

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
MINUTES OCTOBER 1, 2025

Attendance: Lauren Chappell, Nancy Cohen, Diane Giarrusso, Janis Giles, Nicole Goolishian, Doret Pool, Liz Robinson, Mary Ann Taylor, Joanne Toppin, Laurie

Acceptance of Minutes: Janis Giles moved to accept September's minutes and Joanne Toppin seconded.

Treasurer's Report:

- In the month of September we received \$450 in donations
- Gross income for September was \$5,534
- September expenses were \$4,571.
- Net income for September was \$963.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report: Nancy Cohen moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Doret seconded.

Director's Report:

- Banned Books Week
 - All Ages Reading Picnic 12:30-2:30
 - Library showing "The Librarians", a documentary about book bannings
- Closed Monday, October 13
- There is a trend toward banning books, mostly for children and teens
 - Parents used to contact libraries about concerns about certain books. Librarians would discuss concern and almost always reach a consensus.
 - Now, groups, organizations, boards, political groups are trying to ban books.
 - Education is key to a functional democracy.

Trustee Report: No trustee was present.

Old Business:

Blind Date With a Book Fundraiser:

- We received a number of books at our book donation drive. Some of these will be wrapped and sold as part of our blind date with a book fundraiser.
- If anyone has any fiction or non-fiction books in really good condition that need a new home, please contact Friends and we will arrange to get the books.

Tarella Missions Grant: We are still waiting for an update. Grant submission will probably be in November 2025 for 2026 grants.

Community Market:

- September 11, 2025 in conjunction with Tewksbury Public Library
- Sold Blind Date With A Book books and sold all that we had.

Dine Out at Brothers Sports Bar and Grille:

- September 15 11 am – 10 pm
- Raised \$103.33 and Brothers rounded up to \$150 as a show of support

Book Donation Drive:

- Mary Ann thanked Nancy Baumoel, Barbara Velat, and Joanne Toppin for their help

Fall-O-Ween:

- Nancy Cohen and Mary Ann will partner at this event.
- Mission is to promote Friends, promote upcoming improv event, and sell Halloween themed treats

Improv Night:

- Fundraiser to be held November 8, 2025 at Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks Lodge
- Tickets are limited
- We have sold 27 tickets to date
- “Whose Line is it Anyway” type event
- Queen City Improv is a comedy troupe based in Manchester, NH and founded in 2017.
- For more information on troupe, visit www.queencityimprov.com
- For tickets, visit Friends website
- Tickets \$25/each or purchase table for 10 for \$225
- 50/50 cash raffle prior to show
- No outside beverages allowed but there will be a cash bar
- Pre-packaged snacks will be allowed

November Dine Out:

- Waiting to hear from Kyoto’s
- If we don’t hear by next week, we will try somewhere else.

Welcome to Tewksbury Event:

- Event will be held at Senior Center.
- Liz Robinson and Mary Ann Taylor will attend to promote the Friends.

Book Donation Drive:

- The next book donation drive will be November 15, 2025 from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
- Please consider donating books in excellent condition.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm. Doret Pool made motion to adjourn and Liz Robinson seconded.