

**FRIENDS OF THE BEL AIR LIBRARY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MONDAY AUGUST 25, 2025 6:00PM**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Present: Annie Kovach, Amy Cedrone, Bill and Marie Kridenoff, Leslie and Cliff Riden, Alan Weikert, Luvenia Woodward, Dawn Grandizio, Joe and Mary Lynn Bezek and Amber Shrodes

Ms. Cedrone commenced the meeting at 6:02. The June minutes were approved by all. Mrs. Kridenoff presented the Treasurer's Report as follows:

a/o 05/31/2025: Checking Account balance:\$ 16,103.94    Savings Account balance: \$6,198.94  
a/o 07/24/2025: Checking Account balance:\$ 13,094.93    Savings Account balance: \$6,198.99  
The balance of the CD is \$13,352.89, maturing on 10/15/2025.  
Pop-up Charity Book Sale proceeds were \$524.50 for books, \$220.00 from T-Shirt sales and \$11.00 from Memberships. Outgoing funds were \$3,200.85 for Library program support and \$563.66 for the new T-shirt order.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved by all.

**BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Ms. Kovach stated the 2025 Summer Reading program reached completion. In total, 21,108 participants registered in Harford County, with 6,672 participants from Bel Air. She will have additional final numbers compiled for the next meeting.

The vacancy in the Assistant Manager position for the Children's Department has been filled.

Ms. Kovach requested for the 2025/2026 Budget up to \$900 per quarter to support the following Library Programs:

Up to \$150 - Teen Programs  
Up to \$150 - Growing up Wild program  
Up to \$150 - Acts of Kindness program  
Up to \$300 - Craft Supplies  
Up to \$150- Hot Wheels program

A motion was made to approve the request for funds and was approved by all.

**LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE:**

Amber Shrodes, Director of Philanthropy and Community Engagement for Harford County Public Library, attended the meeting and shared some details about the annual Gala which will be held on Nov 1, 2025 at the Abingdon Library. The theme will be the 80's. Tickets and details are available online on the Library's website.

The Foundation is also participating in an upcoming wheelchair decoration event at Coppermine and a Trunk or Treat, also at Coppermine on October 3rd and 4th.

Ms. Shrodes also shared that The Taste of Harford, held in May, was very successful and raised over \$30,000. Next year's Taste of Harford event will be held on May 17, 2026.

Additionally the Library received donations from Celebree to refresh the Little Leapers kits and from Rosedale Bank for the Innovation Lab.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Treasurer, Ms Kridenoff gave an update on the T-shirts. To date, 97 shirts have been ordered( including 37 shirts from new order made in June) with a total of 56 shirts sold, with 41 remaining shirts. Most shirts have been selling through the Charity Book sales. Any placement of an additional T-shirt order will be evaluated after the upcoming Fall Book sale in October.

Two additional Pop-up sales will be held before the October Fall sale. One sale will be of Coffee Table Books and the other will be a collection of books recently donated on the history of Jazz, Big Band, Swing and Ragtime music. These Pop-up sales will be held in the Library Lobby.

The Fall Charity Book Sale for Adults will start on Thursday, October 16 for members only and October 17,18 and 20 for all. Hardbacks will be \$2.00, Paperbacks, 50 cents and DVD'S,CD'S and Audibooks 2 for \$1.00. Fill a bag for \$5 will be Monday, October 20.

The set-up will start on Thursday, October 9 at Noon. Ms. Kovach will request additional tables from the other libraries, however they may not arrive until Monday October 13. Also, tape, labels and markers need to be ordered as well as boxes from Maryland Book Bank.

The Children's Charity Book sale will be held on Friday,October 31 and Saturday, November 1. All books,CD's and DVD's will be 50 cents, Puzzle and games will be \$1.00.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

There were no out of cycle requests.

There will be a Friends Pot Luck on November 3 at 5pm at the Library. Please let Leslie Riden know what what you would like to bring.

There being no further business, Ms. Cedrone adjourned the meeting at 7:18 pm.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Library will be on Monday, September 22, 2025 at 6:00pm at The Bel Air Branch of HCPL. All friends are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn Grandizio, Secretary