

**Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library  
March Board Meeting 3/4 @ 7 pm**



Agenda

Attendance

Acceptance of:

- Minutes
- Treasurers Report

Director's Report – Diane Giarrusso

Trustee Report if Available

Old Business:

Winter Community Market

The Friends sold Blind Date with a Book products at the market Thursday, Feb 12 from 4-7 pm. We did well since traffic was light. We had only 4 books left and our revenue was \$120.

February is Love Your Library

Emails and social media were used to promote “Showing Your Love” to our library by a donation. Lifetime members were sent emails and for those without emails letters requesting their support. A “Show Your Love” page was present on our website for donations.

Book Donation 2/21

We had our first book donation Saturday 2/21. Due to the snow the night prior, donations weren't as plentiful as in the past. We did have three new volunteers that helped and hopefully will continue as volunteers for our upcoming events. On the plus side I was contacted by the director of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate regarding the book donation event. Janis and myself visited the facility and were able to acquire multiple books for the Honor Cart area. Also we have over 20 books from the donation event for future Blind Date with a Book sales. I will work on the book blurbs.

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.*

## **New 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](mailto: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

A fan favorite, we will be having our annual March Dine Out @ Vic's Waffle House on Monday 3/30. The event is from 4-7 pm with a cash 50/50 raffle.

### Dine Out for a Week 2026

Discuss suggestions for local 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 to check about Musical Bingo  
Other ideas?

### Schedule Date for Wine Tasting

I will contact OneStop Liquors to see if they would be willing to host another Wine Tasting for us this April.

**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><b><u>JANUARY</u></b></p> <p>1/7 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p> <p>Start of Membership Drive</p>	<p><b><u>FEBRUARY</u></b></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><b><u>MARCH</u></b></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><b><u>APRIL</u></b></p> <p>4/1 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p> <p>4/25 Annual Board Meeting @ 10 am</p>	<p><b><u>MAY</u></b></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><b><u>JUNE</u></b></p> <p>6/4 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p>
<p><b><u>JULY</u></b></p> <p>FOTPL Meeting Suspended</p> <p>Summer Concerts starting @ 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b><u>AUGUST</u></b></p> <p>FOTPL Meeting Suspended</p> <p>Summer Concerts starting @ 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b><u>SEPTEMBER</u></b></p> <p>9/2 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p> <p>9/19 Book Donation Event</p>
<p><b><u>OCTOBER</u></b></p> <p>10/1 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p>	<p><b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b></p> <p>11/4 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p> <p>11/7 Book Donation Event</p>	<p><b><u>DECEMBER</u></b></p> <p>12/2 FOTPL Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p>

