

Friends of Cascade Park Library Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2025 - *FINAL*

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Donna Aase. Those present were: Donna Aase, Jan Allen, Ruth Chamberlin, Janelle Faber, Jean Kent, Linda McHan, Julie Nakao, Rachael Ries (library staff), and Stephanie Sanchez.

2. Minutes - Jean Kent

A. The minutes of the June 26th meeting were approved as written.

3. Treasurer's report - Stephanie Sanchez

A. June 2025 report was presented by co-treasurer Stephanie Sanchez.

B. There were several end-of-fiscal-year expenses. The next report will look a little different since some categories will have gone away and new budgeted amounts will be reflected.

C. First attempt at a 'budget' for Friends standard yearly expenses. Will add 'communications' category. Will \$300.00 be adequate? Julie and Stephanie will consult. Do we need to vote on this?

4. Book Store - Linda McHan

A. Linda reported 200.5 volunteer hours for June.

B. Book store has been very busy in 'both directions.'

C. Substitute needs seem to occur mostly during the morning shifts.

5. Branch Manager/Librarian's Report - Rachael Ries

A. Stats for June: 23,375 patrons through the front doors, 23 curbside deliveries, 553 boxes incoming delivery.

B. Library Happenings: Bark in the Park (included a 'stick library') they

recently tabled at a DOGPAW sponsored event. They had 100 visitors and their dogs visit the table and were able to sign up 10 people for library cards.

Bonnie went to Brookdale Senior Facility, was able to set up 5 new library cards for people. She also dropped off Read, Return, Repeat books for them.

Bird Watching for Beginners had 25 people; Community Conversations was successful. About 14 people showed up

C. Coming up we have additional Community Conversations: in Downtown Vancouver, Stevenson, Ridgefield and Virtual. Please share the survey link and

Share a July/August News & Events Booklets. All links, survey access, and event info are at:

<https://www.fvrl.org/strategic-priorities>

KPTV would like to film a segment at Cascade Park Wednesday July 23rd as part of their Hunger Free series with Share.

Summer Reading participation is up this year. Also, the passport program is going strong. Danza Azteca Thursday 24th at 10am; Harp Circle Friday 25th (10 - 1); Tabling with Foundation at EVBA event; Science Heroes Aug 2nd 11am.

D. *Bibliocommons* is coming! This is a new website and interface for our programs. Staff will start training this week. This software should be more user friendly. Will have an app (old app is not supported any longer).

E. Nearly 200 entries submitted for library card design. Finalists will be reviewed by a community panel later this month. Winners announced in August. New cards arrive in early September.

F. A postcard will be sent to all district households in the four served counties with mailboxes near ballot arrival. It includes both levy info and a reminder about the strategic plan + survey.

6. Communications Chair - Julie Nakao

A. Discussion about tabling for ballot measure. Are volunteers being used efficiently? Do they get a sense of satisfaction and helpfulness or of superfluousness and frustration? Would it be more effective to pay for a higher-visibility location rather than being stuck in a spot out of the way where the public doesn't notice.

B. Newsletter article deadline is the next meeting (August 21) as the next newsletter will be published after that.

C. Website host switched from Weebly to InMotion. Got another free year for the domain name.

7. Miscellaneous - Donna Aase

A. American Library Assoc. virtual event. Contact Donna if you want to attend the Friends date. Cost is per location (paid for by downtown library) not per participant.

B. Foundation quarterly Friends Leadership meeting coming up August 15th. (conflicts with the library's mini-horse program!)

8. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m. Next meeting: Thursday August 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.