



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

June 10th, 2025 6:00PM

ATTENDING

Hannah Berkun, Debbie Berkun, Judi Gallop, Nicole Hoffman, Mary Ellen Jung, Becky Klope, Jen Lammon, Queen Lewis, Ruth Lyons, Louise McColgin, Leslye Milos, Mary Powers, Elliot Robins, Amy Sonder, Claudia Thornton, Elissa Valente, Mary Van Ullen, Debra White.

LIBRARY REPORT

Elissa gave the library report. She gave an overview of current trends in public libraries. Obviously, there's an emphasis on ebooks, but print adult and children's fiction still circulates heavily. Many types of adult non-fiction no longer get much use, and thus libraries are cutting back on those materials. Increasingly, libraries serve as important community hubs. Programming for adults and children is in demand. Our library solicits input from the community through patron requests, feedback from people who attend programs, and patron surveys. The library staff negotiates with program presenters to ensure the library gets good value for the cost. Attendance at adult programs has tripled over the last few years, so that's an important change for the way the library operates and prioritizes services.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Leslye presented the Treasurer's Report.

2025 Friends of the Library Budget Month of May	
Total Income	\$3,688.03
Total Expenses	\$1,101.52
Total Balance in Accounts	\$156,586.15

It was agreed that we can move another \$30,000 into CDs from our checking account.

REQUESTS

Name: Jennifer Soucy

Funding Amount: \$125

What is the funding for?

Flowers for the memorial for the airplane crash that happened last year. Natalie loved flowers and taking pictures. Last year, the brother dropped off flowers to the library staff. This would be a nice remembrance for her and for the staff and community.

Category: Garden

Leslye moved to approve the request and Jen L. seconded. The motion was approved.

Name: Jennifer Soucy

Funding amount:\$1,000

What is the funding for? Summertime is here and we are gearing up for prizes for all ages. We hope you join in on the summer fun. Two gift cards would be great if possible.

Category: Summer reading

This request comes out of the Prizes-Summer Reading Program line item in the budget, which has already been approved. No vote needed.

Name: Jennifer Soucy

Funding amount:\$500

What is the funding for? Programming supplies for the next quarter.

Category: Summer reading

This request comes out of the Programs (VISA GCs) line item in the budget, which has already been approved. No vote needed.

WEBSITE, FACEBOOK, PUBLICITY, NEWSLETTER

No report

SUMMER READING KICKOFF BOOKSALE

Friday, June 20th, from 6-8pm. We have enough volunteers to staff this. (5:30 to 8:30 shift to set up and clean up after.) The library will be closed during the event. Additional parking is at the Polish church.

BOOK NOOK –The weather has continued to disappoint us with rainy Saturdays. We need more volunteers to sign up or we will be unable to open. Please sign up if possible!

POP-UP BOOK SALE (at library)

Given the difficulties with the Book Nook due to the rain, the Pop-Up sales have been a good way to reduce some of our donated inventory and raise funds with minimal complications. August 23rd looks like a good day as there will be another puzzle swap. We will also have one June 30th. Mary Ellen, Mary and Debra will staff from 10am-1pm. Another sale will be July 12th, with the same volunteers.

MEMBERSHIP–Thank you letters will go out in June.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Friends discussed possible pricing options for the bag sale portion of the fall book sale. Elisa noted that the 50th Anniversary committee had its first meeting. The emphasis will be on celebration. The library won the Times Union competition for the Best Library for the 10th year in a row!!! Congratulations to all the library staff for this achievement.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm. **The next meeting will be held on Tues. July 8th , 2025, in person at the library at 6:00pm.**

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Van Ullen, Secretary.