

# Friends of the Library

## Director's Report

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*Respectfully submitted,*

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- 📖 Summer Reading Programs begin on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, as does the first concert of the summer! Full information about our summer programs will be on our website very soon. Monday night concerts are listed in our online calendar.
- 📖 As a result of the dismantling of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) by executive order of the president of the United States, the MA Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) is expecting to continue to lose all federal funding in FY26. Difficult service decisions have been made by them that will take effect on July 1, 2025. Details can be found here: <https://mblc.state.ma.us/federal-funding/mblc-programs-status.php>, but the largest cut that affects all MA residents appears to be in the number of databases that the MBLC can fund without federal funding.
- 📖 The daughter of deceased devoted library and book loving parents (Joyce & Ed Sheehan) contacted me recently about donating money for, and providing, an annual program in their honor. Karen Sheehan and I continue to discuss this project, and I let her know that donations toward this project can be made to the Friends. Have any donations been received in honor of Joyce Sheehan?  
<https://www.contefuneralhomes.com/obituaries/Joyce-M-Sheehan?obId=42366256>  
<https://www.contefuneralhomes.com/obituaries/obituary-listings?obId=42342775>
- 📖 Hospital Drive will be reconstructed the week of June 16-20, 2025. Please be aware that access to the Library could include delays, detours and parking issues during the first week of the Summer Reading Program.
- 📖 Have a fabulous summer and we'll see you in September!

