

Friends of the Haverhill Public Library Newsletter

Autumn, 2020

President's Message

Dear Friends,

It has been a while since we have sent out a Newsletter from the Friends due to Covid 19. During these challenging times we have not been able to see our loved ones or hug our friends. Our lives have been tipped upside down.

We have learned what is essential in our daily lives, grocery stores, some department stores and Libraries to name a few. We have learned about PPE, including gloves and face masks, hoarding toilet paper, paper towels hand sanitizer and social distancing, the world has changed.

I find a silver lining through these tough times that there is more appreciation for all of the people that we run into during an average day. We have learned that there are many more essential workers than we were aware, including the front lines workers such as, grocery store employees, doctors, nurses, policemen, firemen, janitors, pharmacists, teachers, librarians and many more.

During the first 3 months of Covid we had our two grandsons and daughter in law living with us (an unexpected gift). We walked every day, rain or shine and we noticed that neighbors were waving and chatting more. We were meeting new people who had moved in months before, but we were all too busy to introduce ourselves. The truck drivers making deliveries would blow the horn and wait for the kids to wave back. All of this brought us to a more simple life. Because of Covid many plans that we had with our grandkids were cancelled, so we had to get creative.

We planted seeds in zip lock bags to see them grow, we watched animals being fed at museums via webcams and we did Zoom story time provided by the fabulous staff in the Children's Room at HPL. One of our grandson's favorite activities was going for walks and looking for woodpeckers with the binoculars we made from toilet paper rolls. Most of us made these as children, but in a pre-Covid busy lifestyle we may not have shared those special times with him.

We have come to appreciate the things that we once took for granted, the work and sacrifice of people on the front lines. I know that Sarah and Jonathon and the staff at the HPL worked very hard during the lock down so people could have access to books, story times and so much more. The amount of work that goes into quarantining books and putting together curbside delivery, they do it for the love of the Library and the community. They are keeping everyone safe and that is no small task. So THANK YOU to the Staff and Trustees for all you have done so the People of Haverhill can continue to connect to the HPL.

The Trustees have allowed the Friends' Shop to reopen which has been very exciting. We are open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 10:00-12:00 and 12:30-2:30. We are decorated for the Holidays so please stop by for a visit. If you are interested in volunteering at the Shop please call the library at 978-373-1586 and you will be connected.

I'd like to thank you all for your continued support of the Friends of the HPL. If you would like to know about the happenings at the Library and the Friends please go to www.haverhillpl.org.

Thank you,

Cindy Cavallaro

President of Friends of HPL

Fundraising Opportunity

Greetings! This time of year the Friends of the Haverhill Public Library and our Board of Trustees are usually focused on hosting our annual Fall Fundraiser. Every October for the past five years we have hosted this fun, community building event, raising money to continue the important work of the Library. This year, due to the ongoing pandemic, we are unable to hold this event. While we continue to work on virtual events and fundraising opportunities, we are reaching out to you, our previous sponsors, to ask you to consider giving this year despite the event being on hiatus.

The money raised at this event helps the Trustees to fund important aspects of the Library's work, including programming, technology improvements, outreach, and collection development. As our staff have worked diligently to adapt the services offered by the Library during this challenging time, we hope you will help us to support them in their endeavors. We continue to offer services that are very much in demand during this time including access to Wi-Fi and computers, curbside pickup of materials, lendable laptops and hotspots for those now working or studying at home, e-resources for those who cannot visit the Library in person, as well as virtual, free programming for all ages.

We ask that you consider a donation at one of the following levels:

Laureate: \$5000
Author: \$3500
Playwright: \$2000
Poet: \$1500

While we cannot honor you in person this year as we have before, we would like to credit you as faithful donors on our website and social media.

The Haverhill Public Library is fortunate in the ongoing support it receives from generous donors, businesses, and members of the community. The Friends of the Haverhill Public Library work tirelessly to help support the mission of the Library and supplement our funding. All proceeds raised will go directly back to the Library. Please join us to ensure that the people of Haverhill have continued and growing access to the high quality materials and services the Library provides, especially our technology services and remote options during the course of this pandemic.

Thank you in advance for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Sarah Moser, Director
Haverhill Public Library

2021 Library Calendar

The 2021 Friends of the Haverhill Public Library Calendar is currently in the works and will be available for sale in the Friends Shop at the Library after Thanksgiving. This year's calendar is the 34th year that the Friends have provided the Haverhill community with a compilation of old photographs and stories assembled from the Library's Special Collections Department.

As always, we strive to inform and entertain with the photographs and captions. This year some bucolic photos will showcase the beauty of the city, such as the Dudley Porter Road and bridge at Winnekenni. There is a unique photograph, circa 1900 showing the Haverhill drawbridge in the open position. You will find several references to stories about George Washington's visit to Haverhill. If you are not familiar with the Millerites or the Shenstone Society you can read about them in this year's calendar. There is an informative photo and caption of the Knipe Shoe Factory in Ward Hill. These are only a few of the subjects mentioned in the 2021 edition.

The calendar make the PERFECT GIFT for a Haverhill native! The price remains at \$10 each. Please come visit us at the Friends Shop to get your 2021 Calendar!

Book Reviews

The Parisian by Isabella Hammad

Book review by Teri Lyons, Friends of the HPL Board Member

Like many of you, I read far more during quarantine than I normally do! And, usually, I don't keep reading a book if it doesn't engage me within the first 50-100

pages. Quarantine made me finish books I might not have finished if I had been more pressed for time. The Parisian was one of those books.

The Parisian won the Plimpton Prize (given to an emerging author from The Paris Review), had very good reviews, and was highly recommended by a friend, so, after a slow start, I kept plugging along. The main character, Midhat Kamal, grew up in Ottoman Palestine and was sent by his wealthy father to France to study medicine. He was a fish out of water there, but grew more comfortable with both the university and the family he with whom he was boarded. Midhat fell in love with Jeanette, the only child of the family. He also changed his focus of study to history. Both of these developments created many conflicts for the rest of his life. He eventually moved back home to work in his father's textile business, tried to forget Jeannette, and became involved in the post-WWI politics in Palestine. (He acquired the nickname, Parisian, because he dressed and acted like a Frenchman.) He never told his father or friends that he didn't complete his medical studies making excuses as to why he couldn't be a doctor. Midhat eventually married, had a family, and tried hard to disassociate himself from the politics. The rest of the story focuses on his cousin and close friend who become very involved in the liberation of Palestine movement. Midhat slowly loses his sanity, obsessed with his family, unreconciled love for Jeannette, and his frustration over politics.

I loved the historical background in this story. I referred to the map at the beginning of the story often as that area of the world is quite fascinating. But I wasn't a huge fan of the book as I thought Midhat Kamal made some really poor choices throughout and I didn't find him a compelling character.

The Compound Effect by Darren Hardy

Published 2010 by De Capo Press

Book Review by Alison Colby-Campbell, Friends of the HPL Board Member

October 28, 2020

The Covid-19 pandemic has made us rethink everything - the way we do business, the way we live our lives, and it left many people with the paralyzing sense that so much is out of our control. The Compound Effect by Darren Hardy was suggested to me as a means to incrementally take back control and to do more than merely survive in tough times but to thrive.

First published 10 years ago, the actions it recommends to attain a better life still apply today although some references will appear a bit dated, and I did see a couple of typos. Usually that is enough for me to stop reading but I pressed on because the person who recommended The Compound Effect as a pandemic must-read is a globally recognized success in business and in life balance.

The book points out that the small choices in life, little everyday decisions, shape our future. They either lead to the life we want, or the life that leaves us wondering "how on earth did I end up here?" The outcome of a series of tiny, almost imperceptible steps in the direction of identified goals whether they be better health, financial security, happy family life, can almost painlessly help us manifest our best life.

Author Darren Hardy was the publisher and founding editor of SUCCESS Magazine. He used his access to the people behind the top success stories of our generation including Richard Branson, Steve Jobs, Warren Buffet and more to identify simple keys to personal achievement.

This is a short book and an easy read that engages readers with a series of worksheets and guided contemplation. I read the book for the first time 2 months ago and was immediately able to adopt some practices that are already paying off in business and in life as they became permanent habits.

The Compound Effect succinctly identifies ways to take control and turn a challenging situation into a steppingstone to a more fulfilling life. I think everyone should read this book.

Friends' Shop News

Winter gifts and items are in! Visit us in the Shop or Friends of the Haverhill Public Library Facebook Page to see more.



Membership Committee Update

Dear Friends,

“I have found the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card.”

Laura Bush

It has been a unusual year for all of us....the Coronavirus has made life more difficult and challenging! We are always so grateful for the support the Haverhill Public Library has received over the years from our community and local sponsors. However, this year has been a little interesting!

Again, we are asking that you renew your membership as a Friend by sending in the completed Membership Form contained in this newsletter. We also welcome anyone new who might be reading this letter for the first time. However big or small the donation, every penny will go directly to support the many valued services the library provides to our community. Membership of all levels entitles you to the following:

- Our annual newsletter
- An invitation to our annual meeting
- A 10% discount on all purchases at the Friends' Gift Shop

The Friends' Gift Shop underwent renovations last year, so we hope you take the time to come and check it out! It's a great place to find unique and lovely gifts, school supplies, and items specific to Haverhill's history and culture.

On behalf of the entire Friends' Board of Directors, thank you in advance for your continued support of the Haverhill Public Library. All of your support helps the Library's mission of serving the cultural, social, and community needs by providing global access to informational, educational, and recreational resources.

Sincerely,

The Membership Committee
Friends of the Haverhill Public Library

For additional updates and information, please visit www.haverhillpl.org or visit the Friends of the Haverhill Public Library Facebook Page

Please print and fill out the membership form below (it's from 2020, but will work for 2021, we promise!) Forms and checks can be mailed or delivered to:

Friends of the Haverhill Public Library
attn: Membership Committee
99 Main St.
Haverhill, MA 01830

**FRIENDS OF THE
HAVERHILL PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Membership Card May 2019 – May 2020

NAME: _____

(Please detach and retain this section as your receipt.
Return bottom half to library.)

**Membership gives you 10% OFF at the Friends Shop
at the Haverhill Public Library.**

Want to be in the know? www.HaverhillPL.org, click on Friends page.

**Membership in the
FRIENDS OF THE HAVERHILL PUBLIC LIBRARY**

*Please enter my membership in The Friends for the current
year. Enclosed is my membership fee at the following level:*

I enclose:

500.00	Life	_____
250.00	Benefactor	_____
100.00	Patron	_____
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*I would be interested in volunteering in the areas I have
checked below:*

_____ Friends' Projects

_____ Annual Book Sales

_____ Staffing The Friends' Shop

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Email Address Request

In an effort to protect our natural resources and to keep the expense of publishing this newsletter to a minimum, we are making a special appeal to all those who receive this newsletter: We need your email address!

The money saved will be reallocated directly to the library to fund its various needs. Your email address will NOT be shared with anyone else for any reason. Please email us at friendsofhpl@gmail.com . Please put "I want to help" in the subject line and please include your name in the email so that we may remove it from the "snail mail" mailing list.



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