

**Friends of the Braden River Library**  
Wednesday, November 20, 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. Mary – Sorry to say I am giving notice of my upcoming move out of state. We will need to seek a new President for the Friends of the Braden River Library. I propose sending out an email letter to our membership unless someone on the board would like to take the position.

National Friends of Libraries Week October 20-26 hopefully brought in a few new members as we staffed a lobby table, Tues, Thurs, Fri, and Sat. The weekdays generated a lot of interest in the Friends of the library due to the early voting crowd. Patrons also asked about obtaining a library card and library events.

News from the President's Friends Meeting 11/20/2024 and congratulations to LWR friends for the \$1000 award they received from Baker and Taylor for their empty shelves campaign.

<https://united.ala.org/meet-the-2024-winners-of-the-baker-taylor-awards/>

SAVE THE DATE: Manatee Library Foundation Fundraiser April 4, 2025

4. Sharry - Minutes of Board Meeting Wednesday, Aug 7, 2024; Empty Shelves report
5. Gene-Treasurer: Report on current assets, previously provided.
6. Sue – **Book Sale** dates 1/25 – 2/1  
Sat 1/25 Set up  
Mon/Tue 1/27 - 1/28 Unpack books  
Wed 1/29 **Members only sale 3 – 7 p.m.**  
Thurs 1/30 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Open to the public  
Fri 1/31 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Open to the public  
Sat 2/1 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open to the public
7. Librarian's Reports – Cathy Laird

8. Programming Report: Bernice, if available; First of the seasonal Friends sponsored program to take place is the Ukulele program Saturday, Dec 21, 2024.
9. Judy Mullen – Still in need of volunteer for marketing plan to send approved notices to: East County Observer; Bradenton Herald; Spectrum Bay News 9 Community Calendar

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Request for Makerspace 3D printer fulfilled at a cost of \$613.53 purchased on 11/13/2024
2. Thank you to all who helped with the staff celebration and the baby shower gift.
3. At the last Board of County Commissioners Meeting October 22-- Proclamation Designating October 20-26, 2024, as "National Friends of Libraries Week" in Manatee County. The proclamation was received by Sue Ann Miller, President of the Lakewood Ranch Friends of the Library, on behalf of many Friends groups throughout the county.

**Next Meeting:**

Friends of the Braden River Library Membership Meeting (prior to program) on Saturday, January 18 at 10:45 a.m.

2025 Meetings: Jan 18 10:45 a.m.

Feb 19 6 p.m.

May 21 6 p.m.

Aug 20 6 p.m.

Nov 19 6 p.m.