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FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends of Historic Newton,

What did you read this summer? Hop on to our social media and share your recommendations, or to answer the question: "What is one of the most influential history books you've read and why?" See how others answer this question on page 4.

When asked to name my favorite book (or film, or ice cream...) I can never decide. However, my daughter was impressed to see a display about Henry "Box" Brown at Jackson Homestead, because she read *Henry's Freedom Box*, by Ellen Levine, at school. You can find this and other child-approved books in our Museum Shops (including the *Lucky to Live in Massachusetts* activity book, *Brick by Brick*, *The Magic of Norumbega*, and *Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad*). Also, our history-themed rulers and vintage whoopie cushions are essential back-to-school supplies!

Looking back on fiscal year 2018, I am pleased to share that Historic Newton is thriving. We've engaged thousands of people in the exploration of history's relevance in today's world. Feedback from our audiences is glowing. For example, 100% of museum visitors said that their experience met or exceeded expectations! We are doing something right, and your support helps further that effort.

I'm wishing you the very best as we transition from those lovely last days of summer to the refreshing, crisp air of autumn.

Best regards,

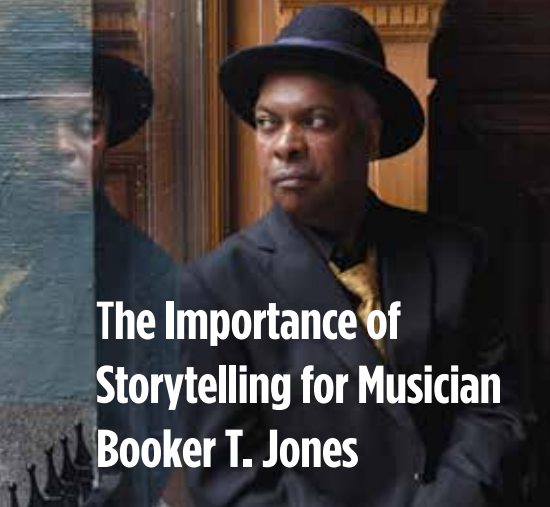
Lisa S. Dady

Director

Old-Fashioned Fun at Annual Hayfest

Come celebrate the harvest season Sunday, September 30 from noon to 4 p.m. at our annual Homestead Hayfest at the Jackson Homestead and Museum. Admission is free. This popular hands-on family festival celebrates 19th century family life and brings visitors from Newton and beyond. Try your hand at cranking an old-fashioned ice cream churn and taste ice cream samples from Cabot's. You can also dye cloth with vegetable dyes, make butter, press apples for apple cider, and dip candles. Jump into a burlap sack for a race or play the hoop-tossing game of graces. Thanks to Volante Farms and Trader Joe's West Newton for their donations. If you'd like to volunteer to help with games or bake an item for our sale, please email social@historicnewton.org or call 617-796-1450.





The Importance of Storytelling for Musician Booker T. Jones

In a career that spans more than 55 years and a GRAMMY Lifetime Achievement Award, Booker T. Jones has become known as a master storyteller. When not touring or collaborating with musicians including The Roots and Drive-By Truckers, Jones is writing a memoir. Historic Newton recently asked him about the importance of storytelling in his career.

Historic Newton is pleased to present Jones live in concert on Saturday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Newton North High School. Tickets are on sale at www.newtonma.gov/BookerT. Sponsorship tickets include premier seating and an after-party with Jones and his band.

Q: How is storytelling so integral to your performances?

A: Having been in the music business nearly 60 years, people have expressed interest in the backstories and circumstances behind the songs and their creators. When was it recorded, what city, anything unusual relating to how the music came to be. Also, I have had intimate moments that are important to me and that have carried another color and layer to the song that I feel the audience would enjoy hearing about.

Q: Do you often have a story in mind when you craft a song? Do the words come first, or the melody, or does it vary each time?

A: More often than not, there is a theme, such as a hurtful relationship, or even a wonderful relationship. Then again, sometimes the idea just begins as a simple melody. The feeling and the idea of a song seems to come on me like a dam breaking open, due to many years of practicing the craft and performing music.

Q: What's an example of a song you like (that you didn't write) that tells a compelling story, and why do you like it?

A: Bob Dylan's "Gotta Serve Somebody" because of the inescapable truth of the message, and how Bob gives so many seemingly unrelated examples. It holds special meaning for me because it was one of the first times I was allowed to sing at a large, prestigious performance — The Bob Dylan Tribute Concert at Madison Square Garden.

Q: What is one thing that people might be surprised to learn about your early life?

A: My hobby was photography. I became intrigued with the taking of pictures, to the point I had my own darkroom in the attic. One of my favorite pictures is a photo of my father that I took and developed myself. Pictures, like music, tell a story of a moment in time.

Q: Any advice for those who want to share and tell their stories?

A: People love stories — but they have an uncanny sense if there is any fabrication or untruth involved, so be careful. If it didn't happen, don't say it did.

Books to Help Start Conversations about the History of Slavery

Enslavement. Abolition. Race. These topics are difficult to address with adults, much less with children. However, they are important parts of our shared history, and it is never too early to begin conversations with children about these topics. At Historic Newton, we present programs on the history of slavery and talk about the brave choices people had to make to free themselves or to help freedom seekers.

Educators at Historic Newton recently reviewed a selection of books about

slavery to recommend to teachers and families who want to learn more about this topic. The following books serve as entry points to discussions about slavery for early learners, shedding light on painful aspects of our history in a developmentally appropriate manner.

As you begin these conversations with children or grandchildren in your care, model that slavery an upsetting topic, even for you as an adult. Express that it is hard to understand how people did this to one another and validate any



responses and/or feelings of discomfort. At the same time, communicate that while horrible things were done

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Recommended Reading:

CITIZENS PICK HISTORY BOOKS

Hon. Ruthanne Fuller,
Mayor of Newton
Simple Justice, by
Richard Kluger



This is my favorite history book because it's the history of Brown v. Board of Education, the epochal Supreme Court decision that outlawed segregation, and of black America's century-long struggle for equality under law.

**Brian Goeselt, History
Teacher, Newton
North H.S.**
Varina: A Novel, by
Charles Frazier



The Varina in question is Varina Davis, the wife of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America. In this provocative historical fiction, Frazier answers: who is this person who became the wife of the president of the rebellion - before, during and after the Civil War? Though historically grounded, Varina can be read as a compelling contemporary reflection on the moment we are in today, exploring themes of power, gender, race and above all complicity and regret in an age of division and rage.

**Anping Sheng, Ed.D.,
Newton School
Committee Member,
Ward 3**



My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel, by Ari Shavit

This book was recommended to me by a Newton Jewish community figure who happened to play a role in the past five years' ongoing protests about Middle East curriculum in the Newton Public Schools. As a new school committee member, I have made efforts to educate myself with an open mind, and reading

this book was part of my efforts. I considered this an intellectual source book for me to comprehend the history and current status of Israel. It is an interesting read full of lyrical personal accounts and serious historical records. This book does not shy away from the dark history (crimes, to be blunt) of the founding of Israel while admiring its heroic emergence as one of the most powerful yet youngest nations against its hostile environment.

**Seth Blumenthal, Senior
Lecturer, College of
Arts and Sciences,
Boston University**



The Seventies: The Great Shift in American Culture, Society, and Politics, by Bruce Schulman

This book inspired my own career as a historian of modern American politics. Framing the seventies through the concept of the long sixties, Schulman expertly explains in this accessible story how Richard Nixon and the "southernization" of America shaped our current political and cultural terrain. This book utilizes a vast array of sources ranging from presidential archives to popular television and music to establish the 1970s pivotal influence in American history.

**Lena Warnke, graduate
student in Cognitive
Science at Tufts
University, 2011 Newton
South H.S. graduate**



1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus, by Charles C. Mann

This book reassesses long-established beliefs about civilization in the Americas before Europeans arrived. A lot of native history has been misconstrued because the only written evidence we have is from European settlers with

biased views, but more recent findings suggest much more complex societies and cultures. This book opened my eyes to the importance of challenging historical assumptions, and that it's critical to incorporate new understanding into school and university curricula.

**Patricia Coutain, former
executive assistant,
current home health
aide, longtime Newton
House Tour volunteer**



One Month to Live - Thirty Days to a No-Regrets Life, by Kerry & Chris Shook

If you were given a death sentence, how would you spend your last moments on earth? What would be your legacy? I am currently working in an assisted living home taking care of elderly clients and what I see is some clients are very active and others simply give up on life. I have conversations with the clients and ask them about some of the things that they did when they were younger and if there were anything they wished they had done? It brings me great joy to hear some of the stories of their lives. This book has opened up my eyes to live my life to the fullest, whether it is volunteering to make a difference in someone else's life.

**Chris Aucoin, senior,
Newton South H.S.**
Undying Glory, by
Clinton Cox



This is my favorite history book because it takes the reader to the Union campgrounds of Massachusetts to follow the 54th Massachusetts regiment during the Civil War. This regiment of African American men must prove themselves to the rest of the Union army; discrimination and blatant racism hold none of the soldiers back. As they earn the respect of their colonel, Robert Gould Shaw, they are taken into battle and fight courageously at Fort Wagner. I usually don't read history books, but this one is different. All the glories and tragedies of war were told in this book.

Colonial to Current History: Book Club Celebrates Ten Years

In the ten years since it started, the History Book Club at Historic Newton has read about the Salem witch trials, the connections between the slave trade and the American Revolution, the building of the Panama Canal, and the great influenza epidemic. In all, the group has completed 58 books and is scheduled to discuss the 59th selection, a biography of Ulysses S. Grant by Ron Chernow, later this month.

Peter Terris, a Historic Newton board member, has facilitated the group since a staff member turned it over to him during the first year of the group's meetings. Approximately once a month, members of the group read the selected book and come to the Jackson Homestead for a lively discussion. The discussions are free and open to all. About 15 people come to each meeting. "It's a much more enjoyable, much more worthwhile experience to read a book and talk to others about it than to read it alone," says Terris.

Longtime member Anne Larner concurs. "I joined the History Book Club to put a bit of healthy pressure on myself to read more history and to be exposed to books I might not uncover on my own," she says. "There's never a dull meeting and there's usually enough natural turnover in the group to keep the conversation fresh and civil. Group leader Peter Terris does a great job of making sure everyone has a chance to speak while still keeping the flow of talk natural and lively. He also makes sure there is broad input to what we will read next and that we don't get stuck on one small sub section of American history."



History Book Club facilitator Peter Terris (center), a Historic Newton board member, says discussions enhance reading a book.

Twice a year, Terris circulates a list of history titles, all non-fiction, and also asks group members for suggestions. Back in 2008, the first book on the list was *Ladies of Liberty: The Women Who Shaped Our Nation*, by Cokie Roberts. At first, the group read only about American history but broadened the scope in recent years to include titles such as *The Fall of the Ottomans: The Great War in the Middle East*, by Eugene Rogan; and *King Leopold's Ghost*, by Adam Hochschild.

Terris said that certain books stand out as exceptional, especially *Rising Tide: The Great Mississippi Flood of 1927 and How It Changed America*, by John M. Barry; and *The Warmth of Other Suns*, by Isabel Wilkerson.

"A lot of people in the group read broadly. The discussions are the most satisfying part of the group," said Terris, who is finishing *Grant* and readying for the next season of reading.

To see the complete reading list from 2008-2018, go to www.newtonma.gov/historybookclub

Books to Help Start Conversations about History of Slavery

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to people because of the color of their skin, many overcame extreme obstacles to free themselves. Slavery is a sign of resilience for African-American communities, not shame. Overall, it is important to communicate that slavery, and the power dynamics that gave rise to institutionalized racism, is all of our history, and is important for us all to confront and learn about.

Suggested reading list by grade level

To read descriptions of each book, go to www.newtonma.gov/booksonslavery

Book	Author	Grade Level
Words Set Me Free - The Story of Young Frederick Douglass	Cline-Ransome, Lesa	K-4
All Different Now - Juneteenth, the First Day of Freedom	Johnson, Angela	K-4
Henry's Freedom Box*	Levine, Ellen	PreK-3
Frederick Douglass: The Lion Who Wrote History*	Myers, Walter Dean	PreK-3
Sojourner Truth's Step-stomp Stride	Pinkney, Andrea Davis	K-4
Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky	Ringgold, Faith	PreK-2
Brick by Brick*	Smith, Charles R.	PreK-3
Freedom in Congo Square	Weatherford, Carole Boston	K-4
The Amazing Age of John Roy Lynch	Barton, Chris	2-5
Jefferson's Sons - A Founding Father's Secret Children	Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker	3-7
The Underground Abductor - An Abolitionist Tale	Hale, Nathan	3-9
Anthony Burns - The Defeat and Triumph of A Fugitive Slave	Hamilton, Virginia	3-7
Day of Tears - A Novel in Dialogue	Lester, Julius	5-9
Never Forgotten	McKissack, Pat	4-12
A Picture of Freedom - The Diary of Clotee, A Slave Girl	McKissack, Patricia	5-9
Heart and Soul - The Story of America and African Americans	Nelson, Kadir	1-5
In the Time of the Drums	Siegelson, Kim L	1-4
Beyond Freedom*	Wall, Patricia Q.	4-6

* For sale at Historic Newton's Museum Shops

HISTORIC NEWTON

Join us at our walking tours, public programs, and special events! Watch our web site, www.historicnewton.org, for additions and updates.

SEPTEMBER

Saturday and Sunday, September 1 and 2, 10:00 am-5:00 pm

FREE FIRST WEEKEND

FREE ADMISSION TO OUR MUSEUMS

Everyone is invited to enjoy free admission to our museums.

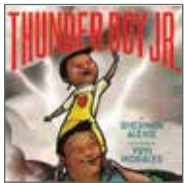
Locations: Jackson Homestead and Museum, 527 Washington Street, and the Durant-Kenrick House and Grounds, 286 Waverley Avenue

Admission: Free

Information: 617-796-1450

Wednesday, September 5, 10:00 am

STORYTIME – STORMY WEATHER



Learn more about Native People in Newton and get the chance to handle some

historical artifacts. We will read *Thunder Boy Jr.* by Sherman Alexie, and preschoolers and their caregivers will make their own storm cloud windsocks. For a complete schedule of ongoing Storytime events, go to www.newtonma.gov/story.

Location: Jackson Homestead and Museum, 527 Washington Street

Admission: Free

Information: 617-796-1450

Saturday, September 22, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

SMITHSONIAN MAGAZINE MUSEUM DAY



Enjoy free admission to the Jackson Homestead or the Durant-Kenrick House and Grounds today through Smithsonian magazine's

national program. Download the Museum Day ticket at www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday for free admission for two people.

Locations: Jackson Homestead and Museum, 527 Washington Street, and the Durant-Kenrick House and Grounds, 286 Waverley Avenue

Admission: Free

Information: 617-796-1450

Thursday, September 27, 7:30 pm

HISTORY BOOK CLUB MEETING



The History Book Club of Historic Newton meets to discuss *Grant* by Pulitzer Prize winning biographer Ron Chernow.

Writing in the *New Yorker*, Adam Gopnik described Chernow's biography of Civil War General and U.S. President Ulysses S. Grant as "a fluent and intelligent narrative." Read the book in advance and join our discussion, which is open to all.

Location: Jackson Homestead and Museum, 527 Washington Street

Admission: Free

Information: 617-796-1450

Sunday, September 30, Noon - 4:00 pm

HOMESTEAD HAYFEST



Drop in for a day of old-fashioned fun at our annual hands-on family festival. Try 19th century activities, including butter making, cider pressing, and candle dipping. Jump into a

burlap sack for a race or play the hoop-tossing game of graces. Enjoy ice cream from Cabot's and a bake sale.

Location: Jackson Homestead and Museum, 527 Washington Street

Admission: Free and open to all

Information: 617-796-1450

OCTOBER

Monday, October 1 - Wednesday, October 31

COMBS AND CURLS: HAIRSTYLES AS STATEMENTS



From decorative combs to Afro picks, our exhibit shows examples from Historic Newton's collection that reflect how people style their hair as a personal and political statement. Enjoy exploring a timeline of trends in whiskers as well as women's styles from 1840 to 1980 that shows the rise, fall, twisting, flattening – and flubbing of hairstyles.

Location: Newton Free Library, 330 Homer Avenue

Admission: Free

Information: 617-796-1450

Wednesday, October 3, 10:00 am

STORYTIME - GARDENING AND GARDENERS



Learn about the many plants in Newton, and how the Kenrick family brought new ones to America. We will read *The Night Gardener* by Terry and Eric Fan, and preschoolers and their

caregivers will create their own tissue paper topiary. For a complete schedule of ongoing Storytime events, go to www.newtonma.gov/story.

Location: Durant Kenrick House and Grounds, 286 Waverley Avenue

Admission: Free

Information: 617-641-9142

Saturday and Sunday, October 6 and 7, 10:00 am-5:00 pm

FREE FIRST WEEKEND

FREE ADMISSION TO OUR MUSEUMS

Sunday, October 28, 3:30 pm

HISTORIC NEWTON WALKS

HALLOWEEN TOUR OF EAST PARISH BURYING GROUND



Who says cemeteries have to be spooky? Newton's oldest cemetery, the East Parish Burying Ground, dates back to 1660 and serves as the resting place of Newton's founding families. Learn about Newton's history and explore this community resource as an educator from Historic Newton guides you in this special tour of the art of remembrance, and life and death in Newton. Hear the stories of those memorialized and consider the lives and deaths of those whose final resting places are unmarked.

Location: Meet at the corner of Cotton and Centre Streets; park on Cotton Street.

Admission: Donation, \$10 per person. Register at [newtonma.gov/HNwalks](http://www.newtonma.gov/HNwalks)

Information: 617-796-1450

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For questions and further information about all events, call 617-796-1450 unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday, October 31,
4:30-6:30 pm

TRICK OR TREAT AT THE JACKSON HOMESTEAD



As you make the rounds with children on Halloween night, please stop by the Jackson Homestead and Museum for treats and free museum admission tickets that may be used throughout the fall. Enjoy trick-or-treating at the historic home that is part of the neighborhood!

Location: Jackson Homestead and Museum, 527 Washington Street

Admission: Free

Information: 617-796-1450

NOVEMBER

Saturday & Sunday, November 3 and 4, 10:00 am-5:00 pm

FREE FIRST WEEKEND

FREE ADMISSION TO OUR MUSEUMS

Saturday, November 17,
9:00 am - Noon

BURYING GROUNDS FALL CLEAN-UP



Spend the morning helping to care for the East Parish Burying Ground, the largest and oldest of Newton's three historic burying grounds. Help rake leaves, collect rubbish and fallen limbs,

and clip shrubs and plants that are encroaching on historic gravestones. Please bring rakes, gloves, or tarps if you have them and wear sturdy shoes.

Location: Meet at the corner of Centre and Cotton Streets, Newton Centre; park on Cotton Street.

Admission: Free

Information: 617-796-1450

Saturday, November 17, 9:30 am STORYTIME – BUILDING THE HOMESTEAD



Learn about how people once built homes, using the Jackson Homestead as an example. We will read

Iggy Peck, Architect by Andrea Beaty. Preschoolers and their caregivers will have a chance to make their own cardboard construction sets, and experiment building their own structures. For a complete schedule of ongoing Storytime events, go to www.newtonma.gov/story.

Location: Jackson Homestead and Museum, 527 Washington Street

Admission: Free

Information: 617-796-1450

Saturday, November 17, 7:30 pm BOOKER T. JONES IN CONCERT



As the architect of one of the first racially integrated rock bands (Booker T. and the M.G.'s), Booker T. Jones set the cast for modern soul music. He created classic hits like "Green Onions," and backed artists ranging from Otis Redding to

Willie Nelson. Join us for an unforgettable concert featuring the legendary Jones, a GRAMMY Lifetime Achievement Award winner, and his band performing "Songs and Stories from the Birth of Soul."

Location: Newton North High School, 457 Walnut Street

Admission: Purchase tickets for individual seats and sponsorships through www.newtonma.gov/BookerT

Information: 617-796-1450

DECEMBER

Saturday & Sunday, December 1 and 2, 10:00 am-5:00 pm

FREE FIRST WEEKEND

FREE ADMISSION TO OUR MUSEUMS

Saturday, Dec. 8, 2:00 pm

SUGAR AND SPICE: GINGERBREAD HISTORY



Chase down the story of the gingerbread man and his ancestors with Historic Newton and the Wellesley Historical Society. In early America, ginger was considered a sign of wealth because it had to be imported. Not until after Christmas became a national holiday in 1870 did gingerbread become associated with American celebrations of Christmas. Learn how recipes have changed over time and end with gingerbread cookies and refreshments.

Location: Wellesley Free Library, 530 Washington Street, Wellesley

Admission: Free

Information: 781-235-6690

Saturday, December 15, 9:30 am STORYTIME – COLONIAL WINTER



How do we make clothes to keep us warm? Join us to

explore how people in the past made their own things to wear. We will read *The Mitten* by Jan Brett, and preschoolers and their caregivers will get the chance to try our drop spindle and create their own cotton ball mittens. For a complete schedule of ongoing Storytime events, go to www.newtonma.gov/story.

Location: Durant Kenrick House and Grounds, 286 Waverley Avenue

Admission: Free

Information: 617-641-9142

Sunday, December 16, 4:30 pm HOLIDAY CANDLELIGHT TOUR OF DURANT-KENRICK HOUSE



Built in 1734, the Durant-Kenrick House was the home of families who observed the winter holidays in different ways. Take a special tour of the house by candlelight led by Historic Newton staff, enjoy winter caroling, and sip hot cider and cocoa. Kids can create winter crafts, too. Space is limited. Advance registration is recommended through historicnewton.org.

Location: Durant-Kenrick House and Grounds, 286 Waverley Ave.

Admission: Adults: \$15 non-member, \$10 Historic Newton members and children ages 10 and over

Information: 617-641-9142

Preview Party

Historic Newton's annual Preview Party took place in the splendid 1870s home of Dena and Michael Rashes. Guests including Mayor Ruthanne Fuller enjoyed hearing more about the home's preservation-minded modernization by architect David Boronkay. The gala gave us a chance to celebrate the Newton House Tour and to thank lead sponsor, The Village Bank, plus additional sponsors and homeowners.



Vani Sayeed of Vani Sayeed Studios



Historic Newton board members Stella Lee, Treff LaFleche, and Michelle Crowley with her husband, Sean Crowley



2018 House Tour homeowner Tim Springer with Victor Chin and Jim Shulman



Mayor Ruthanne Fuller and Historic Newton Director Lisa Dady

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Ruthanne Fuller, *Mayor*

Meet Historic Newton's New Board President



Suzanne Cuccurullo was recently elected the new President of

Historic Newton's Board of Directors. Cuccurullo, a West Newton resident, is a longtime Board member. A marketing specialist, she has held the position of Dean of Undergraduate Admissions and Marketing at Bentley University since 2009. She takes the helm from Carl M. Cohen, who had served as President of the Board since 2012 and will continue to hold a seat on the Board. James Bryant also joined the Board this spring, and Lee Fisher became a Trustee of the Jackson Homestead.

Highlights from Fiscal Year 2018

👉 100% satisfaction!

According to exit surveys, 100% of museum visitors indicated that the experience met (25%) or exceeded (75%) their expectations.



👉 98% of public program attendees responded that they **would participate again.**

👉 The Archives is one of our most active and popular resources. Last year, **477 people made research requests.**

👉 **Attendance has been increasing** over the last four years, but this year we broke the five-digit milestone with **10,203 visitors and program participants.**

👉 Our aim is to provide learning experiences in historic spaces such as our two historic houses and the City's three burying grounds. However, when groups can't join us in these special places, we go to them. **Attendance at group programs offered off-site doubled this year to 1,480.**

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Jan Goldstein and Garrett Van Siclen have volunteered for many years to help plan our annual Newton House Tour and were among the 78 volunteers who staffed this year's tour. Another 67 people of all ages volunteered a total of 1,688 hours on everything from researching Historic House Markers to digitizing oral history interviews. We couldn't run Historic Newton without their dedication and hard work. Thanks to all!

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Historic Newton is a public/private partnership between the non-profit Newton Historical Society (NHS) and the City of Newton.

NHS Revenue = \$435,014

In addition to donated and earned income, this includes a 4.5% draw from investments.

NHS Expenses = \$437,725

Net Balance = \$ (2,711)

City of Newton's in-kind portion (not included in above figures) = \$ 275,219

These results for Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018) are preliminary. Please note that they are not final until the completion of the Auditor's review and financial reports are issued.

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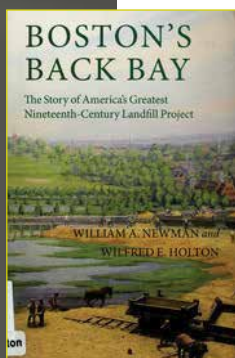
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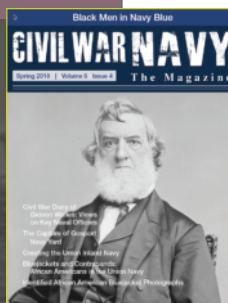
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Boston's Back Bay, The Story of America's Greatest Nineteenth-Century Landfill Project

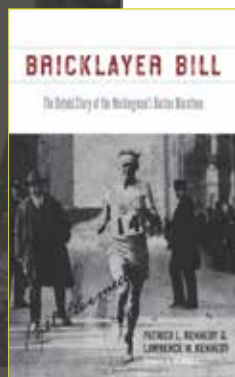
by William A. Newman and Wilfred E. Holton

Read about Newton's part in providing gravel and equipment for this project.



Civil War Navy, The Magazine (Spring 2018, Vol. 5, Issue 4)

This issue is dedicated to "Black Men in Navy Blue" and contains a profile of Newton resident Charles Redding who served on the USS Kearsarge in 1864.



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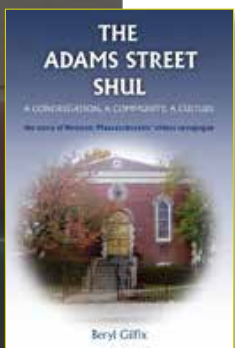
Ever wonder where Heartbreak Hill gets its name? It's in here!



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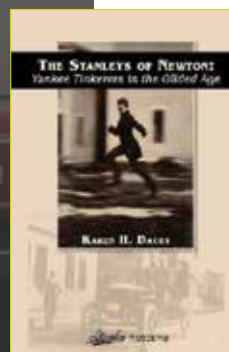
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Gardening history tends to focus on design, but this book explores the larger meaning of gardening in 19th and 20th century America, from fantasy to environmental advocacy and refers to gardening catalogs from Newton.



The Adams Street Shul

by Beryl Gilfix
A history of Newton's oldest synagogue (which started in 1911) and the Jewish community that formed around it, told by the granddaughter of the founder.



The Stanleys of Newton: Yankee Tinkerers in the Gilded Age

by Karen H. Dacey

The Stanley twins were known for more than their steam engine technology. Read about their other contributions to Newton and beyond.



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The mission of Historic Newton is to inspire discovery and engagement by illuminating our community's stories within the context of American history.

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