

Friends of Jacob Edwards Library Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2025

Next meeting is August 4th.

No meeting in July; no book sort in July.

Attending: Janet Jenkins, Kathy VanCamp, Janey Langlois, Gereen Alarie, Andrea Powers, Carol McKinley, Margaret Morrissey, Bernadette Meade, Louise Majewski, Barbara Day on Zoom

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

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report sent May 23 was moved, seconded and approved.

Raffle Baskets

We discussed raffles for 2025 as revenue generating.

Margaret would like to know what we want to spend on the raffles and what revenue we expect? Last year we did not spend much if anything as members provided the raffle items.

We need to find out the date range of the raffle permit we obtained last year. I think Carol was going to do this.

We decided to have a Game/Gaming raffle basket to coincide with our November 2025 book sale. Members will contribute items. We will drop them off at the Library before June 27.

We discussed places we can sit with the basket and sell tickets. If we want to sit at local supermarkets we need to arrange it ahead of time. Barbara to find out/call.

We can bring the raffle basket to Board Game Night at the senior center. Michael Brunelle, the Recreation Director, said we are welcome to attend and set up a table. Next is June 11 at 6:30 PM. The raffle basket won't be ready then.

[Jun 1, 2025 publication from Casaubon Senior Center | My Community Online](#)

Autumnfest

[SBP AutumnFest 2025 | Facebook](#)

We'll have a table where children can decorate paper leaves and bring them into the library for a used children's book. We need to establish a process with the children's room.

The \$30 fee for Autumnfest participation was moved, seconded and approved.

Southbridge Business Partnership

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Want us to host a meeting at the library

Whoever hosts the meeting gets to present. Bernadette will give the Chess Park presentation.

We can offer them a Monday evening. We will have to provide food and drinks (not alcohol).

We will need paper goods. (Louise to purchase)

We need to know the number of people.

Margaret update:

Margaret mentioned this update from the MBLC:

[Federal Funding – Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners](#)

There are huge budget cuts coming especially in the area of databases but there could be more.

A Friends group for Harrington Hospital is being set up. At the upcoming ***Friends of Harrington*** meeting, we will share the latest developments regarding our transition to UMass Memorial Health, highlight the exceptional work of our dedicated caregivers, and discuss several exciting initiatives on the horizon for our Harrington communities. **Event Details:**

Date: Monday, June 9 **Time:** 4:00 – 6:00 PM **Location:** The Wellsworth Hotel, Southbridge

Summer Reading Program - June 30 - August 8. For teens.

Jessi, the Teen Librarian, wants to award gift cards to local businesses for a total of \$120.

The \$120 fee for the Summer Reading Program awards was moved, seconded and approved.

(We already approved this in May but we are redefining how we are spending it).

The Bright Star Theater will be at the Library on July 11 for two shows. (Their web site is a hoot.

Look at it: [Bright Star Touring Company - Bright Star Theatre](#))