

Friends of the Yorkville Public Library

March 9, 2026

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Shelley Augustine, Ronda Githens, Jay Githens, Sue Smithmeyer, Sharon Mix, Kathi Bell, Lorna Marcordes, Ashley Copeland, Judy Somerlot, Peggy Doud, and Beth Milheron.

1. Call to order – 10:18 a.m.
2. Correspondence – note from Megan C. thanking FOL for charcuterie treats for Valentine’s Day; Donation of \$70.00 from Cindy and Pete Kuiper and Michael and LuAnn Watson in memory of Richard Popp (long time FOL member).
3. Approval of minutes from the February 2026 meeting – motion made and unanimously approved.
4. Treasurer’s Report – see attached report. Lara working on Google phone number for business purposes.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Scrapbook: Carolyn Kyle - ongoing
 - b. Hospitality: Sympathy card sent to Dick Huff. Get well card send to Nancy Ward.
 - c. Publicity: Theresa, Megan and Lara did an outstanding job with publicity for the UBS!
 - d. Volunteer Hours: 388.5 hours. FYI – Shelley found that the IL value for 1 hour of volunteer time is \$34.29. Lara calculated the hours our group put in for 2025 and it totaled 1823 – so the value of our volunteer time in 2025 was \$62,510.67! – *Please contact Nancy at 630 768 9744 with your volunteer hours if you can’t attend the meeting*
 - e. Membership updates- New family membership for Steve and Arlene Shrader – WELCOME! We are so glad you have joined us!
6. Library Activities
 - a. Shelley Augustine
 - A new printer has been ordered for the Children’s Dept.
 - Wires were eaten by rodents on our new chiller. Five new wires have been ordered from Carrier and pest control is setting up traps. Chicken wire will be added around the chiller to prevent leaves from accumulating and creating a perfect nest.
 - Per the mayor, there will be an influx of cash from the data centers. Shelley told mayor of the library’s needs and also informed him of how much our group provides. Shelley heard a report on WSPY about how much libraries typically receive from data centers and she will follow up with the mayor to request monies.
 - A Space Study consultant will be coming to assess use. Once that is complete, Shelley can ask the city for more funds from the data centers.
 - A Capital Improvement Plan needs to be done because our library is almost 20 years old at this point and the life span of many things is approaching. This will help with budgeting.
 - The “Library Road Trip” begins at the end of March and continues through April.
7. Old Business
 - a. Update on Valentine’s Day treats for library staff - The Jewel platter that was ordered this year was not finished. In order to not have waste, we will probably provide wrapped items (candy, etc) that will last longer next year and therefore not go to waste.

- b. Update on March Used Book Sale – wonderful first spring sale! We made \$5,677.94.
 - c. Update on Spring Basket Raffle – preliminary numbers are \$2,461.90 – so final numbers will come out next month. All winners have been notified.
 - d. Update on Tablescape event – tickets on sale now at the circ desk. Several FOL members volunteered to help with admission on the day of the event. Ashley at Midland States Bank offered to donate some snacks and water.
 - e. Update on spring merchandise – spring/summer design has been completed and fundraiser is currently in place until March 21st. See Dope Pepper Design if interested and look for the “Wildflower Logo” on YPL’s page.
 - f. Update on dining fundraiser – Jay and Ronda are working on this.
 - g. Update on proposed amendments to the Bylaws: membership, terms for officers – please see attached. Anything in RED is new wording; anything crossed out will be deleted. FOL will vote at next month’s meeting to adopt these amendments. Also, the annual meeting will take place next month and from now on, 3 items will be on that agenda: amendments to the bylaws, voting for the slate of officers, and approval of the budget.
8. New Business
- a. National Library Week is April 19-25; Library Workers’ Day is April 21 - Judy will get box lunches from Jimmy Johns like last year. FOL approved up to \$450.00 for this purchase.
 - b. Proposed slate of officers – current officers will remain in place for 1 more year, with Kathi and Jay indicating they would remain in place for 2 more years.
 - c. Discussion of budget for FY 2026-27 – Officers will meet on March 18th to discuss new budget.
 - d. Friends of the Library Board of Directors will be meeting on March 23rd.
 - e. Comments from the floor – the July 4th parade is fast approaching. FOL will decide at the April meeting what to hand out this year. Judy is wondering if anyone would be interested in creating a “library drill team” with book trucks to entertain the crowd!
9. Volunteering
- a. Lobby Used Book Sale
 - i. March: Sue Smithmeyer
 - ii. April: Kathy Brady
 - b. Kendall County Obituaries
 - i. March: Sands Uridil
 - ii. April: Kathy Brady
10. Next meeting: April 13, 2026 at 10:15 a.m.
11. Adjournment – 11:19 a.m.