



FRIENDS OF THE W.K. SANFORD COLONIE TOWN LIBRARY

MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2025

Attending

Tori Behrmann, Edye Benson, Emily Berberich, Judi Gallop, Becky Klope, Jenn Lammon, Ruth Lyons, Louise McColgin, Christina McLaughlin, Leslye Milos, Alissa Petsche, Mary Powers, Elliot Robins, Claudia Thornton, Mary Van Ullen

Library Report

Elissa gave the library report. The self-checkout machine is delivered and will be installed. Baker & Taylor, the library's book vendor, is going out of business and they are working on securing a new vendor. The 50th Anniversary Committee is at work planning a gala to be held at the library to showcase the building. They are looking for sponsors, so if Friends have ideas for potential sponsors, please let Elissa know. There are two potential projects for fundraising, an outdoor LED sign and window replacement. Elissa passed around conceptual drawings of the sign and the goal under consideration would be to ask for funding from Friends and the town of Colonie and fundraising the remaining third. The majority of the windows in the building are original. Some are broken and they are all inefficient. In addition to the gala, a variety of other ideas under consideration include a youth event, a reading event, a trivia night, movies and musical events. The new adult book display has arrived and will be installed.

Treasurers Report

Leslye presented the Treasures Report

2025 Friends of the Library Budget Month of September

- Total Income: \$16,884.93
- Total Expenses: \$1,809.39
- Total Balance in Accounts: \$179,536.77

The book sale raised \$13,632.05, including sales from the Harvest Fest!

Requests

Request #1

1. Name: Elissa Valente
2. Full amount:\$1195



3. Purpose of funding: Shelves for the Adult Book Display. The adult book display ordered had shelves that were 1 inch deep in width, which was not enough to hold fiction titles. We need to replace 12 of the shelves with 2 inch deep shelves in order to make full use of the display. The 1 in shelves will still be available to use as needed. It was noted that the display piece cost less than the original estimate, so we had budgeted a total amount that could include the extra shelves.
4. Category: Adult book display
5. Date funding required: ASAP
6. Approval: Claudia moved to approve and Tori seconded the motion. Friends approved the request.

Website, Facebook, Publicity Newsletter

No report

Book Nook

The total raised for the season was \$9284.53, which was a good number considering the uncooperative weather we experienced many weeks. The total for the Harvest Fest was \$324. Next year we would like to have more people take on responsibility as team leaders to run shifts and distribute the workload. Things ran smoothly during the summer.

Book Sale

Friends had questioned whether it was worth it to sell media, but plenty sold during the book sale. We might want to make CDs priced at 2/\$1 next year. After the first two days, we were able to consolidate the media into the Stedman Room, but it was helpful having it in a separate area until there was room for it. On the whole, the sale went remarkably smoothly.

Annual Meeting November 18th at 6pm

The Annual Meeting will be held at 6pm, with the regular monthly meeting directly following. We have candidates who have volunteered to run for the following positions:

VP: Nicole

Treasurer: Ruth

Secretary: Tori



Annual Appeal Letters

Friends discussed combining the Appeal with the Membership drive. Doing two mailings is an added expense and additional work. Becky will look at changing the by-laws to allow this.

Comments/Questions

We will probably look at doing something different for the Love Your Library fundraiser. People who are interested in crafting for that or for other fundraisers should contact Emily.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2025. Note that this is the third Monday of the month because the library is closed on 11/11/2025 for Veterans Day.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Van Ullen