



REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHOREWOOD LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 10, 2026
Meeting Minutes

Present:

- President Jonathan Smucker
- Vice President Kara Espera
- Trustee Anjum Alden
- Trustee Scott Gronert
- Trustee Wesley Warren (5:35 PM)
- Shorewood School District Superintendent Dr. Laurie Burgos (5:40 PM)
- Director of Library Services Hayley Johnson
- Assistant Director Noah Weckwerth (excused at 6:30 PM)
- Library Office Manager/Confidential Secretary Angela Andre

Call to Order: President Smucker called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Statement of Public Notice: President Smucker confirmed that the meeting was properly noticed according to law.

Consent Agenda: Vice President Espera moved to approve the agenda, the minutes from the May 13, 2026 meeting, and accounts payable reports. Trustee Gronert seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

INFORMATION – Library Statistics

INFORMATION – Director of Library Services Report

STAFF UPDATES

Christine Jankowski was hired for the 10-hour a week shelver position, and started on Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

Thirty-seven applications were submitted for the 20-hour a week clerk position.

VACANT LIBRARY BOARD POSITION

On Monday, June 1, 2026, the Village of Shorewood Judiciary, Licensing and Personnel (JP&L) Committee moved the Shorewood Public Library Board of Trustees reappointments and new appointment to the full Village of Shorewood Board of Trustees for consideration. Formal confirmation is scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2026.

WISCONSIN TRUSTEE TRAINING WEEK 2026

Registration is now open for Wisconsin Trustee Training Week 2026. Wisconsin Trustee Training Week is a statewide professional development program for Wisconsin public library trustees, library board members, and library administrators.

LIBRARY WEBSITE SURVEY

The Shorewood Public Library website survey is now available. Feedback is being collected in anticipation of the website redesign. The goal is to build a website that is reflective of and responsive to the Shorewood community.

VILLAGE CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM

The Village Center Conference Room will no longer be available for public use starting Monday, November 2, 2026. This is to accommodate construction for the Senior Resource Center Benjamin Center.

WISCONSIN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

Director Johnson completed the Wisconsin Library Association (WLA) Leadership Development Institute (LDI) on June 3, 2026. The WLA LDI program was an immersive training program designed specifically for the library profession.

Director Johnson expressed gratitude for the opportunity to participate in the program, and looks forward to library team members attending in the future.

LAKE BLUFF AND THE SMITHSONIAN CELEBRATE 250

On Thursday, June 4, 2026 sixth grade Lake Bluff students held a grand opening ceremony for two projects created in a virtual exchange program through the Smithsonian Democracy in Dialogue Virtual Exchange Initiative.

The mural and quilt projects are currently on display in library's children's room.

UPCOMING PROGRAM: WHAT DOES AI MEAN FOR OUR FUTURE?

On Tuesday, June 23, 2026, the library will welcome Professor Patrick McDaniel, one of the nation's leading experts in artificial intelligence (AI). Dr. McDaniel will share a clear, accessible look at how AI is changing our world and what comes next.

Supervised by Assistant Director Noah Weckwerth, library clerk Eleanore (Norey) Graves organized the AI program, and assessed collection materials as part of a fieldwork experience for their master's degree in library and information studies.

SUMMER CELEBRATION

Shorewood Public Library's Summer Celebration is scheduled for Thursday, July 23, 2026 from 6:00-8:00 PM. This year, the library welcomes Sawdust, a miniature therapy horse.

MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTOR RETIREMENT

Milwaukee Public Library Director Joan Johnson announced her retirement on Thursday, May 21, 2026. Joan Johnson has served as Library Director since 2020, and will step down in August.

INFORMATION – Shorewood Reads 2026 Recap

Assistant Director Noah Weckwerth shared his report summarizing Shorewood Reads 2026, a community-wide event centered on reading Angie Kim's *Happiness Falls* with the goal to unite

the community through a shared reading experience. Shorewood Reads was co-sponsored by the Friends of the Shorewood Public Library.

To make the book accessible and encourage participation, the library added extra Lucky Day copies to its collection, and distributed 100 free paperback copies through Shorewood businesses. Copies of *Happiness Falls* were checked out 405 times from the announcement of the title in October 2025 through April 2026.

To foster community engagement with *Happiness Falls*, five discussion groups were offered and 18 programs exploring the book's themes were presented. Programs ranged from a library escape room activity, to a presentation from the Shorewood Police Department about police procedures, to an evening with the National Angelman Syndrome Foundation which featured local Angelman families. Three hundred seventy-eight people attended Shorewood Reads related programs.

ACTION – Election of Library Officers

President Smucker opened the floor for nominations for President and Vice President.

Vice President Espera nominated Jonathan Smucker for the role of Shorewood Public Library Board of Trustees President. Trustee Warren seconded the nomination, and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Trustee Alden nominated Kara Espera for the role of Shorewood Public Library Board of Trustees Vice President. President Smucker seconded the nomination, and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

INFORMATION - 2026 Shorewood Village Center Meeting Room Usage Report

Director Johnson presented 2026 usage data for each Village Center non-public and public space. Each chart illustrated the number of reservations and usage hours by the community, library, Shorewood Senior Resource Center, and the village. It also documents how the spaces are not used or underutilized.

ACTION: Social Media Policy

On Monday, May 4, 2026, Village of Shorewood Board of Trustees voted 3-2 to turn off comments on village social media accounts. The decision was made after a number of offensive, unrelated comments were made. In response, the Village Attorney advised that the village either allow all comments to remain without selective removal or disable comments entirely on its social media platforms.

The Village of Shorewood policy change does not apply to the Shorewood Public Library's Social Media Policy. Director Johnson presented draft language outlining the library's and village's social media policies for review.

MOTION: Trustee Warren moved that library staff amend the Shorewood Public Library Social Media Policy to adopt the Village of Shorewood's social media comment management practices, and that comments be disabled on all library-managed social media platforms until such policy amendments are formally adopted and implemented. Vice President Espera seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Items for Future Consideration: Social Media Policy Update

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Recorded and submitted by Library Office Manager / Confidential Secretary Angela Andre
on the 10th day of June 2026