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Dear Friends,

2017 was another successful year for the Friends of the Sharon Public Library, and we are excited for what 2018 may bring. We thank all of our members for your continued membership, donations, and support. Our annual book sale raised nearly \$9,000. We also held two new events, paint night and cow patty bingo. The money we raise through events, memberships, adopt-a-book donations, and sponsorships from local businesses allow us to fund adult and children's programming at the library, make museum passes available to patrons, purchase large print books and rental books and DVDs, and fulfill items on the library's wish list.

We are sad to announce that Mary Alice Dowdell, the past president and long-time board member of the Friends, moved out of Sharon this year. We will miss Mary Alice's steady guidance, abundant wisdom, and gentle humor, but we know she's only a phone call or an email away.

Highlights From the Year

In March we held our first paint night at the library. Local artist Sangeeta Mehta guided participants in painting a sunny autumn picture of Lake Massapoag. Everyone went home with a completed painting and some tips on how to paint.

Our annual book sale in May is always our largest event of the year, and this year was no exception. Thank you to all our volunteers who tirelessly sorted books, assisted during the sale, and baked for our bake sale. Additional thanks to everyone who donated books and then restocked their bookshelves with gently used books from the book sale.

Crescent Ridge hosted our first cow patty bingo event as part of their 85th anniversary celebration in August.

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2017 Sponsors

Membership Drive
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Book Sale
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Special Thanks

- Sangeeta Mehta
for leading Paint
Night 2017
- Crescent Ridge for
hosting Cow Patty
Bingo
- Barbara Ann
Strassman for her
talk on alternative
healing methods

Thank you to local practitioner Barbara Ann Strassman for helping us kick off FY2018 with a talk on alternative healing methods. We hope this year will be healthy and happy for all of our members.

We're planning more events for the coming year. As always, our book sale will be the third weekend of May. We welcome donations starting three weeks before the book sale, and we appreciate your continued patronage of the sale. We meet the second Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the children's area in the library. Come share your ideas and feedback.

Elizabeth Kassab
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The Friends of the Sharon Library
Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Financial Report
November 1, 2016—October 8, 2017

	Income	Spending	Sponsorship	Net
Adopt a Book	\$585			\$585
Membership	\$5,705	\$3,216	\$2,350	\$4,839
	\$6,290	\$3,216	\$2,350	\$5,424
Booksale	\$8,809	\$595	\$700	\$8,914
Donations	\$1,375			\$1,375
Paint Night	\$305	\$361		(\$56)
Cow Patty Bingo	\$1,790	\$946		\$844
Merchandise	\$40			\$40
Rental Books/DVD's	\$825	\$1,194		(\$369)
Miscellaneous Income	\$3			\$3
Disposable Income				\$16,175
Children's Programs		\$5,652	\$0	\$5,652
Adult Programs		\$3,627		\$3,627
FOL Expenses		\$1,238		\$1,238
Museum Passes		\$6,204	\$950	\$5,254
Event Keeper		\$1,305		\$1,305
Other Library Items		\$2,787		\$2,787
Total Library Expenditures				\$19,862
Net Income				(\$3,688)
Cash Accounts				
Eastern Bank				\$219
Eastern Bank Savings				\$27,003
Pay Pal Account				\$223
Post Office Account				\$362
One Book One Town				\$3,606
Total Cash Accounts				\$31,413

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