

**Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library
April Board Meeting 4/1 @ 7 pm**

Meeting called to order by Mary Ann via Zoom at 7:01PM.

Attendance

Mary Ann Taylor, Maureen Castiglione, Lauren Chappell, Diane Giarrusso, Janis Giles, Liz Robinson, Julie Naughton, Jan Zenk, Joanne Toppin

Minutes

Joanne moved to accept the March 2026 minutes and Janice seconded the motion.

Treasurer Report:

Janice provided the treasurer's report for the month of March. The raffle at Vic's Waffle House was a gain of \$595.00. Mary Ann won the raffle and donated half of her winnings back to the Friends. The cost of the adult programs in the month of March was high due to the fact that a payment was made for the April programs in the amount of \$4,545.

For the month of March, the net income was **-\$5,126.14**; however, with the additional payment stated above removed, the net income would be **-\$581.14**. Year to date, without the additional payment, is \$68.04.

Doret moved to accept the treasurer's report and Joanne seconded the motion.

Director's Report – Diane Giarrusso

Diane provided the Director's Report. The Tiny Art voting ends April 12 and voting can be done online. Arbor Day will be celebrated with the planting of a new oak tree in the front yard on April 24. This tree will replace the oak that had to be removed for safety reasons. Queen Bean Coffee Truck will be at the library on Monday mornings (except Patriot's Day on April 20) from 10:30 to 11:30. The library is also partnering with the Tewksbury Garden Club for Art in Bloom on April 2 and 26 during the library's open hours.

Diane also provided statistics on participation in programs during the library's 2nd quarter. The statistics do not include the YouTube views.

Trustee Report if Available

Old Business:

Volunteers

If you know of anyone who would like to be part of our volunteer team, please email me at the Friends friendstplibrary@gmail.com. Upcoming events would be Blind Date Sales, Annual Meeting setup/breakdown, Bake Sale (both baking & selling at event 5/16), and Summer Concert raffle sales.

Dine Out at Vic's Waffle House

The dine-out was a success again. Everyone seemed to enjoy it.

Dine Out for a Week 2026

Discuss suggestions for local restaurants. It was decided that we would reach out to the previous sponsors first before checking other restaurants.

2026 Book Donation Event Dates: All Saturdays @ 9:30 am- 12:30 pm

May 2, September 19 & November 7

New Payment for Honor Books

There is now a sign with a QR code to accept online payments for Honor Cart Books

Possible Fund Raising Events

Lauren is working on the Musical Bingo. We will check to have the event at Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks Club.

Other ideas?

Scheduled Date for Wine Tasting

Mary Ann contacted One Stop Liquors to see if they would be willing to host another Wine Tasting for us this April. Our date will be Tuesday, April 28 from 4-7:30 pm. Ticket are available for \$15 online until 4/27 at <https://www.friendstplibrary.org/about-5> or at the event for \$20.

Friends Awareness Program

We are continuing 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

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](#).

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:

Friends Annual Meeting 4/25 10:00 - Noon

We hope you will attend our upcoming Annual Meeting. There are Board positions that will be up for vote. Please email the Friends at friendstplibrary@gmail.com if you are interested in any Board position.
Book Donation Volunteers

We could use a couple more volunteers. There is a signup sheet at this link
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49ABAC2EA4FFC16-63017428-book#/>
Or you can email the Friends at friendstplibrary@gmail.com

Dine Out at Mac's Ice Cream

Mary Ann contacted Mac's Ice Cream and we have a Dine Out scheduled for Tuesday, May 19 all day. Need to mention the Friends when you order.

Meadowlands Ice Cream

Mary Ann stopped by and left Friends information, but haven't heard back yet. This would be for the fall.

Friends Book & Bake Sale (In conjunction with the Garden Club Plant Sale)

We need folks to bake. Please go to this link to bake:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49ABAC2EA4FFC16-63216444-bake>
From the Tewksbury Board of Health

Bakers should prepackage items into separate baggies to keep the product fresh, and to limit bare hand contact with the food.

- If there are nuts of any kind in the product, it should be labeled clearly.
- Products with custards, raw egg products, soft cheeses, meats and dairy must never be sold as they require refrigeration.

We also need folks to help sell the Blind Date with the Books and the baked goods. To volunteer please go to this link

Also for either opportunities you can email the Friends at friendstplibrary@gmail.com

Sponsored by the Friends Signage

We want to thank Nicole for all her help in designing our new Friends Sponsored By display signs. These signs are scheduled to be present at select events sponsored by the Friends. The sign includes a QR code where online donations may be made.

Meeting closed at 7:35PM

Proposed Fundraisers for 2026

Blind Date a Book Sales TBD

January

Membership Drive

February

Love Your Library Promotion – Request online donations

Blind Date with a Book

March

Dine Out (1) Vic’s Waffle House

April

Wine Tasting @ Oakdale

“Dine Out Free for a Week” (DOFW) Raffle?

May

Mac’s Ice Cream

Friends Bake Sale Date to coincide with Garden Club Event

June

Concert Raffle Sales

Dine Out (2)?

July

Concert Raffle Sales

August

Concert Raffle Sales

September

Dine Out (3)?

Meadowlands Ice Cream?

October

November

Dine Out (4)?

Countdown to Christmas?

December

Countdown to Christmas

2026 PROPOSED CALENDAR

<p><u>JANUARY</u></p> <p>1/7 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p> <p>Start of Membership Drive</p>	<p><u>FEBRUARY</u></p> <p>National Love Your Library Month: Love Your Library Fund Drive</p> <p>2/4 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p> <p>Blind Date w/Book Sales:</p> <p>2/12 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Winter Market – Tewksbury Senior Center</p> <p>2/21 Book Donation Event</p>	<p><u>MARCH</u></p> <p>3/4 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p> <p>3/30 Dine Out at Vic’s Waffle House @ 4pm – 7p with 50/50 raffle</p>
<p><u>APRIL</u></p> <p>4/1 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p> <p>4/25 Annual Board Meeting @ 10 am</p> <p>4/28 Wine Tasting @ One Stop Liquors/Oakdale</p>	<p><u>MAY</u></p> <p>5/2 Book Donation Event</p> <p>5/13 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p> <p>5/16 Friends Bake Sale Date coincides with Garden Club Event: 9:30 – 12:30 pm</p> <p>5/19 Mac’s Ice Cream Dine Out</p>	<p><u>JUNE</u></p> <p>6/4 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p>

<p><u>JULY</u></p> <p>FOTPL Meeting Suspended</p> <p>Summer Concerts starting @ 6:30 pm</p>	<p><u>AUGUST</u></p> <p>FOTPL Meeting Suspended</p> <p>Summer Concerts starting @ 6:00 pm</p>	<p><u>SEPTEMBER</u></p> <p>9/2 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p> <p>9/19 Book Donation Event</p>
<p><u>OCTOBER</u></p> <p>10/1 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p>	<p><u>NOVEMBER</u></p> <p>11/4 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p> <p>11/7 Book Donation Event</p>	<p><u>DECEMBER</u></p> <p>12/2 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p>