

Friends of the Millis Public Library

Monthly Meeting

October 22, 2025

6:01 pm

Attendees: Sandra Elaine Scott – President, Art Payne – Vice President, Meghan Gavaghan- Treasurer, Julie Ackley – Recording Secretary, Kim Tolson – Library Director, Jen Payne, Jeanine Murphy – new member, Miles Blumenau

Acceptance of September 2025 Meetings: Meghan made the motion to accept, Art seconded, motion passed

Treasurer's Report:

- We had a great Fall Book Sale! The total sales was \$3,437.10!
Thank you to everyone who volunteered
- Good membership renewals & new members: \$554.59
- Since the beginning of October we have received \$151.27 from the St Paul's Textile Shed
- The current balance is looking much healthier.

Director's Report:

- The three programs from the end of September until October 17th, had some good number of attendees
- There are seven events planned for October 24th through November 4
- Kim brought up the fact that Baker & Taylor, who is the distributor the library uses for book purchasing is preparing to suspend operations due to bankruptcy. This will have major impacts for the broader library world, as over 6,000 libraries across the country use them. We are able to react a bit more quickly as we already have an account set up with Ingram as well as Amazon. There will

be several impacts to the library's internal workflow, as the pre-processing that Baker & Taylor did, will not be done until it is set up with Ingram. This will slow down processing of the books. There will also be delays in shipping due to the increased demands from all the other libraries.

- Kim reached out to the new Franklin Children's Museum to see if they offer museum passes for libraries.

Trustees Report:

- There was no Trustee attending the meeting.

New Business:

- Fall Book Sale Re-Cap
 - Great volunteers!
 - Remaining books to go to Savers. Diane & Peter Jurmain have volunteered to use their trailer to take books to Savers. We do need to get on the schedule. Sandra to connect with Rachel from Savers to get on the schedule with a specific time and place
- A Novel Occasion Update – January 31, 2026
 - 6 confirmed authors
 - Discussed what it is, how it works, the amount of money it brings in
 - Tickets on sale November 15. The basic tickets will be \$60 from November 15 – December 31st. January 1st the tickets go up to \$75
 - We ask that all the Friends promote the event and buy a ticket
- St Pauly's Shed Schedule:
 - Meghan to email to Kim for the library staff
 - Meghan will ask St Pauly's to drop off more bags
- Proposed Holiday Gathering:

- No Friends meeting November or December
- Pot Luck of savory and sweets
 - December 3rd or 10th from 6 – 8 pm
 - Meghan to send out a Google Sheet invite for people to sign up on
 - Yankee Book Swap – new or ‘gently’ used and wrapped
- Massachusetts Friends of Libraries
 - They had been on hiatus for a while but they are re-starting up!
 - Millis will probably need to renew our membership
 - Their first conference to be Saturday November 8th at 8 a.m. at the Worcester Public Library
 - The theme is Friends Sharing With Friends
- The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.