



President: Gary Sivley
Vice President: Angie Beckler
Secretary: Kim Welch
Treasurer: Kathy Gladden

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2026 @ 5:00 pm at the Ripon Memorial Library

Present: Gary Sivley, Margaret Sivley, Angie Beckler, Kathy Gladden, Ted Johnston, Kim Welch and Amanda Clifford, Librarian

1. Meeting Called to Order at 5:00 pm

- Approval of May 5, 2026 agenda - 1st approved by Kathy and 2nd by Kim - All Agreed
- Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2026 - 1st approved by Kathy, 2nd by Margaret - All Agreed
- Reading of Correspondence - None Received

2. Treasurer's Report

- Approval of Treasurer's Report - See attached reports dated Jan., Feb. & March 2026
- Authorization to pay bills - 1st approved by Ted, 2nd by Angie- All Agreed

Reimburse Gary Sivley for April Web Support (\$29.98) 4/25 and Domain Renewal riponfriends.org (\$48.18) 4/26. Total - \$78.16 (See attached backup)

3. Library Funding

- Library Funding- the previous request for \$500.00 for book purchase has been put on hold for now. Amanda has submitted receipts for the previously requested for \$500.00 for summer reading prizes. An additional request for \$200 for summer program supplies (Science Program) was approved 1st by Margaret, 2nd by Kim, all agreed. Purchase of Adult books (Popular Authors) for the summer reading program was requested. It was agreed upon up to \$1000.00 for Amanda to book shop. Approved 1st by Gary, 2nd by Angie.

4. Committee Reports

- Membership - Gary Sivley (See attached donation breakdown thru 5-5)
- Book Sales – Margaret reports April sales totaling \$353.35

5. Librarian's Report

- Amanda-previously submitted her reported dated 5-5-2026

6. Old Business

- A. Follow up with the city concerning the new door to the new staff area. Amanda indicated she had been contacted by the agreed upon contractor but has not heard back to date. Ted will follow up with James Pease, Public Works Director.
- B. Annual Scholarship winner (Hazel Schuiling - Escalon Charter Academy)
\$1,000.00 - Total of 7 applicants
- C. Update on assisting the library with upgrading the Community Room's technology. Ted will further discuss this issue with James Pease (Who's IT Dept will maintain the equipment?)
- D. Carpeting Maintenance- do we need a ½ year maintenance on some carpet areas which show dirt. (See Attached breakdown). This issue has been put on hold for now. The City is looking into taking over the responsibility of the carpet maintenance.
- E. Discuss having a Friends presence at the Ripon Farmers Market. We will assist with passing out extra books and library flyers. The Friends agreed to join Amanda at the Ripon Farmers Market, the dates are Thursday 5-21 (Margaret & Kathy), 6/18 (Kim & Margaret), 7-16, 8-20 and 9-17-2026.

7. New Business- No new business discussed

8. Adjournment- Gary called the meeting at 6:15 pm

Next Meeting Monday July 6, 2026 @ 5:00pm at the Ripon Memorial Library.



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Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

May 5, 2026 (Cinco de Mayo) @ 5:00 pm at the Ripon Memorial Library

1. Meeting Called to Order

- Approval of May 5, 2026 agenda
- Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2026
- Reading of Correspondence
 - A. None

2. Treasure's Report

- Approval of Treasurer's Report - See attached reports dated Jan., Feb. & March 2026
- Authorization to pay bills
 - A. Reimburse Gary Sivley for April Web Support (\$29.98) 4/25 and Domain Renewal riponfriends.org (\$48.18) 4/26. Total - \$78.16 (See attached backup)

3. Library Funding

- Library Funding

4. Committee Reports

- Membership - Gary Sivley (See attached donation breakdown thru 5-5)
- Book Sales – Margaret Sivley

5. Librarian's Report

- Amanda

6. Old Business

- A. Follow up with the city concerning the new door to the new staff area.
- B. Discuss Annual Scholarship winner (Hazel Schuiling – Escalon Charter Academy)
- C. Update on assisting the library with upgrading the Community Room's technology.
- D. Decide if we need to do a ½ year maintenance on some carpet areas which show dirt. (See Attached breakdown)
- E. Discuss having a Friends presence at the Ripon Farmers Market.

7. New Business

8. Adjournment

Next Meeting Monday July 6, 2026 @ 5:00pm at the Ripon Memorial Library.



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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2026 @ 5:00 pm at the Ripon Memorial Library

Present: Gary Sivley, Kim Welch, Ted Johnston, Margaret Sivley and Dana Sozer

1. Meeting Called to Order by Gary at 5:04 pm

- Approval of March 2, 2026 agenda-1st approved by Margaret and 2nd by Ted, All Agreed
- Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2026- 1st by Ted, 2nd by Margaret, All Agreed
- Reading of Correspondence- No Correspondence received

2. Treasurer's Report

- Approval of Treasurer's Report (see attached), 1st by Gary and 2nd by Ted, All Agreed
- Authorization to pay bills: Gary Sivley to GoDaddy for monthly Maintenance = \$29.98 (see attached), 1st by Kim, 2nd by Ted, All Agreed

3. Library Funding

- Library Funding- Dana requested \$2,000.00 with a check issued to the City of Stockton for the summer reading program. 1st approved by Kim, 2nd by Ted, All Agreed
- Teen gift cards needed totalling \$500.00 to be split between Gold Dust Pizza and Ripon Coffee in the amount of \$5.00 each. Approved 1st by Kim and 2nd by Margaret, All Agreed.

4. Committee Reports

- Membership - Gary Sivley: Melinda's Blossom was installed on the tree (see attached), we have a total of 38 members plus 6 companies and \$16,025.00 in donations. (see attached)
- Book Sales – Margaret Sivley-February book sales for February 2026 total \$170.55. Donations for February had not yet been counted.

5. Librarian's Report

- Amanda- In Amanda's absence Dana gave us a verbal update. Summer Reading will be Dinosaur themed. Prizes of 8 or 9 are needed with a budget of \$500.00. Amanda would like to purchase the gifts and submit a receipt to the Ripon Friends of the Library. Approved 1st by Ted and 2nd by Kim.
- A new printer was recently purchased for public use but did not include the ink. A request was made for reimbursement of \$129.00 to Amanda for the ink. Approved 1st by Margaret and 2nd by Kim, All Agreed.
- Teen Cooking class is already 50% full
- A new book club has been started with 6 members and is led by Dana.

6. Old Business

- Follow up with the city concerning the new door to the new staff area. The city is still looking for a third bid. Ted has requested the city review the 2 bids they have due to the time this project has already taken.
- Discuss Annual Scholarship with Greet Magazine. Discuss 2 scholarships of \$500.00 totaling \$ 1,000.00 or a 1st & 2nd Place of \$600.00 & \$400.00. then reissue scholarship the notice accordingly to the schools - We were all in agreement to award our own scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00. We all agreed to budget \$2,000.00 for a potential scholarship tie. Kathy will contact the Ripon High Counselor and confirm the due date of April 15, 2026. Kim will contact Ripon Christian High Counselor and confirm the due date of April 15, 2026. Dana indicated the same scholarship notice could be posted in the Library window for all of the home school students.
- Update on assisting the library with upgrading the Community Room's technology. Ted will discuss this issue with the City on March 4, 2026 since it is their building. Amanda is still awaiting a response from Stockton Public Works on Library technology needs. This subject will be held over to the next meeting.
- Check and see if the carpet shows any signs of needing maintenance cleaning or wait until the May meeting to decide.

7. New Business- No new business

8. Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 5:55 pm

Next Meeting Tuesday May 5, 2026 @ 5:00pm at the Ripon Memorial Library.

Friends of the Ripon Memorial Library
Balance Sheet
28-Jan-26

Assets	Checking/Savings	
	Bank of Stockton Checking Account 310247006	27395.72
	Certificates of Deposit 4310001417 / 4310001727	49898.26
	Total Assets, 1/28/2026	77293.98
Liabilities & Equity	Equity	
	Retained Earnings, Jan 1, 2026	72718.10
	Net Income/Loss through January 2026	4575.88
	Total Equity	77293.98
	Total Liabilities	0.00
	Total Liabilities & Equity	77293.98

Checks Outstanding

Total Outstanding Checks		0.00

Deposits Outstanding

Total Outstanding Deposits	

Friends of the Ripon Memorial Library
Profit and Loss YTD Comparison
28-Jan-26

		Month:	YTD	Forecast
		<u>Jan</u>	<u>Jan-Dec</u>	<u>Jan-Dec</u>
Income and Expenses				
Income	Member Donations	4740.00	4740.00	15000.00
	Book Sales	375.61	375.61	2000.00
	Interest on Accounts	152.31	152.31	1000.00
	Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Yoga	0.00	0.00	100.00
	Share Program/Savemart	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Raymus Grant	0.00	0.00	1000.00
	Other Grants	0.00	0.00	2000.00
Total Income		5267.92	5267.92	21100.00
Expenses	FORML Operating Expenses			
	Advertizing/Fund Raising	0.00	0.00	600.00
	Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	40.00
	Information Tech Expenses	232.46	232.46	800.00
	Leaf Engraving	25.00	25.00	100.00
	Meeting Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	0.00	1500.00
	P.O. Box Renewal	192.00	192.00	200.00
	Postage and Freight	0.00	0.00	175.00
	Ripon Chamber of Commerce Dues	185.00	185.00	200.00
	Supplies and Equipment Expense	0.00	0.00	200.00
	Tax Consulting and Preparation Expense	0.00	0.00	325.00
	Total FORML Operating Expenses	634.46	634.46	4140.00
	Ripon Memorial Library Support Expenses			
	Ongoing Program Support	0.00	0.00	6000.00
	Library Collection Maintenance & Support	0.00	0.00	1250.00
	One Time Program/Project Support	0.00	0.00	500.00
	Facilities Maintenance Support	0.00	0.00	3000.00
	Matching Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Supplies and Equipment Support	0.00	0.00	500.00
	Miscellaneous Expense Support	57.58	57.58	500.00
	Total Ripon Memorial Library Support Exp.	57.58	57.58	11750.00
Total Expenses		692.04	692.04	15890.00
Gross Profit/Loss		4575.88	4575.88	5210.00

Friends of the Ripon Memorial Library Income & Expense Ledgers, 2025		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Income	Member and Business Donations	4740.00												4740.00
	Book Sales and Donation Box @ Library	375.61												375.61
	Interest on Accounts	152.31												152.31
	Misc Income													0.00
	Yoga													0.00
	Share Program/Savemart													0.00
	Total Assets, 9/29/2024													0.00
	Other Grants													0.00
	Total Income	5267.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5267.92
FORML Expense														
	Advertizing/Fund Raising													0.00
	Bank Charges (Transfers to Cert of Dep)													0.00
	Information Tech Expenses	232.46												232.46
	Leaf Engraving/Plaques	25.00												25.00
	Meeting Expenses													0.00
	Miscellaneous Expenses													0.00
	P.O. Box Renewal	192.00												192.00
	Postage and Freight													0.00
	Ripon Chamber of Commerce Dues	185.00												185.00
	Supplies and Equipment Expense													0.00
	Tax Consulting and Preparation Expense													0.00
	Total FORML Expenses	634.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	634.46
Ripon M. Library														
	Ongoing Program Support													0.00
	Library Collection Maintenance & Support													0.00
	One Time Program/Project Support													0.00
	Facilities Maintenance Support													0.00
	Matching Funds													0.00
	Supplies and Equipment Support													0.00
	Miscellaneous Expense Support	57.58												57.58
	Total Ripon Mem. Library Expenses	57.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	57.58
Total Expenses		692.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	692.04
Gross Profit/Loss		4575.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4575.88
Bank Reconciliation														
Bank of Stockton Checking 310247006		27395.72												
Certificate of Deposit 1510 & 1417		49898.46												
Total Assets		77294.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Bank Account Balances, 31Dec2025		72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	
YTD Net Profit from Above (cell P45)		4575.88												
Total Equity		77293.98	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	

Friends of the Ripon Memorial Library
Balance Sheet
28-Feb-26

Assets	Checking/Savings	
	Bank of Stockton Checking Account 310247006	27303.77
	Certificates of Deposit 4310001417 / 4310001727	50051.03
	Total Assets, 2/28/2026	77354.80
Liabilities & Equity	Equity	
	Retained Earnings, Jan 1, 2026	72718.10
	Net Income/Loss through February 2026	4636.70
	Total Equity	77354.80
	Total Liabilities	0.00
	Total Liabilities & Equity	77354.80

Checks Outstanding

Total Outstanding Checks 0.00

Deposits Outstanding

Total Outstanding Deposits

Friends of the Ripon Memorial Library
Profit and Loss YTD Comparison
28-Feb-26

		Month:	YTD	Forecast
		<u>Feb</u>	<u>Jan-Dec</u>	<u>Jan-Dec</u>
Income and Expenses				
Income	Member Donations	0.00	4740.00	15000.00
	Book Sales	0.00	375.61	2000.00
	Interest on Accounts	152.77	305.08	1000.00
	Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Yoga	0.00	0.00	100.00
	Share Program/Savemart	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Raymus Grant	0.00	0.00	1000.00
	Other Grants	0.00	0.00	2000.00
Total Income		152.77	5420.69	21100.00
Expenses	FORML Operating Expenses			
	Advertizing/Fund Raising	0.00	0.00	600.00
	Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	40.00
	Information Tech Expenses	0.00	232.46	800.00
	Leaf Engraving	0.00	25.00	100.00
	Meeting Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	0.00	1500.00
	P.O. Box Renewal	0.00	192.00	200.00
	Postage and Freight	0.00	0.00	175.00
	Ripon Chamber of Commerce Dues	0.00	185.00	200.00
	Supplies and Equipment Expense	0.00	0.00	200.00
	Tax Consulting and Preparation Expense	0.00	0.00	325.00
	Total FORML Operating Expenses	0.00	634.46	4140.00
	Ripon Memorial Library Support Expenses			
	Ongoing Program Support	0.00	0.00	6000.00
	Library Collection Maintenance & Support	0.00	0.00	1250.00
	One Time Program/Project Support	0.00	0.00	500.00
	Facilities Maintenance Support	0.00	0.00	3000.00
	Water for Library - Primo Brands	91.95	149.53	0.00
	Supplies and Equipment Support	0.00	0.00	500.00
	Miscellaneous Expense Support	0.00	0.00	500.00
	Total Ripon Memorial Library Support Exp.	91.95	149.53	11750.00
Total Expenses		91.95	783.99	15890.00
Gross Profit/Loss		60.82	4636.70	5210.00

Friends of the Ripon Memorial Library Income & Expense Ledgers, 2025		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Income	Member and Business Donations	4740.00												4740.00
	Book Sales and Donation Box @ Library	375.61												375.61
	Interest on Accounts	152.31	152.77											305.08
	Misc Income													0.00
	Yoga													0.00
	Share Program/Savemart													0.00
	Total Assets, 9/29/2024													0.00
	Other Grants													0.00
	Total Income	5267.92	152.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5420.69
FORML Expense														
	Advertizing/Fund Raising													0.00
	Bank Charges (Transfers to Cert of Dep)													0.00
	Information Tech Expenses	232.46												232.46
	Leaf Engraving/Plaques	25.00												25.00
	Meeting Expenses													0.00
	Miscellaneous Expenses													0.00
	P.O. Box Renewal	192.00												192.00
	Postage and Freight													0.00
	Ripon Chamber of Commerce Dues	185.00												185.00
	Supplies and Equipment Expense													0.00
	Tax Consulting and Preparation Expense													0.00
	Total FORML Expenses	634.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	634.46
Ripon M. Library														
	Ongoing Program Support													0.00
	Library Collection Maintenance & Support													0.00
	One Time Program/Project Support													0.00
	Facilities Maintenance Support													0.00
	Water for Library -Primo Brands	57.58	91.95											149.53
	Supplies and Equipment Support													0.00
	Miscellaneous Expense Support													0.00
	Total Ripon Mem. Library Expenses	57.58	91.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	149.53
Total Expenses		692.04	91.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	783.99
Gross Profit/Loss		4575.88	60.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4636.70
Bank Reconciliation														
Bank of Stockton Checking 310247006		27395.72	27303.77											
Certificate of Deposit 1510 & 1417		49898.46	50051.03											
Total Assets		77294.18	77354.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Bank Account Balances, 31Dec2025		72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	
YTD Net Profit from Above (cell P45)		4575.88	4636.70											
Total Equity		77293.98	77354.80	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	72718.10	

Friends of the Ripon Memorial Library Balance Sheet 29-Mar-26		
Assets	Checking/Savings	
	Bank of Stockton Checking Account 310247006	27019.15
	Certificates of Deposit 4310001417 / 4310001727	50189.43
	Total Assets, 3/29/2026	77208.58
Liabilities & Equity		
	Equity	
	Retained Earnings, Jan 1, 2026	72718.10
	Net Income/Loss through March 2026	4490.48
	Total Equity	77208.58
	Total Liabilities	0.00
	Total Liabilities & Equity	77208.58

Total Outstanding Checks	2000.00
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Total Outstanding Deposits

Friends of the Ripon Memorial Library
Profit and Loss YTD Comparison
29-Mar-26

		Month:	YTD	Forecast
		<u>Mar</u>	<u>Jan-Dec</u>	<u>Jan-Dec</u>
Income and Expenses				
Income	Member Donations	350.00	5090.00	15000.00
	Book Sales	258.71	634.32	2000.00
	Interest on Accounts	138.40	443.48	1000.00
	Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Yoga	0.00	0.00	100.00
	Share Program/Savemart	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Raymus Grant	0.00	0.00	1000.00
	Other Grants	0.00	0.00	2000.00
Total Income		747.11	6167.80	21100.00
Expenses	FORML Operating Expenses			
	Advertizing/Fund Raising	0.00	0.00	600.00
	Bank Charges	34.20	34.20	40.00
	Information Tech Expenses	29.98	262.44	800.00
	Leaf Engraving	0.00	25.00	100.00
	Meeting Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Miscellaneous Expenses	150.00	150.00	1500.00
	P.O. Box Renewal	0.00	192.00	200.00
	Postage and Freight	0.00	0.00	175.00
	Ripon Chamber of Commerce Dues	0.00	185.00	200.00
	Supplies and Equipment Expense	0.00	0.00	200.00
	Tax Consulting and Preparation Expense	0.00	0.00	325.00
	Total FORML Operating Expenses	214.18	848.64	4140.00
	Ripon Memorial Library Support Expenses			
	Ongoing Program Support	500.00	500.00	6000.00
	Library Collection Maintenance & Support	0.00	0.00	1250.00
	One Time Program/Project Support	0.00	0.00	500.00
	Facilities Maintenance Support	0.00	0.00	3000.00
	Water for Library - Primo Brands	45.09	194.62	0.00
	Supplies and Equipment Support	134.06	134.06	500.00
	Miscellaneous Expense Support	0.00	0.00	500.00
	Total Ripon Memorial Library Support Exp.	679.15	828.68	11750.00
Total Expenses		893.33	1677.32	15890.00
Gross Profit/Loss		(146.22)	4490.48	5210.00



Gary <ggsivley1948@gmail.com>

Renewal receipt for order #4072905834.

1 message

GoDaddy <donotreply@godaddy.com>
To: ggsivley1948@gmail.com

Sat, Apr 25, 2026 at 5:38 AM



Need help? [Contact us.](#)
Customer Number: 18897348

✓ **Renewal Success!**

Sign in to see what's new.

Web Hosting Ultimate Renewal	\$26.99
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[friendsoftheriponlibrary.com](#)

1 Month

PHP Extended Support Level 1 - Renewal	\$2.99
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1 Month

Subtotal:	\$29.98
Tax:	\$0.00
Total:	\$29.98

[Review Renewal Details](#)

We have billed your Paypal agreement ending with the last two digits: 38 for the amount of \$29.98.

To review all your products and services, [sign in to your account.](#)



Gary <ggsivley1948@gmail.com>

Renewal receipt for order #4073623173.

1 message

GoDaddy <donotreply@godaddy.com>
To: ggsivley1948@gmail.com

Sun, Apr 26, 2026 at 7:18 AM



Need help? [Contact us.](#)
Customer Number: 18897348

✓ **Renewal Success!**

Sign in to see what's new.

.ORG Domain Renewal	\$23.19
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[RIPONFRIENDS.ORG](#)

1 Year

Full Domain Privacy and Protection - Renewal	\$24.99
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[RIPONFRIENDS.ORG](#)

1 Year

Subtotal:	\$48.18
Tax:	\$0.00
Total:	\$48.18

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Donations To Date

05/05/26



Individual Totals	\$4,860.00	33
Company Totals	\$11,345.00	6
Total All ToDate	\$16,205.00	39

Individuals

4	Copper Leaf
0	Silver Leaf
0	Gold Leaf
1	Almond Blossom
0	Small Granite Stone
0	Large Granite Stone

Company

2	Copper Leaf
1	Silver Leaf
0	Gold Leaf
0	Almond Blossom
0	Small Granite Stone
1	Large Granite Stone

Total

6	Copper Leaf
1	Silver Leaf
0	Gold Leaf
1	Almond Blossom
0	Small Granite Stone
1	Large Granite Stone



2026 Library Scholarship Final Ranking

	T	K	D					
	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Judge 4	Judge 5	Final Average	Ranking	
Paper 01	1	4	7			4.00	4.00	Emilie Valles
Paper 02	6	2	5			4.33	6.00	Addison Naranjo
Paper 03	5	6	1			4.00	4.00	Palakpreet
Paper 04	2	7	2			3.67	3.00	Samantha Lackey
Paper 05	7	5	6			6.00	7.00	Katie Thoming
Paper 06	4	1	3			2.67	1.00	Hazel Schuiling
Paper 07	3	3	4			3.33	2.00	Sydney Vandanberg

Hazel Schuiling

What does the Ripon Memorial Library mean to you? That was the prompt of this essay, and led me to think more deeply and honestly about my connection to this place that I have spent hours reading and delving into topics that I still find interesting to this very day. How can I summarize succinctly how many books, magazines, and audiobooks from these very shelves, have contributed to my education and brought me to where I am today as a high school senior about to graduate and go into the world for the first time to try and navigate this complexity we call life. Moving here as a six-year-old in 2014, I was scared that I would never have as good of friends, or have as much fun as I did back in Idaho. But I soon found that there still were more friends to be made and more experiences to be had, beyond what I had before.

In this Library, I attended my first book club. Being nervous at first, I was scared to share what my thoughts were on the books we read because I believed that people might think what I had to say wasn't worth listening to. I soon found out that this wasn't true. Thanks to encouragement from one of my favorite librarians, Ms Kopp, I found a group of people that were willing to talk to me about all things literary, fantasy, and history, and people who were just as enthusiastic about it as I was. In our little book club, we talked about books like *Savvy*, *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*, *Restart*, and *The Inquisitor's tale*. Though many of you may not know what these books are, they will remain ingrained in my mind as the beginning of a lifelong love for reading.

Besides the book club, my family and I constantly went to the regular events held at the library. I got to see magic tricks, snakes taller than my dad (which, at the time, was beyond belief) and a Greek myth storytelling performance accompanied by ukulele. The latter influenced me to this day, as I still harbor a great enthusiasm for Greek mythology and culture, and the very songs played in that performance still haunt my favorite playlists on Spotify.

For me, the library gave me a jumping off point to develop my community of friends and people I could trust. I still regularly go to the library to check out books on my school reading lists, or to simply peruse the shelves for my next World War novel, mystery thriller, or Victorian-era tragedy. So, in the end, what does the library mean to me? The library is my place for comfort and learning and new experiences. What does the library mean to you?



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