

Friends of Tiverton Libraries  
Annual Meeting Report  
February 9, 2022

The Friends of Tiverton Libraries is pleased to report another successful year. While we continue to be impacted by Covid in various ways, the organization has continued to raise funds in order to provide programs and materials for the Tiverton Public Library.

The Friends provided \$5490.00 to the library for programs and materials, less than in previous years due to funds remaining from our 2020 donation, but library patrons benefited by enjoying programs on Ponzi schemes, Presidential Landmarks, the artist Mary Cassatt, mindfulness, multiple storytelling events, landscape painting classes and supplies, and popular craft take-out kits for adults. Our funds provided for the purchase of paint, canvas, summer reading prizes for adults, and a presentation by Living Literature. Other purchases with Friends' funds included books for the Storywalk programs for children, Family Fun craft supplies, children's summer reading prizes, supplies for the paper cutter, and gift cards used as Teen summer reading program prizes. The library benefited from the funding of a second, and much-needed Zoom account, table fees were paid for an outreach table at the Tiverton Farmer's Market during the summer, and we helped fund the popular shredding event, and assisted with the cost of the e-waste event.

Our organization held three mini book and bake sales, in the months of May, June, and October. In addition, we held two craft sales, one in July and one in November. The Book Nook continues to be popular with library patrons and provides wonderful volunteer opportunities for a number of Friends. The new Specials table has proven popular, and with the continued influx of book donations, the Friends purchased a new wooden shelving unit to assist with book sorting and storage.

The Friends sponsored a program called "Tiverton Trails", which attracted many who wanted to hear Garry Plunkett, and Jim and Rosy Probasco share hiking tips, experiences, and the natural beauty of the many hiking trails Tiverton is fortunate to have.

The Friends continued to fund Constant Contact, which the library uses to deliver the monthly Tiverton Public Library e-newsletter. We funded passes to the Buttonwoods Park and Roger Williams Park Zoos, the New Bedford Whaling Museum, Blithewold, the Audubon Environmental Education Center, and the RISD Museum.

The Friends provided books for the Little Free Library Book Cart at Grinnell's Beach in the summer. We donated books to East Bay Community Action's Little Free Library Project, as they worked at putting these libraries within each of their offices throughout the state. A selection of books were purchased in memory of Charles Santos, the late husband of former Friends' President Patricia Atkinson-Santos. The Friends also provided approximately two dozen newly published books to the library, and about a dozen to Union Public Library that had been donated to the Book Nook.

The yearly membership drive began in November. We currently have 133 members of the Friends of Tiverton Libraries, including 26 Individuals, 28 Families, 33 Patrons and 46 Benefactors. We have sent reminder notices to members who have not yet renewed for 2022 and hope to have around 165 members in total. Our memberships are a very important part of our budget, and if you haven't joined for 2022, we hope you will do so.

As the year came to a close, the Friends of Tiverton Libraries sponsored its most successful holiday

gift drive ever, benefiting area families in need through East Bay Community Action Program. More than 400 items, ranging from hats, mittens, games, books, puzzles, pajamas, and more were collected. As 2021 came to a close, the Friends provided publicity for the annual Penguin Plunge and we were happy once again to provide a special lunch for the annual Library staff holiday party.

The top sources of income for the Friends are memberships, donations, book sales and Book Nook sales. Our main expenses are funding for programs and materials and the purchase of museum passes. Treasurer Susan Souza will present a more detailed report of our 2020 income and expenses.

We thank the membership of the Friends of Tiverton Libraries for their continued support. Please know that we are grateful for what your generosity allows us to provide for our library.

**We Love Our Library And Staff!**

**Tiverton Public Library**

**Mini Craft Sale & Shredding Event**

**Craft Sale**  
Saturday, July 24, 2021  
10AM-3PM  
Tiverton Public Library

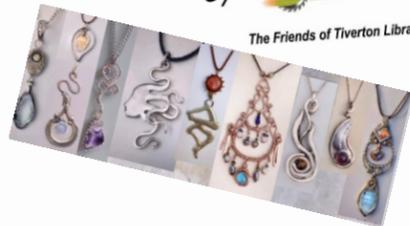
**Shredding**  
10AM-1PM

Great local crafts from 6 local crafters!  
Get a head start on shopping and get rid of your junk mail!

c/o **SHRED RI**

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**Collecting Gifts of Comfort & Joy**

**At the Tiverton Public Library**  
From November 13 through December 11

Benefiting East Bay Community Action Programs in support of WIC & Healthy Families America

**NEEDED - NEW AND UNWRAPPED GIFTS OF:**

Easy Board Games like Sorry, Connect 4, Bananagrams, Chutes & Ladders, Yahtzee, Checkers, Simple Card Games like Uno and Go Fish, Children's Puzzles, and Kids Books for Infants thru Age 10  
Gifts for Babies & Children: Onesies & PJs (Newborn to 6x) Socks, Mittens, Hats, Coats (Infants to 6X), Children's Boots, Disposable Diapers



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**We're back again!**

**Come to our Mini Book Sale/ Bake Sale**

in the Community Room  
**Sat., Oct. 16, 2021**  
from 10:00 to 3:00



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in the Community Room  
**Sat., June 19, 2021**  
from 10:00 to 3:00



**"Hiking Tiverton - Walk, Look and Listen"**

Presented by:  
Tiverton Open Space Commission Veteran - Garry Plunkett  
Longtime Tiverton Hikers - Rosy & Jim Probasco  
Monday, August 23, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.  
in the Community Room at the

**Tiverton Public Library**

**Weetamoo Woods, Pardon Gray Preserve, Pocasset Ridge, Highland Woods, Fort Barton and More.**  
Ecology and History of the Trails  
Tips and Rules for Public Use  
Demo of AllTrails Hiking App

Sponsored by: **THE friends OF TIVERTON LIBRARIES** Trail Snacks Will Be Served

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**Mini Fall Craft & Bake Sale**

**Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021**  
10AM-3PM  
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Great local crafts from local crafters!  
Get a head start on holiday shopping and have some amazing baked goods while you are here!

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