

## Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library

### February 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Mary Ann Taylor via Zoom

#### Attendance

Mary Ann Taylor, Janis Giles, Diane Giarrusso, Nicole Goolishian, Lauren Chappel, Maureen Castiglone, Doret Pool, Liz Robinson, Bonnie Page

#### Acceptance of Minutes

Lauren Chappel moved to accept the February 2026 minutes. Liz Robinson seconded the motion.

#### Treasurers Report – Janis Giles

Finance report tabled until March 2026 meeting

#### Director's Report – Dianne Giarrusso

- The third year of the Tiny Art Show will be from February 9 through March 8. Canvases are available in the Children's Department. Art must be returned between March 9 and March 16 with submission form. Viewing and voting for favorite is from March 20 to April 12 with winners announced on April 18 at tiny afternoon tea. Thanks to Nicole for working on this.
- Assistance for those learning English will start with the English Conversation Group in February. Registration is still open to anyone who would like help to speak English. Annalisa helped obtain a partnership with English At Large to bring assistance.
- The library is sponsoring a PJ Drive from February 3 to March 13. Brand new pajamas in all sizes, including adults, can be put in a drop off box in the Children's Room. Pajamas should be appropriate for all seasons and void of family or holiday references. The most needed sizes are 12-18 months, 18-24 months, and 18/20 (boys and girls sizes).
- MA Children's Book Award starts April 1 and runs for several months. For every 5 books read from the award list, the reader gets a "raffle" ticket to be drawn after the program is over. Winners will be drawn from the raffle tickets with 3 children winning a book of their choice.
- Library will be closed February 16 in recognition of Presidents' Day. On February 19<sup>th</sup>, the library will open at 11 AM due to a staff meeting.

#### Trustee Report – Bonnie Page

Board of Trustees approved the food and drink, meeting room, and collection policies. They are reviewing the library programs and behavior policies.

## **Old Business:**

### May Board meeting

The original May meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup> conflicts with the Annual Town Meeting. It was agreed that the May Friends meeting would be moved to the following week: May 13.

### Dates for Book Donation Drives

The first book donation drive will be held Saturday, February 21. We could use a few more volunteers for this event. The hours will be from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Volunteer hours will be 9:15 AM to 12:45PM. Let Mary Ann know if there is an interest in helping out.

### January Membership Drive

Emails to past & potential members were sent out early in January, information was posted on the Friends' website, Instagram, and the Library's email and electronic sign. We have received some responses.

### 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:**

### Winter Community Market

The Friends will be selling Blind Date with a Book products at the market Thursday, Feb 12 from 4-7 pm.

## February is Love Your Library

We will be using emails and social media to promote “Showing Your Love” to our library by a donation. During this month we will be sending emails/letters to our Lifetime members requesting their support. There is a “Show Your Love” page on our website for donations.

## Dine Out at Vic’s Waffle House

A fan favorite for sure, we will be having our annual March Dine Out @ Vic’s Waffle House on Monday 3/30.

## Fundraisers for 2026

Blind Date a Book Sales TBD

Mary Ann will check with Oakdale Liquors on having the wine tasting even this year.

Laren is getting information on doing a Musical Bingo.

Any other ideas can be submitted to Mary Ann. We would like to have a big fundraiser in the fall.

### January

Membership Drive

### February

Love Your Library Promotion – Request online donations

### March

Dine Out (1) Vic’s Waffle House

### April

Wine Tasting @ Oakdale?

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

### May

Friends Bake Sale Date coincides with Garden Club Event

Mac’s Ice Cream

### June

Concert Raffle Sales

Dine Out (2)?

### July

Concert Raffle Sales

### August

Concert Raffle Sales

### September

Dine Out (3)?

### October

### November

Dine Out (4)?

### December

## 2026 Activity Calendar

<p><b><u>JANUARY</u></b></p> <p>1/7 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom 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 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p> <p>Blind Date w/Book Sales: 02/12 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Winter Market – Tewksbury Senior Center</p>	<p><b><u>MARCH</u></b></p> <p>3/4 Monthly 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 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom 4/25 Annual Board Meeting @ 10 am</p>	<p><b><u>MAY</u></b></p> <p>5/13 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom 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 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p>
<p><b><u>JULY</u></b></p> <p>Monthly Meeting Suspended Summer Concerts starting @ 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b><u>AUGUST</u></b></p> <p>Monthly Meeting Suspended Summer Concerts starting @ 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b><u>SEPTEMBER</u></b></p> <p>9/2 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p>
<p><b><u>OCTOBER</u></b></p> <p>10/1 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p>	<p><b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b></p> <p>11/4 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p>	<p><b><u>DECEMBER</u></b></p> <p>12/2 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p>