

**Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library
November Board Meeting 11/5 @ 7 pm**



Agenda

Attendance

Acceptance of:

- Minutes
- Treasurers Report

Director's Report – Diane Giarrusso

Trustee Report if Available

Save the Dates!

Saturday: 11/8 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm Improv Night Fundraiser starring Queen City Improv at the Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks Lodge

Wednesday 11/12: 11:30 am – 9:30 pm Kyoto's Japanese Steak House Dine Out

Saturday 11/15: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Book Donation Drive

Saturday 11/15: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Countdown to Christmas sales @ Library

Wednesday 11/19: 5:00 pm – 6:15 pm Countdown to Christmas sales @ Library

Saturday 12/6: Blind Date with a Book Sales 9:30 am – 12:30 pm @ Library

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Old Business

Blind Date with a Book Fundraiser

We replenished our inventory from our last book donation and we will have more for sale soon. Sell times will be advertised. 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.**

We did an impromptu Blind Date Books Sale Saturday 11/1 @ the library from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. **We sold 44 books!** Thanks to Liz and Janis for your help selling and thanks to Liz and Lauren for all their wrapping!

We have one box of books left to process and should be receiving more from our upcoming November book donation drive. I plan to have another book sale early December date to be announced.

Book Donation Drive at the Tewksbury Public Library Saturday 11/15 from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Tareila Missions Grant

Still waiting on update. This is a grant offered by the Tewksbury Congregational Church. Was told earlier this year that it was likely the grant submission will be in November 2025 for 2026. I have made contact and waiting to hear back.

Fall-O-Ween Sunday 10/19: 11:00 am – 3:30 on the Town Common with the Tewksbury Public Library

Nancy Cohen and I partnered with the library at this event. We promote the Friends, promote the upcoming Improv event and sold Halloween themed treats. Bake goods sales totaled about \$100 with a very nice donation of \$100!

Improv Night with Queen City Improv Saturday – November 8 @ Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks Lodge

Remember tickets are limited! As of 11/1, we have sold 66 tickets.

A “Fun” fundraiser starring Queen City Improv. Are you a fan of the “Whose Line is It Anyway”, then this is the show for you!

Improv shows are always unique. Don’t miss out on this entertaining event!

Founded in 2017, Queen City Improv is a comedy troupe based in Manchester, New Hampshire. They specialize in improv comedy, where members create and perform scenes with no script or preparation. Their comedy shows feature a variety of short-form and long-form improv games, all of which are designed to make the audience laugh and have a good time.

For more info on the Queen City Improv www.queencityimprov.com

Tickets will be \$25 each with a table discount of 10 tickets for \$225. Tickets are available online at the Friends website <https://www.friendstplibrary.org/improv-night>

A 50/50 cash raffle will be held prior to the show. **No outside beverages allowed**, but there will be a cash bar. Pre-packaged snacks will be allowed.

Welcome to Tewksbury 10/14 @ Tewksbury Senior Center

Liz promoted the Friends at the upcoming “Welcome to Tewksbury” event, Tuesday Oct 14 at the Senior Center.

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

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

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 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:

Wednesday 11/12 Dine Out @ Kyoto's Japanese Steak House

We hope to duplicate our success from last year with our last Dine Out for 2025. Be sure to mention the Friends when you order. Dine in or Take Out.

Countdown to Christmas Has Started!

The Friends would appreciate any gift card donations of \$10 or more. Gift cards may be left in the Friends Mailbox or mailed to the Friends c/o the Library at 300 Chandler, St. Tewksbury, MA 01876.

How does Countdown to Christmas work?

- Each day December 1 – December 24 a winner will be randomly selected to win one of the mystery gift cards
- You support the library when you purchase a \$5 raffle ticket
- You may purchase as many tickets as you like*
- **The winning raffle ticket will be returned to the raffle bin so you may win more than once!**

Online sales are available now. <https://www.friendstplibrary.org/ctc-affle>

November in-person sales are:

Saturday 11/15 9:30 – 12:30 pm

Wednesday 11/19 5:00 pm – 6:15 pm

December in-person sales are:

Saturday 12/6 9:30 – 12:30 pm

2025 Activity Calendar

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
1/8 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom Start of Membership Drive 1/18 Book Donation Drive 9:30-12:30 pm	All Month: Membership Drive National Love Your Library Month: Love Your Library Fund Drive 2/5 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom Blind Date w/Book Sales:	3/5 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom 3/22 Book Donation Drive 9:30-12:30 pm 3/24 Dine Out at Vic's Waffle House @ 4pm – 7p with 50/50

	02/01 @ 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM - Tewksbury Public Library 02/05 @12:00 PM - 1:30 PM - Tewksbury Public Library 02/07 @ 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM - Tewksbury Public Library 02/19 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Tewksbury Public Library 02/25 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Tewksbury Public Library 02/26 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Tewksbury Public Library 02/27 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Winter Market – Tewksbury Senior Center	raffle
<u>APRIL</u> 4/2 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom 4/8 Wine Tasting Oakdale One Stop Liquors 5-7 pm 4/26 Annual Board Meeting @ 10 am 4/26 Start Raffle Sales for “Dine Out Free for a Week” (DOFW) Raffle – same date as Annual Meeting	<u>MAY</u> 5/7 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom 5/20 Mac’s Ice Cream Fundraiser 11:30 am – 9:00 pm 5/17 Friends Bake Sale Date coincides with Garden Club Event: 9:30 – 12:30 pm 5/17 DOFAW raffle sales – same date as Bake Sale	<u>JUNE</u> Dine Out Free for a Week Raffle* – announce winner 7/1 6/4 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom 6/7 Book Donation Drive 9:30-12 pm 6/9 Dine Out at 3 Amigos Bar and Grill
<u>JULY</u> Monthly Meeting Suspended Summer Concerts starting @ 6:30 pm	<u>AUGUST</u> Monthly Meeting Suspended Summer Concerts starting @ 6:00 pm	<u>SEPTEMBER</u> 9/3 Summer Concert raffle sale 9/10 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom 9/11 Community Market with the Tewksbury Public Library @ 4 pm 9/15 Dine Out at Brothers Sports Bar & Grill 9/20 Book Donation Drive
<u>OCTOBER</u> 10/1 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom	<u>NOVEMBER</u> 11/1 Blind Date with Book Sales @ library 9:30 am – 12:30 pm	<u>DECEMBER</u> 12/1-12/23: Countdown to Christmas Raffle

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