

Friends of Cascade Park Library Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2026 - *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 (online), Amanda Cavanaugh, Ruth Chamberlin, Janelle Faber, Sandy Granich, Jean Kent, Joan Lamy, Linda McHan, Janice Mills, Judy Musa (Library Foundation), Julie Nakao, Rachael Ries (library staff), Stephanie Sanchez, Preston Seu, Erin Stuhlsatz, and Melissa Webb. Donna asked about cat/dog preference: cat 5; both 6; dog 1; neither 4. Reminder: two sheets to 'sign' - attendance and volunteer-hour.

2. Minutes - Jean Kent

A. The minutes of the January 15th meeting were approved with the following correction: \$10.00 minimum for donations and/or membership, \$5.00 minimum for book sales since the on-line payment system is now in effect.

3. Treasurer's report - Stephanie Sanchez

A. Stephanie presented the treasurer's report for both January, 2026.

It actually states an on-line payment - note that the foundation charges a 5% processing fee. The report also reflects the found-in-a-book money (\$2,100.00).

B. Typo on the heading of the report - budget year is 2025-2026.

C. Question about expenditure for 'ballet' - concluded it was Ballet Folklorico dance troop.

D. CD renewal term will be decided when CD rates are reviewed. CD matures next month.

4. Book Store - Linda McHan

A. Linda reported 215.5 volunteer hours for January.

B. Has two unfilled time spots - has contacted Sherry Braga. Hasn't heard back yet.

C. Counts puzzle pieces to guarantee that the puzzle is complete before selling. Asked if the library would like a larger shelving unit for jigsaw puzzles.

5. Friends of the Library Coordinator for Foundation - Judy Musa

A. Our Friends meeting is the same day as Ridgefield so will not be able to attend all meetings.

B. Authors and Illustrators Dinner event - Amy Tan is the author, Oct. 6 (a Tuesday) is the date.

Maybe think about auction item(s) - do not have to be baskets but we're still limited to no more than 5 items.

C. Wants to promote cooperation and support between Friends groups. Handed out fliers for Washougal's *A Night of Story, Song and Community*, and La Center's *Media Sale* (CD's, DVD's, VHS, Puzzles & Games).

D. Discussed reorganization of Foundation - some roles eliminated or reassigned, one open.

Washougal Friends dashboard is a pilot. Judy is part-time.

E. Quarterly meeting next week.

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

- A. 23,933 visitors, 20 curbside deliveries, 581 incoming delivery boxes.
- B. Non-Resident Borrower Fee: The fee has been set at \$200 annually per household, with the option to pay quarterly. This approximates what district taxpayers contribute through property taxes for library services.
- C. Two FVRL Board spots available:
Position #3 (appointed by the Skamania County Board of Commissioners, (Partial term through 12/31/26).
Position #5 (recommended by the City of Vancouver Council). Recruitment begins in March. The City of Vancouver is hosting a Boards and Commissions Open House at our Library on March 18, 4:30–6:30 p.m. This event will cover all upcoming board opportunities, including Position #5. See the CoV Board and Commissions Page for more details. Partial term through 12/31/30.
- D. Completed yearly inventory; Every single thing was counted!
- E. New tables and chairs will be delivered Feb 27th. Old furniture will be surplussed.
- F. Sign Order was completed; New signs are installed.
- G. Coming Up:
Feb. 20·3:00 – 4:30 pm Mobile Device Basics-Apple
Feb. 21·11:00am – 12:00 pm Writing Workshop with Susan Dingle (poet laureate)
Feb. 25·4:30 – 5:30 pm Be Red Cross Ready (adult class)
Feb. 25·6:00 – 7:30 pm Spanish Conversation Circle (ongoing)
March 3·5:30 – 7:30 pm Seed to Supper (Clark County Food Bank) register early
March 7·2:00 – 4:00 pm Sour dough Bread and Pickles
March 11·4:30 – 5:30 pm Kids Yoga
March 14·2:00 – 3:00 pm Yeates Academy Irish Dance performance
- H. Book lists in patron accounts: Now can import saved lists from the old catalog from the BiblioCommons catalog (account Dashboard or My Profile page). If the library no longer owns the title, it was not transferred as part of the list.
- I. Friends helped fund: Vietnamese Story Hour which had 23 attendees.
- J. Rachael's 'librarian' goal is to read a few of the 'newer' Newberry books - she brought her book but hadn't started it yet; is listening to a book.
- K. Rachael will table at the Firstenburg Community Center Anniversary (2/27) and welcomes Friends members to keep her company. Parking lot will be busy as event lasts all day.

7. Communications Chair - Julie Nakao

- A. Julie praised Rachael's presentation about CP Library at the FVRL board meeting.
- B. New signs are up in the book store. Thanks to Graphics Dept.
- C. Identifying articles for the next newsletter: Will include about the seed project. Volunteers needed to help count/sort seeds. Come in any time.
- D. Made a change to the website - *As advocates for library services and programs, we support the Library's role in our community to be welcoming and responsive with a commitment to equal and equitable access for all.*
- E. It's important to state the obvious.

F. Was contacted by a reporter for *The Columbian* about a vote of no-confidence for the FVRL board which other Friends groups have published.

8. Vice President - Melissa Webb

A. Is starting planning for the April 16 Volunteer party. Spent \$318 last year. Requested \$500.00. Approved unanimously.

B. June 18 - Goat Happy Hour and party (and meeting). Planning committee for both events will meet soon.

9. Miscellaneous - Donna Aase

A. Donna reminded us of the Foundation quarterly meeting, on Zoom, Thursday 2/26.

B. Our puzzle competition team of Janice, Stephanie, Donna and Cindy came in 3rd; Finished a 500-piece puzzle in 1:06.

C. Lengthy discussion regarding controversial FVRL board meeting regarding the strategic plan. Two issues: 1) the procedure, and 2) the language adopted. Concluded we need to formulate a statement, vote on it, and send it to the appropriate people including the county. Group established: Julie, Erin, Janelle and Jean.

10. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m. Next meeting: *Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.*