

**Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library
April Board Meeting @ 7 pm
Zoom**



Agenda

Attendance

Acceptance of:

- Minutes
- Treasurers Report

Director's Report – Diane Giarrusso

Trustee Report if Available

Save the Dates!

Tuesday 4/8: Wine Tasting Event at OneStop Liquors/Oakdale 5-7 pm.
Tickets available online \$15 prepaid or \$20 on day of event.
[Wine Tasting | FotTPL Website](#)

Saturday 4/26: Friends Annual Meeting at the Tewksbury Public Library 10-noon.

Saturday 5/17: Bake Sale in conjunction with the Garden Club Plant Sale 9:30-12:30 – **We need volunteers to bake and to sell goods.**
To volunteer to bake either email the Friends at Friendstplibrary@gmail.com or go to Signup Genius:
To volunteer to sell either email the Friends at Friendstplibrary@gmail.com or go to Signup Genius: [Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library: Bake Sale](#)

Tuesday 5/20: Mac's Ice Cream Dine Out

Monday 6/9: Dine Out at 3 Amigos Bar and Grill

Old Business

Dine Out at Vic's Waffle House on 3/24. A percentage of sales both in-house and take-out will be given to the Friends. We had a 50/50 raffle and collected \$500. Rita P, the winner was generous and donated her share so the Friends received all \$500 from the raffle. Thanks again to the Seto family for this wonderful fundraiser.

Book Donation Drive

We had another successful book donation drive on 3/29. Thanks to all our Book Donation volunteers: Nancy B, Joanne T and Barbara V.

Friends Awareness Program

Continue to create awareness on what the Friends do for the library. We work with Robert Hayes to find out what in-person events are scheduled for large turnouts. Our goal is to have a monthly presence at these events

2025 Fundraisers

We are still looking for fundraisers for 2025.

Our upcoming fundraisers are:

April 8: Wine Tasting at OneStop Oakdale

May 17: Bake Sale in conjunction with the Garden Club Plant Sale – **We need volunteers to bake and to sell goods.**

May 20: Mac's Ice Cream Dine Out

May/June: Eat Free for a Week Raffle – Winner will be announced early July.

June 9: Dine Out at 3 Amigos Bar and Grill

July/August: Summer Concerts

September: Dine Out at Brothers Bar

We are looking for other fundraising ideas. If you have any thoughts, please mention at meeting or send an email to the friendstplibrary@gmail.com

Blind Date with a Book Fundraiser

We replenished our inventory from our last book donation and we will have more for sale soon.

Donated books in very good shape are wrapped with candy & tea and sold for \$5. Remember, if you have any fiction or non-fiction books that are in really good condition and need a new home, please email the Friends and we will work with you to get the books.

Tareila Missions Grant

This is a grant offered by the Tewksbury Congregational Church. The Friends could apply for the grant but we needed a project that benefits the community and the application needed to be filed by April 1. The Friends board decided to wait on this grant and review it for next year. I was informed that the calendar year for this grant will be changing for next year. Most likely the grant submission will be in November 2025 for 2026. [Tareila Missions Grant Program Application](#)

Scavenger Hunt in September

We are looking to have a Scavenger Hunt fundraiser event in late September possibly on the 27th. We moved the event from October to the end of September as to not conflict with the town's Fall-O-Ween. This event is in the planning stage. Possible options are teams of 2 and one would need to be at least 16 years. Clues to find items in three areas: Tewksbury library indoors probably 1/3 and then the remaining 2/3 would be outdoors that would include the library grounds and possibly going to the old Tewksbury Hospital area (this would need to be confirmed). Teams would take pictures for challenge. We would use the library meeting room for registration/operations. The event would run from noon- 3:00 pm with reserving the meeting room from 11:00 - 4:00 for setup and close down. Volunteers would be needed for registration and challenge confirmation. Most likely have drinks and snacks available.

Friends' Monthly Meeting Information

Past minutes, current meeting agenda and Director's Report can be found on the Friends' website under the tab "About Us". This is the link [About Us](#).

As of January 2025, meeting agendas are no longer be emailed. The current agenda and meeting minutes are available on the Friends' website. Zoom invites will be included on this page as well. Interested folks may also email the Friends for the Zoom invite.

Meeting reminders will be posted in the library and Friends emails.

Note: Attendance at meetings has been sparse. Therefore other than our Annual Meeting, in-person meetings will be discontinued until further notice.

New Business:

Dine Out Free for a Week Fundraiser Raffle!

Seven restaurants donated \$25 each for "Dine Out Free for a Week" raffle. The raffle tickets will be \$10 and ticket and sales will start at the annual meeting on 4/26. More sales dates to be determined. One winner will receive seven \$25 gift cards to the following restaurants.

1. Longs (978) 640-6822
2. Pera Mediterranean Grill (978) 954-5727
3. TJ Callahans (978) 863-0121
4. Al Maidah (781) 300-0100
5. Pullup (978) 909-4901
6. Origin Thai Bistro (978) 455-9422
7. Al Fresca Ristorante (978) 851-3332

New Business Friend

I want to welcome 3 Amigos Bar and Grill as our newest Business Friend. 3 Amigos is located at 1777 Main Street, Tewksbury. Phone 978) 455-5502.

Corning Grant

The Friends will be applying for the Corning grant again this year. Robert H, Nancy B and myself met with Brent from Corning and Nancy will be submitting a \$2500 grant proposal. We hope to receive notification from Corning sometime in June.

May Friends Meeting

Since the Town meeting will conflict with Friends meeting on 5/7, it has been decided that we will cancel May's Friends' meeting.

Proposed 2025 Activity Calendar

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
<p>1/8 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p> <p>Start of Membership Drive</p> <p>1/18 Book Donation Drive 9:30-12:30 pm</p>	<p>All Month: Membership Drive</p> <p>National Love Your Library Month: Love Your Library Fund Drive</p> <p>2/5 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p> <p>Blind Date w/Book Sales:</p> <p>02/01 @ 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM - Tewksbury Public Library</p> <p>02/05 @ 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM - Tewksbury Public Library</p> <p>02/07 @ 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM - Tewksbury Public Library</p> <p>02/19 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Tewksbury Public Library</p> <p>02/25 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Tewksbury Public Library</p> <p>02/26 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Tewksbury Public Library</p> <p>02/27 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Winter Market – Tewksbury Senior Center</p>	<p>3/5 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p> <p>3/22 Book Donation Drive 9:30- 12:30 pm</p> <p>3/24 Dine Out at Vic's Waffle House @ 4pm – 7p with 50/50 raffle</p>

<p><u>APRIL</u></p> <p>4/2 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p> <p>4/8 Wine Tasting Oakdale One Stop Liquors 5-7 pm</p> <p>4/26 Annual Board Meeting @ 10 am</p> <p>4/26 Start Raffle Sales for “Dine Out Free for a Week” (DOFW) Raffle – same date as Annual Meeting</p>	<p><u>MAY</u></p> <p>5/7 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p> <p>5/20 Mac’s Ice Cream Fundraiser 11:30 am – 9:00 pm</p> <p>5/17 Friends Bake Sale Date coincides with Garden Club Event: 9:30 – 12:30 pm</p> <p>5/17 DOFAW raffle sales – same date as Bake Sale</p> <p><i>TBD: DOFAW raffle sales</i></p>	<p><u>JUNE</u></p> <p>Dine Out Free for a Week Raffle* – announce winner 7/1</p> <p>6/4 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p> <p><i>6/7 Book Donation Drive 9:30-12 pm</i></p> <p>6/9 Dine Out at 3 Amigos Bar and Grill</p> <p><i>TBD: DOFAW raffle sales</i></p>
<p><u>JULY</u></p> <p>Monthly Meeting Suspended</p> <p>Summer Concerts starting @ 6:30 pm</p>	<p><u>AUGUST</u></p> <p>Monthly Meeting Suspended</p> <p>Summer Concerts starting @ 6:00 pm</p>	<p><u>SEPTEMBER</u></p> <p>TDB Brothers Sports Bar & Grille Dine Out</p> <p>9/3 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p> <p><i>9/13: Book Donation Drive</i></p> <p><i>9/13 Bake Sale</i></p> <p>TBD Dine Out at Brothers Sports Bar & Grill</p>
<p><u>OCTOBER</u></p> <p>10/1 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p>	<p><u>NOVEMBER</u></p> <p>11/5 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p> <p><i>11/8 Book Donation Drive</i></p> <p><i>11/8 Start Countdown to Christmas Raffle</i></p> <p><i>Dine Out**</i></p>	<p><u>DECEMBER</u></p> <p>12/3 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p> <p>12/1-12/23: Countdown to Christmas Raffle</p> <p>12/2 Giving Tuesday</p>
<p><u>Quarterly Dine Out Suggestions**</u></p>	<p>Kyotos</p> <p>Wicked Cheesy or Pizza Bar</p>	<p>Pera Mediterranean Grill</p> <p>Angelina's Italian Restaurant</p>