Friends of NDL Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, September 10, 2026

1. **Call to Order** by President Martha Nork at 5:01 pm.

2. **Attendance**
   Present: Racha Alchommali, Linda Bastien, Charlene Cach, Kathy Fox, Cindy Frango, Claire Kreher, Chris Litka, Laura Mancini (NDL Dir.) Regina Mingela, Martha Nork, Linda Schwelnus
   Absent: Denise Stacer
   Guest: Andrea Murdock

3. **Approval of Agenda** - Motion to approve the agenda was made by Chris L. and seconded by Racha. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Review and approval of Meeting Minutes** from May 14, 2026
   Motion to approve the minutes was made by Claire and seconded by Charlene. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Secretary's Report** - Kathy Fox
   No report.

6. **President's Report** - Martha Nork
   - Our Bookmark Contest is underway. The contest is open to Northville kids ages 5-12 and runs until September 28 th at 5 PM. The printed bookmarks will be revealed at the 30th anniversary party
   - The skeleton tote bags (500) are in progress and will be ready at the end of September. These will be handed out at the Info desk during October. We are using Brand-IT as the printer again.
   - Craft Kit assembly volunteers started back up in August with 13 people attending. The library ran a nice photo of the craft kits on social media.
   - The board voted via email to sponsor the Manhattan Short Film Festival at NDL – There are 2 showtimes : Saturday, September 26 at 2 PM, and Thursday, October 1 at 6 PM
   - The Friends will be at the Northville Farmers Mkt. on Thursday, October 1st . We will be giving away free books and need volunteers to sit at the table. The market is open from 8-2 PM
   - The date for the City Lights choral concert has been confirmed and will be Friday, December 11 at 7 PM.
   - Martha attended a Northville Chamber of Commerce Networking event 9/9 on behalf of the Friends.
   - Martha and Kathy will attend the FOML conference in Novi on September 25th and will report back.
   - The Friends once again received a donation of $2000.

7. **Library Director's Report** - Laura Mancini

The Ville published an article about the Northville District Library's space planning efforts in the August 2026 issue.

The Summer Reading program for 2026 is now completed. This year's program had 1,188 registrants which is down a bit from the previous year. Conversely though,1,004 people actually completed the program giving the NDL an 83% completion rate, which is the highest completion rate the NDL has had in this decade. A special thanks goes to the Friends for their continued generous sponsorship of this event.

Starting on September 8th, the NDL will be having the lower level of the building painted. The project is expected to last about 2 weeks. During this time, areas of the lower level will be closed to allow the painting to take place. This will briefly impact the Book Cellar and the used book sorting operations. Thank you in advance for your patience.

The NDL was without power from September 3-6 resulting in a three-day library closure.

The NDL's annual volunteer appreciation event will be on Monday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m. All Friends members are encouraged to attend so that the NDL can thank them for their service.

8. **Treasurer's Report** - Linda Schwelnus

Three months of financial results were reviewed. For June 2026, Income included Dividends on two CDs, bank interest, donations, Gift Books, Memberships, and Used Book sales for a total of $2,555.56. Expenses included Northville Chamber membership fees, Honor Gifts, misc expenses, two Scholarships, and staff Appreciation. Payments to the Library were for Battle of the Books, Free Comic Book Day, Programs, Gift Books, and Teen Comfort supplies. All expenses totaled $5,685.12. Net loss for the month of June was $3,129.56.

For July and August 2026, Income included bank interest, donations, Gift books, Memberships, and Used Book sales for a total of $4,962.70. Expenses included Honor Gifts and Used Book expenses for a total of $164.39. Net income for the YTD is $7,848.68.

Bank balances, including two CD's, totaled $69,595.51 at the end of August.

A motion was made by Kathy to approve the report, seconded by Racha and unanimously approved.

9. **Committee Reports**:

   A. Used Book Operations - Linda Bastien
   Linda B. reported that she received a check for $5,663.26 from Goodwill and one from Better World for $210.31.
   Andrea reported on the used book sale scheduled for Friday, October 30 and Saturday, Oct. 31. There is a need for volunteers for set up and take down. Also, Friends members can get free books on Sunday..

   B. Gift Books - Claire Kreher
   We received 4 Gifts since June 11th. 2 Memorial and 2 Honorary for $200.
   We added 11 new books.

   C. Volunteer Appreciation - Claire Kreher
   July: Mike DeFrancesco
   August: Joyce Fennell
   We skipped September.

   D. Membership - Cindy Frango
   Our Membership cycle (Jan.1 - Dec. 31) has a 2 month grace period.
   Our current membership is:
   Patrons- **19** Businesses **- 10** Family **- 33** Individual **- 74** Teen **- 3**
   Lifetime **- 15** A total of **154 members**
   (Gentherm is also a Lifetime Member)

   E. Public Relations - Chris Litka
   Chris will send out emails announcing the Bookmark Contest, our sponsorship of City Lights, and the candidates for Board Members for NDL.

11. **Open Discussion** No new items for discussion.

12. **Motion to Adjourn** Motion made at 5:41 pm. Motion passed.