

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 9 - 11!**  Please see below for details.

In addition to the proceeds from the book sale, 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. **Or you can use PayPal:** 

The money we raise goes directly back to the library to pay expenses beyond what our taxes cover. For examples, see the reports from the Children’s Room and Teen Programs. We also provide museum passes, a scholarship award and concert programming.

Thank you and I hope to see you in May at the book sale.

Congratulations to **Naomi Linde** for winning the 2024 Dr. Harris Scholarship. The award is given to a student who exemplifies Dr. Jeff Harris’ spirit ofcommunity service.

**Updates from the Children’s Room – Abby Kingsbury**

This has been a busy year for programs in the children’s room! Here’s just a sample of what we have been up to: Family Movie Nights, Paws and Read sessions with our favorite therapy dogs Rhia and Chase, the LEGO Expo and Lego Club meetings, afterschool movies, class visits from HES, Sensory Playtimes, GraviTrax Challenge, story times for all ages, book groups, and the Write Stuff writing group.

Thanks to the support of the Friends of the HPL, we had an amazing summer reading program in 2024 with lots of great programs, including the Ice Cream Social, Playful Engineers, Ed the Wizard, storytelling with Davis Bates, the Toe Jam Puppet Band, and World of Owls with Wingmasters.

Since September, we have hosted lots of half day programs including the Caterpillar Lab, Jenny the Juggler, Fantastic Furries, Artful Mechanisms, a Magic Show with Ed Pop, Hula Hooping with Wild Kat Hoops, the Whalemobile, the debut of the Baby Disco Party (coming this spring!), and Trevor the Games Man (May, 2025!).

**Spring 2025**

We’re excited to announce that the upcoming Summer Reading program will kick off with the Ice Cream Social, with ice cream, outdoor games, and a live band playing in the new pavilion!

There will be lots of fabulous performers scheduled this summer, including the Rolie Polie Guacamole Band (all the way from NYC!), the AbraKidabra Magic Show, Circus Minimus (the One-Man Circus-in-a-Suitcase), the Toe Jam Puppet Band, Animal World Experience, Dinosaurs with Dinoman, the return of the Tiny Art Show, and Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals.

Stay tuned for details on the summer reading calendar, which will be unveiled when the children’s librarian visits HES in June! All these programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Once a month we send out the Children’s Room Newsletter with 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!

**HPL Reader Resources**

Check out harvardpubliclibrary.org/services/reader-resources  for links to all the newest materials such as Fiction, Nonfiction, Media, Teens and Children's, etc. Monthly emails will be sent out to patrons who sign up using this: https://forms.gle/oay1LnJtQ82ewqTw5.

**Teen Updates from Jill Hayes**

**Museum Passes**

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

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 American Heritage Museum ~ Boston Children’s Museum ~ Boston Harbor Islands Ferry ~ Butterfly Place ~ Discovery Museum ~ Ecotarium ~ Gardner Museum ~ Historic New England ~ICA ~ JFK Museum ~ MFA ~ MassParks ~ Museum of Science ~ NE Aquarium ~ Peabody Essex Museum ~ Tower Hill Garden ~Worcester Art Museum ~ USS Constitution Museum ~ Zoo New England

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 where they can explore all aspects of “making” by visiting 2-3 Maker Stations. Each Station features a different project, which students can create or improvise on as they choose. HPL also hosts monthly treat workshops, where students use frosting and candy to creatively decorate delicious treats. Registration is appreciated, but not necessary.

Know a teen with lots of opinions? We want to hear them! Our volunteer Teen Advisory Board meets once a month to brainstorm teen program ideas and offer suggestions about library materials and resources. Teen Advisory Board is a great place for teens to hang with friends, have a snack and gain volunteer experience.

**Upcoming Adult Programs in Volunteers Hall**

**(Registration Required for both events)**

**“Boston Light”** presented by the United States' Last Lighthouse Keeper, Sally Snowman.

Thursday, April 3 at 6:00 PM

https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/13828529

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**“WWII: Letters from a Young Soldier”**

 Thursday, May 29th at 6:00 PM

Genealogist Seema-Jayne Kenney shares the history and stories found in over three hundred letters discovered in her uncle’s attic.

https://harvardpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/13829**645**

Teen programs are sponsored by the Friends of HPL!

Contact Teen Librarian Jill Hayes at jhayes@cwmars.org for more information.

**“You can’t read all day if you don’t start in the Morning!”** -with apologies to Celia Rivenbark

**2025 ANNUAL BOOK COLLECTION & SALE**

**COLLECTION DATES/TIMES AT THE LIBRARY**

SAT APRIL 26, 9-NOON

SUN APRIL 27, 11AM-1PM

THURS MAY 1, 4-6PM

SAT MAY 3, 9-NOON (RAIN DATE: MAY 4, 9-NOON)

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**BOOK SALE DATES/TIMES**

MEMBERS ONLY:

FRIDAY 5/10, 3-7PM

(HARVARD RESIDENTS CAN JOIN AT THE DOOR)

OPEN TO ALL:

SATURDAY 5/10, 9AM-4PM

SUNDAY 5/11, 10AM-2PM

**To volunteer for any of these activities please email us at** **hplbooksale@gmail.com**