

**FRIENDS OF THE BRADEN RIVER LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING**

November 20, 2024

4915 53rd Ave. East, Bradenton, FL 34203

1. Call to order, attendance

President Mary Frueh called the meeting to order at 6:07

Those attending were: Mary Frueh, Judy Mullen, Gene Rado, Linda Rado, Sue Capparella, Bill Hager, Sharry Lueck, Louise Hauser, Nadia Gandhi, Eirinn Camphire and Cathy Laird.

Unable to attend were Bernice Jones and Mel Mandelkorn.

2. Welcome: Mary welcomed the board members and thanked them for coming

Friends of the Braden River Library Board of Directors 2024

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 Frueh announced her resignation at the end of the year as she will be moving to Richmond, VA. Since no board members volunteered to be president, Mary will compose an email for Gene to send out to the Friends members to see if someone would be interested in the position.

National Friends of the Library Week was October 20-26. Board members staffed a table in the lobby Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The weekdays generated a lot of interest in the Friends of the Library due to the early voting crowd. People also asked about obtaining a library card and library events.

The President's Friends Meeting was held 11-20-24 and congratulations were extended to the Lakewood Ranch Friends for the \$1,000 award they received from Baker & 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 on April 4, 2025.

4. Minutes – The minutes from the August meeting were posted online. Gene moved that the minutes be accepted and Louise seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
Sharry reported that after 3 boxes of books had been shipped to Empty Shelves we have made around \$10. Everyone agreed that it wasn't worth all the effort. Sharry moved to discontinue Empty Shelves. Gene seconded the motion. Louise was thanked again for buying the scanner which will be kept in the donation area.
5. Treasurer's Report: Equity as of October 31, 2024 is \$48,400. (See attached)
Sharry moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted and Sue seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
6. Book Sale - Discussion was held on raising the price of some of the books. Sharry moved to raise the price of the small paperbacks from 25¢ to 50¢ and hardcover books from \$2 to \$3. Linda seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. However, someone will be checking on what other Friends are charging for hardcover & it may stay at \$2.

Book Sale Dates – January 25 - February 1

Saturday 1/25 - set up
Mon/Tue 1/25-26 unpack books
Wed 1/29 **Members only sale 3-7pm**
Thurs 1/30 Open to public 10 am – 7 pm
Fri 1/31 Open to public 10 am – 5 pm
Sat 2/1 Open to the public 9 am – 3 pm - \$5 bag sale

7. Librarian's Report – Cathy Laird

*Susan had twin boys on October 30th – Benjamin and Jack. They are still in the hospital, doing well and may be going home soon.

*Braden River had no damage from Hurricane Milton but Central Library had water coming in through the bricks and ceilings and will be closed at least to January. They will have curbside pickup of holds.

*The 3-D printer arrived and is set up. We will offer the old ones for parts to the other libraries.

8. Programing Report: (See attached for more information)

Dec. 21, 11AM. Holiday Music for the Family by Aloha Ukelele Group

Jan. 18, 11AM. "Send Me No Flowers" (Broadway Play) by Arts Alliance Play Readers.

Feb. 15, 11AM. IMPROV by Will Luera, Director of IMPROV at Florida Studio Theater.

Mar. 15, 1-3PM. Antiques Appraisal Show by Board Certified Appraiser Andrew Ford

Mar. 27th, 6-7PM. Jazz Happy Hour with the Kevin Celebi Quartet.

Apr. 26: 11AM. Seeing Florida Heritage through Archaeology by Dr. Uzi Baram

9. Marketing Plan - Volunteer needed to send approved notices to: East County Observer, Bradenton Herald, Spectrum Bay News 9 Community Calendar. Louise volunteered to take this position.

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 gifts.
3. At the last Board of County Commissioners Meeting on October 22 there was a 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 the many Friends groups throughout the county.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56

Next meeting: Friends of the Braden River Library Membership Meeting (prior to the program) on Saturday, January 18 10:45 am

2025 Meetings: Jan 18 10:45 am

Feb 19 6:00 pm

May 21 6:00 pm

Aug 20 6:00 pm

Nov 19 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sharry Lueck, Secretary

October 2024 Financials

	Current Month	Year to Date
Revenues		
Membership	\$360	\$3,024
Book Sale	\$0	\$7,707
Book Nook Donations	\$14	\$652
Amazon Smile	\$0	\$215
Giving Challenge	\$0	\$4,976
Miscellaneous	\$290	\$2,345
Interest income from CD	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$664	\$18,920
Expenses		
Events		
Kids events	\$0	\$3,042
Teen events	\$0	\$0
Adult Events	\$350	\$3,703
Total Events	\$350	\$6,745
Other		
Book Page Subscription	\$0	\$(360)
USPO Mailbox	\$0	\$256
D&O Insurance	\$0	\$345
Miscellaneous	\$137	\$782
Total Other	\$137	\$1,023
Total Expenses	\$487	\$7,768
Carpet for the library	\$0	\$373
Income/Loss	\$177	\$10,778
 Equity as of Last Month	 \$48,222	
 Equity October 31, 2004	 \$48,400	

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SPONSORED PROGRAMS

2024-2025

Dec. 21, 11AM. Holiday Music for the Family by Aloha Ukelele Group (\$0)

A medley of all our favorite holiday music will be performed by singers and instrumentalists spreading "joyous noise" and holiday fun!

Jan. 18, 11AM. "Send Me No Flowers" (Broadway Play) by Arts Alliance Play Readers (\$200)

A comedy about a hypochondriac who wrongly believes he is dying and makes plans for his wife's future. Misunderstandings and hilarious confusion run rampant.

Feb. 15, 11AM. IMPROV by Will Luera, Director of IMPROV at Florida Studio Theater (\$100)

Discover the freedom of spontaneity and prepare to laugh! Improv for Everyone led by Will Luera will show how to think quickly on our feet, explore creativity, hone our comedic voice, and build self-confidence. The tenets of improvisation teach how to play together, make others look good, be confident, support each other, and, most of all, to have FUN!

Mar. 15, 1-3PM. Antiques Appraisal Show by Board Certified Appraiser Andrew Ford of Sarasota Trading and Antiques. (\$0)

Bring Your antiques and collectibles to find out what they're worth! Andrew Ford, who partners with Ringling College of Art and Design, John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, and Sarasota Art Museum will give you information about your precious items and appraise them for you!

Mar. 27th, 6-7PM. Jazz Happy Hour with the Kevin Çelebi Quartet. (\$350)

Join renowned jazz trumpeter Kevin Celebi and other jazz greats for an evening of "The Rich Layers of Jazz." Among the best swingin' jazz musicians in the area, they weave a tapestry of familiar jazz standards and original compositions.

Apr. 26: 11AM. Seeing Florida Heritage through Archaeology by Dr. Uzi Baram, Director of Public Archaeology at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens and Professor emeritus, New College of Florida. (\$0)*

The history of Florida is fascinating, and archaeological research provides a tactile, visual, and place-based approach to appreciating what has been achieved. The aspects of the past that are in the present, that are being seen, used and visited by people today, are heritage. This presentation explores the dynamics of heritage by highlighting archaeological insights into Indigenous landscapes, colonial sites, utopian settlements, minority communities, and modern cities

***Honorarium of \$300.00 paid for by the Florida Humanities Organization: Speakers Bureau).**