

FRIENDS' FOOTNOTES

August 2026



President's Letter

Happy August!

I hope this finds everyone happy and healthy. Summer seems to be zipping by at rapid speed. I hope you're all enjoying the beauty of summertime.

We had a lovely turnout for our July meeting. As always, Betsy Porter brought in another wonderful speaker, Pine's very own local author, Gail Kittleson. Gail began writing at the young age of 55. Her stories relate to World War II era historical fiction and her characters are very special to both Gail and her readers. We were all moved by her passion and connection to her stories. Those of you who purchased her books, please write a review on "Goodreads" and/or Amazon.

I am so happy to announce we gained another member to our Friends group at our July meeting. It's wonderful to see others get involved in support of our treasured library! Thanks to all who continue to grow our membership!

I would like to thank Ron and Cynthia Plantz for the fabulous donation of a wireless microphone and speaker combo! This looks to be a much easier to use, compact, lightweight version of a PA system. I've no doubt we will put it to good use. Thanks again to Cynthia and Ron!

We have our final fundraiser September 3rd-6th. This is our annual book "bag sale" and is considered to be a pretty big deal in our Pine-Strawberry community. This year we are charging \$5 per filled plastic grocery bag and \$10 per filled paper or personal shopping bag. This will include DVDs, CDs and of course books. Please be sure to tell your friends and family about this amazing sale!

We do have some unmanned slots still available to fill for the book sale. Openings are Saturday, from noon-2pm, Sunday from 10am-noon, and Sunday from noon-2pm. If you're able to help fill these positions, please stop in or call the library to add your name to our list. Debbie Tamietti and Nancy Hubbs have been working diligently to get our books sorted and ready for the set up and we truly appreciate their efforts.

There will be no Friends of the Library meeting in August. Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 28th at 1:00 pm in the Activity Room. Believe it or not, it is time for the election of

officers for Vice President and President positions. The guest speaker Betsy has lined up is author Jessican McCann. Jessica is a novelist and creative non-fiction writer. It will be so fun to hear from Jessica, and I hope you all can attend!

I look forward to seeing you either at our book sale or September 28th meeting. Wishing you all a safe Labor Day weekend and month ahead.

Teresa Sweeney, President, FOL



Meeting Minutes July 27, 2026

President Teresa Sweeney called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Betsy Porter introduced Gail Kittleson, a local author who writes fascinating books depicting World War II era. She shared struggles, interesting events, and summarizing research she found while writing these stories.

Old Business:

Debbie Tamietti made a motion to approve June 22, 2026 Minutes as written in the July Library Friends newsletter. Helen Palmer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

June 2026

June 2026 financials were beginning balance \$11,188.08, deposits \$4,508, expenses (Wine for Pine Library), \$4,895, ending balance \$10,801.08. Nancy Hubbs made a motion to approve the June, 2026 Treasurer's report. Sharon Balentine second the motion. Motion approved.

July 2026 EOM:

Beginning Balance 07/01/2026	\$10,801.08
Deposits	\$ 221.00
Disbursements	<u>\$ 415.16</u>
Ending Balance	\$10,606.92

Carol Trimble, Treasurer

New Business:

President Teresa Sweeney reported four new people signed up last month to join Friends of the Library. Linda Botsko volunteered to be Secretary. Carol Trimble made a Motion to approve Linda Botsko as Secretary. Helen Palmer seconded the Motion. Motion Approved.

Vice President Betsy Porter announced September 28, 2026 speaker will be Author Jessica McCann. October 26, 2026 guest speaker will be Salt River Wild Horse Management Group.

Ron and Cynthia Plantz donated a Public Address system. Thank you, Ron and Cynthia.

Carol Trimble discussed the balance in the checking account and suggested investing \$5,000 of the balance in a short term 4-month CD. A discussion followed. Vice President Betsy Porter made a

motion for Carol to proceed with an authorization to purchase a \$5,000 4-month CD. Nancy Bollard seconded the Motion. Motion passed.

Debbie Tamietti suggested charging \$5 for a bag full of books at our September Fill a Bag Book Sale. Nancy Hubbs suggested \$5 for our bag or bring your own tote for \$10. After discussion, it was agreed we will advertise \$5 for a plastic grocery bag or \$10 to bring your own tote. It was also agreed that CDs and movies can also be thrown into the fill your bag.

No August meeting. Labor Day Book Sale and sign up sheet will be in the Library.

Helen Palmer moved to adjourn, Sharon Balentine seconded the Motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Linda Botsko, Secretary

Members to keep in our thoughts and prayers:

*If you know of someone to add to our concern list, please contact
Ann Pendleton or Diane Buechner at 928-476-3678*



Library Directors Report: by Ann Pendleton

We always try to get the newest movies as soon as they are available! Come on down to the library and see the great selection of new and old classic movies. We are here for any questions you may have about the library and what we offer! Give us a call or come on down!

