

Friends of the Yorkville Public Library

August 10, 2026

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order: 1015
2. Correspondence: None
3. Approval of minutes from the July 2026 meeting: Sharon motioned to accept the minutes, Sue seconded. All in favor. Approved
4. Treasurer's Report: Peggy reviewed the latest [treasurer's report](#). In next month's report will be a total of the funds raised through the chair sale. All chairs have been sold! We are also waiting for the IRS to clarify the Tax ID #. We have two and Peggy is trying to clarify which one is valid. The biggest news is we have a letter of commitment from [Turning Point Energy](#), who is building a solar farm near Bristol, to donate \$20,000 to the Friends of the Yorkville Library! We haven't had a lot of discussion into how to best use this donation. We've asked Shelley for a wishlist but for now the money will sit as a cushion in our account for future purchases.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Scrapbook: Carolyn Kyle: Ongoing
 - b. Hospitality: Bobbe Hahn: None
 - c. Publicity: Theresa Eberhardt: There has been plenty of advertising of our next used book sale online.
 - d. Volunteer Hours: Nancy Aschauer – Total hours this month 160

d.i. Please contact Nancy at 630 768 9744 with your volunteer hours if you can't attend the meeting.
 - e. Membership updates: No new members. Special welcome to two members who are new to the meeting: Rick and Debbie! Welcome!
6. Library Activities
 - a. Shelley Augustine: They are down to the final two candidates for the space planning consultant contract to propose how to best use the library space. Tonight at the board meeting will be the discussion of negotiating a fee. Shelley will be reviewing IT services. They have outgrown their current service provider. The library was notified of attempted intrusions into their system. They have already reviewed their disaster plan for this year but next year's review will include cybersecurity. Shelley will be requesting to close early on September 17th which is homecoming parade night. Two new part timers have started. Shelley has requested two YPL shirt for them. Three new tablecloths with zippers have been purchased to assist with windy outdoor events. [Annual report](#) has been added to the library's website. Shelley is looking to solidify more partnerships with the library. Nothing new on the food pantry.
7. Old Business
 - a. Update on Dine to Donate fundraiser at Panera: Peggy Doud: We raised over \$331 from Panera. Next DTD is Maciano's on November 2, which is Monday Night Football with the Bears vs Seahawks!
 - b. Update on Merchandise: Sue Smithmeyer & Sharon Mix: Sue said we are 90% ready for the fall fundraiser. Four colors: navy, gray, black and maroon. We will also have Friends shirts in gray, navy and yellow.

- c. Update on the Fall Used Book Sale: Sue Smithmeyer & Sharon Mix. Aug 29 is last day to donate. Set up is Wed at 1, Thursday at 3 with high school students and Friday at 9 is final set up. We could always use more volunteers to clean up on the 8th at 9am. If you would like to volunteer for any of those shifts please contact Sue or Sharon or email us at the Friends gmail address and we will pass your information on.
- d. Update on Membership Committee meeting: Sharon Mix. Membership drive is in Sept. Dues and categories are the same. If you renew in Sept you will be entered into a drawing. New brochures will be sent out. We are always trying to get more members so everyone is encouraged to talk to a neighbor, friend, family member etc on how wonderful and friendly the FOL are and how much we do for the library. Their membership really makes a difference.

8. New Business

- a. Initial signup for volunteers for Lobby Used Book Sale, Obituaries project, Mini food pantry – please sign up for one month only for each project as we will offer members who can't attend meetings a chance to volunteer as well. If you are interested in one of the projects but aren't sure how to get started, email us and we will connect you with someone who knows the ins and outs. We could use some fresh eyes on these projects and would love your input.
- b. Comments from the floor: JUST ANNOUNCED: Kathi Murphy announced The Hix Brothers Ukulele Club are returning! October 17th at 2pm. This is a must see! Fun for the whole family. Also Carolyn announced that the Music for Everybody program received a donated keyboard.

9. Volunteering

- a. Lobby Used Book Sale
 - a.i. August: Ronda & Jay Githens
 - a.ii. September: Judy Somerlot
- b. Kendall County Obituaries
 - b.i. August: Nancy Aschauer
 - b.ii. September: Deborah Wood
- c. Mini food pantry
 - c.i. September: Peggy Doud

10. Next meeting: September 14, 2026 at 10:15 a.m.

11. Adjournment: 11:00

Attendance: Jay Githens, Peggy Doud, Lara Owczarski, Ronda Githens, Carolyn Kyle, Kathi Murphy, Bobbe Hahn, Kathy Brady, Sue Smithmeyer, Judy Somerlot, Sharon Mix, Shelley Augustine, Rick Potenza.