

MINUTES
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES OF TOWNS COUNTY
BOARD MEETING
June 9, 2026

I. Call to Order

President Rose Mary Crook called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. at Towns County Public Library, Hiawassee, GA.

Board members present were: Marcia Aunspaugh, Rose Carter, Suzanne Carter, Rose Mary Crook, Kathy Day, Kevin Kirby, Elaine Roberts, and Mary Welken. Friends Dick Aunspaugh, Janice Cochran, and Meredith Legg-Grady were present.

Board members not present: Kim Brown, Megan Hume, Judith Lee, Christine Osborn, and Darlene Pilcher.

II. President's Report

President Crook welcomed everyone.

III. Minutes

The minutes of the April 14, 2026 board meeting were presented by Kathy Day.

MOTION: Mary Welken moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Marcia Aunspaugh; carried unanimously.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Rose Carter presented the Treasurer's Report for the period of January 1, 2026 to June 7, 2026. Beginning balance on January 1, 2026 was **\$33,872.63**. Total income for same period was **\$4,088.33** and total expenses were **\$11,425.21**. The balance as of June 7, 2026 is **\$26,564.51**, with encumbered funds of **\$6,055.02** and unencumbered funds of **\$20,509.49**. The year-to-date balance of CDs at PSFCU is \$5,028.76. The financial report was accepted.

Rose suggested that the remaining unspent money that had been encumbered for the STEAM program be returned to unencumbered funds. Board members agreed. She also suggested that the remaining funds that were donated in memory of Barbara Hale be used to purchase books. A thank you note from the staff was received for the Ingles gift cards. She is happy to report that our bank balance is going down – which is a good thing that our money is being used for good cause at the libraries.

V. Library Report

Kevin Kirby is now the Branch Manager at both MRL and TCPL. Kevin reported events for the Summer Reading program have begun. The theme is "Unearth a Story," focusing on dinosaurs, archaeology, and paleontology. The first week's program was held at the Rollins Planetarium at Young Harris College with attendance of 165. Bright Star Theatre is scheduled for a program with large scale dinosaur puppets. Registration for the Halloween event at the Georgia Mountain Fairground is July 1st. The coding kits for the STEAM program have been received and that program will begin in September after school starts.

VI. Book Bunch

Kim Brown was not present but sent word that the Book Bunch book club has been disbanded due to lack of participation.

VII. Corresponding Secretary

Judith Lee was not present.

VIII. Bookstore/Book Sales

Marcia Aunspaugh reported the storage area at TCPL is empty but that storage at MRL is full, so books can be transferred to provide stock at TCPL. There had been a large donation of good condition children's books that were given to Meredith to be used for giveaways at programs.

IX. Bake and Pie Sales

There is no chairperson for this committee and no plans at present for future bake sales.

X. Membership

Christine Osborn reported that there are currently 93 active members. Business (2), Donor (20), Family (11), Honorary (1), Individual (32), Life (9), Patron (16), Sponsor (2).

XI. Newsletter

Darlene Pilcher was not present. Articles need to be submitted by August 3, 2026.

XII. Scrapbook

Elaine Roberts is including copies of what appears in the newspaper in the scrapbooks and gets photos printed at Walgreens..

XIII. Publicity

Suzanne Carter reported she continues to post events on the FaceBook page and sends updates and minutes to be put on the website.

XIV. New Business

- a. Suzanne suggested that FOLTC resume a presence at the Towns County Library Board meetings. Meetings are held quarterly in January, April, July, and October. We should request to be put on the agenda so we can give a brief update on activities of FOLTC and what we have provided to the libraries. It was also suggested that we include the Towns County Library Board members on our distribution list for the newsletter to better inform them of our activities.
- b. Kathy Day reported that she attended Honors Day at Towns County High School to present our scholarship to Jamie McCarter, our winner. She said she was very impressed with the quality of all the graduates and that it is amazing what they all manage to do coming from such a small high school.

XV. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m. by President Rose Mary Crook.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Day, Recording Secretary

APPROVED August 11, 2026

2026 Meetings

August 11th, MRL

October 13th, TCPL

December 8th, MRL