

Friends of the Wescott Library

2025 – 2026 ANNUAL REPORT

May 11, 2026
Eagan, Minnesota

2025 – 2026 Board of Directors

Name	Office and/or Committee
John Elliott	President
Kay Wernecke	VP – Booksale
Robin Jones	VP -Booksale
Kathy Kletscher	VP- Membership
Samantha Schindler	VP-Marketing
Julie Mulligan	Treasurer
Nancy Lamers	Secretary
Ann Dixon	Member-at-Large
Mandi Lancette	Member-at-Large
Karen Gauthier	Member-at-Large

Mission

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.

Financial

Operating Budget

The Friends operated within the 2025-2026 Operating Budget with minor exceptions. Additional expenses were approved during the year as requests were received from the Wescott Library and to benefit the Dakota County Library System.

Income

The Friends earn income from book sales, membership dues and interest. Book sale revenue is the organization's primary income.

Financial Support for Wescott Library

Homeschool/Family Sci Series/Middle School Programs	\$5414.00
Sculpture Rotation	\$1000.00
Summer Program	\$1585.00
Wall Street Journal/News Publications	\$500.00
Jigsaw Puzzle Contest	\$362.09
Chairs	\$2417.63
Logo Contest	\$100.00
8mm and Super 8 Film Digitizer	\$419.99
Winter Reads Prizes - Tote bags	\$199.49
Organizing Documents Workshop	\$250.00

Financial Support – Other

Two (\$1,000) Scholarships	\$2000.00
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Secretary's Annual Report May 2025 – April 2026

The Friends of the Library 2025-2026 meetings:

The Friends of the Library Board meetings were in-person with the option to attend online

May 12, 2025 Annual Meeting (Start of 2025-2026 Fiscal Year, Election of Officers)

September 8, 2025

November 10, 2025

January 12, 2026

March 9, 2026

Meetings were attended by:

Dakota County Library System

Amanda Feist, Cluster Support Manager

Karen Mackey, Self Service Librarian (Sept 2025)

Minutes

Minutes for May, September, January, and March meetings were written by Secretary Nancy Lamers.

Book Sale 2025/2026 Annual Report

Our Fall Book Sale in October 2025 raised \$11,479.50 which was a record. The Spring Book Sale in April 2026 raised \$10,180.90 which was \$43 more than the previous Spring Book Sale to move into 2nd place behind the Fall Book Sale. Book donations continue to be very good and steady.

The upstairs on-going book sale continues to be excellent. The total for 2025 was \$7,899.50 which was \$1,325.69 more than 2024. The first four months of 2026 has raised \$2,556.37.

Thanks to our book sale volunteers and the book sorters that work the entire year to get ready for the sales and continue to keep the on-going sale stocked. We disposed the books after both of the sale to Goodwill.

The Fall Book Sale dates are October 7-11, 2026.

Friends of the Wescott Library 2025-2026 Membership Annual Report

The number of members has increased over the past year (from 146 to 169). As seen in the past, most renewals and new memberships occur around the book sale dates. We also continue to receive occasional sign-ups throughout the year using the brochure or PayPal. We are no longer issuing membership cards with no pushback from members.

The fall and spring newsletters (created by Samantha Schindler) were emailed to members. We are no longer snail mailing the newsletter due to the very small number of members without an email on file.

In addition to the newsletters, we sent several email communications to our membership:

- Fall and spring reminders to those whose memberships were expiring in advance of the book sales.
- Additional fall and spring reminders about the upcoming book sales.
- Requests for volunteers for the Youth Craft Sale in August 2025, Jigsaw Puzzle Contests in November 2025 and March 2026, Puzzle and Game Exchange in January 2026, Fabric Supply Swap in February 2026, and Summer Discovery Celebration in June 2026.
- Periodic updates about upcoming library events, compiled by Karen Mackey, Adult Librarian.
- October 2025 and April 2026 book sale results, library events update and thanks to the members for their support in making the book sale a success.

Other activities to raise awareness of the FWL organization:

- Requested and coordinated Hy-Vee Eagan's refreshment donations for several events including two author events, No Shelf Control book club launch, a seasonal music event, Winter Reads kick-off, and Speed Dating With Books.
- Staffed activity tent at the Summer Discovery Kickoff in June 2025 and FWL refreshments tent at the Youth Craft Fair in August 2025.
- Represented FWL at three author events and arranged for a book to be raffled.

Other activities:

- Met with two Eagan High School students who are developing a proposal to update our website. Ann Dixon was able to secure these volunteers through an Eagan High School teacher.
- Updated book sale information on the BookSaleFinder.com website for the October and April sales.
- Updated the October and April Volunteer Form and made it available on our website and in the library.
- Incorporated the new logo into the Fall 2026 bookmark distributed during the April 2026 sale.

Membership statistics:

	Fall 2019	May-20	May-21	May-22	May-23	May-24	May-25	May-26
Student			1	3	2	6	4	7
Individual		81	116	102	124	119	115	132
Family		18	21	16	19	18	15	18
Sponsor		11	18	11	12	7	12	12
Total	106	110	156	132	157	150	146	169

Attendance at the members-only preview book sales:

		Oct 2024	Apr 2025	Oct 2025	April 2026
Membership	Student	4	3	3	5
Type	Individual	68	66	86	71
	Family	20	13	6	16
	Sponsor	5	1	2	2
		97	83	97	94

2026-2027 Meeting Dates

Sept 14, 2026

Nov 9, 2026

Jan 11, 2027

Mar 8, 2027

May 10, 2027 – Annual Meeting

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