



Annual General Meeting – June 12, 2025

Land Acknowledgement Declaration

As we gather, we are reminded that Guelph is situated on land steeped in rich Indigenous history and currently home to many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people.

Today we acknowledge the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation on whose traditional territory we are meeting.

Let us be grateful to the many generations who have come before us, as we strive to walk together on a path of mutual respect and support. May the decisions we make, and the activities we pursue, be inclusive and mindful of the many generations yet to come.



Agenda

Land Acknowledgement Declaration

Call to Order

Approval of the Agenda

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Approval of Minutes of the 2024 AGM;

- Business arising from the 2024 Minutes, not listed on the agenda

Correspondence

Report from the Chair – Ian Findlay

Treasurer's Reports - Joanne Grodzinski

- 2024 - 25 Year End Financial Statement
- Auditor's Report
- 2025 - 26 Proposed Budget

Governance Committee - Strategic Plan, Bylaw updates - Ian Findlay, Lynn Allen

Membership - Kathy MacLean

Program Committee – Nancy Ryan

2024 Book Sale - May Goodwin

2025 Book Sale Site Search committee - Lynn Allen

Report from the Guelph Public Library CEO – Dan Atkins

Nominating Committee report; Election of New Board members - Ian Findlay

Presentation of Honorary Life Memberships - Ian Findlay

Motion to Adjourn

Minutes of the 2024 AGM – Highlights

- Organizational **Code of Conduct** was adopted.
- Farewells to Board members **Mary Mullholland, Anne MacKay** and **Paul Young**.
- New members welcomed - **Joanne Grodzinski, Lynn Allen** and **Lorna Rourke**.
- Retiring GPL CEO **Steve Kraft** and FGPL Board member **Mary Mulholland** were honoured with life memberships.

Report from the Chair



- Book Sale Trials and Successes
 - Programs expanded
- Strategic Planning – An FGPL First
- Not resting on our laurels – excited about the future!

Treasurer's Reports – Joanne Grodzinski

2024-25 Year End Financial Statement

Statement of Financial Position	
Friends of the Guelph Public Library	
As of March 31, 2025	
DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalent	
Meridian Operating	11,534.06
Meridian Savings	11,469.03
Meridian Term Deposit 2	50,000.00
Meridian Term Deposit 4	30,000.00
Meridian Term Deposit 5	120,000.00
Total for Cash and Cash Equivalent	\$223,003.09
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	
Total for Current Assets	\$223,003.09
Non-current Assets	
Property, plant and equipment	
Total for Non-current Assets	0
Total for Assets	\$223,003.09
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable (A/P)	
Credit Card	
Total for Current Liabilities	0
Non-current Liabilities	
Total for Liabilities	0
Equity	
Retained Earnings	0
Profit for the year	85,154.42
Opening Balance Equity	137,848.67
Total for Equity	\$223,003.09
Total for Liabilities and Equity	\$223,003.09



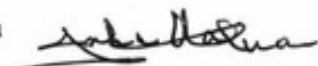
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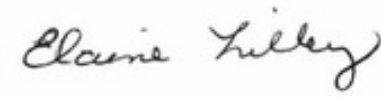
Financial Review

**Friends of the Guelph Public Library
Auditor's Report
to the
Annual General Meeting
2025**

This is to certify that we examined the financial records of *The Friends of the Guelph Public Library* for the period **01 April 2024 through 31 March 2025**.

We find the records to be in order and the Annual Treasurer's Report to be a complete and accurate reflection of the finances of *The Friends of the Guelph Public Library* during this period.

John Holman 
Member
Friends of the Guelph Public Library

Elaine Lilley 
Member
Friends of the Guelph Public Library

Dated April 29, 2025

Treasurer's Reports – Joanne Grodzinski

2025-26 Proposed Budget

	2024-25 FINAL	BUDGET 2025-26	NOTES
INCOME			
BOOK SALE INCOME	\$ 123,203	\$ 124,000	
FUNDRAISING/ MEMBERSHIP INCOME	\$ 2,016	\$ 1,000	no membership fees in 2025-26
INVESTMENT INCOME	\$ 1,295	\$ 2,000	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 126,514	\$ 127,000	
EXPENSES			
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	\$ 2,005	\$ 3,550	includes mailchip, QBO
BOOK SALE EXPENSES	\$ 27,825	\$ 30,000	
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	\$ 100	\$ 200	payment fees
MARKETING EXPENSES	\$ 33	\$ 150	website, newsletter
PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$ 10,913	\$ 11,000	Open Minds, donation to library programs
OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 482	\$ 6,500	Volunteers, AGM, restricted funds
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 41,358	\$ 51,400	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 126,514	\$ 127,000	
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 41,358	\$ 51,400	
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 85,156	\$ 75,600	

Report of the Governance Committee

Strategic Plan – 2025-2028

- Building a **renewed and collaborative relationship with the Guelph Public Library**;
- Setting clear **fundraising goals and objectives** to support future initiatives;
- **Succession planning** to ensure leadership continuity and organizational sustainability;
- Providing robust **support for the new central library**;
- Developing a new sustainable **Book Sale Model**;
- Strengthening **advocacy on behalf of the Guelph Public Library** in the broader community

Report of the Governance Committee

Draft Bylaw -2025

Key changes:

- A **name change** from the "Executive" to the **Board of Directors**, reflecting current non-profit governance standards and aligning our terminology with our growing organizational needs.
- The **integration of the new membership model**, to ensure the Bylaws reflect and support expanded community engagement and participation.
- Updates to **align the Bylaws with the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA)**. While FGPL is not formally regulated under ONCA, these changes ensure our governance framework follows sector best practices and provides clarity and consistency.

Report from the Membership Coordinator - Kathy MacLean

Definition of membership based solely on paid annual fees fails to be inclusive of our much broader community of supporters.

Proposed Membership Model, recognizes all ways to support, sustainable in the future.

- ***Recommended*** by Ad Hoc Membership Cttee, circulated for members' feedback, discussed & passed by Board, referred to Governance Cttee for Bylaw revision; ***Adopted*** by the Board.
- ***Members*** – elected Board members, and Honorary Life Members; voting privileges & receive communications
- ***Supporters*** – all who support/involved with FGPL activities – ie, past members, donors, volunteers, participants, subscribers. No voting privileges, receive communications & may run for nomination to Board.
- ***Financial Support*** – annual membership fee discontinued; all welcome to donate at any time (tax receipt for $\geq$ \$10)

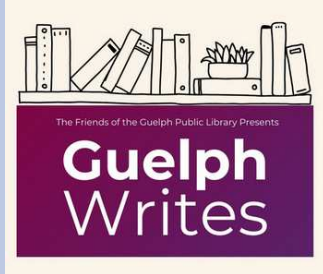


Report from the Program Committee - Nancy Ryan

Our Fall Speaker Series near Halloween presented two *spooky* themes:

AI-Should We Be Scared? with Keven Matsui of the Centre for Advancing Responsible and Ethical Artificial Intelligence at the University of Guelph.

Frauds and Scams with Sara Bowers-Peter from Crimestoppers Guelph Wellington and Elizabeth Kent from Victim Services Guelph.



A new concept, “*Guelph Writes*”, was introduced in March 2025:

Two evenings, ***Chapters One and Two***, each with moderator Jeremy Luke Hall and four local authors in conversation.

Tell us what you think! Email info@fgpl.ca. Subject line: *Program Feedback*

Report from the 2024 Book Sale Chair - May Goodwin

- 2024 was the year when the Book Sale was in real jeopardy; over 50 sites reviewed before the BAMCO Group came to the rescue
- Departure from an old familiar site and set up of a brand-new site presented many challenges.
- Despite some draw-backs to the venue the sale was a success:
 - Increased attendance from the year before – over 5000 attendees
 - Volunteer numbers increased to nearly 270
 - Donations were up – 83,000 items were acquired for sale; 66% were sold
 - Revenue increased in large part because of the adoption of Point of Sale technology - \$95,000



After 3 years as Sale Chair it's time to step down, a new Chair has taken over



Report of the 2025 Book Sale Site Search

Lynn Allen



Report of the Guelph Public Library CEO

Dan Atkins

Nominating Committee – Board Elections

Melinda Wilson

Isuri Herath

Nethmi Kulatilake

Melinda Wilson

Melinda Wilson (she/her) is a Guelphite, a wife and mother and a content marketing manager for D2L, a global EdTech company headquartered in Kitchener. She has an extensive background in writing and producing for both digital and broadcast media. She's worked on various nationally acclaimed television shows that have aired on CTV, The Comedy Network, Corus Entertainment and the CBC. Some of her credits include Canada's #1 daytime talk show, *The Social*, ratings giant, *So You Think You Can Dance Canada*, Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Over The Rainbow* and *A Conversation with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau: A Bell Let's Talk Day Special*. She also produced the first six seasons of the award-winning podcast *#ElderWisdom: Stories from the Green Bench*, which amassed more than 100,000 downloads. Melinda earned her BFA at Concordia University and is a graduate of The Second City's Conservatory Program.

Isuri Herath

Isuri is a registered midwife working at Family Midwifery Care of Guelph. Before she became a midwife, she completed her BA at Carleton in English Literature and Women's Studies, and then her Master's in Immigration and Settlement Studies at Ryerson University. Her research focused on the experiences of midwives providing care to uninsured immigrants in Ontario. In her free time, she enjoys baking, competitive trivia, and organizing board game nights. She and her husband both grew up in Guelph and they are thrilled to be raising their family here!

Nethmi Kulatilake

Hi everyone, my name is Nethmi Kulatilake. I moved to Guelph in 2022 after purchasing my first home with my partner Adi and dog Ellie (though she conveniently does not pay rent). Guelph has quickly become my favourite city where I hope to build my family and I am excited to contribute to this amazing community. My education revolves around international affairs, community engagement, and leadership. I am currently working in International Education at York University and have largely worked in the post-secondary industry, focused on student success. In my day job, I am most energized when solving systemic issues, improving processes and supporting equity deserving communities. Outside of work, I love all things related to animals, nature and travel. I'm always happy to connect with people about their pets, gardening adventures (as I attempt to develop a green thumb), and travel stories. I look forward to supporting the FGPL's mission in any way I can.

Presentation of Life Members



Bill McKinnie



May Goodwin

Adjournment