

**Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library
January 8 Board Meeting @ 7 pm
Zoom**



Agenda

Attendance

Acceptance of:

- Minutes –
- Treasurers Report –

Director's Report – Diane Giarrusso

Trustee Report if Available

Old Business

Friends Awareness Program

We are still working on creating awareness on what the Friends do for the library. Working with Robert to find out what in-person events are scheduled for large turnouts. Our goal will be to have a monthly presence at these events. A table with two volunteers who can mention to the attendees our mission, pass out some information and hopefully receive some donations.

Countdown to Christmas

Another successful year. Thank you Janis and your helpers. Financial Update from Janis

Friends' Meeting Information

Minutes, current meeting agenda and Director's Report can be found on the Friends' website under the tab "About Us". This is the link [About Us](#).

We all get too many emails so **starting January 2025, meeting agendas will no longer be emailed, but you will be able to see the current agenda and meeting minutes on the Friends' website.** Zoom invites will included on this page as well. Interested folks may also email the Friends for the Zoom invite. Meeting reminders will be posted in the library and Friends emails.

Note: Attendance at meetings has been sparse. Therefore in-person meetings other than our Annual Meeting will be reconsidered for 2025.

Giving Tuesday: Dec 3

The Friends had a notice in the library's weekly email on 12/1 asking folks to participate in Giving Tuesday by donating to the Friends as well as a post on the Friends Facebook page. I did see some donations come in shortly after the posting so hopefully it was effective.

"Last call" for Donations for the Tax Year

The Friends had a notice in the library's weekly email on 12/15 to remind folks about "end of year" donations as well as a posting on the Friends' Facebook page. There was a definite increase in end of year donations so I feel this was a success.

January

January is membership month. Please consider renewing your membership for 2025. Lifetime member? Please consider donating to help us continue funding all the great library programs. We will be looking to have a presence at the library during January to promote membership.

Book Donation Drive

Saturday, January 18 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

2025 Fundraisers

Please start thinking of 2025 fundraisers we can discuss at our January meeting. I didn't receive any ideas for fundraisers. ☹️ Hopefully there will be some discussion tonight. I did include a proposed activity/fundraiser calendar at the end of the Agenda.

Repeat of Past Successful Fundraisers:

Dine Outs (4 & 1/2), Bake Sales (2 - Spring & Fall), "Love Your Library", "Wine Tasting", Summer Concert Raffles, Countdown to Christmas.

New?

"Dine Out for a Week" Raffle? Need to get 7 restaurants to donate a gift card worth at least \$25 and sell raffle tickets to win the 7 gift cards. Start selling tickets in May and announce winner end of June. Other ideas?

New Business:

I hope you all have an opportunity to see the great holiday display created by Janis Giles & Rose O'Neil. Thank you both.



Blind Date with a Book Will Continue in February

Program summary: We sell donated wrapped books that are in very good shape for \$5. This fundraiser went well and we will try it again in February. This will depend on the books we receive during our January Book Donation drive. Remember, if you have any fiction or non-fiction books that are in really good condition and need a new home, please email the Friends and we will work with you to get the books.

Love Your Library Month – February

This is a nice fundraiser for us and a nice visual “gratitude” display. We will be looking to continue this again.

Friends Stand Up Banners

We are looking into having two stand up Friends banners created. One focused toward membership and another highlighting donations to show “Love for Your Library”. We hope to have one done for February.

Proposed 2025 Activity Calendar

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
1/8 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom Start of Membership Drive 1/18 Book Donation Drive 9:30-12:30 pm	All Month: Membership Drive National Love Your Library Month: Love Your Library Fund Drive 2/5 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom <i>TBD Blind Date w/Book Sales</i>	3/5 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom Date: TBD Dine Out at Vic's Waffle House @ 4pm – 7p with 50/50 raffle 3/15 Book Donation Drive 9:30-12:30 pm

<p><u>APRIL</u></p> <p>4/2 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p> <p>4/19 Annual Board Meeting @ 10 am</p> <p>4/22 Wine Tasting Oakdale One Stop Liquors @ 6 pm</p>	<p><u>MAY</u></p> <p>5/7 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p> <p>5/10 Book Donation Drive 9:30-12 pm</p> <p>5/20 Mac's Ice Cream Fundraiser 11:30 am – 9:00 pm</p> <p><i>Friends Bake Sale Date To Concide with Garden Club Event: 9:30 – 12:30 pm</i></p> <p><i>Start Raffle Sales for “Dine Out for Week” Raffle – same date as Bake Sale</i></p>	<p><u>JUNE</u></p> <p><i>Dine Out for a Week Raffle* – announce winner 7/1</i></p> <p>6/4 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p> <p>Dine Out**</p>
<p><u>JULY</u></p> <p>Monthly Meeting Suspended</p> <p>Summer Concerts starting @ 6:30 pm</p>	<p><u>AUGUST</u></p> <p>Monthly Meeting Suspended</p> <p>Summer Concerts starting @ 6:00 pm</p>	<p><u>SEPTEMBER</u></p> <p>9/3 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p> <p>9/13: Book Donation Drive</p> <p>9/13 Bake Sale</p> <p><i>Dine Out**</i></p>
<p><u>OCTOBER</u></p> <p>10/1 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p>	<p><u>NOVEMBER</u></p> <p>11/5 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p> <p>11/8 Book Donation Drive</p> <p>11/8 Start Countdown to Christmas Raffle</p> <p><i>Dine Out**</i></p>	<p><u>DECEMBER</u></p> <p>12/3 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm Zoom</p> <p>12/1-12/23: Countdown to Christmas Raffle</p> <p>12/2 Giving Tuesday</p>
<p><u>Quarterly Dine Out Suggestions:</u></p>	<p>Three Amigos</p> <p>Kyotos</p> <p>Wicked Cheesy or Pizza Bar</p>	<p>Pera Mediterranean Grill</p> <p>Angelina's Italian Restaurant</p>