

**FRIENDS OF THE BRADEN RIVER LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
December 4, 2025
4715 53rd Ave. E, Bradenton, FL 34203**

1. Call to order: President, Judy Mullen, called the meeting to order at 6:06

Those attending: Judy Mullen, Gene Rado, Linda Rado, Sue Capparella, Sharry Lueck, Mel Mandelkorn, Louise Hauser and Bev Folds. Guest Librarians; Braden River Branch Manager & Assistant Branch Manager, Susan Hustwit & Sylva Osbourne, Manatee County Library Service Manager & Assistant Manager, Tammy Sue Parrott & Lyn Begraft. Unable to attend were Eirinn Camphire and Jerry Goldberg.

2. Judy welcomed everybody and introductions were made as we had a new Assistant Branch Manager and Manatee County Librarians attending.

3. Financial Report- Gene: Equity as of November 30 was \$55,966. (see full financial report below)
We went through the program lineup to approve the fees listed:

Gene moved that we donate \$50 to the Aloha Ukelele Group, Louise seconded the motion

Gene moved that we approve the \$200 fee for the Arts Alliance Playreaders and Sharry seconded it

Linda moved that we approve the \$350 fee for the Kevin Celebi Quartet and Judy seconded it

Sharry moved that we donate \$50 to the Manatee Village Historic Park and Sue seconded it

All motions were unanimously approved (See full program schedule below)

4. Sharry emailed the August 20th minutes to the board. Gene moved that the minutes be accepted, Sue seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. Brief information from the President on upcoming events:

- a. Aloha Ukulele group will perform a holiday program on Saturday, Dec 20th at 11:00
- b. Nomination & election of officers will be held at 10:45 prior to the program on Jan. 10, 2026
- c. Arts Alliance Playreaders will perform "The Odd Couple Ladies Version" on Jan 10th at 11:00

6. New Business:

- a. Susan Hustwit, our new branch manager, introduced her new assistant manager Sylva Osbourne and talked about some library refresh projects such as an enclosed kid's space and new furniture
- b. Discussion of the Memo of Understanding: regarding changes in the programming process which would include approving the slate of programs for the season instead of individual programs. Instead of Friends paying the performers, invoices for the programs would be sent to the county and the county would reimburse the performers. Tammy Sue Parrott & Lyn Begraft answered questions. Sharry moved that we approve the signing of the MOU but there was no second so the motion failed. Discussion continued after the county librarians left.
- c. The MOU needs to be signed by Judy, notarized and submitted by Feb. 2nd. Basically, if it is not signed the Friends would have to rent space in the library to have programs.

7. Gene moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:35, Louise seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: January 10th 10:45 before the program

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharry Lueck, Secretary

NOVEMBER, 2025 Financials

	Current Month	Year to Date
Revenues		
Membership	\$85	\$5,353
Book Sale	\$0	\$10,069
Book Nook Donations	\$160	\$1,625
Amazon Smile	\$0	\$0
Giving Challenge	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$32	\$1,204
Interest income from CD	\$0	\$552
Total Revenue	\$277	\$18,803
Expenses		
Events		
Kids events	\$528	\$4,010
events	\$0	Teen
Adult Events	(\$396)	\$3,743
Total Events	\$132	\$7,753
Other		
Book Page Subscription	\$0	\$0
USPO Mailbox	\$0	\$268
D&O Insurance	\$0	\$345
Miscellaneous	\$70	\$2,230
Total Other	\$70	\$2,844
Total Operating Expenses	\$202	\$10,597
Capitol Donations to the Library	\$0	\$0
Income/Loss	\$75	\$8,206
Equity as of Last Month	\$55,892	
Equity November 30, 2025	\$55,966	

Programs 2025-2026
Friends of the Braden River Branch Library

Dec. 20, 11AM. Holiday Music for the Family by Aloha Ukelele Group

A medley of all our favorite holiday music will be performed by singers and instrumentalists spreading “joyous noise” and holiday fun! **Fee: 0 (donation)**

Jan. 10, 11AM. Arts Alliance Playreaders, “ ‘The Odd Couple’ Ladies Version”

Florence Unger and Olive Madison are at it again in the female version of Neil Simon’s hilarious classic comedy. Instead of the poker party that begin the original play, Ms. Madison has invited the girls over for an evening of Trivial Pursuit. The Pidgeon sisters have been replaced by the two Constanzuela brothers but the hilarity remains. **Fee: \$200.00**

Feb. 21, 1-3PM. Antiques and Collectibles Appraisal Show by Board Certified Appraiser Andrew Ford of Sarasota Trading and Antiques

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! **Fee: 0 (no donation)**

Mar. 21, 12 Noon. Jazz at Noon by the Kevin Celebi Quartet

Join renowned jazz trumpeter Kevin Celebi and other jazz greats for a dynamic hour 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. **Fee: \$350.00**

Apr. 17, 11AM Unveiling the Untold: Women on the Florida Frontier by the Manatee Village Historical Park

This power point lecture by historian Morgan Lane will uncover the captivating yet often overlooked stories of the women who shaped the Florida frontier. **Fee: 0. (donation)**