

Friends of the Brooks Memorial Library
January 21, 2026
Meeting Minutes

Present: Dayle Doiron, Janice Stockman, Karen Duggan, Nikki Holland, Starr Latronica, Amanda Whiting

Absent: Diane Learey, Kevin O'Keefe, Sharon Meyers, Sue Dyer, Connie Cline, Connie Kimball

Secretary's Report—Dayle moved and Karen seconded the motion to approve minutes from November.

Treasurer's Report—Dayle explained that most of our memberships are renewed at the end of the year and explains the high number of transactions. She highlighted Magic Wings and Kanopy renewals which are pricey: Magic Wings is \$1000 every time we buy 5 books of passes; Kanopy renews at \$2000 and since April it has cost \$6000. Starr pointed out that Friends' support of Kanopy helps toward the library budget of non-print materials. The technology grant has now been entirely expended. The Children's Program VELI grant has also been expended. Dayle highlighted that the cost of printing of the Annual Appeal was \$1700, more than we expected. Income was \$22867.89 thanks to the Annual Appeal and Book Sale. The Annual Appeal is on track to be the same as last year, which was a banner year for the appeal. Karen made a motion to approve the report and Janice seconded it.

President's Report—Big thank yous to everyone who helped out with the book sale. Karen is in discussion with the Latchis and ByWay Books to have a screening of The Librarians during Library Week, April 18-25.

A question arose about whether we agreed to buy snacks for staff in lieu of gifts. Karen confirmed we did, and we still do a gift on the staff person's anniversary.

Book Sale: 474 raffle tickets were sold and baskets were picked up right away. Money is still filtering in, current total is just over \$6100. Dayle would like us to develop some structures around accepting cash. Amanda has a list of improvements for next year, including adding an option for Venmo (they do take a cut); do we want to buy more bookshelves?; sorting the children's books better; filming the setup; orientation for volunteer sorters.

Annual Appeal: \$16342.23!!

What's Next: Ideas for the coming year—Garden party? Trivia night? Raffle the Melissa Sweet prints of library and bicycles that were given to Starr? [Melissa Sweet website](#); raffle during library week/screening of The Librarians/goodbye to Starr.

Library Requests

- Teen program supplies and food for teen nights (417.93)
- Clown show during Winter Carnival: To the Moon and Back (\$700)

- Seed library (\$150)
- Renewal of Mango language learning program (\$1123.50, we have already approved this)

Janice moved to fund the library requests of \$1267.93, and Dayle seconded.

Amanda's Report

- Adult winter reading challenge January 1- March 31
- Museum passes—digital passes were instantly successful! Usage of museum passes increased 42%. Amanda's flyer has lots more information. The museums love it too.
- LibCal has also been a huge success, people are using it successfully and it is cutting down on staff time.

Other Business

- Dayle asked if there were hand tools in the Library of Things
- Janice asked if we could hear about the process for replacing Starr (who can not be replaced). Karen is going to write a letter to the town HR director, Sally Nix, to say the Friends of the Library board are asking. So far there has not been a posting or a search committee identified.

The meeting adjourned at 5:51.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Stockman
Secretary