



October 16, 2019

Dear Friends,

### OFFICERS

*Kate Mason, President*  
*Elizabeth Kassab, Vice-President*  
*Joanne Blatte, Secretary*  
*Giselle Princz, Treasurer*

### BOARD MEMBERS

*Alice Cusner*  
*Michael Della Bitta*  
*Kirstin Gray*  
*Amity Kelley*  
*Carolyn Weeks*

### 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.*

We are grateful for the continuing support from you, our members, and from our local sponsors at Dedham Institution for Savings, Eastern Bank, Sharon Credit Union and Herb Chambers Lexus. We had a wonderful 2018-2019 year!

Your membership and donations to The Friends and the proceeds from our fundraising events enable the library to provide adult and children's programming, large print books, rental books & DVDs and museum passes as well as the purchase of materials such as tables, chairs, the A/V system in the community room and much more. Thank you!

This year we were pleased to welcome two new board members, Alice Cusner and Michael Della Bitta. They bring many talents and are a welcome addition. Our proposed slate of officers will remain the same for the upcoming year.

### **Highlights of The Year**

In March, we hosted our third Paint Night fundraiser led by local artist Sangeeta Mehta. We opened the participation to both adults and children (age 10+ accompanied by an adult). It was fun to see the different artistic renditions of the colorful owl by the many participants.

We also hosted our second Civics 101, in collaboration with the Sharon/Stoughton League of Women Voters. The program was an engaging and informative discussion about Sharon government and what our children are (and will be) taught about Civics in the school curriculum. We are thankful to Fred Turkington, Sharon Town Administrator, and Karen Woods, Grade K-5 Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator, for sharing their knowledge and insights. If you missed it, check out the video from Sharon Cable TV linked on our website <https://www.friendsofsharonpubliclibrary.org>.

In May, we held our Annual Used Book Sale, sorted thousands of books and sold many of them to raise \$10,200 in four days! Our annual book sale is our key fundraiser for the year and is a great time to pick up your summer and winter reading supplies! This year we ran a successful trial of technology that allows us to accept credit card payments along with cash and checks. We are eager to use this again this May.

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## Thank you to our 2018 Sponsors

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### Special Thanks to:

Sangeeta Mehta for leading  
Paint Night 2019

The Sharon Library staff for  
help with Used Book Sale  
and all our events

Sharon DPW for help with  
Used Book Sale

Peter Kahle, local author &  
owner of Bloodshot Books,  
for sharing his favorite reads  
in the SPL horror collection.

In July 2019, Shaws on South Main Street in Sharon donated \$1 to The Friends for every purchase of a Give Back Where it Counts Bag for the entire month! Thank you for supporting us through this program!

### Coming Up

Our Annual Meeting is Wednesday, October 30th and you are all invited. We will start our business meeting at 6:45 pm followed by a presentation (open to all) by Peter Kahle, author, owner of Bloodshot Books and Sharon resident, who will share his favorite reads in the SPL horror collection. What better place to be on the night before Halloween? This event is free and dessert will be available.

For the entire month of October, the Stop & Shop in Stoughton will donate \$1 to The Friends with every purchase of their specially designed reusable bag during their monthly Community Bag Program. Thank you for supporting this program.

On Saturday, November 2, we will host our first 2019-20 fundraiser, a Paint for FUN afternoon from 3-5 p.m. in the Library Community Room. Open to adults and children (10+ accompanied by adult). Come enjoy an afternoon of painting led by local artist, Sangeeta Mehta! Register at the library's Adult Circulation Desk. Look for details on our website.

Save the dates of May 14 - 17, 2020 for our Annual Used Book Sale! Book collection will start at the end of April. Watch our website for more details.

### Join Our Board!

The Friends of the Sharon Public Library can benefit by your time and talent! We are seeking help with bookkeeping, graphic design, membership outreach and data management as well as ideas for events! Contact us at [info@friendsofsharonpubliclibrary.org](mailto:info@friendsofsharonpubliclibrary.org).

Please check out our Website for more information on our monthly board meetings, upcoming events or to contact us. <https://www.friendsofsharonpubliclibrary.org/>

Thank you for your ongoing support of the library!  
Sincerely,

Kate Mason  
President