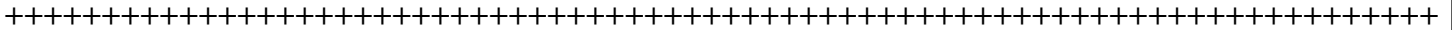




Friends of the James Blackstone Memorial Library Member Newsletter

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BOOK SALE 2007

It was the greatest! Many, many thanks to our co-chairs Mary Hally, Mat Hally and Tom Wilson. And thanks to all the people who helped make our annual book sale a great success. We grossed \$33,184.00! Any question about the books, the locations, and the sorting was competently answered by Tom. Mat was in charge of operations, and what an outstanding job he did! Mary handled the before, during and after problems with professionalism, enthusiasm and good humor. Other hard-working people behind the scenes were Joan Ahern, treasurer, who was in charge not only of the finances but also pre-sale planning and Sunday's cashiers, and Bev Madeska who recruited and scheduled all the workers and then worked herself. For years John Loeb and Curt Wendler have offered their time and expertise in vintage books to benefit the Friends. Berclee Cameron rejoined them this year to help in sorting, pricing, and spending three full days at the sale. We appreciate their dedication and enthusiasm. Vice President Polly Fitz chaired the publicity, helped with vintage books and organized children's sorting. She worked in many other areas as well. Thank you, all. And a **special** thanks to the sorters who work on Friday or Saturday during the year and also spent the entire weekend putting out new books and keeping an orderly display.

To the following our heartfelt thanks: Betty Eckert, Alexine Wallace, Marie Crowley, Marjorie Thompson, Joan Jenkins, Judith Spehar, Faith Tingley, Betsy Klarman, Harriet White, Rosemary Booth, Em Fielding, Bill Barnum, Gerry Reider, Deb Ahlefeld, Faith Nelson, Kay Kazmaier, Judy Selahoff, Cathy McGuirk, John McGuirk, Alice Lambert, Lois Lehr, Blake Lehr, Philomena Acunzo, Genevieve Goff, Eunice LaSala, Perdita Norwood, Ann Rice, Joan Armstrong, Susan Ramsby, Barbara Carlson, Andrea Schieckel, Harriet Brody, Rebecca Barron, Pat Russell, Nancy Lynch, Roberta Rowe, Margaret Hofmeister, Nancy Knowlton, Marjorie Cowles, Florence Barron, Mary Davis, Irene Ayres, Norcott Pemberton, Moira Hambleton, David Hambleton, Mary Swift, Fran Dombrowski, Nina Salamon, Betty Trapasso, Frances Canning, Carol Fitzgerald, Bev Madeska, Dianne Provost, Betty McMahon, Larry Wheeler, Bimmie Herget, Yi Chen Chen, Eunice Kayman, Roberta Trotta, Lucille Pascarella, Florence Osochowsky, Jerry Osochowsky, Grace Barrett, Barbara Tamulevich, Maria Sciarini, Marie Esposito, Betty Lendler, Hatti Motti, Sue Fiskio, Stacy Merrick, Nancy Jakubiak, Julie Lindberg, Taryn Mockus, Peter Borgemeister, Donna Roy, Sue Schultz, John Lambert, Mary Russo, Ron Rabovsky, Dick Sullivan, Lee Sullivan, Bette Ahern, Joan Ahern, Betty Gallacher, Judith Burke, Jane Bouley, Calista Stoddard, Scott Stoddard, and Jacky Cohen. Believe it or not, many workers have already given exciting ideas for next year's sale. Stay tuned.

If you worked, but your name is inadvertently missing, please accept our thanks and my apologies.

CHEERS FOR MAT, MARY AND TOM!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Our nineteenth annual Book Sale on the Branford Green can only be called a great success! More gross income will provide an even larger increase in our contributions to the Blackstone Library.

Our volunteers, too numerous for me to know entirely, were part of a smooth and efficient operation run by Mary and Mat Hally and Tom Wilson. Even the weather cooperated (probably due to John Loeb) and the townspeople came early and often.

This was my fourth and last book sale as your president. I finally learned how to get out of the way and turn the volunteers loose – in teams which they organized themselves, under Mary Hally's direction. Next year, I plan to be there with a camera and high hopes of seeing another really great sho-o-ow under the big top!

Richmond Browne, President
Friends of Blackstone Memorial Library

COOKIE SALE

We can't rest on our laurels too long. Our much-anticipated cookie sale will be held at the library on December 14, 15 and 16. **Please note** that we've changed the days of the sale to Friday, Saturday and Sunday, for as long as cookies last. Polly Fitz is chairing the event. Even if you're not called, but would like to bake cookies, please leave them at the library on Wednesday or Thursday morning. We'll be wrapping them on Thursday.

REMINDERS

If you do not have '07 on your mailing address, you have forgotten to renew your membership. Please send your dues to Joan Ahern, 19 Lincoln Ave, Branford.

Monthly meetings of the FRIENDS are held at the Library on the first Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

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