

Friends of Jonathan Trumbull Library Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 5:00–6:00pm

2026 Officers: Allison Peterson (P), Jillian Rockland (VP), Amanda Shanks (T), Melinda Beever (S)

Friends of JTL email address: friends@lebanonctlibrary.org

Attendance: Amanda Shanks, Caitlin Kiamie, Sandra Comitino, Dee Fernandez, Suzanne Yeo, Arthur Wallace, Linda Wallace, Sue Kane, Jillian Rockland, Rick Kane, Melinda Beever, Allison Peterson

1. Call to Order 5:00pm — Allison Peterson

- a. Attendance, please print your name on the sign-in sheet for meeting minutes.

2. Approval of Minutes — Allison Peterson

- a. (Rick/Art) Minutes from November 12, 2025 meeting. Motion passed.

3. President's Report — Allison Peterson

- a. No new updates.

4. Treasurer's Report — Amanda Shanks

- a. Annual report and itemized report were passed out.
- b. (Rick/Art) Motion to receive Treasurer's report and file for audit. Motion carries.
- c. Julie Culp fund update: approximately \$200 remains.
- d. Discussion of adding a plaque inside the library in Julie's memory.

5. Correspondence Report — Melinda Beever

- a. No correspondence to report.

6. Library Director's Report — Lindsay Delligan

a. Installation of fiber internet was completed in October; library is now officially on the CT Education Network fiber internet.

b. Library received approximately \$7,000 from the Hugh Trumbull Adams fund to purchase additional book ends and sign displays.

c. Library received \$5,000 for updated AV equipment, including a new large screen TV; installation may occur after Carol Macy's theater program in May 2026.

d. Staff are working on plans for Summer Reading 2026: "Plant a Seed, Read."

e. Thank you to the Friends and the Book Discussion group for another successful holiday party.

f. Upcoming: Art and the Equinox in March; Messages from Heaven fundraiser in April.

7. Youth Services and Library Assistant Report — Caitlin Kiamie

a. Artist of the Month: Heather Brunelle

b. Upcoming Adult Programs: Fire Cider, Crafty Community, Yankees and Red Sox

c. Upcoming Children/Teen Programs: New monthly Teen Book Club; continuing RRR, Picture Book Club, Teen Gaming.

8. Subcommittee Reports

i. Fundraising (Co-Chairs: Allison Peterson and Second Chair)

1. "Messages from Heaven" fundraiser: Saturday, April 11, 3–5pm

a. Max. 40 tickets at \$50 per ticket

b. Dee Fernandez is point person for fundraiser

2. Book Sale (January–early February): \$41

ii. Summer Reading (Co-Chairs: Maggie Gaier and Second Chair)

1. Maggie is interested in a second chair (to be confirmed)

iii. Equinox and the Arts (Co-Chairs: Sue Kane and Linda Tracy, WRAC)

1. 26th year of Equinox and the Arts partnership with WRAC

2. March 20 opening reception — donations of finger food needed

3. Food may be dropped off at the library during open hours on March 20

iv. Holiday Party

1. Chairpersons still needed

9. Old/Ongoing Business — Allison Peterson

a. Annual February Meeting includes:

- i. Summer Reading Funds Request
- ii. Messages from Heaven funds approval
- iii. Subcommittee Chair appointments

10. New Business — Allison Peterson

a. Summer Reading Funds Request: \$2000

(Art/Jillian) Motion to give \$2000 to Summer Reading Program. Motion carries.

b. Messages from Heaven

- i. Up to \$50 pre-approved for supplies
- ii. Up to \$800 pre-approved for Rebecca LoCicero payment (\$20 pp × 40 tickets)

Payment to be made on date of fundraiser. Motion carries.

c. Museum Passes Renewal

(Art/Rick) Motion to renew existing museum passes; Treasurer authorized to renew as long as membership fees do not exceed \$1500. Motion carries.

11. Adjournment — Allison Peterson

a. (Art/Sue) Motion to adjourn at 5:53pm. Motion carries.