

FRIENDS OF THE GRAND ISLAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY

MEETING AGENDA - October 15, 2025, 6:00 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome Guests; Recognition/Thanks
3. Approve Minutes: September 3, 2025
4. Correspondence
5. Reports
 - a. Treasurer - Nancy Vizzi
 - b. Membership - Jan Yardley
 - c. Book Sorting - Russ Person
Art Teachers will stop by on Wed. Nov. 5 at 4pm
 - d. Book Sale Room - Charlotte Senulis
6. Library Trustee Report - Jill Banaszak
Basket Raffle update; raffle runs Tuesday, Oct. 14 - Saturday, Nov. 8
Donation thank yous
7. Library Director Report - Bridgette Heintz
Funding requests: Youth programs
Adult programs
8. New Business
 - a. Discard Book Sale Follow-up, Sept. 26 & 27
 - b. Donated Book Sale: Nov. 6 - 8
Call volunteers:
Wednesday, Nov. 5, Set-Up Chair:
Bake Sale Set-up and Pricing: Deliver baked goods by____ on Thursday
Thursday, Nov. 6, 5 - 8pm Chair:
Friday, Nov. 7, 10 am - 1:30pm Chair:
1:30 - 5pm Chair:
Saturday, Nov. 8, 10am - 12:30pm Chair:
12:30 - 3pm Chair:
Clean-Up Chair:
 - c. Price for cloth book bags
9. Reminder: Ongoing Business:
 - a. Book Club
 - b. Growing Reader Initiative
 - c. B&EC Public Library Friends Council
 - d. Social Media
 - e. Paper Retriever
10. Next meeting date
11. Roundtable
12. Adjourn

**FRIENDS OF THE GRAND ISLAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 3, 2025**

Present: Mary Cooke, Joyce Thornton, Nancy Vizzi, Russell Person, Jan Yardley, Jill Banaszak, Richard Smythe, Bobby Withrow, Phyllis Galie, Charlotte Senulis, Bridgette Heintz

Excused: Marie Volpe

Guests: none

Call to Order: 6:00 PM by Mary Cooke. Phyllis Galie was welcomed back from her leave of absence.

Approval of Minutes: There were no comments or corrections to the minutes from the June 4, 2025 meeting, which were accepted as distributed.

Correspondence: The Friends received a \$1000 grant from the Obler Family Charitable Fund, in honor of June McCall, a resident of Grand Island from 1940 to 1953. Our Corresponding Secretary, Joyce Thornton, will send a thank-you note.

Reports:

- a. **Treasurer:** Nancy Vizzi reported that we have \$9,836.37 in our checking account, \$2,729.63 in our money market account and \$10,301.38 in our CD, for a balance of \$22,867.38.
- b. **Membership:** Jan Yardley reported that we have 3 new members.
- c. **Book Sorting:** Russ Person reported that we have received a substantial number of art instruction books as donations. Bridgette and Mary will check with area art teachers to see if they can be of use to them.
- d. **Book Sale Room:** Access to the Book Sale Room should be more available for the volunteers now that school has started and the Community Room will be in less demand. The Book Sale Room remains accessible to the public whenever the community room is not in use by asking for it to be opened by a staff member.
- e. **Library Trustee Report:**
 - The 2025 Chicken BBQ netted the Reading Garden \$1,849. Total gross, including extra donations, was \$4,214. There were 250 dinners sold, compared to 375 dinners sold in 2023. Thanks to all the Friends for their help.
 - Landscaping of the Reading Garden was completed on 8/25/25. Bridgette is currently talking to vendors about quotes for a bronze plaque. Once that is installed there will be talks with the GI Rotary to set up a dedication ceremony. The remainder of the funds will be used for future maintenance as needed for the garden beds, furniture and hardscape.

f. Library Director Report:

- Bridgette requested \$1,400 for Fall Youth Services. A handout of programs and supplies was distributed. A motion was made by Jan, seconded by Joyce, to approve this funding. All were in approval.
- A request was made for \$270 for the Letterpress Basics with WNY Book Arts program on 9/4/25. Jill made a motion to fund the request, seconded by Bobby. All were in approval.
- It was agreed that we add a Basket Raffle to the November Donated Book Sale, with all the proceeds going to the Friends. Jill agreed to chair the event and has already started planning. The baskets will be displayed in the library before the sale. Joyce will send a request to Andersons for gift cards. Mary and Rich Smythe will donate accumulated items from the casino.
- Bridgette reported on summer program numbers. All programs were well attended.
- A working document of library events from September through December 2025 was presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Discard Book Sale is scheduled for September 26 and 27. Set-up will be Thursday, September 25. Russ and Bobby will chair. Jan will coordinate the Bake Sale. Baked goods should be delivered by NOON on Friday. Joyce will chair on Friday, September 26, from 3-7 PM. Russ will chair on Saturday, September 27 from 10AM – 12:30 PM. Jill will chair from 12:30 pm TO 3 pm. Phyllis and Charlotte will chair clean-up. An e-mail will be sent to members to sign up.
2. Our supply of canvas bags is gone. Everyone agreed that we would like to continue selling them. Current cost is \$8.00 each. After much discussion, it was agreed that Mary, Bridgette and Nancy would follow up for an acceptable alternative.
3. National Friends of the Library Week is October 19-25, 2025. We will celebrate with our Basket Raffle.
4. A reminder that the next donated book sale is Nov. 6-8. Friends Sale will be Thursday, Nov. 6th from 5 PM - 8 PM. The General Sale will be Friday, Nov. 7th from 10AM to 5 PM. The all day bag sale will be Saturday, Nov. 8th from 10 AM to 3 PM.

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Ongoing Business:

1. Book Club continues to grow under Jill's direction. Getting enough copies of the books continues to be a concern.
2. Nothing to report on the Growing Readers Initiative.
3. B&EC Public Library Friends Council is ongoing with Mary and Russ participating.
4. Social media continues through Bridgette.
5. We continue to use the paper retriever.

Next Meeting: The Next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, October 15th at 6PM.
Jill will preside in Mary's absence.

Roundtable: Nothing offered.

Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion was made by Bobby and seconded by Jan, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. All were in approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Senulis

Friends of the Grand Island Memorial Library Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 15th, 2025 @ 6:00 pm

Library Meeting Room

Director's Report

Minutes

- 9/3/25 meeting

Director's Report

- Winter program funding requests
 - Youth Services Late Fall/Winter request – see separate handout for breakdown
 - Total request: \$800.00
 - Adult Program:
 - \$307: Adult Craft Night – Fall DIY Doormats on 10/29/25
 - \$280: budget to book The Bead Gallery for a winter themed adult craft night (date TBD)
 - Total request: \$587.00

New Business

- September Discard Sale Follow-up
- November Donated Book Sale final prep
 - Basket Raffle Ticket Sales to be added to cash out table

Respectfully submitted,

Bridgette Heintz

Director

Grand Island Memorial Library

Youth Services Late Fall 2025 - Winter 2026 Programs & Supplies Funding Request

Presented to the Friends of GIML at their 10/15/2025 meeting

Performers/Special Programs

Family Storytime

Saturday, November 15 at 10:30 am

New storytime! Join us for a mixed-age storytime (ages 0 to 5) with books, music, movement, and crafts.

Program total: \$100 (Misc. crafting supplies for the different ages)

Noon Years Eve Glow Party

Wednesday, December 31 at 11:30 am

A new take on our popular Glow Party - celebrating New Years Eve!

Program total: \$150 (for glow sticks and NYE decor/props)

Sprouts with Ms. Melissa

Tuesday, January 20 and Tuesday, March 10 at 10 am

Miss Melissa helps little ones grow and learn through music.

Program total: \$400 (for both sessions)

Performers/Special Programs total: \$650

Extra budget for incidentals: \$150

**Youth Services Late Fall 2025 - Winter 2026 Program funding
request total: \$800**