

The Buzz from and about the Friends of the Beebe Library

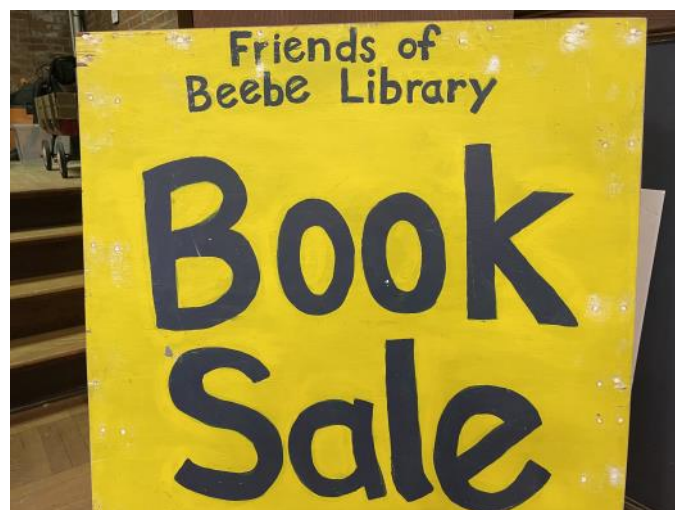
Spring 2022

It's Book Sale Season!!

In the Spring, the Friends' thoughts turn to...the Book Sale! Yes, that celebrated annual fundraising, bibliophile-pleasing, shelf-restocking, literature redistribution event known as the Friends' Book Sale will be held Wednesday, June 1 through Saturday, June 4 at the Hurd School at 27 Cordis Street. Books, volunteers, and shoppers are all needed, so here are the ways you can help:

Donate Books:

The big scheduled book drops at the Hurd have gone very well and produced quite an inventory. We will continue to accept donations during our May workdays; to arrange a drop-off, please email Beebe-booksale@gmail.com. Stay tuned also for notices concerning a weekday evening drop-off opportunity sometime in May; check the Friends' Facebook page, or our website, www.friendsofbeebe.org. If you have more boxes of books than you can easily transport, we can arrange to pick up your donation; contact us through the book sale email mentioned above. Please note that we are only accepting books this year! Please do not donate other media (no DVDs, CDs, games, puzzles, magazines, etc.), and, as always, no textbooks, encyclopedias, or



From the Board

Dear Friends,
Winds of change are upon us and our world has been swirling in ways that no one could have predicted. Change is the only thing that is certain – and like a bird (or a bee) on a wing, we all need a stable place to land. All the more reason to be thankful for the Beebe Library, which due to the dedication of so many people (yourselves included), is as solid as the foundation upon which it was built 100 years ago. We can all count on the Beebe, and are excited to celebrate its centennial! [100th Anniversary Celebration – Lucius Beebe Memorial Library \(wakefieldlibrary.org\)](http://www.wakefieldlibrary.org).

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Reader's Digest Condensed Books.

Volunteer:

Volunteers are needed to help on Book Drop days, to sort books in the weeks following Book Drop days, and to assist during and after the Book Sale itself. To offer your time and enthusiasm, contact our Book Sale Mavens, Cindy Schatz and Greta Garniss, by email at Beebe-booksale@gmail.com (thank you!!). As those who have helped out in the past can confirm, volunteering is its own reward, but it also gives you extensive opportunity to make more great finds!

Shop:

The first day (6/1) of the Sale will be Members Only, so you will need to have paid up your membership or be prepared to renew it at the door.

Here are the hours:

**Wednesday, June 1:
3pm – 7pm (Members Only)**

**Thursday, June 2:
3pm – 7pm (Public)**

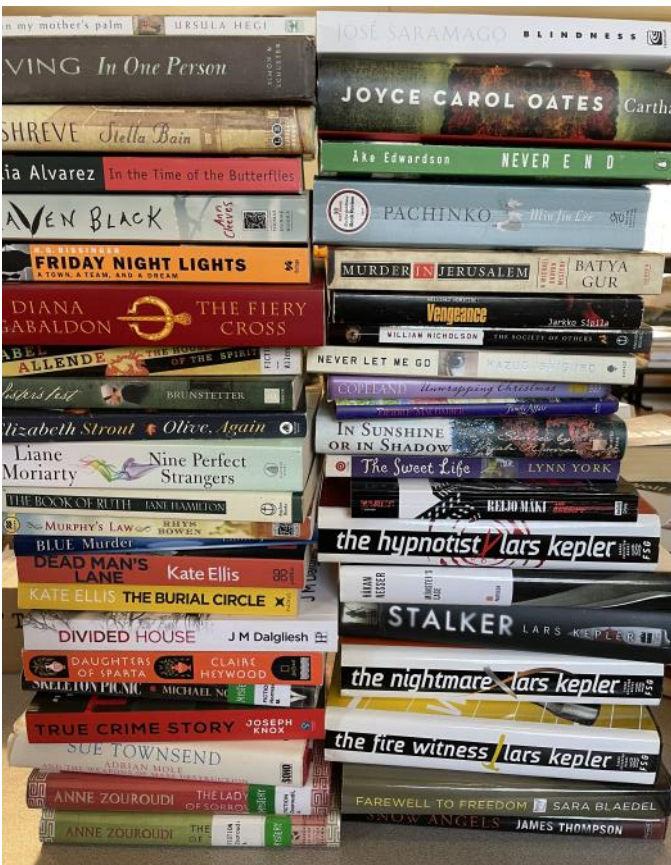
**Friday, June 3:
1pm – 7pm (Public)**

**Saturday, June 4:
9am – 1pm (Public)**

Payment may be made by cash, check, or credit card.

Help Us Relocate:

We are not sure how much longer we will be able to use the space at the Hurd, so we are on the lookout for possibilities for our next location. If anyone has a lead on a large, free space for book storage or maybe even for the Sale itself, please let us know!



The Room Where It Happens



A Sampling of Our Wares

Better Know Our Library

By Eileen Worthley

March 17th of this year marked the Centennial Anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the Lucius Beebe Memorial Library. It had been a long time coming; the library had outgrown its space in the Town Hall where it occupied two or three rooms. There had been numerous attempts to raise funds to erect a new building for over a decade, but other improvements to the town's infrastructure—roads, sewers, streetlights—had taken precedence; although it appeared as a referendum on the town warrant in different years, it was always voted down. Eventually, a site at the corner of Main and Avon Streets, the Edward Mansfield Estate, was purchased by public subscription: 1200 Wakefield residents contributed a total of \$12,000. The laying of the cornerstone event was covered on page one of the Wakefield Daily Item: “This building,



*Construction workers in 1922
Photo contributed by Harold Regan.*

costing nearly \$200,000, is given to the town of Wakefield by the family of the late Lucius Beebe, for whom the library was named in 1868. Mr. Beebe was one of the founders of the library in 1856, was a member of the first Board of Trustees and, as a public-spirited citizen, was always interested in the public schools and the library.” There were, of course, speeches by the town's VIPs, but the main event was the laying of the cornerstone, under which a copper box was placed as “time capsule” of sorts. Living in perpetuity at the corner of Avon and Main Streets the copper box includes photographs, newspapers, and other articles of the Beebe family, copies of Boston newspapers and the Daily Item, circulars and printed materials regarding the campaign to raise money for the site, photographs of public buildings in Wakefield, and the names of the hundreds of citizens who contributed. Schools were dismissed early and the school children concluded the ceremony with the singing of *America*.



*Construction site at Main and Avon Streets
Photo contributed by Harold Regan.*

Graphic Novels: *far more than a comic book*

By Nancy Tolleson

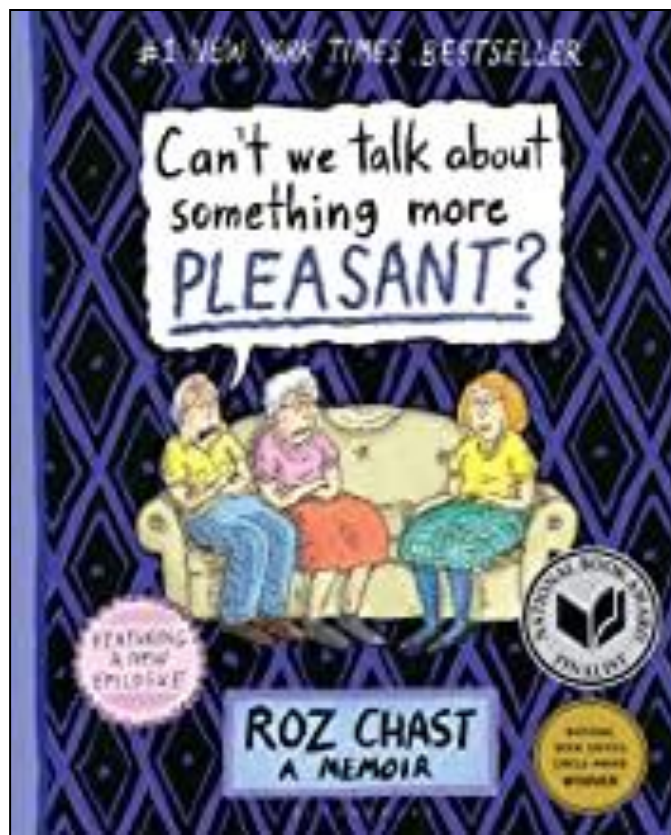
Most of us have fond memories of comic books as a kid whether it was action heroes from Marvel or compilations of favorite Sunday funnies like Calvin and Hobbes. However, the choices for adults have exploded in recent years to offer a very rewarding side trip from your regular browsing.

I discovered the Adult Graphic Novels section near the Reference Desk mostly out of curiosity, looking for an interesting short read.

Writing a narrative with both graphics and text allows the author to achieve a totally different experience from writing in just prose.

The genre lends itself well to memoirs where the author can deal with a tough subject with a range of humor or poignancy. *Can't we talk about something more PLEASANT?* by Roz Chast, wrote about her own experience with her parents getting older and how to deal with the third rail: What happens when we die? I found it very funny since I was going through the same period, yet it is also warm and touching and helps the reader remember what we cherish about our parents while day to day realities can become very trying.

Flocks, by L. Nichols is a coming of age memoir where the author knew from a very early age she didn't fit in to the social norms of her small town rural setting.



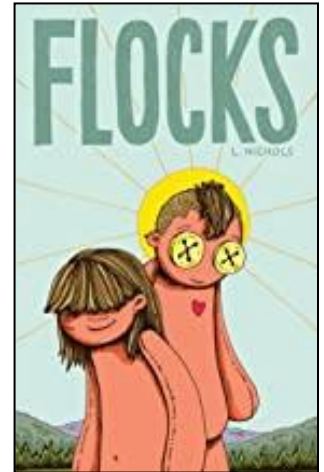
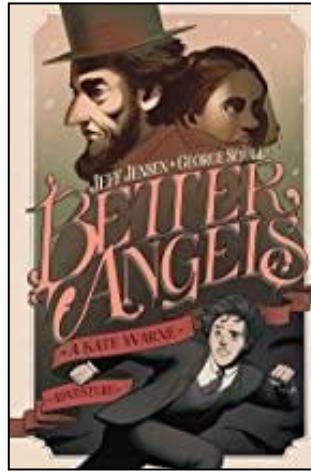
A dream of getting to MIT didn't resolve her inner struggle but gave her the space to find her real self as a male and be able to transition to a new way of seeing herself and finding a life partner.

Some books take a small topic of history and flesh it out to be more interesting, such as *Better Angels*, a Kate Warner Adventure by Jeff Jensen/George Schall. I learned the Pinkerton National Detective Agency hired both woman and freed slaves to be spies. They had the ability to blend in and not be noticed while they gathered intel. Kate was instrumental in stopping a planned attack on Abraham Lincoln before he even got to Washington DC for his inauguration.

The United States Constitution is a short pamphlet one can read very quickly and often forget the details about as fast. The graphic novel version of this vital docu-



Ray Fawkes



ment by Jonathan Hennessey was a great read since it took the time to show the precedent for each amendment and how it has impacted our current times.

One Line by Ray Fawkes looks very much like a standard comic book with neat boxes of text and pictures in sequential order until you realize you are reading several parallel stories across the broad sweep of time and watch them slowly merge. It deals the timeless topics of what each generation want for the next as they struggle with calamity or gather great success. Bit by bit some of the story boxes turn black and that family’s future ends. Read on to find the conclusion.

The Friends of the Beebe Library are always working on several projects; both new and ongoing. We are presently looking to grow our team of volunteers. We are eager to meet with you and hear your ideas. Please consider joining us today by emailing us at volunteers@friendsofbeebe.org.

Photograph for the Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Beebe Library want you to join us

Please consider being our photographer. We need at least one volunteer photographer. This would provide great experience and exposure. This opportunity is an ideal way to have your work published and be seen in our community



Digital Media Lab now open

By James Horne

The newly opened Digital Media Lab, or 'DML' has three different stations: Photograph & Document Digitization, Audio/Video Digitization, and Creativity & Editing. If it's your first time using a specific Lab station, the librarian will give you a 30 minute orientation at the beginning of your appointment. Orientations are required for each of the three different workstations.

The Digital Media Lab (DML) is a public space for digital preservation & creativity.

As a free community resource, the DML is open to all Beebe Library and North of Boston Library Exchange (NOBLE) cardholders. Patrons under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Digital copies of your material, can be saved your USB flash drive or your external hard drive. Other options are the cloud; for example Google Drive, Flickr or iCloud.

Take a look at

<https://www.wakefieldlibrary.org/dml>

Audio/Video Digitization

AudioTechnica LP60XBT-USB turntable, a Sony CFDS70 Boombox and an Emerson ZV427EM5 DVD & VHS Player.

Elgato Video Capture software allows you to digitize VHS and DVD formats. Audio files can be edited with Ocenaudio Editor, a cross-platform, easy to use, fast and functional editor. It's for people who need to edit and analyze audio files, without complications.

Creativity & Editing Station

has a custom built, 21.5" iMac PC A2116, Intel® i7 6-Core™, 3.2GHz & 16GB RAM

The complete Adobe Suite, consisting of, but not limited, to Photoshop, Acrobat Pro, Illustrator, InDesign, Premiere Pro, After Effects, Lightroom, Premiere Rush, Adobe XD, Adobe Spark, Adobe Animate,

Dreamweaver, Adobe Stock, Adobe Substance, Adobe Audition, Adobe Aero, Adobe InCopy, Adobe Fresco, Adobe Dimension as well as a large library of Adobe fonts.

Photography & Document Digitization

Epson Perfection V600 Flatbed Scanner

FastFoto FF-680W Sheet Fed Scanner

The DML photo digitization equipment can accommodate the following formats:

35 mm film strip

6 cm medium format film

35 mm slides

A4 or US letter size flat document

Photos measuring 3.5 to 10 inches

Polaroid photos

Panoramic photos up to 36 inches

The Beebe is our dependable 100-year-old rock, but within its massive walls, the buzz of change is a constant. You know as soon as you enter its beautiful lobby that the latest best sellers await, along with more eclectic staff picks. The Beebe's on-going programs have been in place for years, but the discussions are fresh and relevant. Have you tried a book group yet? The Beebe has five! Want to wrap your head around the events of the day? Try News and Views! And, as you know, there are many exciting programs for children through their teen years.

As for the Friends, we are pleased to say that the Annual Book Sale is being planned for the first week of June! Please keep an eye open for emails and check www.friendsofbeebe.org for volunteer opportunities, and more information about the big event.

In the spirit of positive change, the Friends are aiming for an image update to outwardly reflect the active, dynamic organization that we are. We are looking for a marketing or design guru to guide re-branding over the next year, and another volunteer to manage the Instagram account (Beebe-loving teens are welcome). As a volunteer-run organization, we count on each other!

*Thank you,
and wishing you all smooth landings,
The Friends of Beebe Board*

Vital email links

Please visit the Friend's website, check the Daily Item and social media, or contact beebebooksale@gmail.com for more information.

As you know, we are a volunteer run organization and are always looking for Beebe-loving volunteers. Opportunities abound and are highlighted on this page. Thank you for taking a look.

Stay tuned for details about the bag (book) event. For more events and volunteer information, www.FriendsofBeebe.org

For monthly meeting details contact president@friendsofbeebe.org

They're good places to start. You can also send an email to

volunteers@friendsofbeebe.org.

You can always bet there is a lot going on, and we hope to see you!



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All Friends are invited to our Board meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the month, September - June, starting at 7 p.m., via Zoom.

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