

Friends of the Yorkville Public Library

September 14, 2026

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order—10:15
2. Correspondence –
 - a. resignation letter from Nancy Aschauer; we need someone to tally volunteer hours going forward. Nancy moved to Plano and is a member of the Plano Friends. She is not able to give the Yorkville FOL as much attention as she would like so she has decided to step down from tallying the volunteer hours. Sharon has stepped up.
 - b. Long time member Nettie has moved away and is no longer a member of FOL. It was said that she designed the FOL logo. Best wishes, Nettie!
3. Approval of minutes from the [August 2026 meeting](#)—Judy moved to approve, Peggy seconded. All approved. Motion carried.
4. [Treasurer's Report](#): We still have not received the check from our Panera dine to donate. We have to do more research into the donation from Turning Point.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Scrapbook: Carolyn Kyle—ongoing. She showed off a new brightly colored scrapbook binder.
 - b. Hospitality: Bobbe Hahn—Sympathy card to Mix family.
 - c. Publicity: Theresa Eberhardt—Advertisements on Patch for UBS received over 31,000 impressions. 27,000+ through email, 3,000+ through the website. (Definition: In online advertising, an impression represents each instance an advertisement or webpage is displayed to a user on a digital platform.)
 - d. Volunteer Hours: 267.5
 - d.i. If you can't attend the meeting please report your hours to Sharon Mix at sharonsollermix@yahoo.com or text her at (630) 383-8171.
 - e. Membership updates: Couple of new members joined us. Peggy has been busy sending out welcome letters and donation receipts.
6. Library Activities
 - a. Shelley Augustine:
 - a.i. [Williams Architects](#) will be doing the space assessment for the library. Approx a ten month process.
 - a.ii. They will be reviewing Illinois Library Standards to see if they are meeting or not meeting the standards. This affects the grant money that is awarded annually.
 - a.iii. There is now an IT consultant group monitoring the library IT system 24 hours a day. Previously it was just one person.
 - a.iv. The library will be closing Sept. 15 at 6pm for school fireworks, closing on Sept. 17 at 4pm for the Homecoming Parade and closed on Sept. 25th for staff training.
 - a.v. [Craft exchange program is coming Oct. 3](#). Great time to clean out that craft closet.

a.vi. Shelley will be going to Fossil Ridge Library to learn about records retention.

7. Old Business

- a. Volunteer signup for Lobby Used Book Sale, Obituaries project, Mini food pantry – fill in the blanks. **Sheet has been filled. More information on our website.**
<https://friendsofyorkvillelibrary.org/volunteer/>
- b. Update on the Fall Used Book Sale: Sue Smithmeyer & Sharon Mix—**Huge success. Made nearly \$7500! We need a better plan for leftover books. Many of the books are outdated. Committee was formed to discuss what to do with them. Chaired by Judy, committee includes Jay and Ronda (who will be running the next UBS in March), Carolyn, Lara and Peggy. Shelley said they had approx 1200 come through during the time the book sale was happening. [Click here for more notes.](#)**
- c. Update on Merchandise: Sue Smithmeyer & Sharon Mix—[Merch is now on sale at Dope Pepper Design.](#) There is also a link on our home page. Special thanks to Sue for telling me that the original link on our website to the merch was not configured correctly. I was able to fix it and it looks much better.
- d. Update on Membership efforts—so far we are at a 48% renewal rate. Midland Bank has renewed. Still waiting on Earthmover. Kathi B. is following up.
- e. Update on November Murder Mystery—Committee met last week. They have almost all the suspects cast. They are waiting to get all the adult volunteers first before going to the HS. Ticket prices will be the same and the age advisory is also the same. There's no blood or a dead body but there is a murder involved so it may not be appropriate for youngsters. Ages 12+ would be good. We'll need volunteers to work during the event, either taking admission tickets, directing traffic to the suspects or working the refreshment table. It's a great time to talk about the Friends and what we do!

8. New Business

- a. Comments from the floor –
 - a.i. Carolyn Kyle is asking members to stop by the second floor of the library to take a look at artworks from her classes on display.
 - a.ii. **The next Dine to Donate is Maciano's on Nov 2 which is [Monday Night Football Bears vs Super Bowl LX Champ Seahawks.](#)**
 - a.iii. **The White Oak Library Foundation in Romeoville is having their [Bling Bling sale Sept 25-27.](#)**

9. Volunteering

- a. Lobby Used Book Sale
 - a.i. September: Judy Somerlot
 - a.ii. October: Dixie DeBord
- b. Kendall County Obituaries
 - b.i. September: Deborah Wood
 - b.ii. October: Kathi Murphy
- c. Mini food pantry
 - c.i. September: Peggy Doud

c.ii. October: Chris Biank (Kathi Bell will cover first week)

10. Next meeting: October 13, 2026 at 10:15 a.m.

11. Adjournment: 11:30

Attendance: Kathi Bell, Jay Githens, Lara Owczarski, Peggy Doud, Ronda Githens, Sue Smithmeyer, Sharon Mix, Judy Somerlot, Bobbe Hahn, Shelley Augustine, Lorna Marcordes, Carolyn Kyle, Kathi Murphy, Debbie, Beth Mileron, Kathy Brady.

Be sure to sign in even if you have no volunteer hours to report.