



FRIENDS OF THE W.K. SANFORD COLONIE TOWN LIBRARY MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 8, 2024 6:00PM

ATTENDING

Debbie Berkun, Judi Gallop, Bonnie Hetfield, Becky Klope, Jennifer Lammon, Queen Lewis, Ruth Lyons, Louise McColgin, Leslye Milos, Elliot Robins, Jennifer Soucy, Janice Terry, Claudia Thornton, Elissa Valente, Mary Van Ullen and Debra Waite.

LIBRARY REPORT

Elissa gave the library report. Work on the parking lot is finished. They are working on getting new furniture for the atrium. The library is getting a language interpretation service through UHLS. There was a good turnout for the volunteer brunch. Friends of the Library week is coming up! Jenn and Becky put together a slide show that showcases the Friends that will play in the library. Book donations will be paused for November and December, but will resume in January. The library will post signs to let patrons know.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Leslye presented the Treasurer's Report. The summary is listed below. More details are available on request. .

2024 Friends of the Library Budget Month of September	
Total Income	\$17,070.98
Total Expenses	\$3,494.84
Total Balance in Accounts	\$145,537.43

REQUESTS

Name: Jennifer Soucy Funding Amount: \$500.00

What is the funding for?

Crafts and programming supplies. This request has already been approved by Friends. The request is simply to release the funds for the rest of the year.

Category: Library-wide event

Date funding is required: ASAP

Name: Jennifer Soucy

Funding Amount: \$500.00

What is the funding for?

October 18th is the Trunk or Treat event. This year we have 20 trunks participating. This request was already approved by Friends.

Category: Library-wide event

Date funding is required: ASAP

Name: Lee Ricci

Funding Amount: \$400

What is the funding for?

Two drawing workshops for children in grades 1-4 on Tuesday, April 15, 2025. During the April school vacation week, I've asked local author and illustrator Daniel Mahoney to visit the library, and present two workshops, one at 1:30 and one at 2:45 on Tuesday, April 15, 2025. Mr. Mahoney will read his new picture book, *We Don't Eat the Neighbors*, then he will ask children in the audience, as a group, to invent a story. Mr. Mahoney will illustrate the story as the children tell it.

Category: Children's programming

Louise moved to approve the request and Claudia seconded it. Friends approved the request.

Name: Jessica Kaercher

Funding Amount: \$129

What is the funding for?

Purchase of additional ESL/citizenship books.

Category: Collections and Adult programming

Date funding is required: ASAP

Mary moved to approve the request and Elliot seconded it. Friends approved.

Name: Elissa Valente

Funding Amount: Approx. \$4,000

What is the funding for?

This isn't a formal request at this time. Elissa is looking for a display piece for the teen area. If the library is unable to purchase a piece with town funding, she may ask the Friends to support this. She will have more information next month but wanted to alert the Friends. The piece would match other items the Friends have funded.

Elissa also noted that she received a request from the Parks and Recreation Department to have the Book Nook open for an event at the Crossings on December 7th from 10am-4pm. There will be crafts and vendors present. We will discuss this next month.

VOLUNTEERS

- Over 50 volunteers helped with the book sale—thanks to all!
- Donations are paused in November and December so book sorters will not be needed during those months.

BOOK NOOK

The Book Nook was quite successful this summer, despite some rainy weather on several Saturdays that forced early closure and reduced the number of visitors to the

Farmers Market. The banner flag was effective in drawing attention to the Nook. The teens who volunteered were very helpful.

BOOK SALE

The book sale produced strong sales, raising over \$12,000, despite being one day shorter than last year. Very little material was left over. Having the media in a separate room in the beginning worked well. It was good to have the extra space. Friends discussed the possibility of having a separate sale just for the media to simplify the logistics for the book sale.

We had essentially free advertising for a large ad in the Times Union because of Amy's work in getting a grant. We paid \$1,000 for advertising in the Gazette and some other local media. That ad was smaller and it's not clear that it drew many visitors.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WEEK Oct. 20-26

There will be an information table in the front of the library to publicize the group. Sign up spots are available to staff the table.

NYC BUS TRIP

The trip is scheduled for October 26th. Sign up is open on the Friends website. The cost is \$60 cash/\$65 credit card. Spots are still available.

HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT

This will be held October 18th at the Crossings, from 5-7pm.

UPCOMING:

Annual Meeting is November 12th

December Meeting is CANCELED

Love Your Library fundraiser starting February 1st. Friends can start crafting flowers!

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:1

2 pm. **The next meeting will be held on Tues. November 12th, in person at the library at 6:00pm.**

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Van Ullen, Secretary.