

President's Report to the Friends of the Yorkville Public Library Board of Directors

October 26, 2026

Article II, Section 2: Functions of the Friends organization:

1. Fundraising – May through October 2026 – for details see [Treasurer's Report](#)
 - a. Ongoing Lobby Book Sale, May through October
 - b. Sales of t-shirts, sweatshirts, and other related merchandise
 - c. Membership dues and donations
 - d. September Used Book Sale
 - e. Bank Interest, May through October
 - f. Dine to Donate fundraiser
2. Volunteering for assistance with library requests
 - a. Ongoing maintenance of the obituary database from Kendall County Record
 - b. Volunteer hours, April through September = 929
 - c. Volunteers helped Children's Services to prepare packets for Summer Reading
 - d. Volunteers assisted library staff with sorting and setting up the Craft Exchange in September
 - e. We continue to wait for the mini food pantry to be stocked and are ready to assist with that effort
3. Participating in community activities on behalf of the library
 - a. Members assisted with the Tablescapes event held on April 11
 - b. Members walked in the July 4th parade and distributed glo-stick bracelets
 - c. Friends participated in the Halloween Trivia Night on October 15 and provided snacks and beverages

Additional Comments:

1. We have established a calendar for the full year, with Chairpersons in place for all of our activities ([see separate page for details](#)).
2. We have notified the Library of the impact of the activities on the library and have received approval to have the library open on three Sundays (see separate page for details).
3. We conducted our annual membership drive during the month of September. We have 61 member households – 37 individuals, 23 families, and 1 staff. Midland States Bank is a corporate sponsor; Turning Point Energy will be added; ~~Earthmovers is questionable – I have contacted them twice but haven't heard back.~~ **Earthmovers have responded back and will continue as a corporate sponsor. I also reached out to them after the meeting to gauge their interest in not only being a hole sponsor but the title sponsor. They will discuss and get back to me.**
4. We continue to refine the Used Book Sales. We have purchased additional tables, clarified our policy regarding setup volunteers (no children will be allowed in the future and only members can assist), and a committee met to discuss what to do with unsold books. **The committee found out that the books are not recyclable. After the book sale is over, we will put out a table for free books for a week. We will have one member stop by to tidy up the table. There are certain**

subjects, such as business, financial, or computer books that are obsolete. Anything in those categories that were published before 2020 will be thrown away. We will look into getting the leftovers picked up. There are certain places that will pick up (Salvation Army). We will also investigate donating the books and books on CD to nursing homes.