



# ***Friends of the Brookline Public Library***

## ***2019 Newsletter***

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### **Garden of Coolidge Corner's Delight**



A picture is worth a thousand words, right? These pictures say more than we could about the refurbished atrium and garden area at the wonderfully redesigned Coolidge Corner Library. The Friends are so pleased to have been able to contribute in this way to CC's upgrade.

The skylight now brings in sparkling sunshine, the plants are a brilliant green, and the spot invites quiet reading, relaxation, and contemplation. Contributing to that mood are the now glittering mosaics, which the Friends helped

locate here in 2012, after the town-wide project that created them.



We hope you find new enjoyment now at this haven outside the Coolidge Corner bustle. It's cheerful even on a gray day and will be especially refreshing in the summer heat!



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<https://www.brooklinelibrary.org/about/friends-of-the-brookline-library/>

## Letter from the President

*Dear Friends,*

*This year we are presenting you with a somewhat different newsletter. You've known for many years now of our recurring projects and efforts: our popular book sale, our very successful ESL conversation groups, our funding of professional development grants for the library staff, funding of children and teen and adult programming, Lunar New Year celebrations and much more. This year, our major "project" has been in support of the refurbishment of Coolidge's atrium/garden area, which we reviewed on the front page. We hope you enjoy this newsletter, and we look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting, and around the neighborhood.*

*Yours truly, Nancy Nitikman*

## Paula Sharaga Memorial Fund



Please join us for a moment to remember and honor our wonderful children's librarian, Paula Sharaga, who died in a tragic accident this past February. Paula served for almost two decades at our Coolidge Corner Library, bringing her infectious enthusiasm and joy to the children and the families whom she served. Because she is remembered with love by all who came in contact with her, the Library's Board of Trustees established a trust fund in her name to advance the Library's children's programming on the subjects about which she was passionate: the environment, climate change, music and bicycling. Like many of you, the Friends, in gratitude and honor to Paula and all she did for our community, contributed to this Fund this year. And those of you who wish may still do so as well (search for "Paula Sharaga Trust Fund" on the Library website).

## ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED BY THE FRIENDS

**2018-2019**

- Children's Summer Programs
- Teen Programs
- Staff Professional Development
- Book Group Refreshments
- Coolidge Corner Atrium Renovation
- Coolidge Corner Children's Toys, Games and Puzzles
- Harry Potter Program
- Lunar New Year Celebration
- Quezalguaque Sister City Library Support
- Yoga at Putterham

## Friends Mission Statement

Last year you noticed our spiffy new Friends logo! And this year, continuing this "refreshing" trend, we have updated our Mission Statement and are proud to pass it on to you. We're happy that you are all members of the Friends and hope you will encourage your friends and neighbors to join us as well!

*The Friends of the Brookline Public Library is a non-profit membership organization, founded in 1981, that provides special resources for The Public Library of Brookline, and enhances and enlivens the experience of Library users. In addition to running an ongoing book sale, the Friends sponsors educational and cultural programs for adults, teens and children, conducts ESL conversation classes, helps to broaden the horizons of librarians and staff with professional development and conference grants, and partners with other organizations to benefit the community at large.*