

Friends of Cascade Park Library Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2026

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Vice President Melissa Webb. Donna Aase and Rachael Ries were both away. Those present were Ruth Chamberlin, Sandy Granich, Melissa Webb, Linda McHan, Janice Mills, Julie Nakao, Stephanie Sanchez, Jaana Hatton, Ron Hatton

2. Minutes – Melissa Webb

A. The minutes of the June 18 meeting were approved as written.

3. Treasurer's report - Ruth Chamberlin

A. Ruth and Stephanie presented the treasurer's reports for June.

B. Goat Happy Hour approx. \$70 taken in.

C. Book Store Income includes Goat Happy Hour.

4. Book Store - Linda McHan

A. Linda reported 232 volunteer hours for April.

B. Inventory is up and down - lots of books in, lots of books out.

C. 114 adult coupons redeemed in the first four weeks for Summer Reading

D. Melissa will work with Linda to distribute books not needed in the bookstore.

Suggestions: assisted living facilities and little free libraries.

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

A. Quote: "The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page." — *St. Augustine*

B. Last Month (June)

24,908 visitors

7 curbside deliveries

743 delivery boxes incoming

232 hours friends volunteering in bookstore

C. Library Happenings:

-Summer Meals are going well. We have served 307 meals so far. Thank you to the Friends for the books!

-Beginning of June staff still doing quite a bit of outreach including to Dakota Dog Park. Staff enjoy this outreach and we see a number of card sign ups each time we visit.

-Teen late night had 34 teens. Thank you to Friends for providing pizza and ice cream.

-Over 100 patrons attended our Summer Reading Kickoff party and enjoyed bubbles, books, games, refreshments, and more

-Goat Happy Hour had 158 attendees! Thank you for planning and helping with a fun event

-Summer performers we've hosted so far: Angel Ocasio, Science Heroes, Paradise of Samoa

D. Coming up we have:

-Wed July 22nd Takohachi Duo 5:30pm
-Tues July 28th Jugglemania 2-3pm
-Adult Art programs: Friday July 24th Neurographic Art 3-4pm and Friday July 31st Adult Bad Art 3:30pm-5:30pm

E. Staff

Hanna attended ALA conference in Chicago.
Upcoming Ryan will be out on vacation July 21st-Aug 15th

F. Volunteer Needs

-August 14th Unicorn Storytime and Summer Reading Wrap Up Celebration-a couple Volunteers to help serve cookies

G. Friends have helped with support for:

-Teen Late Night
-Goat Happy Hour
-Summer Reading Kick Off party

8. Other Business

- A. The Authors and Illustrators Interest list was passed around.
- B. Bi-monthly newsletter now available in bookstore and on website to public viewers
- C. New newsletter sign-ups collected (different from membership)
- D. United for Libraries Virtual 2026 Friends Day (July 30): potential group viewing; Need to research details
- E. Friends attended fundraising dinner for Friends of Washougal; received thank-you note. Melissa will check for additional dates.
- F. Volunteer needed for August 14th Unicorn Storytime and Summer Reading Wrap-Up.
- G. Question: Do we need volunteers for family clothing swap?

10. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m. Next meeting: *Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.*