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# THE SAWYER

# NEW

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DISCOVER THE PAST, CREATE THE FUTURE

# NEW WEBSITE

AnnaKatherine Amacker  
Community Librarian

We're pleased to announce the launch of our new website. Along with our vibrant new look, visiting the site is now an easier and more interactive experience whether you're on a computer, phone, or tablet.

## NEW FEATURES

### NAVIGATION

The site is now easier to navigate than ever. Our menu bar features more descriptive categories to help you find what you're looking for and even discover things you didn't know

you needed. The new Find It menu is one of our favorites. It takes you to all of our resources, both electronic and physical collections. You'll even find our Staff Picks and booklists.

### CALENDAR

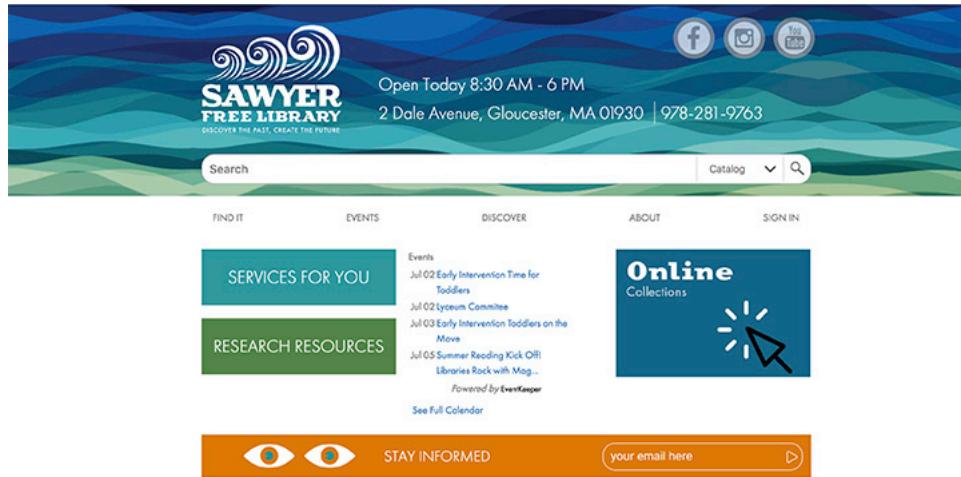
Now you can go straight from the calendar to our main menus. Additionally, you can now view events by category as well as date. Only interested in Children's Storytimes? You'll be able to limit the calendar to just those events using keywords.

### BLOG

We're very excited about The Sawyer Blog. The blog is the place to learn the latest news, see what's new in materials for the month, engage with other book club members on current topics, and more. On the Children's Blog, you'll be able to learn about special events like Summer Reading and see what's new in Children's Services.

### ONLINE COLLECTIONS

Our Online Collections are now easier to access than ever. From Hoopla to Libby for OverDrive, you'll be able to access eBooks, audiobooks, and even more from the website.



### SERVICES FOR YOU

The new Services for You section highlights what we at the Sawyer Free Library can do for you. Looking to get a library card? You'll find the process outlined so you can be prepared. You can also learn how

to request a book online, reserve one of our public meeting rooms, or learn about our home delivery options.

### RESEARCH

Whether you're conducting research

online or planning a trip to the library, our new Research pages are designed to help you get the most out of your online experience. You'll find a full list of our linked databases, as well as online documents related to Cape Ann History, and links to online Special Collections.

## SPOTLIGHT ON GENEALOGY

Many visitors to Gloucester find themselves stopping at the Sawyer Free Library to do genealogical research. On our new site, you'll find not only a comprehensive guide to our physical collections, but also a brand new online guide. On our online Genealogical Resources page, you'll find tips for getting started, free online resources for locating and researching your ancestors, and a full linked list of the Gloucester and Cape Ann resources that have been digitized that will help you in your research. Doing research online has never been easier.

# HOOPLA

Lewis Parsons  
Technology Librarian

Hoopla is an exciting new digital resource offered by the Sawyer Free Library that puts thousands of E-books, audio-books, TV series, music albums, films and graphic novels right at your fingertips! Interested in the latest Marvel superheroes, best selling audiobook or British television? Hoopla has it.

Hoopla is easy to use and works on a wide variety of devices including Windows and Mac PCs, most tablets, iPhones and Android smartphones, Roku media players, Apple TV, Fire TV, and KindleFire tablets. What you'll need to sign up is an e-mail address and a library card number.



We're happy to help you get started with Hoopla. You download the Hoopla Digital app and create an account, attaching your library card to the account. After this, Hoopla is ready to go. Search for the content you crave through the app, or if you are used to using our online catalog, search the same way there. Hoopla items will have a handy link at the bottom of the page. The best part about Hoopla? If you see it, it's available. There are no wait times. Borrowing times vary from 3 days for movies and TV, to 3 weeks for audiobooks and ebooks. Once checked out, you can download and access your media on your device for reading, listening or viewing even if you are offline.

Hoopla allows for up to 5 checkouts per month, and is a great way to supplement borrowing of physical books and media. Or use it in combination with our other digital resources like Libby for OverDrive, and you can be a Sawyer Free Library user entirely at home or at your hotel in Australia. All you need is your library card.

## STEPS TO BECOMING A GRANT RESOURCE

Alex Jones  
Customer Service Specialist

On Monday, June 25th, the Sawyer Free Library was honored to accept a grant presented by the Cape Ann Community Foundation (CACF) to establish grant-finding resources here at the library. After brief remarks, CACF presented a check on the main floor. The Library was represented by Director Deborah Kelsey, Assistant Director Beth Pocock, Board President John Brennan, and staff members Alex Jones. Cape Ann Community Foundation was represented by President Ruth Pino, Treasurer Ken Riehl, and board members Catherine Schlichte and Pat Slade.



Currently, the Library is pursuing becoming a network partner of the Foundation Center, which would give us access to databases that patrons can use here to search for grant-makers and funding opportunities nationwide. It would also include training for staff, technical support, and materials to make this new resource as accessible as possible. Fully operational, this would allow patrons to search 500,000+ funding opportunities and establish the Sawyer Free Library as a grant resource hub on Cape Ann.

Thank you once again to the Cape Ann Community Foundation for your generosity and support in this exciting new endeavor. The Cape Ann Community Foundation is made possible through the Cape Ann License Plate, which you can learn more about at [lovecapeann.com](http://lovecapeann.com).

# FRIENDS



WE GET BY  
WITH A  
LITTLE HELP  
FROM OUR  
FRIENDS

The Friends of the Sawyer Free Library are a diverse group who support the library through their membership dues and volunteering. Through fundraising events, book sales and those membership dues, we have been able to purchase equipment, fund and enhance the wide variety of programs that are offered and support other initiatives that would not be funded otherwise. Our mission is to enhance and improve the library patrons' experience and we are constantly working towards that goal. Thanks to the continued involvement of the Friends, we have been able to:

- provide the library with a book drop off in the parking lot
- purchase ample and comfortable seating for all programs, meetings and events
- upgrade the teen space with cool and comfortable furniture
- annually fund over \$10,000 in programming for adults, young adults and children. Last year, almost 7,000 people participated

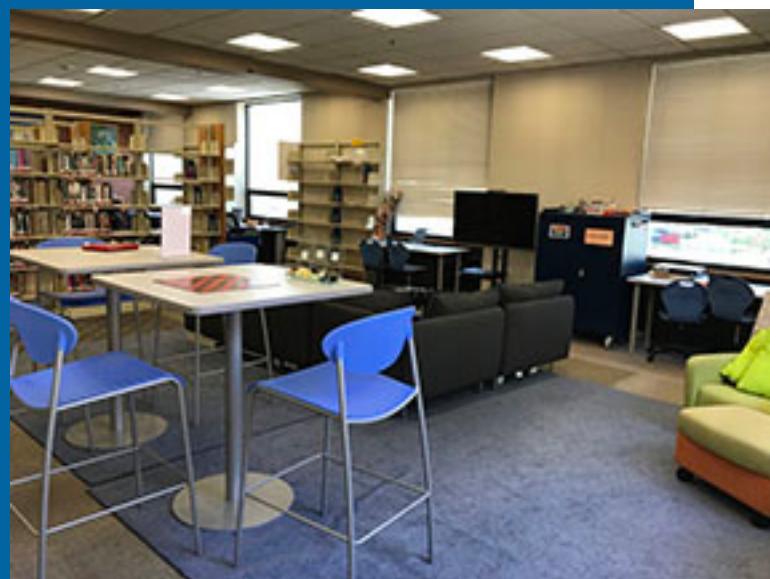
We have a successful year-round used book store within the library, the Sales Spot, providing quality and modestly priced books for adults and children. The hours of our Annual Book Sale have been expanded and the Thursday night "Friends Only" event is packed with people wanting to get first choice of the hundreds of books we have to offer. Friends unpack, sort and fill the shelves of the Sales Spot with books that are generously donated.

The Friends are happy to be able to support the Library and hope that you may be interested in joining us when we launch our annual membership drive later on this summer.

## SUMMER IN THE TEEN CORNER

There's more to the library than books, especially for teens. The Sawyer Free Library Teen Corner features a comfortable sofa and lots of space just to hang out with friends or get that summer reading assignment done. Teens in 6th to 12th grades can enjoy the space any time as a space where only they get to hang out.

We have a PlayStation 4 and Wii U with a variety of games to play alone or with friends. MarioKart and Super Smash Bros are particular favorites. There's no shortage of technology. Teens can check out Kindles for summer reading, Chromebooks for surfing the web, and even 3D printing pens for creating a masterpiece or just goofing around. Of course, teens are always welcome to use the public computers on the Mezzanine Level, but the Chromebooks and tablets are a great way to be connected in their own space. Looking for analog? We have a ton of board games available for use in the library and even to check out. Teens can also get their zen on with colored pencils and coloring sheets. Who doesn't love to color?



Join us for screenings of Thor Ragnarok (July 14th) and Black Panther (July 28th) right in the Teen Corner!



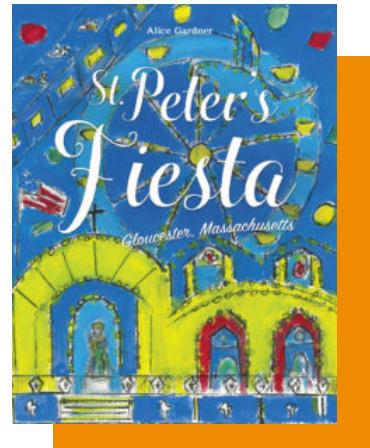
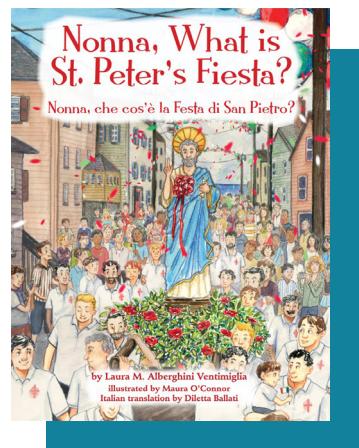
## VIVA! LEARNING ABOUT FIESTA AT THE SFL

Gloucester has celebrated Saint Peter's Fiesta, a five day festival honoring St. Peter, the patron saint of fishermen since 1927. And on June 16th, Sawyer Free Library Children's Services held its own celebration to make the history of Fiesta accessible to the children of Gloucester. Children and their families gathered for a conversation about Fiesta and its traditions with local authors Laura Venti-miglia and Alice Gardner.

Sarah Favazza, daughter of one of the founders of St. Peter's Fiesta, led the kids in traditional Fiesta chants. Attendees had traditional Italian treats and learned how to draw a boat from illustrator Maura O'Connor.

Ventimiglia's book *Nonna, What is St. Peter's Fiesta?* is the story of a young boy and his cousins who learn about the history and traditions of Fiesta as they experience it with their grandmother.

*St. Peter's Fiesta*, Gardner's book, is full of colorful illustrations of Fiesta happenings. Both allow children to access St. Peter's Fiesta and its importance to the Gloucester community in a fun and meaningful way.



**"Pull up a chair. Take a taste. Come join us. Life is so endlessly delicious."**

Ruth Reich

There's always something new to try at the library. Cook and share a Mongolian recipe, learn to play Mah jongg, get the hang of using your new Kindle, discuss the latest global issues. More than just books and banks of computers, libraries are still places where individuals gather to explore, interact, and imagine.

Check our calendar online and come join the fun.

## GLOBAL FORUM

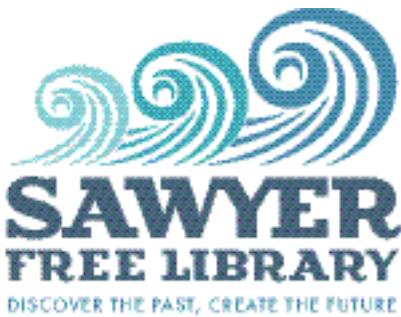
The Global Forum Book Group discusses books on world issues and current events. Last month's

book was *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo.



### All are welcome!

Last Thursday of each month 6:30 - 7:30 PM at the Sawyer Free Library. Pick up a copy of the book at the main desk and join us. For more information, please email Alex Jones: [Jones@sawyerfreelibrary.org](mailto:Jones@sawyerfreelibrary.org).



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## Hours

### Library

Monday/Wednesday: 8:30 AM – 6:00 PM  
Tuesday/Thursday: 8:30 AM – 8:00 PM  
Friday/Saturday: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

### Children's

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Thursday: 8:30 AM – 8:00 PM  
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