

Friends of the Yorkville Public Library

October 12, 2026

Meeting Minutes

If you have volunteer hours to report, please email Sharon Mix at sharonsollermix@yahoo.com

Attendance: Kathi Bell, Jay Githens, Peggy Doud, Lara Owczarski, Ronda Githens, Suzanne Zobel, Kathi Murphy, Carolyn Kyle, Bobbe Hahn, Sue Smithmeyer, Sharon Mix, Laura Scheinholtz, Josie Scheinholtz, Michael Scheinholtz, Judy Somerlot.

1. Call to order: 10:15
2. Correspondence: None
 - a. Bethany stopped by to briefly talk about the craft swap. HUGE Success! They started off with 92 boxes and at the end of the day finished up with just 8. FOL had a big part in organizing and sorting. There was a line of people waiting to get in. There will be another event.
3. Approval of [minutes from the September 2026](#) meeting: Approved
4. Click here for [Treasurer's Report](#): No Panera check yet. Peggy followed up and the manager told her that they use a third party for this and they are behind. Panera will investigate it again. No change in EIN status.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Scrapbook: Carolyn Kyle: Ongoing
 - b. Hospitality: Bobbe Hahn: None
 - c. Publicity: Theresa Eberhardt: None
 - d. Volunteer Hours: Sharon Mix: 155.75
 - e. Membership updates
 - i. Welcome to the meeting Suzanne Zobel and the Scheinholtz Family!
 - ii. Member directory has been printed and is available. Some have been mailed out, some were available to regular attendees of the meeting.
 - iii. Drawing was held for folks who have renewed their memberships. Kathy Kelso won a Target gift card and Dianna Larson won a book sale certificate.
 - iv. Renewals so far: 36 individuals, 22 family, 1 life member, 1 staff, 1 corporate, 1 corporate pending, 5 new, 12 non-renewals.
6. Library Activities
 - a. Shelley Augustine: Not available.
7. Old Business
 - a. Reminder: Dine to Donate event on November 2 [at Maciano's](#) in Yorkville.
 - b. Update on Merchandise: Sue Smithmeyer & Sharon Mix: 23 items sold, we receive \$5 per item. We're looking to make some changes to the frequency of the sale because there doesn't seem to be a lot of interest for all the work that goes into it. Maybe once a year, maybe every other year. There was a suggestion to buy a bunch and have them on hand to sell but it's difficult to anticipate what will sell and we don't want unsold merch sitting around taking up space. Currently there are no plans to hold another merch sale.
 - c. Update on November Murder Mystery – Kathi Bell: Megan has created media for the Death by Chocolate mystery on Nov. 15. There are already six adults cast and Kathi is looking for 4-6 HS student roles. She will be meeting with them to further discuss.

Jennette said that some of the HS kids have been asking when the next one is. Midland Bank will be supplying snacks for the Murder Mystery and Mini Golf.

- d. Update on Used Book Sale issue regarding disposal of unsold books – Judy Somerlot and committee members: Judy talked to everyone about the committee meeting. She told us about previous efforts to get rid of the books. One was a summer's end book sale where the leftover books were on a table in the hall and were half price. After about a certain period of time, they were free. One FOL volunteer would stop in every day and straighten up the table. In her research, Judy found out that Groot does not recycle books so any books that go in recycle bins are trashed. The committee recommendations were 1) books will be reviewed to see what can be kept for the lobby book sale as well as the next used book sale, 2) after that they will be put out for free for a week. 3) Those that are still left will be donated. The decision makers should discuss with Shelley on how soon they need the meeting room back and that will drive how we get the leftover books out. Some charities will come and pick up, some will not and we would have to deliver.
- e. Update on possible purchase of additional tables: We need more tables since we will be doing the raffle at the same time as the spring book sale. Some of the tables are not suited to hold heavy boxes of books. We would need to order five more tables from home depot. Suzanne will be donating two tables so that brought us down to needing three. Jay moved to order three tables, Sue seconded. All approved. Peggy will order.

8. New Business

- a. Library trivia on Oct. 15
 - i. We passed a sheet around and will have a team participating.
 - ii. And we will be bringing snacks.
- b. Discussion regarding handling of collectible books that have been donated: Kathi Murphy will be looking at local antique mall to see what is out there now. Do we want to find a rare used book seller? Are there antique shops that specialize in collectible books? **Do any of our members have expertise or know someone with expertise in this area that can point us in the right direction?**
- c. Comments from the floor
 - i. Oct 26 is the Friends Board meeting. One of the topics will be the anticipated large donation and what is the best use of that money, either easy, safe, short term investment or a big project the library has in mind. Children's dept needs new chairs but is looking at the school that recently closed to see if they have any to give.
 - ii. Jay and Ronda talked about having a giveaway of kids picture books in December. Donation to [Hesed House](#) is also a possibility.
 - iii. Carolyn requested a new wagon for moving supplies around. She found one at Menard's for \$40 but the quality is suspect. Motion was put forward to purchase a new collapsible cart at Carolyn's discretion, with the price not to exceed \$150. Judy moved. Peggy seconded. All approved.

9. [Volunteering](#)

- a. Lobby Used Book Sale
 - i. October: Dixie DeBord
 - ii. November: Kathy Brady
- b. Kendall County Obituaries
 - i. October: Kathi Murphy
 - ii. November: Sue Smithmeyer

c. Mini food pantry: We do not have a start date for this. The Eagle Scout responsible for this is supposed to do the initial stocking and that hasn't happened yet.

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

ii. November: Kathy Brady

10. Next meeting: November 9, 2026 at 10:15 a.m.

11. Adjournment: 11:20