



FORBES library

NORTHAMPTON'S PUBLIC LIBRARY

25th Northampton Garden Tour

Saturday, June 9th, 2018
10am-3pm Rain or Shine



Tour Tickets are available at: Bay State Perennial Farm,
Cooper's Corner, Forbes Library, Hadley Garden Center, North Country
Landscape & Garden Center and State Street Fruit Store
\$15 in Advance \$20 day-of at Forbes Library

Raffle Tickets Raffle display and tickets for sale at
Forbes Library until June 8th and day-of the Tour Prizes include a Quilt,
Gift Certificates, Compost, Garden Supplies, and Landscape consult
Two for \$5/ Five for \$10/ Twelve for \$20

A Benefit for the Friends of Forbes Library

Valley Gives

Thank you to everyone who made a gift to Forbes Library on May 1 for Valley Gives Day this year. A record-breaking 159 people gave a total of \$15,757.

This includes a \$6,500 match from the Friends of Forbes Library – we would not have been able to offer up this inspirational matching grant without the support of Friends members like you!

The money raised will go to provide support for the Library's programming budget. Last year, adult programs had attendance of 9,700 and kids and teens had more than 4,500. Valley Gives donations to Forbes really make a difference to our community success.



Spring Book Sale

Saturday, June 2nd, from 9-2

Plus the Summer Reading Program Kick-off

Music for Kids with
Mr. Liam

the AEIOUkes Ukulele
Orchestra



Libraries Rock! Concert

with performances by local rock'n'roll
acts: **Gentle Hen, Beach
Honey, and the Fawns.**

Our Community Sing on the Library Lawn



Quilt Raffle

A beautiful full-sized quilt in shades of green and purple is currently on display in the lobby of Forbes Library. It was created for the 25th Anniversary Northampton Garden Tour by Lyn Heady. Lyn is a member of the Garden Tour committee. She is also a long-time member of Hands Across the Valley Quilters Guild, and she has been creating quilts for more than 35 years. Lyn was gifted with a piece of floral fabric which was the jumping off point for this quilt. A bit of fabric from her sister-in-law and a piece of batik from her own collection suggested other fabric choices and the result is a quilt top of predominantly greens, lavenders and purples, shades which might be found in a garden. Lyn was drawn to the modern pattern of this particular quilt because it is not as repetitious as some traditional patterns.



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd *UNDER THE HARVEST MOON...*

During the summer of 1918 the trustees of Forbes Library granted use of the library grounds for several large gatherings of Northampton citizens for "Community Sings," primarily of patriotic songs. The Daily Hampshire Gazette reported that the community sing of June 24, 1918, attracted a crowd of five to six thousand people! Spirits were high, automobiles were parked along West Street, and the view from the embankment on Smith College grounds was a maze of white blouses and long skirts, straw boaters and 3-piece suits, along with high school cadets and two drum corps.

Join us this autumn for a large community sing on the lawn of our Forbes Library. Over the summer everyone will learn the same 3 songs and come together to sing in unison, much in the way Forbes Library selects a book each year for the entire community to read and then to gather and discuss. This will not be a performance, but a participatory, community event, a sing-along led by local musicians as the sun is setting and the moon rises over the Library's roof.

Arts Night Out, Friday, June 8, at 5:00pm, we'll gather on the Forbes Library Lawn to learn songs that are possibilities for the large community sing in the fall. Free and open to the public. Local musician and singer Alex Johnson will lead the singing. Come relax on the lawn and enjoy singing for an hour. Some chairs will be provided, but it'd be good to bring along a lawn chair or a blanket.

MOVIES

Forbes is hosting outdoor movie screenings as part of the Cinema Northampton Series

June 27

Casablanca at Forbes Library

July 25

Coco at Forbes Library

August 29

Wonder Woman at Maines Field



September 26

Star Wars: Last Jedi at Pulaski Park



Left to right are Trustees' Chair Russ Carrier, Tim Umbach, Trustee Katy Wight, and Trustee Marjorie Hess

Trustees Award And Annual Meeting

The Friends of Forbes held its Annual Meeting in The Coolidge Museum on April 4, 2018. This year's Annual Meeting was especially meaningful for the Friends, as the business meeting was followed by the presentation of the library's annual Trustees Award to Tim Umbach, a long time Friends Board Member and Treasurer.

Friends President Martha McCormick spoke of Tim's 12 year dedicated service to the Friends and the library, and noted in particular his skillful management of the Friends'

finances and investments and his ability to keep the Board well informed and knowledgeable about the organization's financial position. Tim's financial leadership helped the Friends contribute to many major projects in the library, including the Community Room, the Children's Room renovation, the Reference Room renovation, and the elevator among others.

In brief remarks following the presentation of the award by Trustees' Chair Russ Carrier, Tim spoke movingly about the value and rewards of volunteerism, its meaning in his family and importance in the life of the community. Following the award presentation, attendees enjoyed an entertaining and informative talk by local history librarian Elise Bernier Feeley, entitled Sarah's Garden. The presentation, accompanied by beautiful slides, discussed the life of Sarah Pierpont Edwards, wife of Jonathan Edwards, her gardens at their home in Northampton, and her connection to horticulture and the medicinal properties of plants in the early 18th century.



New Board Member



Christine (Chris) Hannon received her MA in librarianship from the University of Denver and has worked in public, corporate and academic libraries. For 23 years, Chris worked across the street from Forbes at Smith's Neilson Library. Since retiring in 2013, she has traveled to Italy, Spain, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Russia and Portugal. Chris has volunteered with the local homeless shelter and now helps out at the Cancer Connection Thrift Shop. She also enjoys Pilates, Zumba, opera and current fiction. A strong advocate of public libraries, Chris is honored to join the Friends Board.

Cookies with a Curator

June 21 in the Coolidge Museum

The Imperial Bakery

Guest Curator Richard Szlosek will reminisce about growing up in Northampton and his family owned bakery.

COOLIDGE MUSEUM CONCERTS

Rub Wrongways : Podcasting

Wed. May 30th 7-8:15

Shave and a haircut *Barbershop*

Quartet Wed. June 6th 7:00-8:00

LAWN CONCERTS

Ray Mason Band Wed. June 13th

7-8:15

Tim Eriksen Trio Wed. August 15th

6:30-7:45

Community Grant Award

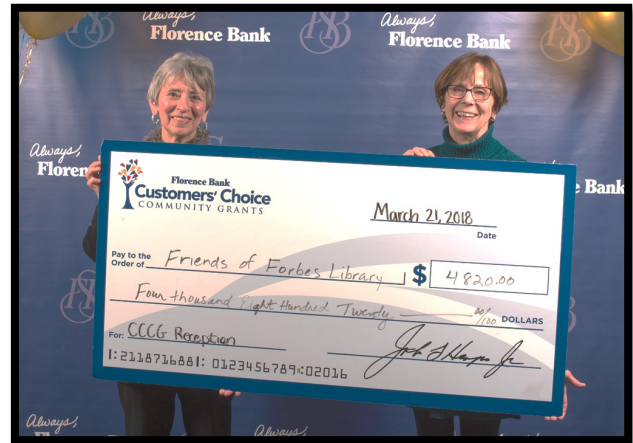
The Friends came in second place among 58 non-profit organizations on March 21st at the Garden House in Look Park. The bank was celebrating having given away \$1,000,000 since beginning the program.

We received a check for \$4,820.

Thank you to Florence Bank for this generous program, and thanks to the patrons of Forbes for voting for us. If you are a Florence Bank customer, you can help the Friends of Forbes win an award this year. Be sure to vote before December 31st to make your vote count.

Pick up a ballot at the library and drop it in the box there, or fill out the ballot while you do your banking.

Online- Visit Florencebank.com/vote and type Friends of Forbes and Northampton in the organization and city fields. Enter your name and email, click the "count my vote" button and that's it! Your vote will help us win a grant from Florence Bank. It's just that simple!



Friends of Forbes Vice-President, Serena Smith (left) and President, Martha McCormick with the BIG Check



Magnifiers

Volunteers of the Forbes Outreach Delivery Service are now able to provide patrons with hands-free, lighted MAGNIFIERS in addition to books, DVDs, CDs, puzzles, etc. Do you know a homebound resident of Northampton, Leeds or Florence who would enjoy having library materials delivered to them? Patrons may apply over the phone by calling 587-1019 or online

at <https://forbeslibrary.org/accessi>

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She liked the variation in the blocks and the geometric patterns that resulted when the blocks were pieced together. The quilt is a beautiful melding of a modern pattern and a more traditional floral fabric. Lyn pieced the quilt which was then machine-quilted by Linda Zeitler. The quilt will be raffled off on Saturday, June 9, 2018, the day of the Garden Tour. Tickets are 2 for \$5.00 or 12 for \$20.00.

Tickets can be purchased at the library and on the day of the tour at one of the gardens.

A New Face in the Children's Department

Meet Ewan Hill, the new Children's Department Assistant in the Anna Gertrude Brewster Children's Room at Forbes! They have actually been with Forbes for some time, starting through a Smith College work-study position 2.5 years ago. Since that time, Ewan has made a point to visit other children's libraries whenever traveling, and these visits have deepened their appreciation for what Forbes has to offer the community. Fortunately for Forbes, Ewan transitioned into the Assistant position this past February. Since then, Ewan has been extra busy finishing classes at Smith, and graduates this spring with a degree in history.

Asked to name a favorite book or series, Ewan named the LUMBERJANES graphic novel series, citing the importance of including trans characters in children's literature. Outside of Forbes and Smith, they are still often immersed in writing and books. Ewan is a poet, and attends workshops when possible. Also, Ewan hosts a poetry slam at The Roost cafe in Northampton twice a month, and encourages all to come watch!



Forbes Library Seeks Input for Web Archive

Forbes Library is home to unique, invaluable and growing local history and image collections. While we continue to add to these physical collections, much of the record of our community today (including websites, blog posts, videos, photos, and social media) is created and presented as digital content, and is, by its very nature, ephemeral. Archives are embarking on new methods and practices to preserve the histories of their communities as they happen. Forbes Library was chosen as one of only a few public libraries nationwide to receive a grant from Community Webs, funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, which has enabled our staff to be trained in using web archives software to capture historically valuable web materials. This software utilizes the Internet Archive's Wayback Machine (<https://archive.org/web/>) to make archived websites visible as if they were on the live web.

Forbes Library has already begun to create collections based on people, events, issues and organizations in our community but would like your help finding sites to collect and preserve. If you believe you know of a website or web content that should be collected to preserve the story of our community for future citizens and researchers, please contact Dylan Gaffney (dgaffney@forbeslibrary.org) for more details. If the site falls within our collection scope we will include it in our web archive.

Make Music Day

Thursday, June 21, 2018 3:00pm - 8:00pm

West Lawn -- In case of bad weather, we'll move to the Coolidge Museum

Make Music Day is a free celebration of music around the world on June 21st. Launched in 1982 in France as the Fête de la Musique, it is now held on the same day in more than 800 cities in 120 countries. Completely different from a typical music festival, Make Music Day is open to anyone who wants to take part.

Forbes Library hosted the first Northampton Make Music Day on June 21 of last year. This year the event is expanding and will include additional locations.

Participants include AEIOUkes, Vernon Valiquette, Sabine Merz, and more.

Performances and participatory music-making gatherings will take place from afternoon through evening. Our prime time presentation is the [Massachusetts Walking Tour](#) from 6-8 PM.

Hosmer Gallery

June 2018

Pamela Acosta: Drawings illustration

Dara Herman Zierlein: Paintings environment

July 2018

Kichung and Erika Lizee: Cloud and water
Installation

Andrew Quient: Drawings and ceramics
architecture

August 2018

Karen Evans: Paintings

Leni Gaudet: Paintings

Jenny Tibbetts: Paintings

September 2018

Frankie Dack: Paintings landscape

Olwen Dowling: Paintings & drawings

Landscape, plants

2018 Walking Tours Concert

Thursday, June 21, 2018
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Since 2010, co-founders Mark Mandeville & Raianne Richards have organized an annual non-profit bipedal concert tour of Massachusetts in support of arts and culture for towns throughout the state.

Each summer for the past nine years they have organized the "Massachusetts Walking Tour" where they hike the roads and trails of the Commonwealth, more than 100 miles in less than two weeks, in support of the arts in local communities along the way. Each evening they stop over in yet another Massachusetts town, putting on a free concert there, along with local performers and fellow artists who accompany them on their journey. These annual two-week treks also raise awareness of the trails and greenways in Massachusetts, using music to make important connections.

<http://masswalkingtour.org/2018-tour/>

Sponsored in part by the Northampton Cultural Council

We're Open Saturdays !

This is the first time we will be open on Summer Saturdays since 2008.

Forbes Library Rocks!

Break out your turntables and put on your dancing shoes because the theme of this year's Summer Reading is "Libraries Rock!" To celebrate, we're hosting lots of programming for kids of all ages, including a make your-own-instrument program with the Eric Carle Picture Book Museum; "Tales from the Home of the World's Worst Weather" by Will Broussard from Mt. Washington Observatory; a "kindie" rock performance by Rolie Polie Guacamole; a ukulele workshop for kids; a Make and Take Chocolate program for teens; and screenings of "Casablanca" and "Coco" on the Forbes Library lawn by Cinema Northampton! To find out about our other special events happening all summer long, please visit our online calendar.

We also hope you'll join us at our Summer Reading Kickoff Party on June 2 from 9 am-2 pm! Peruse our book sale, enjoy live music by Liam Hurley, Gentle Hen, Beach Honey, the Fawns, and the AEIOUkes, sign up for Summer Reading, and bring your kids for temporary tattoos and face painting. Everyone who signs up will get their own Forbes Library LP, complete with a list of book recommendations for their age and a set of fun activities. All kids and teens who complete their Summer Reading tasks will get a coupon for a free ice cream (with sprinkles!) from Herrell's, and earn a raffle ticket for our grand prize.

Adults earn a prize book for every book they report reading, plus an entry in the grand prize drawing. Our grand prizes include:

Children 0-5: Elephant and Piggie stuffed animal set

Teens 13-17: \$25 gift certificate to Faces

Kids 6-12: \$25 gift certificate to Broadside Books

Adults: \$10 gift certificate to Turn it Up



Here's to a great summer of music, fun and reading! We hope to see you soon.

Maximize Your Giving

The Forbes Library is now offering a new and convenient way to make an impact. We are accepting monthly gifts. Maximize your giving to the library with a monthly payment through PayPal.

Setting up your gift is easy. Visit forbeslibrary.org/giving and click on the donate button. On the PayPal donation page, just select the checkbox next to "Make this a monthly donation." The amount you enter will be paid to the Library each month. You can change your recurring donation anytime in your PayPal account settings.