



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY, INC.  
A 501(c)(3) corporation  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**FISCAL YEAR REPORT**  
**June 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026**



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**AUGUST 2026**

The Friends with the guidance of **Melanie Terrill**, Library Director and **Cathy Goulet**, Assistant Director, ensure that the needs of the WB Library are met for our patrons. Below is the Fiscal Year Report.

**MUSEUM PASSES:** The board approved and paid for the following yearly passes.

*Easton's Children Museum* – annual cost \$300      *Buttonwood Park* – annual cost \$350  
*Battleship Cove* – annual cost \$250      *Museum of Fine Arts* – annual cost \$200

**READING IS FUNDAMENTAL (RIF):** Friends have sponsored the RIF program since 1989. **Dawn Broderick** coordinates this event working with Scholastic Books along with the secretaries at the Spring Street School, Rose L. MacDonald School and Howard School. Friends purchased books and distributed about 592 books to children in grades K-5 at a cost of a little over \$2,000. Friends will be adding pre-kindergarten to the distribution in the spring of 2027. Our aim is to encourage the children of our town to read. The RIF program is made possible through donations from our membership drive, The Trustees of the Howard Funds and Bluestone Bank.

**HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP:** In 2023 Friends began giving one \$500 Scholarship to a West Bridgewater High School graduate to be used towards college tuition. **Lesley Anderson** coordinates this award with the WB Middle Senior High School guidance secretary to make sure a deserving college bound student receives the scholarship. In May 2026 at the Senior Awards Night FOL member, **Tom Mayhew**, presented the award to our recipient **Kameran Milka**.

**USED BOOK SALES:** Our coordinator for the ongoing used book sale, receives, sorts and shelves the books making sure there are an adequate number of books for patrons to select. Donations from used book sales were about \$1,050.

**YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FUNDRAISER:** In August 2025 our coordinator updated the membership list, brochure materials and mailed the donation request. Patrons were generous and we received about \$2,900 supporting the library and Friends. In September 2025, **Nancy DeLuca** was elected the new membership drive coordinator.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS:** Staying in touch with our community is essential. We had a table at the Lions Club's Annual Fall & Holiday Craft Fair in November and at the WB Open Space Committee's River Walk in June. In May, we distributed RIF Books to the elementary schools and a Friends' rep went to the MSHS to present a scholarship award to a college bound senior. **Sharon Fenn** along with other WB Friends went to the Ames Free Library Summer Social in Easton in the summer of 2025 where like-minded people gathered to exchange ideas about how to improve their hometown libraries. Reps of FOL attended the Library Strategic Planning Meeting searching for creative ideas to support our Town Library and the needs of patrons.

**TREASURER:** In September 2025 **Jenny Williams** stepped down as Treasurer and **Peter Leitch** was elected. He has kept the monthly reports, submitted annual reports (Form PC & Form 990) in a timely manner, and kept up with CD rates and deadlines maximizing our interest.

**SECRETARY:** In September 2025, **Patricia Everett** stepped down as Secretary and **Jeannie Kruja** was elected. She has been taking excellent meeting notes, keeping a Friends notebook of pertinent information and submitting the Form M.G.L. Ch. 180 Massachusetts Corporation Annual Report in a timely manner.

**RAFFLE COORDINATOR:** **Cathy Rudolph** crafts our goodie bags and raffles. Every season she is creating goodie bags that can be purchased for a donation at the library circulation desk; i.e., St. Paddy's Day, Valentine's Day, Christmas, Easter, Winter Festival, 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Winter, spring, summer, fall, she always has creative ideas. She searches out items of interest such as the "Quilt with a Book Motif" handmade by **Jane Hatch** which was raffled.

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**MUSEUM PASS IMPACT - COURTESY OF FOL**

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- \$350 Buttonwood Park - Museum Pass
- \$250 Battleship Cove – Museum Pass
- \$200 Museum of Fine Arts - Museum Pass

**COMMUNITY IMPACT – COURTESY OF FOL**

- \$2,000+ Reading Is Fundamental (Gr. K-5)
- \$500 Scholarship – 2026 High School Graduate

**RAFFLES/FUNDRAISING**

- Quilt with a book motif
- St. Patrick's Day goodie bags
- Valentine's Day goodie bags
- Holiday goodie bags
- Easter goodie bags
- River Walk Themed Raffles
- Harvest Fair Themed Raffles
- USED Book Sales
- Membership Drive

**FOL ATTENDED/SUPPORTED COMMUNITY EVENTS**

- Lions Club Harvest/Holiday Craft Fair
- Food Pantry's River Walk
- Spring, Rose L. MacDonald, Howard School RIF Program
- Ames Free Library Summer Social for local Friends

**INTERNAL ACTIVITIES**

- Welcomed new Assistant Director, Cathy Goulet
- Updated membership list & membership drive materials
- Worked with Bluestone Bank to maximize CD interest
- Gave an "Appreciation Gift" to staff – microwave oven
- Prepared to amend By-Laws
- Completed Commonwealth of Mass Compliance
- Reps of FOL attended Library Strategic Planning Meeting

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