

2026



The Friends of the MPL



MISSION: The Friends support the Malden Public Library in its mission to serve our community by organizing fundraisers and collaborating in local events.

The FMPL promote books, reading, the Library itself, culture and diversity for all citizens of Malden through our activities.



OUR SUCCESS IS BASED ON:

1. **GROWING & DEVELOPING** the Friends to reflect the diversity of our community.
2. **PARTNERING** with Malden organizations and businesses for mutual support.

By working towards these two principles, we strengthen our organization and ensure a thriving membership and the longevity of the Friends.

Dave Ball *SC*, Mary Ellen O'Meara *Secretary*, Huy Nguyen *President*, Angela Han *SC*, Glynn Crum *Secretary*, Marion Browning *Treasurer*, Melissa LaPlant *Vice-President*
(*SC=Steering Committee*)

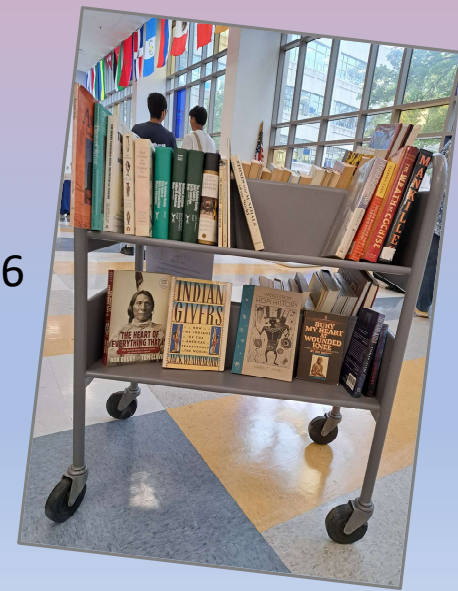
Meetings: First Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Library with Zoom option.

BY PARTNERING WITH MALDEN ORGANIZATIONS, THE FRIENDS HAVE GAINED A DIVERSE MEMBERSHIP



Our Diversity plan gets us out into the community to make new Friends by piggy-backing on other organizations' events with Pop-up Book Carts

- **MLK/Black History Month event** - Emmanuel Baptist Church 2024, 2025, 2026
- **Lunar New Year** - Chinese Culture Connection. 2024, 2025, 2026
- **Race Amity Event** - June 2024
- **Juneteenth** - 2024, 2025, 2026
- **Pride Event** - 2024, 2025, 2026 /**Friends Pride Book Swap** 2025, 2026
- **Hispanic Heritage Festival** - North Shore Hispanic Association 2024, 2025, 2026
- **Indigenous People's day** - Malden Reads 2023, 2024
- **Halloween Book Treat** - Chamber of Commerce, 2021 – 2026
- **Spring Book Sale** - MFD 2024, 2025, 2026 + coffee businesses
- **Fall Book Sale** - MPD 2024, 2025, 2026 + coffee businesses



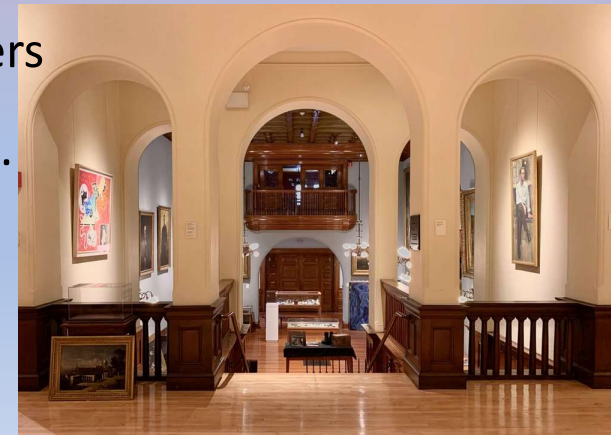
NEW EVENTS IN 2026

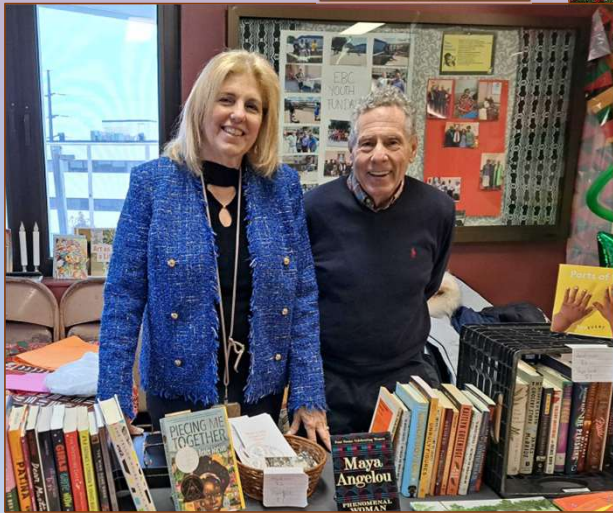
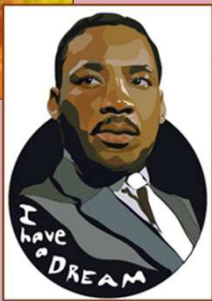
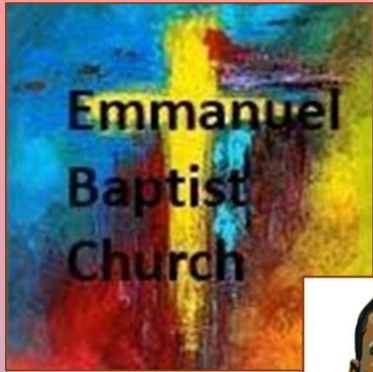


MONTHLY BOOK SALES: During months when there is no programmed BOOK SALE, the Friends will open the Book Room for a few hours, one day a month. Our first one was January 14, 6-8pm.

Friends Gallery Open House : On February 21, 2-4pm the Friends held the first Gallery Open House.

We will invite members and Community Partners to tours the Galleries and to light refreshments.





POP-UP BOOK SALE

Emmanuel Baptist Church
Martin Luther King Event / Black History Month Event



POP-UP BOOK SALE

Chinese Culture Connection
Lunar New Year

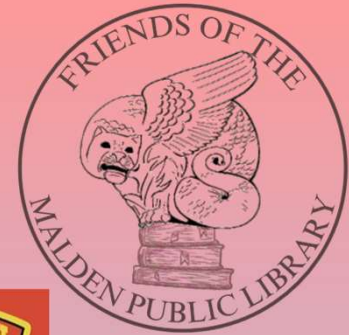


Chinese Culture Connection
华夏文化協會



SPRING BOOK SALE

Partnering with MFD



POP-UP BOOK SALES



Friends – Pride Book Swap



Race Amity Event



Juneteenth Event

FRIENDS ANNUAL WINE TASTING GALA FUNDRAISER



SAVE THE DATE: May 15th, 2026
Most elegant event in Malden!
Non-alcoholic options





WINE TASTING GALA FUNDRAISER

SAVE THE DATE: May 15th, 2026
DON'T MISS our Mocktails Table!



PINE BANKS FAIRY HOUSES BOOK GIVE-AWAY



POP-UP BOOK SALE



GMAACC Event



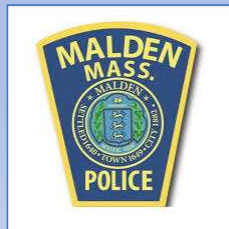
POP-UP September

North Shore Hispanic Festival





FALL BOOK SALE Partnering with Cornucopia and MPD



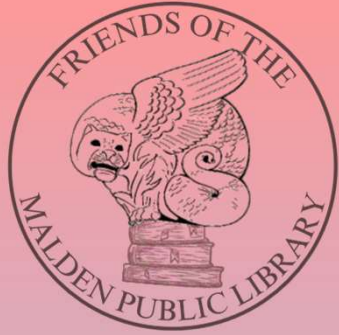


Halloween Book Treat with the Chamber of Commerce

Halloween Book Give-away



EVENTS DECEMBER 2025



Winter Concert with Malden Historical Society and Mystic Side Opera



Winter Wonderland Book Give-away with Malden Reads Winter Festival



FRIENDS OF THE MALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026



January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December				
6	FMPL Meeting 7pm	3	FMPL Meeting 7pm	3	FMPL Meeting 7pm	7	FMPL Meeting 7pm	6	FMPL Meeting 7pm	2	FMPL Meeting 7pm		summer		vacation	1	FMPL Meeting 7pm	6	FMPL Meeting 7pm	3	FMPL Meeting 7pm	1	FMPL Meeting 7pm			
14	January Book Sale 6pm	7	Lunar New Year pop-up	15	Friends-Pride Book Swap	10	Spring Book Sale	15	Wine Tasting Gala	?	Race Amity pop-up					5	Pine Banks Fairy festival	9	Fall Book Sale	?	Friends Gallery OpenHouse	7	Winter Concert			
18	MLK Pop-up Book Sale 2pm	14	Valentine's Book Sale			11	Spring Book Sale MFD	15	Mayplewood Festival	19	JUNE-TEENTH pop-up					19	Hispanic Festival Pop-up	10	Fall Book Sale MPD						13	Winter Holiday Book Sale
		21	Friends Gallery OpenHouse			?	Friends Gallery OpenHouse	?	Friends Gallery OpenHouse	26	Summer Reading Kickoff					19	Coffee, Cookies Welcome	31	Halloween BOOK TREAT w/ Chamber						20	Winter Wonderland Malden Reads
										27	Malden Pride pop-up					?	Friends Gallery OpenHouse			?	Friends Gallery OpenHouse					
<p>*Our monthly meetings are the FIRST TUESDAY of the month.*</p>																										



ANY QUESTIONS?

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Thank you for being a Friend!

