

May 19, 2025

Friends of the Jacob Edwards Library Meeting Minutes

Next meeting: June 2, 2025 1 PM

Book Sort May 28 2025 1 PM

Attending: Janey Langlois, Gereen Alarie, Andrea Powers, Carol McKinley, Janet Jenkins, Bernadette Meade, Barbara Day on Zoom, Margaret Morrissey, Beth Cournoyer arriving later, Mary Szczygiel arriving later.

A motion to approve the minutes from April was moved, seconded and approved.

Results of Baby Fair - We learned we can bring more books. Parents brought children older than infants and those children snapped up the books.

There was a lot of interest in what offerings the Library had for children. Next year we'll bring information about the Children's Room.

Results of Wellness Fair - we could bring more puzzles next time. They were popular.

Many people asked about donating books. We need a handout (or something) about donating books.

We will send an email to Katie at the Senior Center so can you post something about our book pickup in the newsletter.

Barbara gave an update on the checking account. Balance is \$6556. We are making between \$50 and \$100 per month from used book sales.

Gereen will post a picture of our seasonal used book table on facebook.

Bernadette gave a presentation on the Chess Park.

Margaret update: Margaret talked about the Summer Reading Program. The library is planning an ice cream social for summer reading signups. The program runs until August 8th. A motion to provide \$400 for reading prizes was moved, seconded and approved.

Bernadette is looking for ideas to base the garden design on. She would like designs based on children's literature. Please send her the names of authors who could inspire such designs.

Pride in Southbridge

<https://engagedpatrons.org/EventsExtended.cfm?SiteID=9899&EventID=548172&PK=>

Jacob Edwards Library Events

Thursday, Jun. 26, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

The Jacob Edwards Library is pleased to host another dramatic reading with playwright Mary Darling and Museful Intent. The event will include a short reading and followed by a panel discussion on inclusion in theater. This will be a space for folks to share some of their experiences and tips on how to continue to be inclusive when collaborating in the theatrical setting and more.

A motion to provide \$250 for Mary's work was moved, seconded and approved.

Approved 6/2/25