

Friends of the Yorkville Public Library

May 12, 2025
Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order at 10:26
 - a. In attendance: Kathy Brady, Jetta Werrline, Dennis Hahn, Kathi Bell, Lara Owczarski, Peggy Doud, Nancy Aschauer, Kathi Murphy, Bobbe Hahn, Jay Githens, Ronda Githens, Lorna Marcordes, Carolyn Kyle, Mike Curtis, Shelley Augustine, Sue Smihmeyer, Sharon Mix
2. Correspondence: none
3. Approval of minutes from the April 2025 meeting: No questions. Approved
4. Treasurer's Report: Judy Somerlot: See attached
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Scrapbook: Carolyn Kyle Ongoing
 - b. Hospitality: Peggy Doud Thank you note for donation to ELL
 - c. Publicity: Theresa Eberhardt Not available
 - d. Volunteer Hours: Nancy Aschauer 102 volunteer hours recorded. Question was asked as to why we track this. Answer: It shows that we are an active organization.
 - e. Are the committee chairpersons willing to continue in their positions? **WE NEED A NEW HOSPITALITY CHAIRPERSON.** Everyone else will stay.
6. Library Activities
 - a. Shelley Augustine:
 - a.i. Board meeting tonight will include Eagle Scout project presentation on building a food bank at the library. Friends are expected to take over and manage. Because of that the Friends would like the Eagle Scout to come and present to the group and answer questions of details, expectations, etc.
 - a.ii. Update on IMLS: Temp restraining order has been granted to stop defunding efforts. There is a handout available at the front desk detailing the services that are affected by the IMLS defunding. It is also available electronically.
 - a.iii. This past year, in person checkouts at the library was up 7.8%. Digital checkouts up 17.9%. Events and programs increased 37% with increased attendance at those events as well.
 - a.iv. Library will probably have the same budget next year.
 - a.v. More staff members have been certified to register voters.

- a.vi. Discussion with local officials about using library space as an alternative venue for court offices during an emergency. YPL would be one of a few different options for the courts. This would not be a criminal court setting.
- a.vii. Misc. Chiller is operational. Spring clean up was successfully completed this past weekend.
- b. Library staff
 - b.i. IMLS (cont) One of the ways to show the importance of libraries in our lives is to tell people's stories. Mike relayed a story he received about someone who was painfully shy and nervous and decided to try out our Dungeons and Dragons group. And now this person has friends that share their interests and has opened up a new world to them.
 - b.ii. The final Fox River presentation was a big success with about 60 people showing up. They would like to do more next year and are open to ideas for new topics.
 - b.iii. Art for Everyone Program highly successful and there was much buzz about doing it more often. **THE EVENT ON MAY 28TH NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST.**
 - b.iv. Computers for Seniors had a small but enthusiastic turnout.
 - b.v. Battle of the Books had very good social engagement on FB. Over 200 people participated. Library plans to increase their FB, IG and TikTok presence.
 - b.vi. Summer Reading programs are starting. Ukelele band has also been requested to return.
- c. Wish lists: Requested money for carts to move tables around. Judy motioned, Peggy second. **Approved**

7. New Business

- a. Mini Food Pantry See 6.a.1 above.
- b. Communications efforts: New gmail account has been set up so we can consolidate correspondence from one email address instead of our personal emails. It was brought up that we already had one and that Lara would try to access to see about combining the two or having one as a backup to the other.
- c. Independence Day Parade: Suggestion was made that we have a library cart drill team. Example here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GIIdMtBbfMHc> Shelley has concerns about the wear and tear on the carts especially the wheels. Items will need to be ordered soon to hand out. Motion to use no more than \$250 on favors for the parade was made by Jay with Carolyn second. **Approved.**

8. Old Business

- a. Vote on amendments to the bylaws: Minor changes clarifying some wording. Judy motioned to approve. Jay second. **Approved.**

- b. Used Book Sale: Sue Smithmeyer and Sharon Mix:
- c. Update on other possible fundraisers
 - c.i. Semi-annual used book sale: Sue, Sharon and committee: [See attached](#)
 - c.ii. Charity nights: Ronda and Jay Githens: [See attached. We will likely start in June at Panera.](#)
 - c.iii. Murder Mystery: Lorna Marcordes [Extended discussion about Murder Mystery as a fundraiser.. There is a mansion available in Joliet that does events like this. Another suggestion was to keep it in the library to highlight library services that people might not know about. Could get the Fox County Players involved or other amateur local acting groups.](#)

9. Volunteering

- a. Lobby Used Book Sale
 - a.i. May: Mary Nowak
 - a.ii. June: Kathy Brady
- b. Kendall County Obituaries
 - b.i. May: Judy Somerlot
 - b.ii. June: Kathy Brady

10. Next meeting: June 9, 2025 at 10:15 a.m.

11. Adjournment at [1206](#)