

Friends of the Yorkville Public Library

July 14, 2025
Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order 1015

In attendance: Lara Owczarski, Sue Smithmeyer, Jetta Werrline, Kathi Bell, Kathi Murphy, Theresa Eberhardt, Bobbe Hahn, Sharon Mix, Kathy Brady, Peggy Doud, Judy Somerlot, Jay Githens, Ronda Githens, Nancy Aschauer

2. Correspondence

3. Approval of revised minutes from the June 2025 meeting-[only change was adding Theresa to publicity for book sale. Approved.](#)

4. Treasurer's Report-[see attachment. Treasurer report approved. Additional info: We now have 1% interest checking account. Peggy is working with Midland Bank and other businesses about what would be an appropriate amount of monetary donation.](#)

5. Committee Reports

a. Scrapbook: Carolyn Kyle

b. Hospitality: Bobbe Hahn-[sympathy card sent out](#)

c. Publicity: Theresa Eberhardt-[will be taking over Friends FB account. Sharon has partial access now and will work with admin who has full access to get Theresa the access she needs to change page to a group page and post more events, get more visibility. Sharon will see about getting rid of the second inactive page.](#)

d. Volunteer Hours: Nancy Aschauer- [140 volunteer hours reported.](#)

6. Library Activities

a. Shelley Augustine-[board meeting tonight will discuss purchasing the chairs. Price will be \\$19,500, excluding an \\$1800 installation fee which would cover bringing the chairs inside, unpacking and taking away the rubbish. After some discussion, the Friends could probably do the unpacking of the chairs and save the money. Note: At the board meeting Monday night, the board approved the purchase of the chairs.](#)

[lots and lots of activities at the library this week.](#)

<https://yorkville.librarycalendar.com/events/month>

[The library received their annual per capita grant. It was about \\$200 less than last year.](#)

[No information on cuts to RAILS. Just lots of rumors and speculation.](#)

b. Library staff- [Family friendly Disney trivia was biggest one yet! Eleven teams, 40+ people. Next one is 22 Oct. Might be a good marketing opportunity for Friends. Set up a table with snacks and have a representative there to talk about the good we do. We could also have a Friends table play.](#)

Carolyn's Art for Everyone will be featured in the Kendall County Record. Date TBD.

Embracing AI is 18 Aug. The speaker would like to show that AI is nothing to be afraid of and can be helpful. (which is exactly what AI wants us to think!)

The Adult Level Up Reading program hasn't had a lot of participation so far but there's still time! Program ends on 7/31. <https://yorkville.librarycalendar.com/event/level-library-adult-summer-reading-program-8826>

Kudos to Sue for cleaning the storage area upstairs.

Kudos to Kathi for creating the magnificent bulletin board.

7. Old Business

- a. Update on Rick Pfister Memorial Fund project in Children's Department-Post has been painted and detailed to look like a tree. Most of the green disks have been installed on the ceiling to represent the leaves. We're still waiting for more details to be added.
- b. August Used Book Sale: Sue Smithmeyer and Sharon Mix-May not have to purchase snacks because we still have some from last time. Sign up sheet went around for shifts before, during and after the sale. Suggestion was made to also put a flyer up at Midland Bank and the Y.
- c. Results of Panera Fundraiser: Jay and Ronda Githens-Very positive response from community. Nancy mentioned that she spoke to one of the workers at Panera and they said it was the most successful fundraiser they've had and they welcome us back. **Note: The check was waiting for us after the meeting.**
- d. Report and recommendations from Murder Mystery committee: Kathi, Jay, Judy Somerlot-See attachment.

Kathi reached out to other libraries that have done it. They kept it pretty low key and simple. They purchased the script and the library staff were the clue givers. They had 62 people and it lasted about 2 hours after hours. Recommended that we purchase a kit for about \$45 and ask for donations for snacks. Maybe get a local theater group to assist. If it's going to be after hours, the board has to approve. Teresa, Judy and Carolyn volunteered BUT

*****We need someone to chair this committee. Because this is our first time doing this, we can make our own rules and figure out what works for us.*****

- e. Report and recommendations from Membership committee: Kathi, Peggy, Sharon Mix See attachment. Some discussion about the senior rate for 65+ going down to \$5. Will we lose money vs bringing in new members for a low price. That will probably be removed and we will stick with a student rate of \$5, \$12 for other individuals, and \$20 for family. Kathi and Sue have created brochures for our September membership drive. We want to add them to each person's checkout and by the counter so we will have to decide on how many to print and the most sensible way to get the printing done.

- f. Report on Independence Day Parade: Kathi-Ten of us showed up and walked. Lots of positive interactions with the crowd. We ran out of beads and bookmarks. Sue made a suggestion to give away little bookmarks with crayons showing our logo to represent our group better than beads. She showed us samples of what she was talking about and had a very positive response from the members. She also had a suggestion of bracelets with our logo.
- g. Purchase of meeting room chairs: cost update and recommendation-Friends received a \$3000 anonymous donation exclusively for the chairs. After some discussion between the Friends officers, the Friends will donate an additional \$2,000 for a total donation of \$5,000. Jay moved, Judy seconded. All approved.

8. New Business

- a. Volunteering in the Children's Department-lots of low stress opportunities available. Jennette would love to have the help. Mike could also use help in the adult department. If you can spare a couple of hours and do easy stuff like dust shelves, they would love to have you.
- b. Updating the web page – establish ad hoc committee. Mike brought up there's not a lot of traffic to the website outside of the catalog and events page. Friends may benefit from having a separate website that the library would link to on their site. There are ways to get it hosted for free. WordPress and Google were both mentioned. Jay, Ronda and Theresa volunteered to look more into this.

9. Volunteering

- a. Lobby Used Book Sale
 - a.i. July: Nancy Aschauer & Sands Uridil
 - a.ii. August: Sharon Mix
- b. Kendall County Obituaries
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 - b.ii. August: Sands Uridil

10. Next meeting: August 11, 2025 at 10:15 a.m.

11. Adjournment: 11:45