

Friends of Casa Grande Public Library Board Meeting
February 9, 2026
Vista Grande Public Library, 5 p.m.

Present: Bonnie Warren, Heather Ouellet, Michael Ouellet, Amber Kent (Library), Grace McMillin, Lisa Morris-Wilkey (Zoom), Tina Packard, Sue Reeves (Zoom), Karalee Lee, Karen Perkinson, Bev Reidy, Mary Jane Cedar Face (Zoom), Daniel Kent (guest), Lisa Spaulding (guest)

Absent: None

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting – January 12, 2025

Grace moved to accept minutes. Seconded by Bev. Approved.

3. Treasurer's Report (Bonnie Warren)

a. Budget for 2026

Bonnie submitted a draft budget for 2026 at the January meeting and today presented the completed budget. We will need to take funds from the Edward Jones account to cover expenses. Bonnie is combining GiveButter book sale revenue and membership revenue on one line. There is a request to post the Give Butter QR code at book sales.

b. Treasurer for 2026

Bonnie is resigning as treasurer to dedicate time to book sales. See agenda item 7 regarding nomination and the vote on a new treasurer.

4. Book Sale Update

a. Ongoing book sales

The ongoing book sales at Vista and Main raised \$351 January.

b. January 17 & 18 book sale recap

The outdoor book sale raised \$221 less \$40 in expenses. This was a good experiment. Sales were slow on Sunday.

c. March book sale at The Studio of Dance.

Amber's husband, Daniel, offered to let us use The Studio of Dance space during spring break. The sale will run Tuesday, March 17 through Saturday, March 21.

Books will be hauled to the location on Saturday, March 14 with set up on Monday,

March 16. Tina said Ethan can help with hauling books. If needed, Karalee has a pickup and Karen has an SUV that can be used. Daniel has a truck and flatbed trailer. The address is 395 N Sacaton St, at the corner of First and Sacaton. There are two entrances and we will need to watch both doors. Saturday is bag day and clean up. Staff from prisons can pick up books Saturday afternoon.

d. Selling books online

We have not been successful in finding a partner to help sell our books online at the Phoenix or Mesa public libraries. Bonnie would still like a way to sell our more valuable books. It will be difficult to find anyone to sell online as the book market has changed. Tina asked about taking books to a dealer. This may be something to explore. Other ideas included selling on Marketplace and trying to sell more expensive books at a higher price during our book sales. For very high value titles, we can print out a page from an online book vendor to show value, although we would sell the book at a lower price.

5. Librarian's Report (Amber Kent)

Road to 250: Arizona Traveling Museum – March 2

The Arizona Traveling Museum's Road to 250 exhibit is coming to Casa Grande on Monday,

March 2, 2026. The exhibit will be parked in front of the Dorothy Powell Senior Center and open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Bookmobile will be onsite along with exhibitor booths from Banner Health, SRP, the Time Capsule Foundation, and the Casa Grande Valley Historical Society. Friends of the Library are welcome to set up a booth or simply attend and help support this community event.

Women in History – March 25

The Casa Grande Public Library, in collaboration with the veteran 501(c)(3) nonprofit partner, are hosting the 2nd Annual Women in History Celebration. This free, public event will take place at the Vista Grande Library on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, from 2:30–4:30 p.m. Last year's program was a success, with participants portraying Sacagawea, Coretta Scott King, Harriet Tubman, Marie Curie, Josephine Baker, Audrey Hepburn, and Phyllis Wheatley. This year, there will be a new component tied to the nation's upcoming 250th anniversary. Along with local women, several gentlemen from Casa Grande will participate in a reenactment of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence. Volunteer requests for this portion of the program are due by February 18, 2026.

6. President's Report (Tina Packard)

- a. 2025 Annual Report
Postponed

b. Vote on bylaws

Karalee moved that the board accept the amended by laws. Second by Bev.
Approved. Unanimous.

7. Elections and board membership

a. Nomination and election for new board members

Karalee nominated Daniel Kent to join the board. Heather seconded. Approved.
Unanimous.

b. Vote for new treasurer

Daniel Kent is willing to serve as treasurer. Karen nominated Kent to serve as treasurer. Second by Bonnie. Unanimous. Many thanks to Bonnie for service as treasurer, and, of course, for her continuing work with book sales.

7. Staff and volunteer acknowledgments

Our goal is to distribute staff and volunteer acknowledgments during National Library Week, which is April 6-12 this year. Cards have been created. Tina brought the cards and they were passed around for board member signatures. We will purchase gift cards closer to the date.

8. Thank you from prison

We received thank you cards from inmates for the books that we have donated to them.

9. Donor recognition plaque

Amber is hoping to get approval from City Council for the new circulation desk, after which it can be ordered and installed. We can talk about how we want to display donor recognitions after the new circulation desk has been installed.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Notes submitted by Mary Jane Cedar Face, 2/10/26