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

September 8, 2026

Attending

Tori Behrmann, Nicole Hoffman, Dave Ferrill, Louise McColgin, Elliot Robins, Teresa Manzi, Jennifer Soucy, Elissa Valente, Claudia Thornton, Ruth Lyons, Becky Klope, Judi Gallop, Marissa Pazienza, Ryan Spinner, Lisa Stoler, Debbie Berkun, Mary Van Ullen, Jennifer Lammon.

Library Report

The Repair Cafe is going to be October 3rd (wasn't Earth Day because of the Gala).
Our Halloween Trunk or Treat will be October 23rd from 5:15-8:00pm at the library around the staff parking lot.
The Lucky Day book program was super successful.
Talked about wrapping up the 50th anniversary.
Electric sign is a go. It will be an LED screen with simple background and words. AKA Information only. (Right now, it's letters you must change out.) It will be easy to read and not distracting. Friends will foot 100% of the bill, with roughly 1/3 coming from the 50th anniversary Fund and the remaining coming from our checking account. This still must go through the bidding process etc. so it will probably happen in Spring 2027.
The library's new Assistant director is starting Monday!

Treasurers Report

The Book Nook brought in $2,592!

2025 Friends of the Library Budget Month of **August**

Total Income: $3,251.74

Total Expenses: $700.26

Total Balance in Accounts: $210,276.88

Requests

Request #1

Name: Jennifer Soucy
Funding Amount: $13.82

What is the funding for? Book Sale Banner
Category: N/A
Date funding is required: N/A
*This request would fall under the “Book Sale” expense budget line.

Request #2

Name: Jennifer Soucy
Funding Amount: $50
What is the funding for? Get extra copies of the book "See How They Hide” by Allison Brennan for the Mystery Book Club. The Mystery Book Club meets 1x a month and has about 30-40 people that attend. We would like to get extra copies of this book and then they could possibly be sold at a future Pop-Up Sale.
Category: Programs
Date funding is required: ASAP
*This request would fall under the “Book Club” budget line.

Request #3

Name: Elissa Valente
Funding Amount: $840 What is the funding for? The NYLA (New York Library Association) conference is in Saratoga in November and has excellent workshops for staff members. Typically, we send approx. 4 staff, but due to the close location and great benefit the continuing education courses will provide for our team, we are looking to send additional staff members this fall.
Category: Training
Date funding is required: N/A

Request #4

Name: Jennifer Soucy
Funding Amount: $75
What is the funding for? Program in December. I was going to do a craft with wine glasses that we have from a previous purchase. I would need about $50 for items from the Dollar Store and $25 for items from Amazon.
Category: Programs
Date funding is required: ASAP
*This request would fall under the “50th Anniversary” budget line.

Request #5

Name: Jennifer Soucy
Funding Amount: $500
What is the funding for? This year's Halloween Trunk or Treat event is back outside and

on a Friday night. In the past we have had over 1000 people. We are asking for $500 to purchase bulk items from Amazon.
Category: Programs
Date funding is required: N/A
*This request would fall under the “Halloween Event” budget line.

Website, Facebook, Publicity Newsletter

Newsletter is in the works.

Comments/Questions

For trunk or treat requisition another $500 to be safe. There are currently 10 cars involved, and they are looking for more! If any friends want to get involved, please email Jen! (Capping it at 20 total). Voted: all in favor.

The tote bags we ordered arrived just in time for the big fall book sale.

Becky and Jenn went to the Upper Hudson Library System meeting. The big take away was how amazing we are doing! A lot of other groups seemed to be struggling and needing support and members and we are rocking it! So great job everyone and let’s keep it up.

Talked about the volunteer appreciation party October 25 1:30 in the activity room.

Book Nook note - 2 more farmers market weekends left! Harvest Fest (11am-3pm) is the same time as the book sale fyi.

Still a lot of spots open for book sale set up! And spots for the actual book sale. Reminder that you do get to take a book home for your shift. Spoke on if there were any other advertising ideas.

We also talked about doing a free/pop up on the day of the repair café, 12-4pm, October 3rd.

Adjourned

This meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be October 13

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Tori Behrmann