

Aberdeen Friends of the Library Meeting 3-11-2025

Janet Bristow, Kathy Lewis, Susan Brand (Treasurer), Barbara Moxley, Eva Fuentes (President), Jennifer Jones (Branch Manager), Amber Shrodes (Director of Philanthropy and Community Engagement)

Booksale

- 2nd highest since 2021 \$770.51 even though we felt we had fewer books
- Puzzles went well
- Collection day - would extending be useful?, add evening hours?; Kathy motioned that we do 10-8 on Thursday for the June sale
- Next sale Jun 6 12-4:30, Jun 7 10-4:30, Jun 5 10-8 collection

Treasurers' reports

- Bank Balance \$5,478.83
- We had a discussion that this is lower than we have had for a while. If support requests stay about the same level, we may not want to support the system summer reading via the Foundation next year
- Jennifer checked on credit card money that has been rung through the register. There is \$612.95 to be transferred

Earth Day 4/19 11-3pm

- Will send out sign up genius for volunteering, 2 slots but really only need 1
- Story time will start out the day at 10:15 in the pavilion
- If there is inclement weather, we will not do the rain date of Sunday

Amber - Philanthropy and Community Engagement update

- Summer Reading June 16th 10am-1pm Sponsor event at Abingdon – email invitation should have gone out to us
- Taste of Harford 5/18 1-4pm Vignon Manor Farm (\$45 tickers go on sale 3/17); there will be a table for Friends to advertise membership and volunteering – an email will be coming out asking for volunteers
- They are looking at creating special promotional discounts for some foundation events, stay tuned for more
- Friends website is updated and it includes membership interest form <https://hcplonline.org/friends.php>
- There will be a promotion during National Library Week Apr 6-12 about Friends groups
- Paypal – some groups have asked about this; it is allowed but discouraged because of fees and managing it; using credit cards at the circulation desks is better option

- Facebook pages – groups can have their own but you need to make sure access is shared and content added
- Oct 3-4 Costume Workshop (building/designing costumes for those in wheelchairs) is coming back and there will be volunteer opportunities to participate
- Nov 1 Gala 80's in the stacks to celebrate the library's birthday

Jennifer mentioned that Aberdeen's current building is celebrating it's 50th anniversary this year in November.

Budget request June 2025-May 2026

Based on current spending Jennifer requested \$4,000 which was approved

Submitted by Jennifer Jones