can't on a normal work day. If you haven't come to this event in the past, join us next year on the Friday after Valentine's Day.



### **March Book Bag Sale**

This year's book sale was even more successful than in previous years. Between the sale itself, the bake sale and Book Stop proceeds from the day, we made a total of \$1,164.95.

We provided a wide array of books, including paperbacks and hardcovers in fiction and non-fiction. Customers filled up large bags with books for \$7.00. Depending on how full your bag was, you might be paying only fifty cents a book. Friends are allowed inside half an hour early, so that they have first choice of books.

All proceeds from the sale go to the library to support programs like inter-library loan and purchases of children's books and computers.

## From the Director

Dear Friends,

It's my sincere hope that by the time you are reading this, we are truly experiencing spring here in the Midcoast; I have always loved winter, but this one has held us in its grip for way too long! There aren't that many opportunities for me to reach all of you with my thanks, so I'm happy that I get to do so with each Friends' Newsletter. Thank you for all you do for the Rockland Public Library. An active Friends group makes all the difference to a library, and the group you belong to is nothing short of amazing! Thank you, always, from the bottom of my heart.

Were you one of the roughly 400 people who showed up for the Library's fifth Open House — Love your Library; your Library loves you? This annual event started as a staff initiative, and it's considered a Library program, but there is no way we could make this happen without you Friends! This is also just one of around 800 programs for kids and adults here at the Library. You might want to make a habit of picking up the monthly Event brochure which gives an overview of what's going on, checking out the Library website, and soon, signing up for email of

the brochure.

I recently completed the Annual Report to the City of Rockland (Fiscal Year 2017; which ended June 30). Did you know that more than 4,000 hours were donated to the Library last year? Based on independentsector.org, the value of this was just under \$91,000! We still have a number of volunteer opportunities at the Library, among them shelving books and putting shelves in order, poster deliveries, and the always glamorous trash pickup. If you have interest in getting involved with any of these activities on an ongoing basis, we'd love the help; please get in touch with me.

I'm currently listening to "Anathem," by Neal Stephenson; up next will be a re-listen to Jodi Taylor's *The Chronicles of St. Mary's* books, before I listen to the newly published 9th book in the series (see the Fall Newsletter for details). With regard to physical books, I am finishing up the latest in

the *Expanse* series (the SyFy channel's show is based on these books by James S.A. Corey), and about to dive in to John Scalzi's *Old Man's War*, which was recommended by the "You Might Also Like These..." feature of the online catalog (did you know you can find books this way?), based on my liking the *Expanse*. I've also been slowly, slowly working my way through Elizabeth George's mystery series. My favorite book so far this year is, unequivocally, "The Gentleman in Moscow," by Amor Towles.

What are you reading/listening to? Please stop by and tell me, or just say "hello." I'd love to see you.

— Warm regards,  
Amy



Staff members Patty,  
Amy, Katie and Jessie

**Rockland Public Library**

**CLYNK**

The Friends of RPL are hosting a **virtual bottle drive** and we need your help! CLYNK is a program at Hannaford supermarkets that makes returning bottles and cans for redemption simple and convenient. **Specially tagged, free CLYNK bags are available at the RPL circulation desk or at the Book Stop.** Simply fill them with returnable beverage containers and drop them off at the big CLYNK kiosk in the Rockland Hannaford parking lot. We get the proceeds so that we in turn can support our wonderful library! Thank you to those of you who are already CLYNKING for RPL!

**Miscellaneous Bits:**  
The Friends' gift of their time and commitment to the library sets an example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our community.  
For more information, email: [friendsofrocklandpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofrocklandpubliclibrary@gmail.com).

# THE BOOK STOP

The Book Stop in the Lower Level of the Library is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m. We offer one-stop shopping for affordable, gently used books, music CDs, DVDs and audio-books. Book Stop sales bring in needed money to support the many projects the Friends undertake. Over two dozen dedicated volunteers work to staff the Book Stop and keep the selections fresh and interesting.

We are always in need of volunteers. If you are interested, contact Pat Niedzielski (patrick25@roadrunner.com) or Ann Rafferty (annrafferty24@gmail.com). Everyone who works here enjoys meet

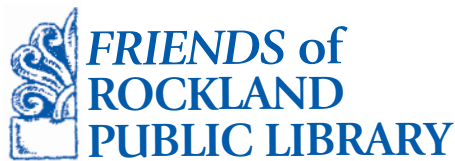


ing the people who come in to browse and shop.

Special thanks to Trudy Crane for her organization of the Book Stop volunteers this year. She has done such a wonderful job and made it easier to carry on the volunteer process. We will miss her.

— Ann Rafferty & Pat Niedzielski

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