

FRIENDS OF THE W.K. SANFORD COLONIE TOWN LIBRARY

MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2026

Attending

Tori Behrmann, Judi Gallop, Nicole Hoffman, Becky Klope, Ruth Lyons, Louise McColgin, Leslye Milos, Alissa Petsche, Mary Powers, Elliot Robins, Jennifer Soucy, Claudia Thornton, Elissa Valente, Mary Van Ullen, Dave Ferril, John McFarland, Steve Hetfield, Bonnie Hetfield, Jen Lammon, Edye Benson, Freda Manuel, Chris Fowler.

Library Report

Elissa gave the library report. The 50th Anniversary Committee is at work planning a gala to be held at the library to showcase the building. The website and shop have been launched and there are a lot of great merch available. They are still looking for sponsors, so if Friends have ideas for potential sponsors, please let Elissa know.

Some of the non-fiction books were removed to make room for a new seating area. Elissa mentioned how the library is now using the new catalog which will work much better than Encore. There is a new comic book-based catalog, ComicsPlus, which offers thousands of digital comics, graphic novels, and manga for kids, teens, and adults.

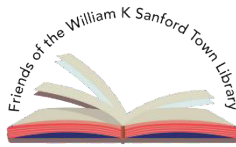
Treasurers Report

Ruth went over the budget report for the dec 2025 report, 2025 actual (jan-dec), and a review and vote for the 2026 budget that was proposed. All were in favor, so the 2026 budget was passed.

The Friends will have to do their self-audit, which needed 2 volunteers, Dave Ferril and Leslye Milos volunteered to help Ruth.

2025 Friends of the Library Budget Month of December

- Total Income: \$2,757.20
- Total Expenses: \$0.00
- Total Balance in Accounts: \$188,084.51



Requests

Request #1

Name: Jennifer Soucy

Funding Amount: \$60

What is the funding for? Cornell Cooperative Extension - Gardening in Containers 101. An introduction to growing annuals, herbs, or vegetables in containers. You will learn what to consider when putting together container gardens, including care and maintenance. On the Library's calendar it will say "Supported by the Friends of the Colonie Library".

Category: Programming Date funding is required: payment can be sent directly to organization after program 03/23/2026

Request #2

Name: Jennifer Soucy

Funding Amount: \$500

What is the funding for? 1st quarter request for program supplies.

Category: Programming

Date funding is required: ASAP

Request #3

Name: Jessica Kaercher Funding

Amount: \$3500

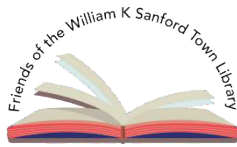
What is the funding for? There are currently 21 museum passes that will be renewed in 2026 for a total cost of approximately \$3,000. I am requesting an additional \$500 to cover any membership fee increases and the ability to add 2-4 new museum passes.

Thank you for providing these passes to our patrons! They are very popular and we constantly hear how appreciative people are of the discounts offered. The digital platform is very convenient and working very well.

Category: Museum Passes/Circulation

Date funding is required: ASAP

*All requests went to a vote and passed!



Website, Facebook, Publicity Newsletter

Tori is continuing to make graphics and post to try to boost interaction on the Facebook page. Looking into an Instagram account. For the newsletter we are looking into using Canva or another means to follow the library's need to meet accessibility requirements for visually impaired readers who use assistive technology.

Love Your Library event

The Friends are still looking to fill spots on the calendar for this event! If you can volunteer, please do so. The event runs from February 1-14. We will be selling Valentine's Day candles and cute lollipop bouquets. We will also have paper hearts.

Comments/Questions

Talked about the lucky day books and how when they're pulled we can set up a table at the book nook and sell them for a special \$5 price. This would help recoup the money spent on the Lucky Day books.

Adjourned

This meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10th at 6pm in the makers lab.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Tori Behrmann.