

FRIENDS OF THE GRAND ISLAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY

MEETING AGENDA - September 3, 2025, 6:00 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome Guests; Recognition/Thanks
3. Approve Minutes: June 4, 2025
4. Correspondence
5. Reports
 - a. Treasurer - Nancy Vizzi
 - b. Membership - Jan Yardley
 - c. Book Sorting - Russ Person
Large Art Book Donation
 - d. Book Sale Room - Charlotte Senulis
6. Library Trustee Report - Jill Banaszak
 - Chicken BBQ fundraiser report
 - Richard Earne Outdoor Reading Area Update
7. Library Director Report - Bridgette Heintz
 - Fall program funding requests
 - Request for basket raffle during November Donated Book Sale
 - Summer program numbers, if available
8. New Business
 - a. Discard Book Sale Sept. 26 & 27
Call volunteers
Thursday, Sept 25, Set-Up Chair:
Bake Sale Set-up and Pricing: Deliver baked goods by NOON on Friday
Friday, Sept 26, 3-7pm Chair:
Saturday, Sept 27, 10am - 12:30pm Chair:
12:30 - 3pm Chair:
Clean-Up Chair:
 - b. Cloth book bags
 - c. National Friends of Libraries Week: October 19-25, 2025
 - d. Reminder: Donated Book Sale: Nov. 6 - 8
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
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.

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, September 3rd, 2025 @ 6:00 pm

Library Meeting Room

Director's Report

Minutes

- 6/4/25 meeting

Correspondence

Library Trustee Report

- 2025 Chicken BBQ follow-up:
 - Total dinners sold: 250
 - Total gross (including extra donations): \$4,214
 - Total net going to the Reading Garden: \$1,849
 - In 2023, the Reading Garden proceeds were \$2585.75. There were 375 dinners sold in 2023.
 - Thank you to the Friends for your help!
- Reading Garden Update: The landscaping was completed on 8/25/25.
 - Last steps:
 - Am currently talking to vendors about quotes for a bronze plaque. Once that is installed, I will be in talks with GI Rotary to set up a dedication ceremony.
 - The remainder of the funds raised for the project will go to future maintenance as needed for the garden beds, the furniture and the hardscape.

Director's Report

- Fall program funding requests
 - Youth Services Fall request – see separate handout for breakdown
 - Total request: \$1,400.00
 - Adult Program: Letterpress Basics with WNY Book Arts on 9/4/25.
 - Total request: \$270.00
- Basket Raffle addition to the November Donated Sale - discussion
- Summer program numbers: From 7/1/25 thru 8/28/25
 - Programs: 72 (83 in 2024)
 - 0-5 years: 40 (34 in 2024)
 - 6-11 years: 15 (17 in 2024)
 - Teens: 8 (10 in 2024)
 - Adults: 9 (22 in 2024)
 - Program Attendance: 3,248 (3,088 in 2024)
 - 0-5 years: 1,133 (928 in 2024)
 - 6-11 years: 1,810 (1,837 in 2024)
 - Teens: 123 (126 in 2024)
 - Adults: 182 (197 in 2024)

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New Business

- September Discard Book Sale final prep
- November Donated Book Sale – determine times so the Director can make fliers and add the information to the Membership *Save the Dates* email and postcard with the September Discard Sale dates/times.

Unfinished Business

Roundtable

- September -December 2025 Library Events

Respectfully submitted,
Bridgette Heintz
Director
Grand Island Memorial Library

Youth Services Fall 2025

Programs & Supplies Funding Request

Presented to the Friends of GIML at their 9/3/25 meeting

Performers/Special Programs

Miss Melissa's Sprouts

Tuesday, September 16 at 10 am & Wednesday, November 5 at 10 am

Miss Melissa helps little ones grow and learn through music. Each session will be a holiday theme (October - Halloween; December - holidays).

Program total: \$400 (for two sessions)

Storybook Cook: Family Graham Cracker Houses

Saturday, December 20 at 2 pm

Family program where the groups will make a graham cracker house and decorate holiday cookies

Program total: \$250

Performers/Special Programs total: \$650

Supplies

Jack & Jill Community Preschool Outreach

**October 1, November 5, December 3, January 7, February 4,
March 4, April 15, May 6**

Kiddos Korner Preschool Outreach

**September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12, January 9, February 13,
March 13, April 10, May 15, June 12**

St. Timothy's Childcare Center

**October 17, November 21, December 19, January 16, February TBD,
March 20, April 17, May 15, June TBD**

Preschool Storytime

**October 7, October 14, October 21, October 28
November 18, November 25, December 2, December 9**

Itty Bitty Storytime

**October 9, October 16, October 23, October 30
November 20*, (*no class November 27, Thanksgiving), December 4, December
11, December 18 (11/27 Makeup)**

**Craft supply order for the above through Oriental Trading
Company: \$500**

Extra budget for more fall youth services programming: \$250

**Youth Services Fall 2025 Program
funding request total: \$1,400**

GRI Events September-December 2025

**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

9/9/25	<i>The Last Cuentista</i> by Donna Barba Higuera
10/14/25	<i>House Made of Dawn</i> by M. Scott Momaday
11/18/25	<i>The Frozen River</i> by Ariel Lawhon
12/9/25	<i>The Great Gatsby</i> by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Grand Island Book Club (formerly GI Womens' Book Club): meets monthly –
Wednesdays 1-3pm

9/24/25	<i>The Bee Sting</i> by Paul Murray
10/29/25	<i>Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine</i> by Gail Honeyman
11/9/25	<i>There is No Place for Us</i> by Brian Goldstone
12/17/25	<i>Time of the Child</i> by Nial Williams

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

9/13/25, 10/11/25, 11/15/25, 12/13/25

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

9/6/25, 10/4/25, 11/1/25, 12/6/25

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

10/7/25, 10/14/25, 10/21/25, 10/28/25
11/18/25, 11/25/25, 12/2/25, 12/9/25

Itty Bitty Story Time (ages 0-2 years): Thursdays 10:00-10:30 am

10/9/25, 10/16/25, 10/23/25, 10/30/25
11/20/25, 12/4/25, 12/11/25, 12/18/25

Senator Ryan Outreach (info table in the lobby): one Tuesday/month 10am-2pm

9/9/25, 10/14/25, November **TBD**, 12/9/25

Outreach

Carly: Kiddos Korner Daycare – one Friday/month 10:00 am-11:30 am

(3 groups: 2, 3 & 4 year olds)

9/12/25, 10/10/25, 11/14/25, 12/12/25

Jack and Jill Preschool – one Wednesday/month 10:30am
10/1/25, 11/5/25, 12/3/25
St. Timothy's Preschool – monthly on Fridays 10:00 am
10/17/25, 11/21/25, 12/19/25
Bridgette: Golden Age Center – one Friday/month 11-12:30 pm
9/5/25, 10/3/25, 11/7/25, 12/5/25

September

9/4/25 Letterpress Basics – WNY Book Arts (Thurs. 6-7:30pm)
9/6/25 GI Public Safety Hearing – Bill Daniels (Sat. 10am-noon)
9/16/25 Sprouts with Miss Melissa (Tues. @ 10am) **TBD**
9/17/25 Book a Technology Trainer (Wed. 11am-5pm)
9/24/25 Book Bedazzling Adult Craft Night (Wed. 5:30-7:30pm)
9/26/25 Discard Book Sale Day 1: General Sale-priced as marked (Fri. 3-7pm)
9/27/25 Discard Book Sale Day 2: Bag Sale-\$5/bag (Sat. 10am-3pm)
Both days: Bake Sale
9/30/25 AARP: Many Faces of Fraud (Tues. 1-2pm)

October

10/1/25 Local Author: Michael Hawley-Jack the Ripper historian (Wed. 6:30-7:30pm)
10/2/25 Local Author: John Galt Robinson (Thurs. 6:30-7:30pm)
10/8/25 Theresa Wiater: Three Identical Strangers (Wed. 6:30pm) **TBD**
10/18/25 Trunk or Treat (Sat. Noon-2pm)
10/23/25 Staying Safe Online & Fraud Prevention for Adults –
NYS Division of Consumer Protection (Thurs. 6:30-7:30pm)
10/24/25 Took a Technology Trainer (Fri. 11am-5pm)

November

11/4/25 Polling Location (Tues. 5:30am-9:30pm)
11/5/25 Sprouts with Miss Melissa (Wed. 10am) **TBD**
11/6/25 Donated Book Sale Day 1: Friends Night (Time **TBD**)
11/7/25 Donated Book Sale Day 2: General Sale (Time **TBD**)
11/8/25 Donated Book Sale Day 3: Bag Sale (10am-3pm)
11/12/25 Theresa Wiater: Pulitzer Prize Winning Photos #1 (Wed. 6:30 pm)
11/15/25 Shakespeare in Delaware Park Presents Romeo & Juliet-Abridged version
(Sat. Noon-2:15pm)
11/20/25 Credit Management for Young Adults-NYS Division of Consumer Protection
(Thurs. 6:30-7:30pm)

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December

12/6/25 Local Author Story Time: Mary Karins (Sat. 3-4pm) **TBD**
12/20/25 Story Book Cook: Graham Cracker Houses (Sat. 2-3pm)

In the works:

- More Adult programming

Holidays:

9/1/25 Labor Day
11/11/25 Veterans Day
11/27/25 Thanksgiving
12/24/25 Christmas Eve (not a county holiday)
12/25/25 Christmas Day
12/31/25 New Year's Eve (Wed. - close at 5pm, not a county holiday)
1/1/26 New Year's Day

Regular hours resume 9/2/25

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	9:30 am-8:00 pm
Wednesday	9:30 am-8:00 pm
Thursday	9:30 am-8:00 pm
Friday	9:30 am-5:00 pm
Saturday	9:30 am-5:00 pm
Sunday	Closed

First open Saturday is 9/6/25.