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Monthly Newsletter of the Brookline Public Library



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BPL's New Director



Pictured above, Diane and Rebecca Purdin, Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Brookline Public Library is excited to welcome our new director, Diane Lynch! She's excited to join our team and community.

When you have time, stop by the library to say hi and welcome her to town.

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We have a Giant 4-in-a-Row game available to borrow

I didn't know the library had... lawn games!

The library loans out more than just books! BPL has started a new Library of Things, allowing you to borrow items for special projects and parties. We currently have lawn games (such as TowerBall, Cornhole, Giant 4-in-a-Row, and backyard darts) as well as items like our telescope and a CD player for audiobooks. The collection is being actively updated, so drop by to see what we have available.

If there's something you would like to see added to our library of things, please don't hesitate to let us know your suggestions!

Summer Reading Wrapped

2024 Summer Reading was a big success! Here's a quick summary of our summer here in Brookline.

Our Summer Reading Program for 2024 wrapped up a few weeks ago, and we're so thankful to our whole community for their support and the amazing adventures we got to have together.



Kids had a blast with children's musician Steve Blunt

We had 111 adults sign up to participate in the program, and 169 kids! You all earned thousands of raffle tickets over the 7 weeks of the program by reading, going on adventures, and trying out Choose Your Own Book Adventure!

Over the summer, we were able to host 19 programs and events, including weekly game days, a painting program, field trip storytimes, a music night with Steve Blunt, and more! Across all programs we had over 700 people participate. Field trip storytimes alone had over 200 attendees. It was our first year trying Choose Your Own Book Adventure, and it was a hit! Over the summer, over 300 prompts were chosen.

We want to thank our 17 amazing sponsors for their kind donations to our program, as well as the Friends of the Brookline Public Library, who make our summer reading programs possible. We couldn't do it without you!

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Check out our display downstairs this month to see some stories based on myths, legends and folklore!

Trivia Time!

Last months answer: The Brookline Public library was founded in 1878.

America's first lending library was established in 1778 with a donation of books from a famous American who acknowledged that "sense" was preferable to "sound"

Do you know **where** this library was founded (and **who** gave the donation?)

Check out next month's issue for the answer!

Upcoming events



Thursday Crafternoons

Every Thursday from 2-6 PM

Every Thursday, adults are invited to stop by the library to work on seasonal crafts! Visit our website to see the full list of crafts we'll be doing in September and October. We hope to see you there!



DIY Fairy Houses

September 12th at 6 PM

Thursday, September 12th at 6 PM, kids of all ages can stop by the library to join Ms. Joella in building their very own fairy houses!



Puzzle-Mania Afternoon

September 20th from 2-6 PM

Come in and work on a puzzle with your friends and neighbors. We will have several puzzles set up and snacks and drinks for all-drop in for a few minutes or stay for a while!





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