

To: Media  
From: Rosemary Probasco, Friends of Tiverton Libraries  
Re: Press Release Friends of Tiverton Libraries Annual Meeting and Board President  
Kathy Ryan's Departure  
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## PRESS RELEASE

Kathy Ryan, who has served as president of the Friends of Tiverton Libraries Board for the last 10 years, will present a lively Annual Report in Power Point format for the Friends 2015 Annual Meeting, which is open to the public. The Report will be Ryan's final presentation as president. Under Ryan's leadership, membership of the Friends has grown exponentially, the newsletter has expanded from a few hundred printed copies to about 3,000 electronic mailings, the number of library museum passes has increased, and the Friends' financial support to the library in general has risen from about \$1,000 to \$15,000. The Friends' contributions to the library were raised primarily through memberships, donations and the proceeds of the Friends Annual Booksale ETC.

Ryan credits the achievements of Friends as a natural evolution of the library community working together, and her personal focus has been "letting the community know the value of its library services and providing opportunities to let them get actively involved." Ryan and her husband are in the process of moving from Tiverton to Port Townsend, Washington.

Debra Darkow and Kathy Gallagher, both of Tiverton, will begin serving as co-presidents of Friends of Tiverton Libraries following the official confirmation by vote of the Friends' Board.

The Friends' 2015 Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 25, at 7:00 pm at the Tiverton Town Hall, 343 Highland Road. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. The Friends of Tiverton Libraries is a 501-C3 non-profit association. For membership information, see <http://www.tivertonlibrary.org/friends/join-the-friends>.