

Friends of the Wescott Library

MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 2025

The Friends of the Wescott Library is ...dedicated to the assistance of the Wescott Branch of the Dakota County Library System in its mission to support lifelong learning for county residents of all ages.

Call to Order: 6:32pm (in person & ZOOM)

Members Present

John Elliott, Kathy Kletscher, Julie Mulligan, Sam Schneider, Kay Wernecke

Members Not Present

Karen Gauthier, Robin Jones, Ann Dixon, Nancy Lamers, Mandi Lancette

Wescott Library Liaison

Amanda Feist, Branch Manager

Guests

Secretary Report – Nancy Lamers

The motion made by Julie, seconded by Kay, to approve Sept 8, 2025 meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report – Julie Mulligan

Julie filed the Friends 990-N document with the IRS on a timely basis.

Current budget

Balance on Hand as of 9/8/2025:	\$39,290.00
Current Income:	\$12,131.50
Current Expenses:	\$2080.24
Less allocated funds:	\$(19,134.49)
Current available funds 11/10/25:	\$30,206.77

The motion made by Kathy, seconded by Kay, to approve Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

Book Sale revenue:	Fall 2025	\$11,479.50
	Spring 2025	\$10,137.87
	Fall 2024	\$9,027.70
	Spring 2024	\$9,286.36
	Fall 2023	\$7,644.45
	Spring 2023	\$6,640.83

Publicity, Marketing – Sam Schindler

- Friends Logo Contest – Waiting for changes to Logo from designer
- Planning to order new bookmarks
- Looking into Elpis Enterprises Foundation for T-shirts. Good mission. Checking on costing there as well as elsewhere.

Membership Report – Kathy Kletscher

- Membership: 169 members including 15 sponsors, and 16 family/student
- Oct book sale signed up 97 members on Member Preview Night.
- Hyvee donated treats for the book event as well as for all of Karen Mackey's events.

Book Sale - Kay Werneke

- Broke the record for the book sales.
- Sticking to no credit cards for the sales
- Donations coming in like crazy

Wescott Branch Report– Amanda Feist

Amanda's update:

- Will be facing budget cuts next year (Digital and collections)
- 720,000 circulations for this year
- Wescott remodel planned in the next few years.
- Busier than usual September

Old Business – John Elliott

New Business – John Elliott

Funding Requests

Two requests were made during the meeting.

- The first was for totes for the 2026 Winter Reads Program. The motion made by Kathy, seconded by Kay, to authorize \$199.49 the purchase of 50 totes was unanimously approved.
- The second request was for a new digitizer to replace the old digitizer that could only do 7,8,9" reels. The motion made by Kay, seconded by Julie, to authorize \$419.99 for the purchase of the Kodak Reels 8mm & Super 8 File Digitizer was unanimously approved

Meeting Adjourned: 7:58pm

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 12, 2026

Board Meeting Dates:

2025: May 12, September 8, November 10

2026: January 12, March 10, Annual Meeting May 12

Book Sale Dates

2025: October 8 – 12 (does not include set up dates)

2026:

**Friends of the Wescott Library
Meeting Agenda
September 8, 2025 6:30 p.m.**

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Call to Order and Welcome	John Elliott
Secretary's Report	Nancy Lamers
Treasurer's Report	Julie Mulligan
Marketing/Membership	Kathy Kletscher
Committee Reports Booksale	KayWernecke
Wescott Branch Report and Funding Requests	Amanda Feist
Old Business	
New Business	
Adjourn	

2025-2026 Meeting Dates
Sept 8, 2025
Nov 10, 2025
Jan 12, 2026
Mar 9, 2026
May 11, 2026 – Annual Meeting