

FRIENDS OF THE W.K. SANFORD COLONIE TOWN LIBRARY MEETING MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING AND THE NOVEMBER 2025 BUSINESS MEETING

November 18, 2025

Attending

Tori Behrmann, Judi Gallop, Nicole Hoffman, Becky Klope, Karen Langell, Ruth Lyons, Louise McColgin, Leslye Milos, Linnie Newman, Sharon Parkis, Alissa Petsche, Mary Powers, Elliot Robins, Amy Sonders, Rebecca Spath, Jennifer Soucy, Claudia Thornton, Elissa Valente, Mary Van Ullen

Annual Meeting for 2025

Overview of projects and fundraisers-Becky Klope

Continuing activities throughout the year:

Sorting book donations, monthly meetings, sending pallets of books to Thrift Books for online sales, selling selected materials on eBay, pop-up book sales (5) in the library, Hoffman car wash ticket sales.

January: Annual appeal and thank you letters.

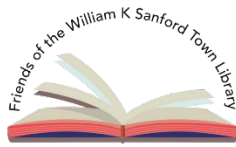
February: Love your library fundraiser.

May: Book Nook opened and continued through September. The early weeks experienced a great deal of rain and subsequent closures.

June: Summer reading program kickoff and book sale.

September: Harvest Fest and the annual fall book sale.

In all, we sold over 30,000 books! We also donated books to several Little Free Libraries and various other charitable organizations. Membership is down a bit from last year, but donations and the number of donors is up. We had 82 active adult volunteers and many teens. We supply 18 Little Free Libraries with books.



Annual Treasurers Report for 2025

Leslye gave the Annual Report for the period of 11/1/24-10/30/25. The total income for the period was \$56,162.99 and the total expenses were \$22,262.70

(NOTE: A detailed annual financial report is available on request)

Election of New Officers

A slate of candidates was presented:

Becky Klope-President

Nicole Hoffman-Vice President

Ruth Lyons-Treasurer

Tori Behrmann-Secretary

All candidates were elected by the Friends in attendance.

Changes to the Election By-Laws

A proposal was made to change the By-Laws to reflect a membership year to be January 1-December 31. Friends approved the change. This concluded the Annual meeting.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

Library Report

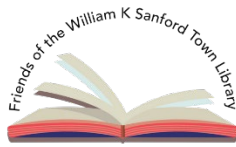
Elissa gave the library report. The 50th Anniversary kick off will start in January. The big fundraising push will be electronic signage for outside the library. There will be a 50 for 50 challenge for book reading and programming. Letters are going to local businesses, and the library will be selling merchandise to expand the brand. The strategic plan will be published in January, prioritizing collections, facilities and marketing. A new library catalog will be rolled out soon.

Treasurers Report

Leslye presented the October report.

2025 Friends of the Library Budget Month of October

- Total Income: \$1462.50



- Total Expenses: \$266.44
- Total Balance in Accounts: \$182932.84

Requests

No requests were received for the month.

Website, Facebook, Publicity Newsletter

Mary reported that Jessica informed her that additional documents added to the Friends portion of the library website will need to meet accessibility requirements for visually impaired readers who use assistive technology. We will no longer be able to use Google Docs or post pdfs.

Gingerbread House Contest Dec. 11th from 6:15-7:30

Four volunteers are needed to help judge a contest held at the library. Sharon, Tori, Alissa and Rebecca volunteered.

Craft Fundraiser Dec 13th.

A group of Friends will be selling some holiday ornaments as a fundraiser in the library lobby from 10-1.

Love Your Library Fundraiser Feb. 1st-14th

Friends will be selling paper hearts, candles and lollipop crafts in the library. There will be signups available if you wish to participate.

Pop-up Book Sale Feb. 28th

A small pop-up sale will be conducted at the same day as the February puzzle swap.

Upcoming

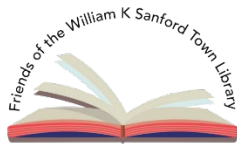
We will have a budget review at the next meeting. The membership appeal letters will be sent out (Jan 2026). There will be no annual appeal this year because we are rolling it into the 50th Anniversary appeal.

Comments/Questions

Friends agreed to cancel the December monthly meeting.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24



Next Meeting January 13th 2026

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Van Ullen, Secretary