# Friends of the South Coastal Library President's Report Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday, September 24, 2025, 7:00PM

## **Donations Report**

We have received \$740 in donations since the August Board meeting. This amount includes the \$120 received in our donation jar at the Boardwalk Arts Festival.

# **Departing Board Members**

We are incredibly grateful to departing Board members Kathy Jankowski and Barb Calkins for their many years of service to FOSCL. Both made significant contributions to FOSCL as members of the Board and as officers. Deepest thanks and a hearty "cheers" to you both!

#### **Something to Celebrate?**

There are two weeks coming up that might be great inspiration for social media, communications, or an event of some sort. October 5<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> is National Banned Books Week and October 19<sup>th</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup> is National Friends of Libraries Week. While it might be too late this year to plan anything big, it might be nice to acknowledge these weeks in some way. For certain, we should send an email to our supporters during NFOL week with a "friend-raising" bent.

## DE Freedom to Read Act Recently Signed into Law

Governor Meyer signed the Act into law on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Under the legislation, libraries are required to adopt written policies ensuring that books and other materials cannot be removed solely due to partisan, ideological, or religious objections. Public and school libraries also need to establish clear review processes for objections, but materials under review would remain available until a final decision is made. The legislation also provides protections for librarians and library staff, prohibiting disciplinary action or retaliation against them for following the state's principles on library material selection.

# **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

Oct 11	Monthly book sale, 10am-noon
Oct 25	Cops & Goblins, John West Park, 1-4pm
Oct 28	Next Board meeting, 7pm
Nov 16	Dine and donate at DiFebo's