

**FRIENDS OF THE GRAND ISLAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
**MEETING AGENDA - January 21, 2025, 6:00 pm**

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome Guests; Recognition/Thanks
3. Approve Minutes: October 29, 2024
4. Correspondence
5. Reports
  - a. Treasurer - Nancy Vizzi
  - b. Membership - Jan Yardley
  - c. Book Sorting - Russ Person
  - d. Book Sale Room - Charlotte Senulis
6. Library Trustee Report - Russ Person (for Jill Banaszak, excused)
7. Library Director Report - Bridgette Heintz
8. New Business
  - a. Review Donated Book Sale, Nov. 7 - 9  
Keep extra day?  
Keep bake sale for the Richard Earne Memorial Reading Garden?
  - b. Donated Book Sale April 23 - 26  
Bake Sale Set-up and Pricing  
Wednesday, April 23, Set-Up Chair  
Thursday, April 24, Friends Only Chair  
Friday, April 25, Single item pricing Chair  
Saturday, April 26, Bag Sale Chair
  - c. Set dates for Discard Book Sale (Sept?) and Fall Donated Book Sale (Nov?)
9. Ongoing Business
  - a. Book Club
  - b. Growing Reader Initiative
  - c. B&EC Public Library Friends Council
  - d. Social Media
  - d. Paper Retriever
10. Next meeting date
11. Roundtable
12. Adjourn

**FRIENDS OF THE GRAND ISLAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 21, 2025**

**DRAFT**

**Present:** Mary Cooke, Joyce Thornton, Nancy Vizzi, Russell Person, Jan Yardley,  
Charlotte Senulis, Bridgette Heintz

**Excused:** Marie Volpe, Phyllis Galie, Jill Banaszak, Lorraine Norman, Richard Smythe

**Guest:** Bobby Withrow

**Call to Order:** 6:05PM by Mary Cooke. Mary welcomed Bobby Withrow to the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the October 29, 2024 meeting were accepted as written.

**Correspondence:** None

**Reports:**

- a. **Treasurer:** Nancy reported that we have \$7,436.42 in our checking account and 2,729.47 in our savings account. Our CD is \$10, 209.03. Balance as of 1/21/25 is \$20,314.92.
- b. **Membership:** Jan reported that hand stamps used at the last book sale to identify members worked well.
- c. **Book Sorting and Book Sale Review:** Russ and Charlotte reported that all is going smoothly. Charlotte noted that the conscientious, ongoing sorting makes it much easier to restock the book sale shelves and thanked Russ for his efforts. Russ noted that the sorting room is very cold. Bridgette will talk to Don and town representatives about warming the room.

**Library Trustee Report:**

Russ reported that all the trustees have been re-appointed for 2025. He noted that NYS Department of Education standards require an annual review of at least 12 library policies, which the board is currently doing.

**Library Director Report:**

- a. Bridgette distributed a summary report of activity planned for January through May, 2025. More is expected to be added. It was noted that a local author, Stephen Eoannou, will be presenting a program on Wednesday, 5/7/25. A suggestion was made to hold the annual meeting on that evening since he will be available as our speaker for the meeting. All were in agreement.
- b. The Children's area project is ongoing. The walls, self-check, shifting of collection and new shelving unit are done. Next will be cloud shaped acoustic ceiling panels.

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- c. The water fountain in the hallway has been replaced and includes a bottle filling component.
- d. A new charging station that can accommodate up to 8 devices has been installed. We have also purchased cordless charging stations that clamp onto the tables for patrons studying out on the floor.
- e. A horror section has been added to the Adult Fiction section, located at the end of the Fantasy section.
- f. Bridgette is looking into getting a new copier, possibly with fax capabilities.
- g. The Library of Things now has a metal detector, and four pairs of snowshoes will be added soon. Through a partnership with the BECPL, Buffalo Museum of Science passes are now available for circulation.
- h. Bridgette requested \$200 for a magnetic active play center. A motion was made by Jan and seconded by Nancy to approve the funding. All were in approval.

**New Business:**

The Donated Book Sale in November went well. Everyone agreed that we should keep the extra day for future sales, and it was also agreed to continue bake sales along with the book sale, with proceeds from the bake sale going to the Richard Earne Memorial Reading Garden. The next Donated Book Sale will be April 23-26. Jan and Nancy will price the baked goods, which should be brought to the library by noon on Thursday.

- a. Russ will chair set-up on Wednesday, April 23.
- b. Phyllis will chair the Friends only sale on Thursday, April 24.
- c. Charlotte will chair the general public sale on Friday, April 25.
- d. Jill will chair the Bag sale on April 26.
- e. Marie will chair clean up.

The next Discard Sale will be September 25 (set up), September 26 and 27.

**Ongoing Business:**

- a. Russ noted that The Book Club is going well and that there has been an increase in attendance.
- b. The Growing Readers Initiative has had no further activity while search continues for a new pediatrician. Mary will report on future activity.

**Ongoing Business (continued)**

- c. Mary and Bridgette have been doing zoom meetings with the B&EC Library Friends Council.
- d. Media: Bridgette continues to give information about library activities to the Sentinel. Coverage of our activities has been very positive.
- e. The Paper Retriever continues to be a valuable resource.

**Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 6:00 PM.**

**Roundtable:** Nothing to report.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business, Russ made a motion, seconded by Nancy, to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 PM. All were in favor.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Charlotte Senulis**

## Friends of the Grand Island Memorial Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 @ 6:00 pm

Library Meeting Room

Director's Report

### Minutes

- 10/29/24 meeting

### Correspondence

### Director's Report

- Library Improvements:
  - Children's area
    - Wall, self-check, shifting of collection, new shelving unit – DONE
    - In the works: cloud shaped acoustic ceiling panels
  - Water fountain with bottle filling station
  - Charging station
    - Next to Large Print, for cell phones and tablets, can accommodate up to 8 devices
  - Cordless charging stations which clamp onto the tables
    - For patrons who are studying out on the floor and need to charge or plug in a laptop/phone/tablet. These will be located at the four rectangular tables once the cable locks come in to secure them to the tables.
  - Horror section
    - New Adult Fiction section! Located at the end of the Fantasy section.
  - Copier
    - Looking into getting a new copier...possibly with fax capabilities. Stay tuned!
  - Library of Things updates
    - Metal detector and four pairs of snow shoes (2 child, 2 adult) being added soon.
    - Through a partnership with the BECPL, Buffalo Museum of Science passes are now available for circulation.
    - Updated marketing with the newest items added coming soon.
- Jan-May 2025 Events – see separate handout

### New Business

- Funding request - \$200 for Magnetic Active Play Center – see separate handout
- Discard Book Sale – choose dates for 2025
- Fall Donated Book Sale – choose dates for 2025

### Unfinished Business

Respectfully submitted,  
Bridgette Heintz  
Director  
Grand Island Memorial Library

# Youth Services Winter & Spring 2025 Children's Area Project

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## Magnetic Active Play Center

[Copernicus Bamboo Early Years Creator Center](#)

The Library Store

\$171 (Shipping TBD - estimated cost \$20):

**Total ask: \$200**



## GRI Events January – May 2025

\*\*TBD = to be determined. Either a change to the program is in the works, or a funding request is pending.\*\*

**Working document. More to be added. Last updated 1/20/25.**

### Ongoing

Book Club: meets monthly – Tuesdays at 6:00 pm

1/14/25 Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

2/11/25 Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano

3/11/25 Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict

4/8/25 The Waters by Bonnie Jo Campbell

5/13/25 Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver

Read to a Dog (SPCA Therapy Dogs): one Saturday/month 1:00-3:00 pm

1/11/25, 2/8/25, 3/8/25, 4/12/25, 5/10/25

Preschool Story Time (ages 3-5 years): Tuesdays 10:00-10:45 am

2/4/25, 2/11/24, 2/18/24, 2/25/24

4/1/25, 4/8/25, 4/15/25, 4/22/25

5/20/25, 5/27/25, 6/3/25, 6/10/25

Itty Bitty Story Time (ages 0-2 years): Thursdays 10:00-10:30 am

2/6/25, 2/13/25, 2/20/25, 2/27/25

4/3/25, 4/10/25, 4/17/25, 4/24/25

5/22/25, 5/29/25, 6/5/25, 6/12/25

Pint-Sized Playgroup (ages 0-5) – one Saturday/month 10-11:30am

1/25/25, 2/22/25, 3/22/25, April and May dates **TBD**

Lego: one Saturday/month 1:00 - 2:00 pm

1/18/25, 2/1/25, 3/1/25, 4/5/25, 5/3/25

Senator Ryan Outreach (info table in the lobby): one Tuesday/month 10am-2pm

1/14/25, 2/11/25, 3/11/25, 4/8/25, 5/13/25

### Outreach

Carly: Kiddos Korner Daycare – one Friday/month 10-11:30 am

(3 groups: 2, 3 & 4 year olds)

1/3/25, 2/7/25, 3/7/25, 4/4/25, 5/2/25, 6/6/25

Jack and Jill Preschool – one Tuesday/month 10-11am

1/7/25, 2/4/25, 3/4/25, 4/1/25, 5/6/25

St. Timothy's Preschool

1/17/25, 2/21/25, March **TBD**, 4/25/25, 5/16/25

Just For Kids Afterschool Program – as requested

1/14/25 (Sidway), 1/15/25 (Huth), 1/16/25 (Kaegebein)

Bridgette: Golden Age Center – one Friday/month 11:00-12:30 pm

1/10/25, 2/7/25, 4/4/25, May **TBD**

## January

- 1/4/25 Local author: Budd Bailey – Buffalo Bills talk (Sat. @ 1pm)
- 1/14/25 Miss Melissa's Sprouts (Tues. @ 10am)
- 1/17/25 Homeschool Lego (Fri. @ 1pm)

## February

- 2/7/25 Tech class: Free Streaming Alternatives – Video and Music (Fri. @ 10am)
- 2/12/25 Waterways of Change: 200 Years of the Erie Canal with Douglas Kohler (Wed. @ 6:30pm)
- 2/14/25 Homeschool Lego (Fri. @ 1pm)
- 2/19/25 Children's program: Rock Painting (Wed. @1pm)
- 2/22/25 Audubon Society: Cold-Blooded Critters (Sat. @ 1pm)

## March

- 3/1/25 Tech class: Internet Safety & Privacy (Sat. @ 10am)
- 3/4/25 Miss Melissa's Sprouts (Tues. @ 10am)
- 3/4/25 True Crime talk: 18 years, 5 Months and 22 Days with Speaker Theresa Wiater (Tues. @ 6:30pm)
- 3/15/25 Master Gardeners of Erie County: Gardening on a Dime (Sat. @ 1pm)
- 3/19/25 Local author: Rick Falkowski – Spirit of Buffalo Women: Society & Business (Wed. @ 6:30pm)
- 3/21/25 Homeschool Lego (Fri. @ 1pm)
- 3/29/25 Cooking Demo: Mocktails and Appetizers (Sat. 1-2:30pm)

## April

- 4/11/25 Homeschool Lego (Fri. @ 1pm)
- 4/16/25 Children's Program: Glow Party (Wed. @ 1pm) **TBD**
- 4/18/25 Easter Program with GI Rec. Dept. **TBD**
- 4/24/25-4/26/25 Donated Book Sale

## May

- 5/7/25 Local Author: Stephen Eoannou (Wed. @ 6:30pm)
- 5/16/25 Homeschool Lego (Fri. @ 1pm)

## In the works:

- More Adult programming
- More kid's/family specials during February and Spring breaks



**Holidays:**

- 1/1/25 New Year's Day
- 2/20/25 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 2/17/25 Presidents' Day
- 4/18/25 Good Friday (Library open for Easter program)
- 5/26/25 Memorial Day

Summer Hours begin 5/27/25. First closed Saturday is 5/31/25.