

## 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 June 4, 2025**

**Present:** Mary Cooke, Joyce Thornton, Nancy Vizzi, Russell Person, Jan Yardley, Marie Volpe, Jill Banaszak, Richard Smythe, Charlotte Senulis, Bridgette Heintz

**Excused:** Phyllis Galie, Bobby Withrow

**Guests:** none

**Call to Order:** 6:00 PM by Mary Cooke.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the March 25, 2025 meeting were accepted as distributed.

**Correspondence:** Mary received a note from the Grand Island Garden Club thanking us for their Volunteers of the Year Award. She also received a communication from a group called NAEIR regarding provision of office supplies to the Friends. After discussion, it was agreed that we have no need for their services.

**Reports:**

- a. **Treasurer:** Nancy Vizzi reported that we have \$8,838 in our checking account, \$2,730 in our money market account, \$10,210 in our CD, for a balance of \$21,778.
- b. **Membership:** Jan Yardley is trying to complete the lifetime membership list. The current list was passed around for members to review.
- c. **Book Sorting:** Russ Person reported that we are again accepting donations. Bridgette reminded the sorting group that volunteers who are not feeling well on their scheduled day/time should defer participation until they feel better.
- d. **Book Sale Room:** All leftover books from the last sale have been retrieved by Sustainable Books. 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:** Bridgette and Jill attended a meeting of the Association of Contract Library Trustees at the Clarence Library. A program was presented by Monica Mooney on programs presented there, including ones on literacy and decoding.
- f. **Library Director Report:** Bridgette reported that the improvements to the children's area are complete. The acoustic ceiling panels were installed last month. Money market funds were used for this project. She also reported that the new copier and public fax machine are up and running and being used by the community.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Bridgette requested \$300 for the summer teen program (Treat Your Shelf) that will be replacing Battle of the Books and \$65 for book sale supplies (50 pin badge holders and two sets of 12 tabletop sign holders for the book sale signs). A motion was made by Jill, seconded

by Jan, to approve this funding. All were in approval. It was noted that the final Battle of the Books program was won by Grand Island.

2. Bridgette is coordinating volunteers for the July 7<sup>th</sup> Summer Reading Program kick off.
3. The chicken BBQ fundraiser will be held on Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, to benefit the Richard Earne Memorial Reading Garden. Volunteers should be at the library by 3:30 pm. Presale tickets will be available starting August 1<sup>st</sup>. Cost will be \$16.00.
4. Our supply of canvas bags is dwindling. Everyone agreed that we would like to continue selling them. Current cost is \$8.00 each. Mary will check with Popular Graphics as a new vendor for the bags.
5. National Friends of the Library Week is October 19-25, 2025. Members are asked to consider any activity we would like to celebrate the week.
6. A reminder that the next discard book sale is Sept. 26 and 27 and the fall donated sale is Nov. 6-8.

#### **Ongoing Business:**

1. Book Club continues to grow. Getting enough copies of the books has become a concern and e-book use is being considered.
2. The Growing Readers Initiative is ongoing.
3. B&EC Public Library Friends Council is ongoing.
4. Social Media continues through Bridgette.
5. We continue to use the paper retriever.

**Next Meeting: The Next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, September 3rd at 6PM.**

**Roundtable:** Operation book support was discussed and it was agreed that we would not follow up since there is minimal information on how it would benefit us.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, a motion was made by Russ and seconded by Marie, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. All were in approval.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Charlotte Senulis**

## **Friends of the Grand Island Memorial Library Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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

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### **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)**

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#### **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**

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**Performers/Special Programs total: \$650**

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### **Supplies**

#### **Jack & Jill Community Preschool Outreach**

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

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#### **Kiddos Korner Preschool Outreach**

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

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## **St. Timothy's Childcare Center**

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

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### **Preschool Storytime**

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

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### **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)**

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

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

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**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.