

# Friends of the Reuben Hoar Library 2010 Annual Newsletter

"The purpose of the Friends of the Reuben Hoar Library is to promote the common good and general welfare of the Inhabitants of the Town of Littleton by assisting the Reuben Hoar Library, the public library of the Town of Littleton, in providing print and non-print materials for the Library, providing equipment for the Library, sponsoring educational programs, assisting with Library-sponsored programs, and providing museum passes for use by Library patrons."

Where does the money come from to pay for all this? It comes in two forms, tax deductible contributions, largely in the form of memberships though we will gladly accept donations for larger amounts, and fund raising efforts. The Friends of the of the Reuben Hoar Library work hard raising money to provide for all the extras that help the Library meet the desires of the community.

If you have been a Friend of the Library, thank you, and I hope you'll take the time to renew your membership. If you have not joined the Friends of the Library in the past, I encourage you read through this newsletter, and consider joining. It is another way to contribute to the vibrant community that is Littleton. The Reuben Hoar Library is one of the few institutions every citizen, from toddlers to seniors, can enjoy. Please become a Friend and make a great institution even better.

Sincerely,  
The Friends of the Reuben Hoar Library.

## Upcoming Friends Events

Book Sale	October 14 <sup>th</sup> through October 16 <sup>th</sup>
Board Meeting and Annual Meeting	October 20 <sup>th</sup> 7PM
Board Meeting	November 17 <sup>th</sup> 7PM
Holiday Bazaar	December 4 <sup>th</sup> (tent)

## Annual Meeting

The Friends of the Reuben Hoar Library annual meeting will be held October 20, 2010 at the Library. We will be voting on membership rates for 2012, officers and members of the board, and any other business brought before the group. We encourage you to attend. A board meeting will be held immediately following the annual meeting.

## Finances

2010 has been a good year for the Friends of the Library. We still have three fund raising opportunities this year: the October book sale, the Holiday Bazaar, and Santa Visits. If history is a good predictor, we can expect to realize about \$4000.00 from those three activities, with a little luck, possibly more!

The Friends do maintain a reserve balance to allow us the flexibility of being able to spend funds now in anticipation of future revenue, rather than wait to raise funds.

<u>Income</u>	
Book Sales	\$6,344.77
Membership	\$3,880.00
Transfer Station Sorting	\$950.82
Taste of Nashoba	\$345.00
Bake Sale	\$265.33
other	\$1,208.68
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$12,994.60</b>

<u>Expenses</u>	
Museum Passes	\$5,209.00
Reading Program	\$2,663.07
Enrichment	\$1,323.00
Direct Library Support	\$3,484.34
Building Fund	\$275.00
other (landscaping, bags, postage, etc)	\$725.97
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$13,680.38</b>

The Friends do a good job of spending money as well. Our single largest expense are the many Museum passes the Friends purchase for the use of Library patrons. If you have not taken advantage of this program you should, as it saves the community tens of thousands of dollars annually in the form of free or reduced museum admissions. Additionally, the Friends fund the summer reading program, enrichment programs, as well as paying for some of the circulation material, furniture, fixtures of the library.

## Memberships

As of September 15, there are over 350 Friends of the Library in 2010. If you are one of them, thank you! We hope you will renew your membership for 2011. If you are not member, why not become one in 2011. Your membership fee is tax deductible and if one of the opportunities listed on the Membership form is to your liking, it is a great way to serve the community and meet new people.

## So, what's this about a new Library Building???

In June, 2010, the Trustees of the Reuben Hoar Library kicked off a fundraising effort to raise \$20,000 for a feasibility study for a new library. The feasibility study is one of the first steps to building a new library. The Trustees will also be applying for a matching grant from the Board of Library Commissioners when it is offered in fiscal 2012 or 2013.

The Library is outgrowing its space. The Library moved to 41 Shattuck Street in 1989, when it moved from the building which now houses the Littleton Historical Society. Since that move twenty-one years ago, the library is cramped for space because of the addition of public access computers, DVDs, videos, music on CDs, books on CDs, books, and the 57,000 visitors each year. Meeting room space is also at a premium. Program space is insufficient to meet the demand of the community.

The Friends of the Reuben Hoar Library are not conducting this fundraising effort, we are maintaining our focus of providing some of the additional resources that make the Reuben Hoar Library so great. But the Friends of the Library do support this effort. Many of the board members have made contributions to the building fund and as an organization we have made a contribution to the building fund. We hope you will make a donation (after you fill out your membership form, of course.)

If you are interested in contributing to this campaign, you can make a check out to the Reuben Hoar Library Fund and mail it to Reuben Hoar Library Fund, PO Box 2015, Littleton, MA or use the website to make an online donation. Watch the library website [www.littletonlibrary.org](http://www.littletonlibrary.org) for more information!

Below is the 2011 membership form for the Friends of the Reuben Hoar Library. We welcome all new members and look forward to seeing familiar names. Before filling it out and checking off the same box as you did last year, consider increasing your donation. The Friends of the Reuben Hoar Library are proud of what we have been able to accomplish this year, but we could do more. More programming, more museum passes, additional staff support, well, you get the idea. All it takes is more members, and members giving more.

Join the Friends of the  
**Reuben Hoar Library, Inc.**

To renew your membership or to become a Friend, please mail this page and a check made payable to: Friends of the Reuben Hoar Library, Inc., to:

**Friends of the Reuben Hoar Library, Inc.,  
P.O. Box 1045,  
Littleton, MA 01460-0645.**

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- \$5 Senior Citizen
- \$10 Individual
- \$25 Supporting
- \$50 Sustaining
- \$100 Benefactor
- \$250 Life (for those over 65) - Individual

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional gift for the Friends of the Reuben Hoar Library  
\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if your employer matches gifts

Supporting, Sustaining and Benefactor memberships confer voting privileges for both adult partners in a household. Your membership dues are considered a tax-deductible donation and membership will cover the period January 1-December 31, 2011.

**I would like to help with:**

- Book Sales – Selling
- Book Sales – Sorting
- Baking/Refreshments for events or bake sales
- Sorting at the Transfer Station (April)
- Coordinating Field Trips
- Organizing Book Discussion Programs for Adults
- Making Crafts for the Holiday Bazaar
- Gardening in front of the library

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*2010 Membership form is enclosed!*

***Reasons to Join the Friends of the Library:***

Membership Fees are tax deductible

First dibs on buying books at the Book Sales

You can see the results of your efforts

You can participate as little (or as much!) as you would like

Support a resource the entire community utilizes

Meet new people and see old friends through volunteering at a fund raiser

*Please join us--participate in our programs, volunteer for our fundraisers, enjoy the Library, and let us know how we can make your membership the most positive experience it can be.*

**Our membership year runs from January 1 – December 31.**

*Join today!*