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Dear Friends,

The mission of the Friends is to enhance our local community in Sharon by partnering with the library to raise funds and awareness. We raise funds by holding events throughout the year, including our annual used book sale, paint night and back-to-school storytime. We are very grateful to our local sponsors—Dedham Savings Bank, Eastern Savings Bank, Herb Chambers Lexus, and Sharon Credit Union—for their generous support. The money we raise goes to the library, which uses it to organize programs to educate, enlighten, and entertain children and adults. The money is also used to purchase supplies, large print books, and rental books and DVDs for the library. In addition, the Friends also sponsor the museum pass program, which lets library patrons access local museums and attractions at a reduced cost.

Highlights From the Year

In March we held our second paint night at the library. Local artist Sangeeta Mehta once again lent her expertise and led the group in reproducing Vincent van Gogh's still life *Sunflowers*.

In May we raised almost \$10,000 at our annual used book sale. It's our largest event and we are able to hold a successful book sale every year because of our community and our volunteers. We're grateful to everyone who helps us prepare for the book sale, works at the book sale, and bakes for our bake sale.

This year, the Friends, the MOMS Club, and Crescent Ridge teamed up to hold a back-to-school storytime. Local author Josh Funk read four of his crowd-pleasing favorites, including *Mission Defrostable*, the latest installment in his popular *Lady Pancake and French Toast* series. The MOMS Club helped organize the event and provided fun crafts and activities. Crescent Ridge let us use their party area and gave everyone who attended a discount on ice cream.

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2018 Sponsors

Membership Drive

Dedham Savings

Adopt-a-Book

Sharon Credit Union

Museum Pass Program

Sharon Credit Union

Book Sale

Herb Chambers Lexus

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Special Thanks

- Sangeeta Mehta for leading Paint Night 2018
- Crescent Ridge for hosting Back-to-School Storytime
- Josh Funk for entertaining us at our Back-to-School Storytime
- Emily Hollenbeck, Mollie Tourjeman, and the MOMS Club of Sharon for helping us organize our Back-to-School Storytime
- Professor Arianne Chernock for sharing her expertise on Royal Weddings

Looking Forward to Next Year

We are excited to welcome Boston University Professor Arianne Chernock to speak to us about the British monarchy. Our curiosity has been whetted by this year's royal wedding and the popular TV shows *The Crown* and *Victoria*.

Kate Mason will become the new president of the Friends in fiscal year 2019. She has been on the board of the Friends for six years and spearheaded our Paint Night events. I have enjoyed my two years as president and will remain on the board.

One way for us to bring our community together is to encourage people to come together to support a cause we all care about—the library. There are many ways to be involved with the Friends and the library community. We are grateful to our many volunteers and encourage anyone who is interested to join us. We meet the second Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the children's area in the library. We welcome all feedback and ideas.

Elizabeth Kassab
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