

FRIENDS OF THE GRAND ISLAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY
MEETING AGENDA – September 9, 2026, 6:00 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome Guests; Recognition/Thanks
3. Approve Minutes: March 4, 2026
4. Correspondence

5. Reports

- a. Treasurer – Nancy Vizzi
- b. Membership – Jan Yardley
- c. Book Sorting – Russ Person
- d. Book Sale Room – Charlotte Senulis

6. Library Trustee Report – Jill Banaszak

7. Library Director Report - Bridgette Heintz

- New Staff member
- Study Room project update: Funding request for 2 chairs
- HVAC project update
- Digitization project overview
- Parking lot project
- Summer report
- Sept-Dec Library Events

8. New Business

a. Discard Book Sale Chairpeople

Schedule volunteers

Price & setup baked goods

Deliver baked goods by _____(time) on Wednesday, 9/23

Wednesday, 9/23/26 Setup, 4 pm until finished

Thursday, 9/24: 10 am – 1pm

1 – 4 pm

4 – 7 pm

Friday, 9/25: 10 am – 12:30 pm

12:30 – 2:30 pm

2:30 – 5 pm

Saturday 9/26, Bag Sale: 10 am – 12:30 pm

12:30 – 3 pm

3pm until boxing leftovers is finished

Reminder: Donated Book Sale is November 5 – 7, set-up on Wednesday, November 4

b. 2027 Book Sale dates

c. Sales Tax on Ongoing Sales

Please read the article at the link below to prepare for the discussion

<https://wnylrc.org/raq/tackling-complications-selling-weeded-and-donated-books>

9. 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
MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2026

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

Excused: Marie Volpe, Nancy Vizzi

Guests: None

Call to Order: 6:03 PM by Mary Cooke. Mary thanked all the Friends who participated in our summer activities. She noted that a long-time member of the library family, Kate Weeks, has passed away. Kate worked within the library system for over 35 years.

Approval of Minutes: There were no comments or corrections to the meeting minutes from the March 4, 2026 meeting, which were accepted as distributed.

Correspondence: Mary noted the excellent coverage of recent library events in the Island Dispatch, specifically the articles on the Reading Garden dedication and our new study rooms.

Reports:

- a. **Treasurer:** Mary reported for Nancy Vizzi that we have \$11,799.28 in our checking account, \$2,729.87 in our savings account, \$10,440.24 in our CD, for a total of \$24,969.39. A Treasurer's Report summary was distributed. The Form 990-n E- Postcard was successfully filed with the IRS on September 6, 2026.
- b. **Membership:** Jan Yardley reported that she continues to keep the membership list updated
- c. **Director's Report:** Bridgette Heinz reported:
 - Riley Myers began as our newest page on 8/24/26.
 - The Study Room project, funded through the Rural Libraries Grant powered by the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation and coordinated by the Western NY Library Resources Council and Rochester Regional Library Council, is progressing well. Walls, tables, smoke detectors, lights and outlets have been installed. The last component is the climate control units which are still TBD. This will not delay the go-live start. A photo-op was held on 8/31/26 with many library directors present. Alice Gerard published an article covering the event in the September 4th edition of the Island Dispatch.
 - The HVAC System project is currently on hold. The goal is to apply next year when the NYS Library Construction Grant program opens for the next fiscal cycle.
 - An application was submitted to WNY Library Resources Council on 8/26/26 to fund a digitization project. Included will be the last 11 years of Island Dispatch for addition to the existing NYS Historic Newspapers online database. Project costs will total \$7200.
 - Marty's Sealcoating is scheduled to seal and stripe the parking lot on Monday, 9/21/26 with a rain date of 9/28/26. The funding source is the town budget maintenance line.
 - Bridgette presented the summary report of 2026 summer programs. Attendance numbers were down but are expected to increase in the Fall.
 - A handout outlining events for Sept – Dec 2026 was distributed.
 - New Business: Bridgette requested funding of \$652.92 for two task chairs for the study rooms. A motion was made by Bobby, seconded by Joyce, to approve the funding. All were in favor. Bridgette also requested funding, not to exceed \$2800 for a new outdoor sign. A motion was made by Jill, seconded by Phyllis, to approve the request. All were in favor.

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Reports (continued):

- d. Book Sorting:** Russ Person reported that we now have many boxes of books for the upcoming sale.
- e. Book Sale Room:** Charlotte Senulis reported that we have 2 new volunteers for the Book Sale Room: Carol Tixier and Marilyn Johnson. Book sales are going well.

New Business:

- a. Discard Book Sale Chair people:**
 - Phyllis will schedule volunteers for the sale.
 - Jan and Nancy will price and set up the baked goods, which should be delivered to the library by 12 noon on Wednesday, 9/23/26.
 - Set-up will be Wednesday, 9/23 from 5:15 until finished. Russ will chair.
 - Thursday, 9/24: 10am – 1pm Charlotte will chair; 1 – 4pm Jill will chair; 4 – 7pm Charlotte will chair.
 - Friday, 9/25: 10 am – 12:30 pm chair TBD; 12:30 – 2:30 pm Jill will chair; 2:30 – 5pm, Joyce will chair.
 - Saturday bag sale: 10am – 12:30pm Charlotte will chair; 12:30 – 3 pm Joyce will chair; 3pm until boxing leftovers is finished, Russ will chair.
 - **Reminder: the Donated Book Sale is November 5-7, 2026 with set-up on Wednesday, November 4.**
- b. 2027 Booksale dates:** Spring Donated Sale set-up will be Wednesday, 3/31/27 and the sale will be 4/1-2-3/27; Fall Donated Sale set-up will be Wednesday 11/3/27 and the sale will be 11/4-5-6/27. The Discard Sale set-up will be Wednesday, 9/22/27 and the sale will be 9/23-24-25/27.
- c. Sales tax on ongoing sales:** Bridgette distributed a handout from the WNY Library Resources Council on “Tackling the Complications of Selling Weeded and Donated Books” which was discussed. It was agreed that Bridgette will develop a policy to be shared with the Board and discussed further at a future meeting.

Ongoing Business:

- a. Book Club** participation continues to grow. Bridgette and Jill will be meeting to plan future selections for the book club.
- b. The Growing Reader Initiative** continues through Tonawanda Peds and recently sponsored a successful meat raffle.
- c. B&EC Public Library Friends Council** – no report.
- d. Social Media:** Mary shared 2 articles from the Island Dispatch that covered the Reading Garden dedication.
and the opening of our new study rooms.
- e. The Paper Retriever** continues to be an asset for disposing of discarded paper and books.

Roundtable: Bobby asked about having another basket raffle to coordinate with Trunk or Treat (Saturday, 10/17) since the last one was so successful. Jill volunteered to co-chair with Bobby and it was agreed that we sell tickets from 10/17 to 11/20. Board members are asked to bring baskets and potential sale items to Bridgette.

The next Friends Board Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 10th at 3:00 PM.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Mary Cooke adjourned the meeting at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Charlotte Senulis

Charlotte Senulis

Friends of the Grand Island Memorial Library Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 9, 2026 @ 6:00 pm

Library Meeting Room

Director's Report

Minutes

- 3/4/26 meeting

Director's Report

- Staffing: Riley Myers began as our newest Page on 8/24/26.
- Study Room project with funding provided through the Rural Libraries Grant Powered by the Ralph Wilson Jr. Foundation and coordinated by the Western New York Library Resources Council and Rochester Regional Library Council :
 - Walls, tables and smoke detectors were installed 8/24/26-8/26/26. Lights and outlets were installed 9/8/26. The rooms will go live for now. The last component is the climate control units which are still TBD.
 - Photo-op on 8/31/26: In attendance were Director Heintz, Trustee Banaszak, B&ECPL director Christine Schonhart, Deputy Director Joy Testa-Cinquino, Executive Director of WNYLRC Sheryl Knab as well Caitlin Kenney of WNYLRC, Island Dispatch reporter Alice Gerard and a few members of the public. Miss Gerard's article was published in the Sept. 4th issue of the Dispatch and can be found here:
<https://www.wnypapers.com/news/article/current/2026/09/04/166942/ralph-c.-wilson-jr.-foundation-gives-grant-to-grand-island-memorial-library>
- HVAC System: project is currently on hold. The goal is to apply next year when the NYS Library Construction Grant Program opens for the next fiscal cycle.
- Access & Innovations Grant: for informational purposes
 - application submitted to WNY Library Resources Council on 8/26/26 to fund a digitization project to include the last 11 years of the Island Dispatch for addition to the existing NYS Historic Newspapers online database. Project costs total \$7200.
- Parking Lot: Marty's Sealcoating is scheduled to seal and stripe the parking lot on Mon. 9/21/26 with a rain date of 9/28/26. Funding source: Town budget maintenance line.
- 2026 Summer Report

2026 Summer Program Report	<u>#Programs</u> <u>2026</u>	<u>#programs</u> <u>2025</u>	<u>Attendance</u> <u>2026</u>	<u>Attendance</u> <u>2025</u>
0-5 years (intergenerational included depending on the program):	29	40	456	1133
6-11 years (intergenerational included depending on the program. Passport is counted as 1 program.):	22	15	1,131	1810
teens:	6	8	64	123
adults:	13	9	273	182
Summer Program Total (does not include tutor sessions, Tech Trainer or Golden Age Center outreaches):	70	72	1924*	3248
All program (summer and non-summer) total 6/1/26-8/31/26 (Passport counted as 1 program):	138		2058	

*summer kick off cancelled and rescheduled to end of summer party due to weather

- Events Sept-Dec 2026 – see separate handout

New Business

- Outdoor hours sign: see separate handout
 - Funding request: budget of \$2800 to comparison shop

Ongoing Business

Respectfully submitted,
Bridgette Heintz
Director
Grand Island Memorial Library

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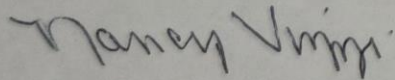
TREASURER'S REPORT

AS OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

Checking Account	\$11,799.28
Money Market Savings	\$ 2,729.87
Certificate of Deposit	<u>\$10,440.24</u>
TOTAL	\$24,969.39

Form 990-n E-Postcard was successfully filed with the IRS on September 6, 2026

Respectfully Submitted,



Nancy Vizzi, Treasurer

Friends of the Grand Island Memorial Library

GRI Events September-December 2026

****TBD = to be determined. Either a change to the program is in the works, or a funding request is pending.****

Working document. More to be added.

Ongoing

GI Library Book Club: meets monthly - Tuesdays at 6:00 pm

9/8/26 Wayward Girls by Susan Wiggs

10/13/26 One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

11/10/26 The Death of Mrs. Westaway by Ruth Ware

12/8/26 The Life of Chuck by Stephen King

Grand Island Book Club (formerly GI Womens' Book Club – outside community group partnered with the library): meets monthly - Wednesdays 1-3pm

9/30/26 The Ministry of Time by Kaliane Bradley

10/28/26 A Founding Mother by Stephanie Dray & Laura Kamole

11/25/26 A Marriage at Sea by Sophie Elmhirst

12/30/26 James by Percival Everett

Read to a Dog: monthly 1:00-3:00 pm

****Program on hold. Looking to rework marketing and get more volunteers.**

10/10/26 and 11/21/26 reserved for now.**

Lego Club: once monthly 1:00-2:00 pm

9/12/26, 10/3/26, 11/14/26, 12/5/26

Preschool Story Time (ages 3-5 years): Tuesdays 10:00-10:45 am

10/6/26, 10/13/26, 10/20/26, 10/27/26

12/1/26, 12/8/26, 12/15/26

Toddler Time (ages 18 months to 3 years): Saturdays 10:00

10/10/26, 10/24/26, 10/31/26

12/5/26, 12/12/26, 12/19/26

Itty Bitty Story Time (ages 0-walking): Thursdays 10:00-10:30 am

10/8/26, 10/15/26, 10/22/26, 10/29/26

12/3/26, 12/10/26, 12/17/26

Outreach

Stefanie: Kiddos Korner – one Friday/month 10am-11am

10/9/26, rest of fall dates TBD

Bridgette: Golden Age Center – one Friday/month 11-12:30 pm
9/4/26, 10/2/26, 11/6/26, 12/4/26

September

9/2/26 Local author: Tommy Seay Sr. (Wed. 6-7pm)
9/12/26 Book a Technology Trainer (Sat. 10am-4pm)
9/15/26 Feelings Rock (Tues. 10-11am) **TBD**
9/15/26 Local author: J.C. Moore (Tues. 6-7pm) **TBD**
9/22/26 Sprouts with Ms. Melissa (Tues. 10-11am) **TBD**
9/23/26 Discard Book Sale set up (Wed. 5pm-done)
9/24/26-9/26/26 Discard Book Sale
(New hours: Thurs 10am-7pm, Fri. 10am-5pm, Sat. 10am-3pm)

October

10/6/26 Wildwood WNY: Autumn Tree ID presentation (Tues. 6-7pm) **TBD**
10/7/26 Amanda Woomer: Women in the Paranormal presentation (Wed. 6-7:30pm) **TBD**
10/10/26 Erie County Department for the Aging: Creating a Legacy Document
(Sat. 1-2pm) **TBD**
10/14/26 Local author: Sophie Knab (Wed. 6:30-7:30pm)
10/17/26 Trunk or Treat (Sat. 12pm-2pm) **TBD**
10/21/26 Buffalore: History of Black Rock & Riverside presentation (Wed. 6-7:30pm) **TBD**
10/24/26 Liz Bauld: Adult Halloween-themed cooking class (Sat. 1-2:30pm) **TBD**
10/28/26 Marney Klein: Adult Halloween-themed craft night (Wed. 6-7:30pm) **TBD**
10/30/26 Sprouts with Ms. Melissa (Fri. 10-11am) **TBD**

November

11/3/26 Election Day: Polling Location
11/4/26 Donated Book Sale Set up (Wed. 4pm-done)
11/5/26-11/7/26 Donated Book Sale (Thurs. hours TBD, Fri. 10am-5pm, Sat. 10am-3pm)
11/10/26 Feelings Rock (Tues. 10am) **TBD**
11/12/26 Theresa Wiater: Tomb of the Unknown Soldier presentation (Thurs. 6-7pm)
11/13/26 Sprouts with Ms. Melissa (Fri. 10-11am) **TBD**

December

12/5/26 Liz Bauld: Adult Cooking Demo – Elegant Desserts (Sat. 2:30-4pm)
12/12/26 Graham Cracker Houses: Session 1 (Sat. 1-3pm) **TBD**
12/19/26 Graham Cracker Houses: Session 2 (Sat. 1-3pm) **TBD**
12/23/26 Sprouts with Ms. Melissa (Wed. 10-11am) **TBD**

In the works:

- More programming overall. Working with our evening librarian to book the Adult program offerings (presenters, speakers, craft nights).
- Walk-in weekly craft specials out on the library floor with Stefanie.
- Take and Make craft kits

Regular hours resume Tuesday 9/8/26.

- Monday Closed
- Tuesday 9:30-8
- Wednesday 9:30-8
- Thursday 9:30-8
- Friday 9:30-5
- Saturday 9:30-5
- Sunday Closed

First open Saturday 9/12/26

Holidays:

- 11/11/26 Veterans Day (Wednesday)
- 11/26/26 Thanksgiving (Thursday)
- 12/24/26 Christmas Eve (Thursday)
- 12/25/26 Christmas Day (Friday)
- 1/1/27 New Year's Day (Friday)

Open 9:30am-5pm

- 12/31/26 New Year's Eve (Thursday)