



Winter Fun! Spring will Come! 2024!

Don't forget: **RENEW** your **MEMBERSHIP** for 2024
or **BECOME A NEW MEMBER** for 2024 01/09/2024kh

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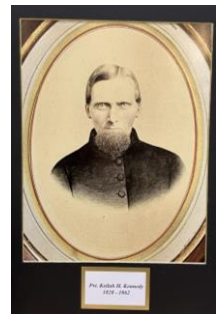
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Rockland Memorial Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization,
Tax ID# 04-331

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

2023 – We went out with a BANG!

The Holiday Stroll with *Victorian Carollers
and Pam Ryan's Civil War Exhibit
"Faces of Our Unreturned" on Display



*This program is supported in part by Rockland Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

We had close to 900 people come through the Rotunda to
enjoy the decorations, the candy canes, the Carollers,
and the Civil War exhibit of "Our Returned"

Generous attendees put \$106.00 in our donation jar!

Members' Thank You Reception

Thank You, Thank You to our wonderful Members!
Our Members provide a significant portion of our funds and
always step up to help with our events! Thank you!



Decorated Lottery Ticket Trees – Raffle Success!



Thanks to Cyndee Ward for decorating and donating the Trees and to everyone who supported this fundraiser!

The lucky winners were: Vi Moore and Christine Muncey. They got to scratch the Lottery Tickets and then enjoy the decorated trees!

This event raised \$406.00 for the Library!

Thanks everyone!

Thank You Rockland Cultural Council!

The Cultural Council has completed their difficult job of considering all the grant proposals they received, and awards have been announced.

The Friends (Rockland Memorial Library Foundation, Inc.) have been awarded most of the funding for ALL the proposals we submitted!

Museum of Science passes-\$595 Boston Childrens' Museum passes-\$595
Satuit Band Concert-\$510 Victorian Carollers-\$338
Gravestone Girls program-\$553

What does it mean that we received MOST, but NOT ALL the funding we requested? It means that Rockland is lucky to be rich in so much culture that deserves to be encouraged, enjoyed and cherished!

The Rockland Cultural Council is a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Join our Organizing Committee

(or stop by and see us in action at our next meeting)

Help decide what programs we will host and/or fund!

And determine how we will accomplish our plans!

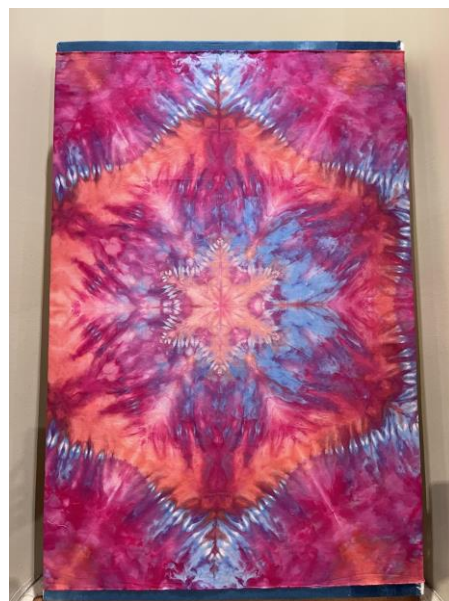
Open to all Members!

Just let me know that you are interested, and I will send you the Minutes and Agenda for **OUR NEXT MEETING**: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the Library Meeting Room.
Thanks!

Karen Haffner, President – Rockland Memorial Library Foundation, Inc. (The Friends)
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January - Art in the Rotunda

Ice Dyeing Textile Exhibit by Cannizzaro Creations



Coming Up

February - Poetry, 5 Minute Prose and Storytelling – date TBA

We hope to line up the winner of Rockland High School's "Poetry Out Loud" recitation competition as our featured presenter. ("Poetry Out Loud" will be held at RHS on Wednesday, January 18th at 6:30 PM, public welcome and may participate in small poetry Open Mic).

After our feature, there will be time for anyone else who wants to present poetry, or 5 minute prose, their own writing, or the work of another writer, or tell a story, real or imagined.

Rockland's Graveyards Revealed – date TBA



Join us for a presentation by "The Gravestone Girls". Learn about graveyard history, art and symbolism. The Gravestone Girls endeavor to help preserve a rich folk art tradition unique to our nation. We hope you are intrigued our activities to investigate and expand on the special history which lives in everyone's backyards. Specific information about Rockland graveyards will be included.

Guest Speaker Series

"Harry Potter" - a presentation by Rockland High School

English Teacher, Kristen Walsh – date TBA



This presentation is suitable for audiences from 15 up.

Kristen is the Advisor for the "Harry Potter Club" at RHS. Join us as Kristen explores insights about the writing and the characters and reveals hidden meanings in the Harry Potter series.



Theatrical Program - Rita Parisi (Waterfall Productions) in

"I am Zelda" - wife of F. Scott Fitzgerald date TBA



65 minute one-act play about Zelda Sayre Fitzgerald, who was not just the wife and muse of F. Scott Fitzgerald, but also the epitome of the 1920's woman.

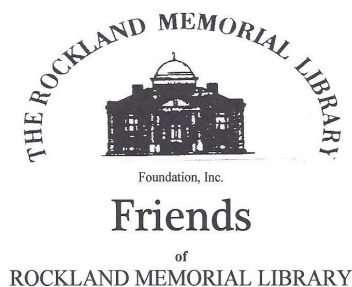
Waterfall Productions is the brainchild of Massachusetts based performer, Rita Parisi. She founded her little production company in 2005 in order to create original theatrical presentations that entertain and inspire her audiences. Her unique shows highlight her passion for storytelling, theatre, history, costuming, and literature.

"Team Tomatoes" – Grow a Few Plants!

President (and tomato nurd) Karen Haffner is creating a small team of tomato plant growing volunteers so we can have even more plants for Tomato Day this year. Karen has a few extra 4 ft long grow lights and can supply seeds, soil, containers. We would plant seeds during the first week of April and hope that tomato plants would be ready for Tomato Day on Saturday, May 18th. If you are interested in volunteering for this fun project, or want to discuss, contact Karen: haffnerk@hotmail.com or 617-875-2047.



Be sure to check out our 2024 list on the next page!



Our 2023 Members - Thanks!

Benefactor

Kathleen Looney
Amos A. Phelps & Son Ins.
Stephen Tose & Nancy Davis
Jack & Cyndee Ward
John Cheney & Carol Mahoney
Jennifer Barry/The Barry Family

Knights of Columbus
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas J. O'Neil III
Rockland Eagles #841
Karen Haffner
Wally & Evelyn Kolaitis
Andrew & Maureen McCarthy

Bill & Maryellen Concannon
Steve & Theresa Heffernan
Ken & Barbara Zbyszewski
Sullivan Funeral Homes
Patricia Foley
Donald & Janet Cann

Patron

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Christine Souza
John C. Holmes
Maureen E. Schnider
Ruth DiRocco

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Dana Stetson
Marilyn Brennan
Robert Miles
Stella Rogers
Victor Posada
Sheila M. St.Jean
William & June Buckley

Cathy Cameron
MaryEllen Connor
Lindy Paul
Cora Leonardi
Ginny & George Anderson
Beverly Brown
Faith Heffernan
Rachael Scanlon

Member

Lena Brownell
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In memory of

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Louise McCarthy



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Become a Member/Renew for 2024

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

Rockland Memorial Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization Tax ID# 04-3318428

Thanks for supporting your Library!

Karen Haffner, President,

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(Friends of Rockland Memorial Library is a division of the Foundation)

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