

# Friends of the Yorkville Public Library

January 12, 2026

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order - 1015
2. Guest speaker: Dr. Matt Zediker, Superintendent of Yorkville School District 115 – Special guest joined us to speak on the upcoming referendum. More info here. <https://www.y115.org/all-news/news-details/~board/yorkville-cusd-115-news/post/2026-referendum-information-click-here> and here <https://www.y115.org/about-y115/y115-facilities>
3. Correspondence: None
4. Approval of minutes from the December 2025 meeting: Judy moved to accept minutes, Jay seconded. All approved.
5. Treasurer's Report: See separate report.
  - a. Peggy researched tax exempt purchasing at different vendors such as Amazon, Wal-Mart, Target, etc. All vendors have different requirements. Some require a phone number. We're going to research getting a google voice line. The tax exempt status could come in handy for bigger purchases but probably won't be worth it to use for smaller every day items.
  - b. If you are at an event sponsored by the Friends, please ensure that the donation box is out. Sharon mentioned that she looked for it at a recent event and it was still locked up.
  - c. Some instructors have not submitted their invoices for reimbursement. This adds up and takes a chunk out of our allocated funds. There's no concern over not being able to cover the costs but the library will be taking another look at events that are not well attended and see if they can be canceled.
6. Committee Reports
  - a. Scrapbook: Carolyn Kyle - ongoing
  - b. Hospitality: Bobbe Hahn -- one sympathy card and one get well card sent out.
  - c. Publicity: Theresa Eberhardt -- ongoing publicity for the murder mystery event and solicitation for donations for the used book sale on social media. We will limit our publicity dollars for the murder mystery event to \$13.50 for a few towns around us.
  - d. Volunteer Hours: Nancy Aschauer – 155.5 hours  
*Please contact Nancy at 630 768 9744 with your volunteer hours if you can't attend the meeting*
7. Library Activities
  - a. Shelley Augustine –
    - a.i. The library is looking for a local space planning consultant to accommodate the growing community.
    - a.ii. The library was recently contacted for help with a book mobile event. We were the only ones who responded and the organization was very grateful.
    - a.iii. A job kiosk is being installed upstairs through workNet Batavia. <https://worknetbatavia.com/> Plenty of assistance available to write resumes, interview prep, etc.

a.iv. Library Road Trip is back! Eighteen libraries will be involved. More info to come.  
Get ready to gas up and go!

b. Mike Curtis – not available

## 8. Old Business

- a. Status of mini food pantry – There was no update at the meeting but Kathi reached out to our Eagle Scout after the meeting and he verified that it's still on and he hopes to have it done by April 1.
- b. Update on Raffle Basket donations – We have 18 donors approx \$3300 and are anticipating 10-12 baskets to be displayed starting 10 Feb. More advertising will be done after murder mystery. Three people will be going to city hall to get a raffle permit.
- c. Update on March Used Book Sale – is it time to start seeking volunteer help? – A signup sheet was passed around for set up, clean up and event volunteers. If you are interested but couldn't be at the meeting, please email us. March 4th and 5th are set up and we'll do a dry run on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> before the sale on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Nancy mentioned the Plano book sale is also in March so we may be able cross-advertise. Dates are March 21-27.
- d. Update on Murder Mystery Event – casting update; we need volunteers for the day of the event to help direct guests through the library and to monitor refreshments. We have 10 suspects, 4 adults, 6 teens. There will be one more meeting this week. Tickets are available at the door. Last count we had was 18 tickets had been sold but that may have changed. **Midland Bank is providing refreshments.** We haven't made a decision on prizes yet. We'll see about advertising on the city social media websites. Sign up sheet went around for volunteers and all the spots were taken. If you'd like to see if anything else is needed, please email us. **\*\*If the Bears win this weekend, they will play at 5:30 pm on the 25<sup>th</sup>. That gives you plenty of time to solve a murder and then head out to Bear Down!\*\***
- e. Update on Tablesapes event – Next meeting is Jan 15. All 12 tables are filled. We will have a guitarist around for background music.
- f. Report on December 10 Trivia night participation and refreshments – Maybe 30-40 total participants. Sounds like it went ok. Might need some younger blood to help with the more contemporary questions.

## 9. New Business

- a. Discuss treats for library staff for Valentine's Day – what has been done in the past, who has handled this; entertain a motion to fund this event. Sue will handle the snacks. Carolyn motioned and Nancy seconded for funds up to \$75 for cheese/crackers, etc All approved.
- b. Comments from the floor – None

## 10. Volunteering

- a. Lobby Used Book Sale
  - a.i. January: Kathi Bell
  - a.ii. February: Sharon Mix
- b. Kendall County Obituaries
  - b.i. January: Kathi Bell
  - b.ii. February: Nancy Aschauer

11. Next meeting: February 9, 2026 at 10:15 a.m.

12. Adjournment – [1151](#)