

**FRIENDS OF THE BEL AIR LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2 2026 6:00PM
(JANUARY 2026 MAKE-UP MEETING)**

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Amy Cedrone, Annie Kovach, Bill and Marie Kridenoff, Luvenia Woodward, Leslie and Cliff Riden, and Dawn Grandizio

Ms. Cedrone commenced the meeting at 6:00PM. The November minutes were reviewed and approved by all.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Kridenoff presented the Treasurer's Report as follows:

11/15/2025: Checking Account balance: \$11,040.26. Savings Account Balance: \$6,199.20
01/09/2026: Checking Account balance: \$ 5,614.07 Savings Account Balance: \$6,199.30
The PNC CD balance is \$13,566.65 with a maturity date of 2/15/2026.
The APGFCU CD balance is \$ 5,030.98 with a maturity date of 4/6/2026. This CD was opened in November 2025.

The Checking account deposit activity included donations of \$478.91 from the Lobby Book sales and Sweatshirt sales. Outgoing activity was \$5,000 for Sponsorship for the 2026 Summer Reading Program which was approved during November's Board meeting. Additionally, there was \$53.80 for Sweatshirt purchases and \$1,151.30 for various programs for HCPL. There was also a \$300 donation received with a letter from a frequent visitor of the Bel Air Library, who often brought her grandchild and participated in many of the Branch's activities for children. She was highly complimentary of the Branch. As President of the Bel Air Friends, Ms. Cedrone will write a Thank You note. She will also forward the donation letter to Amber Shrodes. A copy of the letter was also given to Ms. Kovach to share with the branch personnel. Mrs. Kridenoff will also be reviewing CD options to reinvest the PNC CD which is maturing on 2/15/2026.

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

BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Kovach presented the report as follows:

The Holiday Open House, held on Dec 6, 2025, had attendance of around 250 people and all felt was very successful. As a thought for the Holiday Open House in 2026, Ms. Kovach is thinking about having a performance of some type to draw people.

The Winter Reading program, as of 2/1, had 692 participants from the Bel Air Branch.

Ms Kovach had two main requests for support:

Spring Programming:

\$165 - supplies for Book Bedazzling, Craft and Create and T-Shirt Pillow programs

\$ 55 - Additional Wingspan game (due to high attendance)

\$325 - Instructor and presentation fees for Abigail Adams and Mindfulness and Me programs

It is noted here that the Total of the programs listed on the Manager's report should be \$545, not the \$520 Total on the Manager's report (addition error).

Summer Reading Guest Presentations: \$3,313.50 total for nine guest presenters to include Circus Science, Bright Star Theatre, Mr Jon, Mike Rose Magician, The Fifty-7's, Science Guys, Wildlife Adventures and Chesapeake Therapeutic Riding

Both Requests for Support were approved by all.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE:

The 2026 Summer Reading program has already raised \$36,500, with several new partners.

The Annual Giving Campaign has raised \$27,780 so far.

An inclusive Egg Hunt will be held at Coppermine on 3/28/26.

The Fairy Tale Festival held at the Abingdon Branch had a successful turnout.

The 2026 Taste of Harford will be at Vignon Farms on 5/17/26

OLD BUSINESS

Ms Cedrone read a Thank You note from HCPL Foundation thanking the Friends for the 2026 Summer Reading Donation.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no out of cycle requests.

Mr and Mrs. Kridenoff looked at options to replace the current outdoor sign used for the Charity book sales. They recommend a sign with dimensions of 18x24, with white background and large capital Black letters. These signs will have stakes that can be pushed into the ground. It was agreed by the group that a quantity of ten signs would allow good coverage for posting and that the wording will be simple and just say "BOOK SALE".

Ms Kovach also mentioned that the Library had a large vinyl banner that used to be displayed in the window. She will find it to determine the condition and if still usable.

There being no further business, Ms. Cedrone adjourned the meeting at 7:00pm.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Library will be on Monday, February 23, 2026 at 6pm at the Bel Air Branch of HCPL. All friends are encouraged and welcomed to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Grandizio, Secretary