



## FRIENDS OF THE JAMES BLACKSTONE MEMORIAL LIBRARY MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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### LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate Spring (finally) we have much to report on the progress of the **FRIENDS**. A busy year has seen the most successful cookie sale ever, chaired by Polly Fitz, who has been nominated to replace Lee Sullivan as our vice president. (We will not really lose Lee, as she will continue to write the newsletter and remain on the Board.). Two mini-book sales have been successful at the Blackstone Library managed by Peter Borgemeister, Harriet White and Lee Sullivan. The book drop at the VSC has re-opened. Mary Hally has accepted the role of coordinator for the entire September book sale operation, and her planning is well underway. We have continued to support the Trustees in their development efforts, and JBML Director, Kathy Rieger, in many other ways.

**Our annual meeting** will be held at the Blackstone Library on Tuesday, June 12, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. At that time we will have brief reports on various activities, vote on the vice president, and share conviviality and refreshments with each other and our special honored guests (to be presented at the meeting.)

Please take the time now to **renew** your membership. As always, we **FRIENDS** could use more members, especially some who could help with the physical labor of storing, transporting, and tabling the many tons of books we always have at our great September Sale. Please call Richmond at 315-1237 or any Board member if you can enlist new people to our cause.

—Richmond Browne, President

### NEW MEMBERS

We'd like to welcome the following new members: Sean O'Brien, Lisa Woody and Robert McAlister, Elva Hackley, Dawn Perrotti, Geraldine Reider, Mary Lou Bernardo, Dina M. Rabuano, and K.Moharaj and Theresa Halpin.

### MINI BOOK-SALES

We had two successful book sales in the Reading Room of the Blackstone Library in February and April, netting \$2,000.00. We plan to hold another sale on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 21, 22, and June 23. Audrey Nelson will organize it.

Special thanks to Joan Ahern and Tom Wilson who gave their extra support and expertise to the previous sales. Other members who donated time as sellers were Betty Eckert, Joan Jenkins, Faith Tingley, Rosemary Booth, Emily Fielding, Kay Kazmaier, Gerry Reider, Deb Ahlefeld, Alice Lambert, Audrey Nelson, Irene Ayres, Harriet White, Peter Borgemeister, Carol Fitzgerald and Lee Sullivan. Not only **FRIENDS** members, but also Library staff helped with these events. Thank you to the following: Barbara Cangiano, Linda Gibson, Gennett Grinnell, Jason Neely, Kathleen Feeney, Deirdre Santora and Frank Zdunek. We also want to thank Director Kathy Rieger whose cooperation allows us to use the library for the sales. If you helped, but your name was inadvertently omitted, please accept my apologies, but you are appreciated nonetheless.

## BOOK SALE

Our seasoned volunteer sorters are on hand every Friday and Saturday morning from 9 to 12 noon on the ground level of the Volunteer Services Center, 30 Harrison Ave. They will be there every weekend morning from now until the annual sale on the Green, September 7, 8 and 9. If you are able to help out a little or a lot, please call Tom Wilson at 483-6653. The book drop bin outside the VSC is available for books to be left at any time. Books should not be left at the library.

We are unable to take donations of textbooks, magazines, Reader's Digest condensed books, sets (encyclopedia, etc), LP's, and torn, dirty or damaged books. Throwing them away adds another burden to our sorters' job.

## REMINDERS

Check your mailing label. If you have '05 or '06 on it, please **renew** your membership now.

Our regular monthly meeting will be held on June 5, 2007 at 5:15 at the BML. Members are always invited.

Our **ANNUAL MEETING** will be on Tuesday, June 12, 2007 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. We hope to see many members there (See President's Letter).