

Spring 2026
Dear Neighbor,

Supporting the library is an investment in your community

The Northborough Free Library has always been “the place” to get books and media at no cost, but it is so much more than that. Through its Library of Things, patrons can get everything from musical instruments to tools and sports equipment. The expanding catalog of museum passes gives patrons a low cost or no cost way to attend local attractions. And every year, the Northborough library staff bring the community a rich assortment of programming for children, teens, and adults. **In fact, the Northborough Free Library has performed in the top 20% of the libraries in the STATE for program attendees for 9 out of the last 10 years!**

“There is no other place where anyone, regardless of background, age, or interest, can come together as they do at the library, and that's special.”

-Jenn Bruneau, Director,
Northborough Free Library

It may surprise you to know that many of the programs run through the library are NOT supported by the library's operating budget. **Support for these activities comes from the Friends of the Northborough Library (FONOBO).** We are proud to support community programming, which is provided FREE to participants, assuring that one's personal economic situation will not be a barrier to social connectedness, job skill development, early literacy, or lifelong learning.

Part of that support comes from community donations. **In 2025, with funding from FONOBO, the Northborough Free Library was able to run 750+ programs for over 18,000 attendees at an effective cost of 80 cents per attendee . . .** That means for *less than the cost of a pack of gum*, someone was able to attend the Summer Art Show and Ice Cream Social, spend time with their child at the Children's summer reading wrap up event with Flying High Dogs, experience a D&D campaign, make a Cat-Tastic Creation with feline health advice from a Vet, or take part in an immigration policy discussion with an attorney.

Please donate today & help us reach our \$15,000 goal – A little goes a long way . . .

Why support your library through FONOBO?

- 100% of donations go directly to funding programs at the Northborough Free Library
- FONOBO is a (501)(c)(3) organization, thus your donation may be tax deductible
- FONOBO is part of many employer matching programs, making your donation go further

Making donations to FONOBO is easy - simply do one of the following:

- Send it to the library (Checks payable to “Friends of the Northborough Library”)
- Scan the QR code below to donate electronically
- Submit your donation through an employer matching program (such as Benevity)

For more information on FONOBO, please visit: www.northboroughlibrary.org/friends.

Support the Northborough Free Library. Serve the community.

Sincerely,

Desiree Powell
President, Friends of the Northborough Library



Donate Today!



“[Donations to FONOBO] support our community's wellbeing through programming. Our programs teach new life skills, create social opportunities with friends old and new, and provide a place to belong.

Thanks to your generosity, we are better able to serve our community.”

- Kaitlin Stacy, Assistant Director, Northborough Free Library



Did you know?



103,272

LIBRARY VISITORS
IN 2025

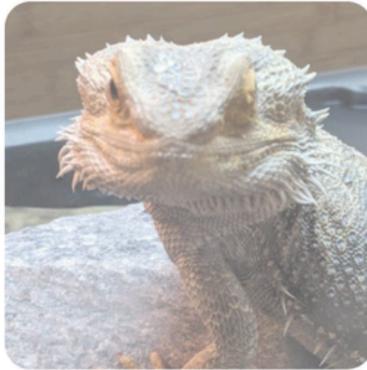


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FREE MOVIES
SCREENED AT THE
LIBRARY IN 2025



766
PROGRAMS
SPONSORED
BY FONOBO
IN 2025



\$370k+

FONOBO FUNDING
FOR LIBRARY NEEDS
2010-2025



864

MUSEUM PASSES
USED IN 2025



\$9,500

AWARDED TO HIGH
SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS
2010-2025



**Dungeons &
Dragons and
Anime & Manga
Club**

TWO FAVORITE TEEN
PROGRAMS 2025

350k+

EBOOKS AND
AUDIOBOOKS IN THE
LIBBY COLLECTION



Help us reach our donation goal
of \$15,000 in 2026!