

**Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library
Sept Board Meeting 9/2 @ 7 pm**



Agenda

Attendance

Acceptance of:

- Minutes
- Treasurers Report

Director's Report – Diane Giarrusso

Trustee Report if Available

Old Business:

Dine Out for a Week 2026

This has been a very successful fundraiser. The Friends wish to thank the following restaurants for their support.

Al Fresca's
T J Callahan's
Longs
Pera
Origin Thai Bistro
Cafe Sicilia Vietalain (new)
Luna Rossa (new)

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

September 19 & November 7

Musical Video Bingo – 11/14

The web page for this event is active and a poster will be placed in the library on 9/1. Tickets are \$25 each or if you purchase a table of 10 \$220. ND Productions will host the event to be held at the Elks Tewksbury/Wilmington Lodge hall. We will offer a 50/50 raffle as well.

Dine Out – Wicked Cheesy

Was held June 25 and we received a \$100 check. Wicked Cheesy rounded up the number.

Summer Concerts

We had another successful summer concert raffle sales. Thanks to the following volunteers for their help. We can't do these concerts without support.

Barbara Velat
Chetan Madupu
Doret Pool
Jan Zink
Joanne Toppin
Lauren Chappell
Liz Robinson
Rose O'Neil

Friends Meetings

We suspended our monthly meetings for July & August and resumed on September 2.

New Business:

Blind Date with a Book Sale

The Friends will join the library staff at the Community Market on Thursday, Sept 10 to sell Blind Date with a Books. Thank you Liz and Lauren for all your wrapping efforts! And thank you Doret for agreeing to help me sell the books at the event.

Discuss Library Funding for 2027

We will determine the library funding for 2027.

New Financial Policy

Starting with 2027, the Friends will present a check for the agreed donation to the library director in January. The library will be responsible for the payment of their programs and services as well as any reimbursements. Our Treasurer will be responsible for the payment of the Friends operating expenses, banking information, revenue and tax information.

Possible Fund Raising Events

Other fund raising ideas?

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

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.

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 & Blind Date Book Sale to coincide with Garden Club Event

June

Concert Raffle Sales

Dine Out (#2) – Wicked Cheesy

July

Concert Raffle Sales

August

Concert Raffle Sales

September

Blind Date w/Book @ Community Market

Dine Out (3)?

Meadowlands Ice Cream?

October

November

Musical Bingo

Dine Out (4)?

Countdown to Christmas?

December

Giving Tuesday Dec 1

Countdown to Christmas

2026 PROPOSED CALENDAR

<u>JANUARY</u> 1/7 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom Start of Membership Drive	<u>FEBRUARY</u> National Love Your Library Month: Love Your Library Fund Drive 2/4 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom Blind Date w/Book Sales: 2/12 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Winter Market – Tewksbury Senior Center 2/21 Book Donation Event	<u>MARCH</u> 3/4 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom 3/30 Dine Out at Vic's Waffle House @ 4pm – 7p with 50/50 raffle
<u>APRIL</u> 4/1 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom 4/25 Annual Board Meeting @ 10 am 4/28 Wine Tasting @ One Stop Liquors/Oakdale	<u>MAY</u> 5/2 Book Donation Event 5/13 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom 5/16 Friends Bake Sale Date coincides with Garden Club Event: 9:30 – 12:30 pm 5/19 Mac's Ice Cream Dine Out	<u>JUNE</u> 6/4 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom 6/15 Summer Concert 6/22 Summer Concert TBD Dine Out at Wicked Cheesy 6/29 Summer Concert
<u>JULY</u> FOTPL Meeting Suspended Summer Concerts starting @ 6:30 pm	<u>AUGUST</u> FOTPL Meeting Suspended Summer Concerts starting @ 6:00 pm	<u>SEPTEMBER</u> 9/2 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom 9/10 Community Market (Blind Date w/Book sales) 9/19 Book Donation Event
<u>OCTOBER</u> 10/1 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom	<u>NOVEMBER</u> 11/4 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom 11/7 Book Donation Event 11/14 Musical Bingo Fundraiser @ Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks Lodge @ 7 pm	<u>DECEMBER</u> 12/1 Giving Tuesday 12/2 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom