



FRIENDS OF THE W.K. SANFORD COLONIE TOWN LIBRARY MEETING MINUTES

May 13th, 2025 6:00PM

ATTENDING

Edye Benson, Dave Ferrill, Judi Gallop, Suhas Ganguli, Bonnie Hetfield, Mary Ellen Jung, Becky Klope, Ruth Lyons, Louise McColgin, Leslye Milos, Mary Powers, Elliot Robins, Amy Sonder, Jennifer Soucy, Claudia Thornton, Elissa Valente, Mary Van Ullen.

LIBRARY REPORT

Elissa gave the library report. The electronic platform hosting the digital museum passes is about to go live! Access for this and for reserving meeting room is now restricted to Colonie residents. This is a change to prior policy. The Repair Cafe was a success, with 86 items fixed. Summer reading program T-shirts have been ordered for library staff. Friends of the Library can purchase shirts when a second order is made. The library will send ordering info to Friends. The 50th anniversary committee will be meeting shortly

TREASURER'S REPORT

Leslye presented the Treasurer's Report.

2025 Friends of the Library Budget Month of April	
Total Income	\$1,675.08
Total Expenses	\$7,500.15
Total Balance in Accounts	\$153,999.64

The tax form has been completed. Many thanks to Ruth for her help.

REQUESTS

Name: Jennifer Soucy

Funding Amount: \$700

What is the funding for?
in a jar.

Two different summer programs, mocktails and salad

Patron feedback has indicated that they love a variety of cooking classes at the library. The instructor for the mocktails program will supply all materials, discuss the mocktails and provide a tasting to patrons. The instructor for Salads in a Jar will supply the food and the library will supply mason jars for individuals to make a salad.

Category: Programming

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

WEBSITE, FACEBOOK, PUBLICITY, NEWSLETTER

The newsletter will go out with the renewal letter. Thanks to Jenn for formatting it.

SUMMER READING KICKOFF BOOKSALE

Friday, June 20th, from 6-8pm. We will need some volunteers to staff a single three hour shift from 5:30-8:30 (to include set up and clean up time).

BOOK NOOK –The weather has not worked in our favor, with rainy Saturdays. Because the town is requiring a town logo, we can't use the flag we purchased last year at the Nook.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS—letters will go out in May. Thank you letters will go out in June.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

A pallet of about 1,400 volumes went to Thrift Books. We've already sold enough to cover the shipping fees.

Jenn noted there is a puzzle swap in the library in June, but we already have too much going on enough to hold a pop-up sale. There will be another swap in August.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm. **The next meeting will be held on Tues. June 10 , 2025, in person at the library at 6:00pm.**

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Van Ullen, Secretary.