

FRIENDS OF THE W.K. SANFORD COLONIE TOWN LIBRARY

MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2026

Attending

Tori Behrmann, Nicole Hoffman, Ruth Lyons, Alissa Petsche, Elliot Robins, Jennifer Soucy, Claudia Thornton, Elissa Valente, Rebecca Spath, Emily Berberich, Leslye Milos, Judy Gallop, Teresa Manzi.

Library Report

Elissa gave the library report. The 50th Anniversary Committee is still hard at work planning the gala. The team has raised \$12k so far! Tickets are available now so go to the library website to get yours now. Elissa also showed us the lovely bookmark favor that everyone will receive.

The summer reading shirts have been designed and look great, more on that to come.

The NEW self checkout station is ready! Over 130,000 books were scanned – what a monumental task for our library to complete for us.

Lucky day books are going out and working great! Looking forward to the april/may/june selection. As always, please look for these great grabs on the first shelving unit facing the checkout desk.

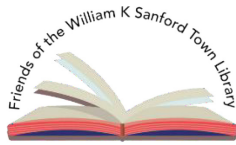
Treasurers Report

Ruth went over the budget report. The pop-up book sales have pulled in \$883 so far which is fantastic work by our friends. More pop ups in the future! Next one is March 28th.

The Friends will have to do their 990 filling/audit soon. If anyone would like to help, please contact a board member.

2026 Friends of the Library Budget Month of February

- Total Income: \$9,908.88
- Total Expenses: \$6,925.50
- Total Balance in Accounts: \$196,351.65



Requests

Request #1

Name: Peggy Mello

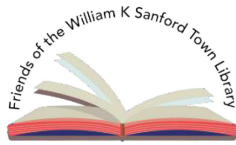
Funding Amount: \$ 508.40

What is the funding for? Lucky Day books - April, May, June 2026

Category: Collection Date funding is required: ASAP

*This request would fall under the "Collection Project" budget line item

*All requests went to a vote and passed! Alissa made a motion and Judy seconded



Website, Facebook, Publicity Newsletter

Tori is continuing to make graphics and post to try to boost interaction on the Facebook page. Winter newsletter has been posted on the website.

Comments/Questions

Book nook will open May 16! And will continue till sept 19 – with the farmers market.

Spoke about the Meet and Greet Event that we hosted on February 22nd. The turnout was good with 10 new email addresses added for sign-ups. Talks about a possible second event to get more attention in the future, with focus on when the weather is nicer.

Memberships are still rolling in.

The group spoke about Alissa Petsche's idea of doing our own little story time with her and her mother. However, it was brought up that when this type of thing is done in a school, though an obviously different setting, there is fingerprinting involved and if this would require similar procedures to be considered proper, and if not possible issues may arise, so we have some more research to do on the subject.

Adjourned

This meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14th at 6pm in the makers lab.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Tori Behrmann.