

**Friends of the Braden River Library**  
Wednesday, Aug 7, 2024, 6:00 p.m.  
Meeting Held in Person at Braden River Library

Agenda

1. Call to Order, attendance
2. Welcome - Mary – Board Members:  
**Friends of Braden River Library Board of Directors 2024**  
Name & Position:  
Mary Frueh, President; Judy Mullen, Vice President  
Gene Rado, Treasurer; Sharry Lueck, Secretary; Bernice Jones, Programs  
Sue Capparella, Book Sales; Nadia Gandhi, Teen Advisory Board Representative  
Eirinn Camphire, Director; Bill Hager, Director; Mel Mandelkorn, Director  
Linda Rado, Director; Louise Hauser, Director  
Cathy Laird, Library Liaison; Susan Hustwit, Library Liaison
3. Sharry - Minutes of Board Meeting Wednesday, May 15, 2024
4. Gene-Treasurer: Report on current assets, previously provided.
5. Sue – Book Sale dates August 27 – 31  
**Tuesday, August 27 3-7 p.m. *for members only***  
Wed., August 28      10 a.m. – 7 p.m.,  
Thurs., Aug. 29      10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
and Sat., Aug 31      9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; **Note: library closed Friday Aug 30 for staff training.**  
**Price list for hardcover, paperback and cd's?**
6. Librarian's Reports – Cathy Laird  
Requests for Teen Space – rug 9' x 12' 2 Hyacinth Rug \$259  
Request for MakerSpace 3D printer \$599  
Programming Request: September – December yoga series with Manching. Proposed fee increase of \$70.00 beginning **September 2024.**
7. \$25 gift card request – from place of choice - for upcoming Staff Development Day in October.
8. Programming Report: Bernice, if available; Fun note: Carl Backman, pres., Friends of Rocky Bluff will be performing in a Ukulele program Saturday, Dec 21, 2024.
9. Judy Mullen – Marketing plan: send approved notices to:  
East County Observer; Bradenton Herald; Spectrum Bay News 9 Community Calendar

10. Friends' Presidents meeting & luncheon with Manatee County Foundation
- a. Request for funds for Friends' pins – oval 1" @ \$1.38 each, has Manatee Library logo and states "Friend" underneath. butterfly closure and comes in individual poly bags. Mary advised Sue Ann Miller to purchase 150 pins on July 29, 2024 due to Aug 2 deadline for order total and the LWR Friends treasurer will be sending us an invoice.
  - b. SAVE THE DATE: Manatee Library Foundation Fundraiser April 4, 2025
- a. Friends groups may be asked to host a table at fundraiser April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Grove in LWR, special guest speaker – huge supporter of libraries from the National arena, more information to follow.

*We believe the Manatee County Public Libraries are vital to the success of our community. Our support strengthens the Libraries' ability to foster excellence today and tomorrow.*

[manateelibraryfoundation.org](http://manateelibraryfoundation.org)  
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10. National Friends of Libraries Week is October 20-26.
- a. Table in lobby; lobby display
  - b. Plans are in the works for a staff celebration in the Fall. Request for Friends to support purchase of refreshments of cake and food as a thank you to staff. Anyone care to volunteer to coordinate with myself and Cathy Laird?

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Manatee County Chamber of Commerce – This was brought up in the President's Friends meeting and is a possible option. Sharry will check on the cost. Update via Mary and Judy: Determined that other Friends groups are not doing so and it is not necessary at this time.
2. The purchase of fiction books for "in Memoriam" has been completed by Mary Frueh. Acquisitions will be adding name plates in the books and will complete cataloging & processing of materials. This purchase was made possible by donations in memory of library patron Phyllis Spurgeon who passed.
3. Spinner for garden, purchase request. 5' tall. Mary checked options on Amazon.
4. Proposed murder mystery: move forward or table it.

Next Meeting: Friends of the Braden River Library Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 6:00PM