

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

**August 20, 2025**

**4715 53<sup>rd</sup> Ave. E, Bradenton, FL 34203**

1. Call to order: President, Judy Mullen, called the meeting to order at 6:05

2. Those attending: Judy Mullen, Gene Rado, Linda Rado, Sue Capparella, Sharry Lueck, Mel Mandelkorn, Eirinn Camphire, Louise Hauser, Guests Barb Bullock & Bev Folds and Librarians Susan Hustwit & Chris Culp. Unable to attend were Bernice Jones and Jerry Goldberg.

3. Open Board Positions:

\*New teen representative needed: Nadia has resigned her position. She graduated with honors and is off to college. Chris has a teen in mind to take the position and will ask her next week.

\*Add one additional person to the board. Judy nominated Bev Folds for the position. Bev is a former math teacher, longtime friend of Judy and interested in joining the board. Sharry seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

\*Cathy Laird has retired and Susan Hustwit is the new Branch Manager.

4. Treasurer's report: Gene emailed the report to the board. Sharry had a question on the \$375 for Adult Events – Gene will check and report back (*Manching Tom, Yoga*). Sue moved that the financial report be accepted, Eirinn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Current equity as of July 31, 2025 is \$51,439. See attachment for full report.

5. Secretary's report: Sharry emailed the report to the board. Eirinn had attended the May meeting but her name was omitted. Sharry will amend the report. Gene moved that the amended report be accepted, Mel seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. New Booksale Shed: A new shed for storing books for the booksale was approved and provided by the Manatee County Library System. Many thanks to Molly White (Director of Sports & Leisure Services), Cathy Laird and Judy Mullen. Thanks also to Gene Rado for providing a financial report on how much income we receive from our book sales and what we have provided the library from that income.

7. Friend's Facebook page will be back online: Eirinn has found someone to assist us and manage the site. Barb Bullock's job is in marketing and she is an avid library supporter. She reached out to Eirinn as she is interested in helping the Friends with marketing. The board welcomed her help and she will be made the new administrator of our Facebook page.

8. August book sale dates & times are:

Wednesday	August 27	3-7	Friends Members only
Thursday	August 28	10-7	
Friday	August 29	10-6	
Saturday	August 30	9-3	\$5/bag

See Sue if you want to help with the booksale.

Sharry knows a nonprofit group, Parenting Matters, that will take children's books for ages birth to 12 years old and has contacted them to see if they would like to pick up the remaining children's books on Saturday after the sale is concluded.

9. New Business:

\* Adult Programs: Aloha Ukulele Group Saturday December 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00  
They are a nonprofit group and Gene moved that we send them a \$50 honorarium.  
Sharry seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

\* Susan has scheduled Nick Hauser for 2 adult programs – Claude Monet on October 15<sup>th</sup> & Homer Winslow on November 20<sup>th</sup> with a \$54 cost for each and is asking the Friends to fund the programs.

Gene moved to approve the total cost of \$108 for the programs, Eirin seconded the motion, Louise abstained and the motion passed unanimously.

\* Kid's Programs: Chris is asking for funding for the following programs. The Mad Science program is for school age children and the Shadow Puppet by Bits & Pieces is for teens. Sharry moved that we fund the two programs for a total cost of \$725, Linda seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> – Mad Science - \$425.00

Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> – Shadow Puppet by Bits & Pieces – \$300.00

Gene moved that the meeting be adjourned, Sharry seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: November 19 at 6:00

Respectfully submitted,

Sharry Lueck,  
Secretary

## JULY, 2025 Financials

	Current Month	Year to Date
<b>Revenues</b>		
Membership	\$115	\$4,183
Book Sale	\$0	\$4,376
Book Nook Donations	\$283	\$1,157
Amazon Smile	\$0	\$0
Giving Challenge	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$345	\$1,039
Interest income from CD	\$0	\$380
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$743</b>	<b>\$11,135</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
<b>Events</b>		
Kids events	\$1,357	\$2,877
Teen events	\$0	\$0
Adult Events	\$375	\$3,042
<b>Total Events</b>	<b>\$1,732</b>	<b>\$5,919</b>
<b>Other</b>		
Book Page Subscription	\$0	\$0
USPO Mailbox	\$0	\$268
D&O Insurance	\$0	\$345
Miscellaneous	\$375	\$923
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>\$375</b>	<b>\$1,536</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,107</b>	<b>\$7,456</b>
<b>Capitol Donations to the Library</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Income/Loss</b>	<b>(\$1,364)</b>	<b>\$3,679</b>
<b>Equity as of Last Month</b>	<b>\$52,803</b>	
<b>Equity July 31, 2025</b>	<b>\$51,439</b>	