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MISSION

The FOSPL is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. Our mission is to partner with the Sharon Public Library in serving informational, educational, cultural, and recreational needs of the community through fundraising, programming, advocacy, and volunteerism.

Scan this QR Code with your phone camera to get more information on our Annual Meeting and Melissa Caruso.



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Dear Friends,

I hope you, your family and loved ones are safe and well. The leaves changing and the cooler temperatures confirm that we are solidly in autumn!

This is The Friends of the Sharon Public Library (FOSPL) Annual Report for our fiscal year that runs from November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2021. In summary, this was another challenging year for The Friends. We once again had to cancel our major fundraising activities: the May 2021 Book Sale and our membership drive. However, we did hold several small fundraisers and were able to co-host several interesting Zoom-based events throughout the year. With your ongoing support and the support of our business sponsors, we were able to fund most of the museum passes and some materials for library programs. We are looking forward to a better year ahead.

You are invited to our 2021 Annual Meeting to be held via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on October 21 followed by an author talk with Melissa Caruso, fantasy author and Sharon resident. During our brief Annual Meeting we will summarize the year, ratify minor changes to our By-Laws and vote in our slate of officers for the coming year. The **Zoom link is: <https://tinyurl.com/friends2021annual>** Learn more about Melissa Caruso and our meeting by scanning the QR Code in the left column or visiting our website: friendsofsharonpubliclibrary.org.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Thank you to our newest business sponsors: The Needle Group and The Seth Stollman Team at Keller Williams Elite. They join our dedicated sponsors: SCU Credit Union, Dedham Savings and Eastern Bank.

Thank you to all who list the FOSPL on their Amazon Smile purchases and who purchased the reusable bags at Stop & Shop and Shaw's in support of us.

Our financial status is challenging but thanks to member and sponsor donations, income from the book bin sales and our presenters who reduced or waived their fees, we were able to support some library museum passes, materials for library programs and offer free Zoom presentations throughout this first pandemic year. The Friends Annual Finance Summary is available at our website friendsofsharonpubliclibrary.org.

We are grateful to our presenters, our local businesses, our cohosts and to Sharon TV for collaborating to make these interesting topics available. Here are the highlights of our activities this year:

- Book Collection Bins remain in the parking lot near Shaw's 700 So. Main St. This provides us with a supplemental form of income
- Nov 2020 - Deborah Sampson depiction by Janet Parnes via Zoom; cohosted with Sharon Public Library (SPL) Veterans Group; recorded by Sharon TV

Thank you...

...2020-21 Sponsors:

SCU Credit Union

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Special Thanks to...

Janet Parnes

Sandy Spector

Andrew Lelling

for their time/talent

...D'Lush Cupcakes and

Tough & Quick Hand
Cream for partnering on
fundraising

...The League of Women

Voters of Sharon-
Stoughton, the Library
Director, Lee Ann Amend,
and SPL Veteran's Club
for co-sponsoring events

...Sharon TV for
recording events

...Library staff for
providing services and
programs during
quarantine

...Library Trustees for
their commitment

...our Board Members for
their dedication

- Feb 2021 - Staycation Celebration - web-based community engagement
- Feb 2021 - Valentine Cupcake fundraiser with D'Lush, local Sharon business
- Feb 2021 - Martha Washington Visit with Sandy Spector via Zoom, cohosted with the Sharon Public Library (SPL); recorded by Sharon TV
- Apr 2021 - Spring Skin Care fundraiser with Tough & Quick, local Sharon business
- May 2021 - Varsity Blues with Andrew Lelling via Zoom, cohosted with SPL; recorded by Sharon TV
- Oct 2021 - Booth at Sharon Day

GOOD NEWS - BOOK SALE IN NOVEMBER!

We are having an in-person Book Sale from November 12-14, 2021 at the library. We will be collecting your donated books from October 25 through November 9 in the Cynthia B. Fox Community Room during regular library hours.

Our book sale hours are 10am to 4pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Sunday will be our \$5 Bag Day - the bag size is determined by us. **For the safety of all, masks, social distancing and attendee limits will be during the book sale.** Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

In keeping with objectives of the Sustainable Sharon Coalition and the town vote to reduce the use of single-use plastic bags, you are encouraged to bring your own reusable bags during all three days of the sale.

VOLUNTEER WITH US

The Friends of the Sharon Public Library can benefit from your time and talent!

We always need volunteer help at our events, as well as with graphic design, membership outreach and data management. Interested? Contact us at info@friendsofsharonpubliclibrary.org.

Please check out our website friendsofsharonpubliclibrary.org for more information on our monthly board meetings, upcoming events or to contact us. All our meetings will be held via Zoom until it safe to meet in person.

Thank you once again for your support as members, sponsors and volunteers.
Sincerely,

Kate Mason
President
The Friends of the Sharon Public Library