

Friends of the Yorkville Public Library

August 11, 2025

Meeting [Minutes](#)

In attendance: Lara Owczarski, Peggy Doud, Kathi Bell, Kathy Murphy, Judy Somerlot, Bobbe Hahn, Jay and Ronda Githens, Sue Smithmeyer, Kathy Brady, Sharon Mix, Carolyn Kyle, Theresa Eberhardt, Sands and Lou Uridil

1. Call to order - [1015](#)
2. Correspondence -
3. Approval of ~~revised~~ minutes from the July 2025 meeting – [There was no revision to the July minutes so they have been approved as written.](#)
4. Treasurer's Report – Revised report for June and current report for July are attached.

Committee Reports Scrapbook: Carolyn Kyle ongoing. [Superb article in the local news about Carolyn's Art for Everyone program.](#) Link is here <https://www.shawlocal.com/kendall-county-now/2025/08/09/yorkville-librarys-art-for-everyone-offers-creative-connections-for-people-with-special-needs/> and a .pdf is attached.

Hospitality: Bobbe Hahn – [sympathy card was sent out.](#) Also a expression of sympathy was left on the online obituary of a previous member.

Publicity: Theresa Eberhardt – [Busy Theresa has posted multiple times on FB including an AI generated video publicizing the Book Sale in Aug.](#) She has also started our IG page and posted the video. Ads were also put in school newspapers. Request was made to make Sharon and Jay additional admins on our FB page.

[Sharon has been working on getting rid of the old Friends FB page but both admins have passed away. She is trying to get in contact with family members who are local to assist because FB doesn't make it easy to delete a page.](#)

Volunteer Hours: Nancy Aschauer – 146.5 hours

Library Activities Shelley Augustine – [The full time marketing position is out there. It's possible the person who is currently doing the part time marketing will move up to full time.](#)

[The summer reading program is over. Kids dept passed out 1500 reading logs.](#)

[Narcan training is coming for employees. They may partner with Plano library to get one training for both libraries.](#)

[They looking at closing early on Homecoming evening.](#)

[Kendall County Health Dept has their annual survey out. You can find it here.](#)

[https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/7b71d4b65f314458afb57d8dcd8ea922?](https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/7b71d4b65f314458afb57d8dcd8ea922?portalUrl=https://maps.co.kendall.il.us/portal)

[portalUrl=https://maps.co.kendall.il.us/portal](https://maps.co.kendall.il.us/portal)

[Mike Curtis—Adult summer reading program passed out about 200 reading logs and had about 30 returned which is about average.](#)

[Woodturning event had about 25 people. He would be open to it happening again.](#)

[Illinois Library Presents just announced their new schedule https://www.ila.org/initiatives/illinois-libraries-present/ilp-events-season-5](#)

[New edition of The Hub drops Sept 1. https://www.yorkville.lib.il.us/the-hub/](#)

[Conservation Foundation programs were wildly popular. They will be back.](#)

[Also wildly popular Suzanne Zobel will be returning to the library to host more adult programs and cultural crafting projects.](#)

Old Business August Used Book Sale: Sue Smithmeyer and Sharon Mix—If you signed up to put up a sign around town, they are ready for pick up. Please put it out a few days before the book sale and take it down soon after. The sign has generic days on it and we don't want people showing up and the event be over. **And if you renew your membership you get three free books at the books sale!**

Used Book Sale volunteer opportunities: Bobbe Hahn—Bobbe passed around a sign up sheet for the used book sale. Additional help was needed during set up and clean up. Please contact us if you have some time to spare and we'll forward your interest to Bobbe.

Update on sale of t-shirts: Sue Smithmeyer and Sharon Mix—There was a comparison done between a couple of different companies and it was decided that we will go with local business Dope Pepper Design. We will probably go a certain percentage over the wholesale price to raise funds. We will start with t-shirts of various colors and should have adult and kids sizes available. All transactions will go through the website. Friends will not take orders or money. Board will be informed on what we are doing. Sharon will be doing more research on possibilities.

Update on web page: Jay and Ronda Githens, Theresa Eberhardt – Couple of options: Leave as is or get our own website through wordpress or google sites. Mike has the name of someone who could probably set up a site for us but we are unsure on the cost. More to come.

Update on Murder Mystery committee—Kathi is chairing the committee with Judy, Carolyn and Theresa assisting. There is interest from the high school in participating in this. More to come.

Update on Membership committee recommendation for new brochure: Sue Smithmeyer and Kathi Bell – Good discussion and input on the draft of our new brochure to increase our membership. Sue will work on making revisions and clarifications and adding our social media page icons and a QR code to our website.

Update on purchase of meeting room chairs – Scheduled for delivery Oct 6th! We will probably need help unpacking so be on the lookout for a call out.

New Business Mini Food Pantry volunteers: October—Jay and Ronda, November—Kathy Brady December--Sands

Lobby book sale, Obituaries project, Food Pantry volunteer signup for 2026 –Sign up sheet was passed around. Kathi requests that people sign up for only one month at a time. Signing up for multiple months crowds out people who would like to get involved. We love the enthusiasm and want to give others a chance to share in the fun.

Volunteering

Lobby Used Book Sale August: Sharon Mix

September: Sharon Mix

Kendall County Obituaries August: Sands Uridil

September: Kathy Brady

Comments from the floor—Lorna has volunteered to be on call for any last minute needs we may have at the library. It may be something like a shift can't get filled or shirts need to be picked up or passed out.

Next meeting: Sept 8th at 1015.

Adjourned 11:45