

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
Membership Table
Clean-Up 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
 - c. Social Media
 - d. Paper Retriever
10. Next meeting date
11. Roundtable
12. Adjourn

**FRIENDS OF THE GRAND ISLAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES October 29, 2024**

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Present: Mary Cooke, Jill Banaszak, Joyce Thornton, Nancy Vizzi, Russell Person, Phyllis Galie, Lorraine Norman, Richard Smythe, Charlotte Senulis, Bridgette Heintz

Excused: Marie Volpe

Guest: Katharine Culross

Call to Order: 6:00PM by Mary Cooke.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the June 5, 2024 meeting were accepted as written.

Correspondence: We have received a \$1000 donation from the Obler family. Joyce Thornton, our Corresponding Secretary, sent them a thank you note.

Reports:

- a. **Treasurer:** Nancy reported that we have \$18,041.94 in our checking and savings accounts. Our business money market is \$2,729.41. Our business checking is \$5,104.07. Our CD is \$10, 208.46.
Form 990 has been filed and accepted by EPostcard.
- b. **Membership:** No report
- c. **Book Sorting and Book Sale Review:** Russ and Charlotte reported that all is going smoothly. There are many books for the upcoming sale.

Library Trustee Report:

Russ reported that he attended a fascinating discussion of the budgeting process at the Association of Contract Libraries meeting.

Library Director Report:

- a. Bridgette distributed a summary report of activity from 7/8/24 – 8/29/24.
- b. Trunk or Treat was very successful. We had 18 trunkers, compared to 11 last year. Thanks to Jill for representing the Friends and to Charlotte for running the bookstore during the event.
- c. The Children's area project is underway. The glass wall panels are ready. Once the frame fabrication is completed, installation will be scheduled with the vendor (Sterling Glass). Following that, a self-check-out station will be installed, and a small number of toys and smaller scavenger hunt items will be put out. Next will be quotes on sound absorbing baffles for the ceiling and decor for the walls. We may also look for new seating or shelving.
- d. The Lewiston Writer's Group has requested a table at our next Book Sale to discuss and sell their books. It was agreed that we will consider this for the future, in association with our local authors programs.

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- e. The next Donated Book Sale will be 11/7/24 to 11/9/24. Russ will chair set-up on Wednesday, 11/8/24 at 4:00 PM. The Friends Night Sale will be Thursday, from 5PM to 8PM. Jill will chair and Jan will staff the membership table. Joyce will chair the General Public Sale on Friday from 10-1. Charlotte will chair the afternoon from 1-5. Saturday Bag Sale will be 10-3. Bags will be \$5.00 for normal sized bags and extra for over-sized bags. Chairman for the day will decide on pricing for over-sized bags. Phyllis will chair from 10-3 and Mary and Nancy will count money. Bridgette will make signs to announce the higher pricing for over-sized bags.
- f. It was agreed to continue bake sales along with the book sale. Baked goods should be delivered to the library by noon on Thursday. Jan and Nancy will price the items.

Ongoing Business:

- a. The Book Club will be meeting on 11/2/24 to select books for next year.
- b. The Growing Readers Initiative has had no further activity while search continues for a new pediatrician. Mary will report on future activity.
- c. Social media continues with information submitted by Bridgette.
- d. The Paper Retriever continues to be a valuable resource.
- e. The next Donated Book Sale will be April 24 to April 26, 2025, with set-up on Wednesday April 23Rd. We will discuss dates for additional sales at our next Board Meeting.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

Roundtable: Russ noted that last week was National Friends of the Library Week. Our trustees, Jill and Russ, thanked all Board Members.

Adjourn: There being no further business, Phyllis made a motion, seconded by Russ to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Senulis

Friends of the Grand Island Memorial Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 21st, 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

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.