

# Friends of the Yorkville Public Library

December 8, 2025

## Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Kathi Bell, Jay Githens, Peggy Doud, Lara Owczarski, Sue Smithmeyer, Sharon Mix, Judy Somerlot, Bobbe Hahn, Dennis Hahn, Ronda Githens, Nancy Aschauer, Kathryn Murphy, Cheryl Knox, Lorna Marcordes, Shelley Augustine

1. Call to order 1015
2. Correspondence none
3. Approval of minutes from the November 2025 meeting—Jay motioned, Judy seconded, Approved
4. Treasurer's Report—Available on the website along with corrected treasurer's reports from the last 6 months. Also, Peggy reported that we finally got our FY corrected along with the sales tax exemption letter from the state of IL. She has also verified that our Paypal donation button on our website works. Lara did two test donations, one through paypal and one through venmo and they both worked
5. Committee Reports
  - a. Scrapbook: Carolyn Kyle--N/A
  - b. Hospitality: Bobbe Hahn--None
  - c. Publicity: Theresa Eberhardt—N/A
  - d. Volunteer Hours: Nancy Aschauer-- 103 hours reported.
    - d.i. Please call or text Nancy at (630) 768-9744 to report your hours if you can't make it to the meeting in person.
6. Library Activities
  - a. Shelley Augustine—At the board meeting tonight Mike will be talking about strategic plans and goals.

Opioid antagonist policy goes into effect on Jan 1, 2026. City and township libraries will have [Narcan](#) on hand. Staff of YPL was trained in Nov.

[In Nov, The US District Court of Rhode Island permanently blocks Trump's executive order to dismantle federal agency for America's libraries.](#) On Dec. 3, [The IMLS has reinstated all agency grants to all libraries and library organizations.](#)

New printer is now in adult dept. Eagle Scout should have his food pantry project done by the end of the year.

The library lobbyist will be working with governments to secure more funding per capita.

There is a proposal for all library trustees to go through training. Awaiting further word on that.

The [Palace Project](#) is up and running. Easy to download and select Yorkville from participating libraries. It is secondary to Libby/Overdrive. They may have shorter wait times if you are looking for a book.

First Tablescape meeting was held. They currently have 10, maybe 11 tables and are looking for a 12<sup>th</sup>. \$550 was raised for library last year. The library will do it this year but is looking for alternatives next year. Event will be held on April 11, 2026.

[Polar Express is happening](#) on Dec 13. Event is sold out and there is a waiting list. Kids write letters to Santa and Santa writes back with some help from the creative writing club.

b. Mike Curtis—N/A

## 7. Old Business

- a. Update on Raffle Basket donations: 18 solicitation letters went out mid-November; several donations have already been received. Baskets will be on display by Feb 10. If you have a place that you regularly visit and think they would like to donate, please contact Kathi. She already has donation letters written up and signed. Raffle drawing will be March 7 in the afternoon. If anyone would like to take over for Sue and Sharon for the book sale please let us know. A team of two could shadow them in March and then take the next one in Sept. Looking for new ideas and thought processes.
- b. Update on Murder Mystery Event. Looking for 4-5 people to act as suspects. Kathi already has some high school students lined up but would like to see some adult actors as well. Very low key, low stress event. You'll be given a general outline of your character and what to reveal and what to NOT reveal. Let Kathi know before Christmas. Event will take place Jan 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-3:30. Introduction will be at 1pm and reveal will happen around 3pm. \$10 per adult and \$5 for students. Age recommended is 14 and up but if kids show up they won't be turned away but it will be made clear what the mystery is about.
- c. Update on Tablescapes event—see above
- d. Friends and Staff Holiday Luncheon will follow the meeting

## 8. New Business

- a. Update on November 17 Friends Board of Directors meeting—Kathi had a long list of items to present to the board. They seemed pleased with all the new things that have been started. It was mentioned that past, present and future presidents meet for better turnover. Further discussion on officer transitions will be on the agenda for future meetings. Next meeting is March 23 which is after next book sale.
- b. December 10 Trivia night participation—Sign up sheet was passed around. You are welcome to come by!
- c. Comments from the floor—Judy mentioned thankfulness for the officers and their new ideas and energies. There was much blushing and aw shucks.

## 9. Volunteering

- a. Lobby Used Book Sale
  - a.i. December: Judy Somerlot
  - a.ii. January: Kathi Bell
- b. Kendall County Obituaries
  - b.i. December: Jim Skowronski
  - b.ii. January: Kathi Bell

10. Next meeting: January 12, 2026 at 10:15 a.m.

11. Adjournment 11:24