



Spring Fun/Annual Meeting

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Facebook: Friends of the Rockland Memorial Library

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The Library is open! For more info,
call the Library at 781-878-1236.

Art in The Rotunda - Tracy Shankle – “This Land”

through April 30, Reception: Wed, April 26, 6:00 PM



As a former lighting designer, Tracy appreciates how light transforms everything from color and texture to architecture and behavior. She creates images that allow viewers to step into an environment and get a sense of how a space feels. Her award-winning work has been in Boston Common magazine and internationally distributed design publications. She loves the element of surprise that comes with arriving onsite for each project.



About “This Land”

This work, capturing landscapes opposed to lighting and architecture, is unlike most of my other imagery. While traveling recently across the country, I was struck by the beauty of our country and noticed that the differences



from place are what stood out. Ever changing landscapes, soil colors, accents, local industries, climates, needs, and natural-disaster threats. Contrasting the unknown with what is familiar helps us make sense of the world, but it can also create a sense of “other-ness”. Each state, defined by invisible lines, or a river or mountain range, reinforced this superficial separateness. This Rotunda is a Civil War Memorial, and more than 150 years later, our Nation is still polarized in many ways even though we have so much in common. Desires for good health, safety, belonging, love, understanding, community, financial security, opportunity, and self-expression - are universal. We also share this glorious land. With its vast horizons, old growth forests, geological wonders, farmlands, coastlines, and natural resources including the largest group of freshwater lakes on earth. In pausing to view and appreciate these very different landscapes, my wish is that we might also consider shifting from a mindset of our nation being one that’s worth fighting for, to an outlook that our country is a land that is worth compromising, and finding the middle for. – **Tracy Shankle**

Annual Meeting, Tuesday, April 25, 6:30 PM

The Annual Meeting of Rockland Memorial Library (The Friends) will be held before our regular planning meeting on Tuesday, April 25th at 6:30 PM in the Library Meeting Room. The Agenda will be the election of a Secretary and a Director.

The Nominating Committee's Slate:

Secretary	Maureen Schnider	April 2024 (to complete Dana Stetson's term)
Director	Jeanne Morton	April 2024 (to complete Susan Derochea's term)

Officers and Directors who were elected last year and whose terms do not expire until April 2024

President	Karen Haffner	Director	John Cheney
Vice-President	Cyndee Ward	Director	Inez Wormald
Treasurer	Marilyn Brennan	Director	Nancy Davis

Anyone may attend the meeting. Only paid-up Members may vote.

BIG Spring Book and Bake! Sat, May 13, 10:00 – 2:00 PM

Our Book and Bakes are our biggest fund-raisers!

Please donate, help and shop!

BOOKS!

Start getting your unwanted books ready to donate!

BOOK DONATION DROP TIMES:

Thurs, May 11, 1:00 – 4:30 PM

Fri, May 12, NOON – 3:00 PM

Or drop any time that week on the BENCH IN THE LOBBY.

If you can volunteer (it's fun!), contact one of our Book Sale chairs:

*Marilyn Brennan mbrennan547@verizon.net 781-878-7224

*Nancy Davis tosedavis@gmail.com 781-878-3426



BAKES!

Every time, we are thrilled with your response to our call for Bakes! Many great bakers have contributed to our success in the past and we are asking for your help again.

PLEASE!

Donations of baked goods may be dropped off on Friday, May 12 from 12:00-3:00.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Bake Sale Chair, Cyndee Ward:

Phone 781-878-9039

email timshel295@gmail.com

Tomato Day, Sat May 20 (tentative date)

A note from Friends President, Karen Haffner

Every spring I plant LOTS of tomato seeds, and I end up with LOTS more tomato plants than I need. This year, I've decided to create a fun little event based on this expected bounty.

HOW TOMATO DAY WORKS:

Come to the Library on Tomato Day
(May 20 if the tomatoes are ready, hours TBA)
Make a donation in any amount
Take a tomato plant home

THERE ARE 9 DIFFERENT VARIETIES:

Smaller than cherry – fun and beautiful to watch grow – Red Currant

Cherry type – Super Sweet 100, Cherry Baby, Sun Gold

Medium size – Bloody Butcher, Mountain Magic

Big Tomatoes – Big Daddy, Steak Sandwich, Sandwich Slicer



They're growing!

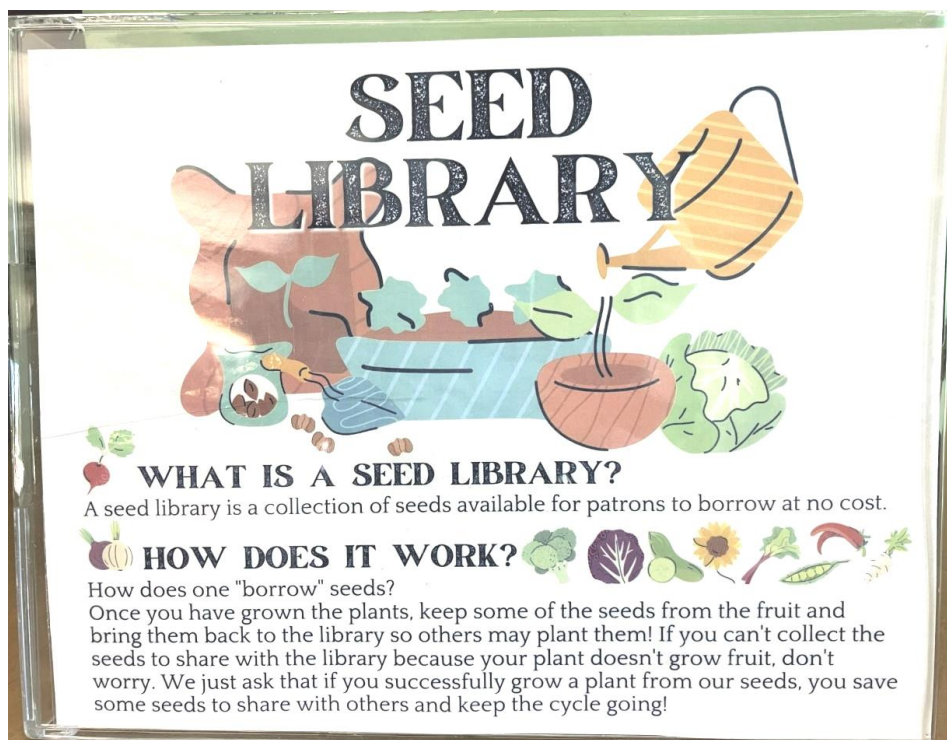
LIBRARY INFO: The Library's FREE SEED LIBRARY

Look for the Seed Library

By the Circulation Desk

"Borrow" some seeds this spring

For FREE



Red Sox Tickets RAFFLE!

There will be a Friends raffle for 2 Red Sox Tickets this year! More info in the next newsletter!



LIBRARY INFO: "Saturday Scribes"

Saturday May 6, 2023

🍌 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Saturday Scribes: New Writing Group Meetup

Saturday Scribes: RML's New Writing Group

This is for Adults 18+

This is a group for interested writers of all levels to find encouragement and support

11-12 Discussion led by RML Staff

12-1 Meeting Room available for participants to meet informally

CONTACT: Cheryl Dunford 781-878-1236 cdunford@ocln.org

LOCATION: The Meeting Room

Recent Successes

Poetry Slam

The Library and The Friends supported Rockland Recreation's first ever Poetry Slam on March 19. The Friends supplied funding for prizes. It was a great night of poetry by people from all aspects of the Town; a real community building event! Rockland Rec is making plans for more Slams. The Friends organize quarterly "Poetry, 5 Minute Prose and Storytelling" events – Organizer, Karen Haffner, 617-875-2047 (text) haffnerk@hotmail.com



Thanks to The Friends



Judge Momo the Poet

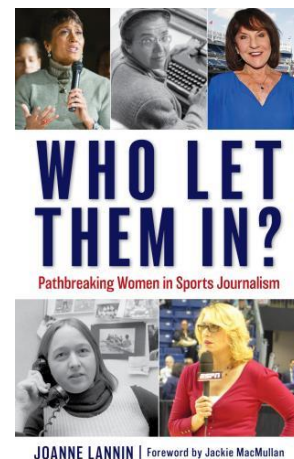
Slam winner, Julie Snee

The Friends Have Funded Summer Reading Again

Helping to fund Summer Reading is always a priority for the Friends! Youth Services Librarian Erin McCollough presented the requests for Youth Summer Reading and Adult Summer Reading. This year, the requests included additional funding for some kids' programs that had previously been funded by the Rockland Cultural Council. The Friends voted to fund the requests in full and maintain the excellent quality of our Summer Reading Programs. The Friends approved \$3050.00 in total in support of Summer Reading.

Jo Lannin, author of "Who Let Them In - Pathbreaking Women in Sports Journalism" - Talk and book signing

Rockland native Jo Lannin shared stories, insights and historical perspective she gained by being granted exclusive interviews with such pioneers as CBS Sports' Lesley Visser, NFL Today's Andrea Kremer, and Baseball Hall of Fame inductee Claire Smith.



Timeline of locker rooms opening up to women

1975 - National Hockey League (Robin Herman)
Mid-70s - National Basketball Association (Jane Gross)
1978 - Major League Baseball (AL only) (Melissa Ludtke)
1984 - All Major League Baseball (Claire Smith)
1981 - National Football League (Michele Himmelberg)



Left to right: Michele Himmelberg, Melissa Ludtke, Claire Smith, Christine Brennan

Thanks for supporting your Library!

Karen Haffner, President
Rockland Memorial Library Foundation, Inc.
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2023 Members Thank you!

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Renew/Join for 2023

The Friends of the Library and Rockland Memorial Library Foundation

If you love books, libraries and all they contain, there's no better way to express that interest than by joining the Rockland Memorial Library Foundation.

Here you will find a group of kindred spirits who promote reading and family literacy.

Foundation funds are used to enhance, not replace, funding by the town.

New Members are always welcome

Please indicate **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP** type (*membership year: Jan 1 through Dec 31*)

☐ \$10 Regular Member

☐ \$100 Benefactor

☐ \$5 Student Member (grades 7-12)

☐ Other \$ _____

☐ \$25 Patron

Date: _____ Member Name: _____

Address: _____

Town/State Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

NOTE: We will not share your email address.

I'd like to help with: ☐ Sorting books for Book Sale ☐ Bake for Bake Sale

☐ Secretarial tasks ☐ Website ☐ Flickr photo account

☐ Setting up for events ☐ Planning events ☐ Helping at events

☐ Marketing ☐ Publicity ☐ Sell Raffle Tickets ☐ Other fundraising

100% of all donations are used to support Library activities and programs.

Please make check payable to: **Rockland Memorial Library Foundation, Inc.**

Mail to: Rockland Memorial Library Foundation, Inc.

20 Belmont Street, Rockland, MA 02370

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Karen Haffner, President,

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