

Between Newsletters



News from and about the Friends of Beebe Library

Storage Space Needed

Do you have an empty space you'd like to put to good use AND get a tax deduction? The Friends need space to store the books we sell to help support Library programming.

We have relied on the garage space of Jody Sherman for many years as a temporary solution but are hoping one of our Friends has space they could donate. Because the Friends of Beebe Library is a 501c (3) non-profit organization, your donation of space is eligible for a tax benefit. Here's what we are looking for: a ground floor location (ideally in Wakefield), accessible, well-lit, dry, and weatherized. We'd love to hear from you if you have space or know of someone who might. Please contact President [Jess Davis](#) or [Jody Sherman](#).



Hello Wakefield 101 Attendees

The Friends of Beebe Library enjoyed welcoming new faces at the most recent Wakefield 101 orientation where new residents can find out about the town, services, local businesses and community groups. The Friends provide support for special activities, services, and initiatives of the Beebe Library that fall outside the normal operating budget.



If you'd like to get involved with the Friends, we have one-off, occasional and regular activities where you can volunteer, and get out and meet your new neighbors. Our main fundraising event is our Annual Book Sale, to be held this year on June 1-3. If you love books, libraries, and want to see what we're about, the Book Sale is a great place to start. In the days leading up to the sale, we need people to move books from our temporary storage (see first article) to the sale location at the First Baptist Church. We also need people to sort books, set up, assist at the sale, and clean up when the event is over.

For more information about ways you can pitch in, contact Katharine Weiner at volunteer@friendsofbeebe.org or Jody Sherman at booksale@friendsofbeebe.org.

The Great Indoors and the Great Outdoors

Passes to museums and more

It may be called the museum pass program, but through the Library, patrons can also experience the great outdoors such as Mass Audubon sanctuaries, free parking at Massachusetts State Parks, reduced price tickets to the Merrimack Repertory Theatre, and in season, tickets to the Lowell Spinners. The Friends of Beebe Library provide funding for the pass program. These passes allow free or reduced admission to other well-known indoor locations such as the Museum of Fine Arts, Children's Museum, New England Aquarium and the Peabody Essex Museum, among others.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum: added to Library pass program

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We're pleased to announce the addition of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum to our Library pass program. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of our 35th president. The JFK Library is marking the centennial with a year-long celebration of Kennedy's life and legacy. Special exhibits currently include the Freedom 7 space capsule, which propelled Alan Shepard into the history books as the first American to travel to space. The Freedom 7 is on loan from the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. A Library pass admits two adults for \$3 per person, a savings of \$11 for each adult ticket purchase.

[Click](#) here for more information about passes available through the Beebe Library.

A "Library of Things"

Interested in conducting your own energy audit? You can borrow appliance energy monitors and thermal leak detectors from the Library. The Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department (WMGLD), in conjunction with the Beebe Library, purchased the devices for Wakefield residents and businesses to borrow and use. Find out more: <http://www.wakefieldlibrary.org/energy-usage-monitors/>



Help wanted: Promote the Beebe with Our Merchandise

Are you interested in how the Friends spread the word about the Library through merchandising? We're looking for someone to help manage the Beebe Boutique, where we sell branded merchandise. In addition to keeping track of current stock, we're keen to hear new ideas on how to promote the work of the Friends through merchandise. If you are interested, drop us a line at friends@friendsofbeebe.org. Feel free to join us any time on the first Thursday of the month in the Trustees Room of the Library for our regular meetings to learn more about the Friends.

Bling at the Beebe



Bling is the theme of the 10th annual Blossoms at the Beebe fundraiser to be held on April 29 at the Library. Get your sparkle on. Tickets will be available on March 15th.

[Click](#) here for more information on Blossoms web site or check out the [Blossoms at the Beebe Facebook](#) page.

The event benefits the Lucius Beebe Memorial Library and the Wakefield Lynnfield Chamber of Commerce. Proceeds will support Library services, cultural events and Chamber projects that enhance the civic and economic life of our town.

Everyday Book Sale

Did you know we refresh the stock on a regular basis? Be sure to stop by and browse our shelves. You'll find the Everyday Book Sale on both sides of the staircase on the ground floor of the Library.



More ways to find books

Yes, we like to borrow books and sometimes we buy books. We like options. Did you know when you shop online for a book that the "Library Extension" web site can find if that book is available at your local library? Click for more information: <https://www.libraryextension.com>

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Adult Spelling Bee

The Wakefield Educational Foundation held an extremely lively, “adult spelling bee” to benefit the WEF on March 3rd, at the recently remodeled Crystal Social Club. Only the first round was pure spelling. After that, the teams of ten were asked questions in categories and had to spell the answers correctly. Rounds included legal terminology, sports figures with difficult foreign names and their sports, educational acronyms, 80s song titles and bands, Asian countries (most were formerly part of Russia and ended in stan), etc. It was not easy!

Look for a photo of the winning team, “Don’t Stop BEElievers” to be displayed at the Library. Three teams tied for second place including the “Wakefield Beelievers”. The Friends were well-represented on that team by Nancy and Jeff Tolleson, Jody Sherman, Mehreen Butt (captain), Sherri Oken and Reid Plouffe. Congratulations to all.

Do you like to write?

If you’d like to write about your experience with the Library, a good book you’ve read, a Library pass experience or a program you’ve attended, we’d like to hear from you. Are you keen to flex your creative muscles but aren’t sure how to start? Contact the newsletter editor, Mary Dickman at newsletter@friendsofbeebe.org to talk about some ideas. We have lots of stories to tell and if you’d like to try your hand at reporting, get in touch.

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