FRIENDS OF THE W.K. SANFORD COLONIE TOWN LIBRARY MEETING MINUTES
8/11/26

Attending

Tori Behrmann, Nicole Hoffman, Ruth Lyons, Alissa Petsche, Elliot Robins, Jennifer Soucy, Claudia Thornton, Elissa Valente, Emily Berberich, Judy Gallop, Teresa Manzi, Ryan Spinner, Marissa Paziena, Becky Klope, Karen Langell, Edye Benson

Library Report

Friday is Jurassic putt putt (glow in the dark!) all ages. Register! There is a wait list.
October 3rd is the library's Earth Day. It was discussed that we could give away all the books from the book sale that are left in the shed.
Trunk or treat is back at the library, outside in the staff parking lot and there will be a magician inside. Sign up going out soon. It will be October 23rd.
Lucky day books are still going well! The pilot program will officially be going into the budget next year.
Museum passes are going well as well, the software has been renewed.
We did get the lights for outside signage, so gala funds were put to use!
A new assistant director is being hired soon. More to come.

Treasurers Report

Book nook $4,700 (not including August!)

2026 Friends of the Library Budget Month of July

- Total Income: $2,092.82
- Total Expenses: $2,278.35
- Total Balance in Accounts: $209,525.40

Requests

Request #1

1. Name: Jennifer Soucy Funding Amount: $269.00
   What is the funding for? In January of 2026 the library started the 50th reading challenge for patrons to participate. We have close to 100 adults participating. We would like to give each participant a library logo water bottle. We are requesting 100 water bottles from a local company.

Category: 50th Anniversary Date funding is required: asap
**This request would fall under the "50th Anniversary" budget line.*

Website, Facebook, Publicity Newsletter

Tori is continuing to make graphics and posts to try to boost interaction on the Facebook page.

Comments/Questions

We talked about ordering 250 bags to cover book sale. We talked about a different vendor in the future.
Two dates were brought up to have our volunteer appreciation get together, October 11 or 25.
Please sign up for book sale, both setting up and also volunteering to help during the sale. We spoke about the credit card fee for Square - aka passing on fee to shoppers. This can be done automatically on Square. There will be signage telling people we're doing it. Voted on it - vote passed, majority for passing on the fee.
Question: During setup, frustration that "volunteers were just putting books wherever instead of by author, A-Z?" discussed.
The media room will be in the same place as last year. For opening night it was brought up to maybe do two lines books/media and do like a stamp or wristband so no one is double paying.
Spoke about advertising for the book sale and if there were other newspapers we could put an ad in. Additionally where else can we put ads, etc. for the book sale.
As a note - Harvestfest is the Saturday of the book sale.

Adjourned

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

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held September 8th 2026.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Tori Behrmann