



Annual Board Meeting
December 12, 2025



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2025



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ABOUT US

Friends of the Library - Winthrop by the Sea was first founded and registered in Massachusetts as a non-profit charitable organization in 2022. Our mission is to raise funds to support the library, which we do primarily by running Bookends, the secondhand bookstore on the lower level of the library.



Reflections

This marks the completion of the fourth year of the existence of Friends of the Library - Winthrop by the Sea. Although our volunteers have endured a variety of illnesses and injuries over 2025, our wonderful team still managed to spend in excess of 300 hours working at Bookends over the past year. Some challenges we have encountered over the past year have included incidents of theft. We rely on the honor system for payment and it seems - based on security camera footage from the library - that some people take a stack of books from Bookends but do not pay for them at the circulation desks.

All in all, it was a good year. We haven't achieved everything we had hoped, but we have much to celebrate, not least of all our dedicated helpers. We are especially grateful for Cheryl and Dianne who regularly work at Bookends, and our summer volunteers, Diancy and Manal.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Douglas Dalton". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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LIBRARY SUPPORT 2025

Friends provided the \$100 deposit check for the Whale Mobile visit to WPL. We also provided the funds for hoodies & toppings for the children's library summer party, food and decorations for the teen summer manga party, cake for the Diary of a Wimpy kid book release event, allergen-free treats for the children's library to hand out to children for Halloween, and cake to farewell the retiring Assistant Library Director Mary Lou Osborne at the wheelchair ramp ribbon cutting. Friends provided \$2 credit vouchers for Bookends to the participants in the adult summer fiction reading group. We also joined forces with the Trustees of the Library to pay for a junk removal service for the library..

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Resolved an IRS issue from the 2022 late filing with a favorable result, thanks to our Treasurer Linda and our CPA, Charlie
- Bookends has been thoroughly cleaned: the floors and rug professionally washed, and all the shelves properly wiped down
- Successfully established non-profit status with PayPal and Venmo
- Made multiple donations of excess stock to Mass General Hospital for patient use
- Made our first online sale of books - an encyclopedia set

CHALLENGES

- Connecting our prior Alphabroder account to the S&S Activewear or PrimeLine account to get tote bags
- Theft from Bookends, with evidence some take many books without paying
- Community outreach
- Arranging to sell special books (sets, signed copies etc.) online

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Continue to build our funds in order to offer “big impact” assistance for future - as yet unknown - library projects

Bookends is generating a decent amount of sales per month, which is slowly growing our account. Year 2025's library assistance has again been less than we've made, which is allowing us to gather funds that could be put toward a big future project!

PLANS

- A volunteer drive?
- A Friends of the Library Supporter program, where a donation of a certain amount would get the donor a branded book tote?
- Post signage to discourage theft?
- Obtain tax exempt paperwork from government for purchases?
- Post flyer with Venmo code for donations in library? Other locations?
- Pursue online sales of higher-value books?
- Rearrange children's area?
- Affix shelves to wall in main room?

*“In principle and reality, libraries are life-enhancing palaces of wonder.”
— Gail Honeyman, Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine*

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TREASURER'S REPORT

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2025 Annual Meeting 12/12/25 – Treasurer’s Report

2025 Revenue from Operations, Donations & Other Receipts thru 11/30/25:

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| Revenue from Book Sales | \$2,510.90 |
| IRS Waiver and refund of tax year 2022 late filing fee and interest | 415.48 |
| Donations | 896.62 |
| TOTAL | \$3,823.00 |

2025 Sponsorships, Operating Exp/Supplies and Furniture/Fixtures:

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| Sponsorship Events: | |
| Makers Space | |
| Summer Reading Kick-off | |
| Teen Pizza Party | |
| End of Summer Ice Cream Party | |
| Diary of a Wimpy Kid Book Party | |
| Halloween Party | \$592.21 |
| IRS tax year 2022 late filing fee and interest | 411.54 |
| Mass OAG tax year 2024 filing fee | 35.00 |
| Offices Expenses | 1,315.00 |
| Office Supplies | 534.31 |
| Furniture/fixtures | 462.85 |
| TOTAL | \$3,350.91 |

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| Beginning Balance 1/1/25 | \$10,284.34 |
| Total Revenue, Donations, Etc. | 3,823.00 |
| Total Sponsorships, Operating Exp/Supplies, Furniture/Fixtures | (3,350.91) |
| Ending Balance 11/30/25 | \$10,756.43 |

Submitted: Linda Cargill, Treasurer

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