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

June 9, 2026

Attending

Tori Behrmann, Nicole Hoffman, Becky Klope, Ruth Lyons, Teresa Manzi, Dave Ferril, Judi Gallop, Louise M, Claudia Thornton, Elliot Robins, Jennifer Soucy, Alissa Petsche, Marissa Pazienza, Edy Benson, Leslye Milos

Library Report

No library report read since Elissa was sick. The Summer Reading Kickoff event will be Friday, July 10 @6-8pm. There will be a Kids' pop-up book sale, and we need 3-4 volunteers to run the sale.

Treasurers Report

50th anniversary fundraising is very close to our 30k budget. No money from Hoffmans tickets this month. Summer reading gift card prizes were purchased.

2026 Friends of the Library Budget Month of May

Total Income: $7,016.49

Total Expenses: $10,002.90

Total Balance in Accounts: $200,127.48

Requests

Request #1

Name: Jennifer Soucy Funding Amount: $250
What is the funding for? Gladius is a virtuoso Flamenco guitarist and an electrifying live performer with more than 1,000 performances nationwide, including 400+ library concerts. Program is November 7th a Saturday at 2pm
Category: Adult Programming Date funding is required: Sept 2026
**This request would fall under the "Workshop/Program" budget line and has been pre-approved.*

Request #2

Name: Jennifer Soucy Funding Amount: $225
What is the funding for? Library Partners with local Music Union for Concerts. A group called MacS Trio to performance at the Library on October 11.

Category: Adult Programming Date funding is required: ASAP
**This request would fall under the "Workshop/Program" budget line and has been pre-approved.*

Request #3

Name: Peggy Mello Funding Amount: $517
What is the funding for? Lucky Day Books July, August, + September 2026 Peggy would like to purchase 2 copies each of 15 Adult titles being released in July, August, and September of 2026. This would be an average of five titles (10 copies) per month. Our patrons love our Lucky Day collection, and it is very popular.
Category: Adult Programming Date funding is required: ASAP
**This request would fall under the "Collection Project" budget line.*

Request #4

Name: Elissa/Library Funding Amount: $1,400
What is the funding for? New solar light for improving outdoor signage
Category: Library Date funding is required: N/A
**Nicole started the motion and Alissa seconded. Passed.*

Website, Facebook, Publicity Newsletter

Newsletter discussed. Website and Facebook running normally.

Book Nook

The Book Nook is open! It will run from Saturdays May 16 till September 19.
Also, we are getting a new door finally for the book nook, June 15th.

Fall Book Sale Tentative Plan

Set up: Saturday Sept 19th - Wednesday Sept 23rd
Sunday Sept 20 - soccer team help set up?
Sale opening night Thur Sept 24: 4:00pm (3:00pm the Gala Fundraiser Winner)
Sale all day Friday 9/25, 10-5:00
Sale all day Sat 9/26, 10-4:00
Bag Sale Sunday 9/27, 1:00- 4:00
Monday Sept 28-Clean up + Soccer team help?

Comments/Questions

We spoke about what the 50th reading challenge prizes could be, possibly bookmarks.

Adjourned

This meeting ended at 7pm

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be July 14, 2026.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Tori Behrmann