



## REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHOREWOOD LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 8, 2026  
Meeting Minutes

### Present:

- President Jonathan Smucker
- Vice President Kara Espera
- Trustee Anjum Alden
- Trustee Scott Gronert
- Trustee Patrick Linnane
- Trustee Wesley Warren (6:09 PM)
- Shorewood School District Superintendent Dr. Laurie Burgos
- Director of Library Services Hayley Johnson
- Assistant Director Noah Weckwerth
- Friends of the Shorewood Public Library President Mary Armstrong
- 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.

**Public Comment:** Friends of the Shorewood Public Library President Mary Armstrong highlighted the Friends' National Library Week Yard Sign Campaign, and asked for trustee participation.

**Consent Agenda:** Vice President Espera moved to approve the agenda, the minutes from the March 11, 2026 meeting, and accounts payable reports. Trustee Gronert seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

### INFORMATION – Library Statistics

### INFORMATION – Director of Library Services Report

#### STAFF UPDATE

Shelver Jonathan Gitter was promoted to the 13-hour a week library clerk position. He will start his new role on Monday, April 20, 2026.

Milwaukee County Federated Library System hired two new staff members.

#### PEEPAPALOOZA!

Voting for the Peep diorama contest is underway. This year's theme is music, and we received 75 entries.

#### NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries and library professionals play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities. Shorewood Public Library will host a celebration on Tuesday, April 21, 2026.

#### PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Director Johnson attended the Public Library Association Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota from Tuesday, March 31, 2026 to Friday, April 3, 2026.

#### WISCONSIN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

Director Johnson reported on Session Six of the Wisconsin Library Association Leadership Development Institute which covered relational networking and adaptability.

#### FRIENDS OF THE SHOREWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATE

Sharadha Natraj was voted in to the Friends of the Shorewood Public Library Board of Directors, and will serve as Secretary.

#### **INFORMATION – 2025 Greater Milwaukee Foundation Spending Report**

Director Johnson shared the 2025 Greater Milwaukee Foundation Spending Report. President Smucker suggested that the next report include a breakdown of the expenses that came from each individual endowment.

#### **ACTION – Susan M. VanDenBerg Memorial Donation**

In January 2026, Shorewood Public Library was informed of a donation totaling \$64,690.57 from Susan M. VanDenBerg. Director Johnson will ensure that Ms. VanDenBerg's gift is recognized publicly in the library. There will likely be bookplates with her name placed in the items purchased with the funds.

**MOTION:** Trustee Gronert motioned to accept the Susan M. VanDenBerg donation of \$64,690.57, and depositing it in the Greater Milwaukee Foundation Board Directed Reserve Fund. Vice President Espera seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

#### **ACTION: Shorewood Public Library Board of Trustees Communication Process**

Shorewood Public Library Board of Trustees discussed the best way for the public to communicate with the board. Trustees concluded that communication should be transparent and consistent with Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

Director Johnson provided draft language for review.

**MOTION:** Trustee Warren moved to defer the agenda item related to the Shorewood Public Library Board of Trustees communication process to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Trustee Gronert seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Revisions will be made, and the board will vote on this at a later date. The Village of Shorewood Assistant Village Manager will be asked if she is willing to be an alternative point of contact, and

the second paragraph of the draft language will be changed.

**INFORMATION – Personnel Committee Report**

Vice President Espera stated that the Director of Library Services performance evaluation is underway. She told the trustees to expect a closed session at the May meeting to review the results of the evaluation.

**Items for Future Consideration:** Trustee Linnane announced his resignation from the Shorewood Public Library Board of Trustees. He expressed his gratitude for the trustees and their work.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Recorded and submitted by Director of Library Services Hayley Johnson  
on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026