REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHOREWOOD LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
October 14, 2026
Meeting Minutes

Present:

- President Jonathan Smucker
- Vice President Kara Espera
- Trustee Anjum Alden
- Trustee Scott Gronert
- Trustee Wesley Warren
- Trustee Mary Armstrong
- Director of Library Services Hayley Johnson
- Assistant Director Noah Weckwerth
- Library Office Manager/Confidential Secretary Angela Andre

Excused:

- Shorewood School District Superintendent Dr. Laurie Burgos

Call to Order: President Smucker called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

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

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda: Vice President Espera moved to approve the agenda, the minutes from the September 9, 2026 meeting, and accounts payable reports. Trustee Gronert seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

INFORMATION – Library Statistics

INFORMATION – Director of Library Services Report

STAFF UPDATES
Sidonie Wiliquet was hired as a 10-hour a week shelver, and started on September 9, 2026.

Hazel Schmitt resigned from her 10-hour a week shelver position, and her last day was Saturday, September 26, 2026.

2027 BUDGET
On Monday, October 5, 2026, the Village of Shorewood Board of Trustees Committee of the Whole reviewed the 2027 budget by department. The 2027 Proposed Budget Public Hearing will be held on Monday, November 16, 2026.

GHOST-IT NOTES

Shorewood Public Library is again hosting a Ghost-It Note Haunting by library clerk Zachary Pieper. Zach, with support from Teen Services Librarian Abigail Ott, hosted a ghost-drawing session open to the public. They also worked with Mrs. Angela Hayes at Atwater School to host three class visits to help conjure a multitude of ghosts to haunt the windows.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY FEDERATED LIBRARY SYSTEM GREAT MONSTER HUNT

Shorewood Public Library will participate in the Great Monster Hunt, a Milwaukee County Federated Library System (MCFLS) initiative beginning in January 2027.

Great Monster Hunt participants follow clues to find tokens at participating Milwaukee County libraries. Each token can be exchanged for a unique, library-themed monster trading card featuring information about that library. The initiative encourages residents to explore libraries across the county, and discover what each has to offer.

Shorewood Public Library is offering participants an additional option – a trading card geared toward children, designed by a Shorewood child. In partnership with the Friends of the Shorewood Public Library, the library is sponsoring a Monster Drawing Contest for children in kindergarten through sixth grade.

NEW: BABY STORYTIMES AND MORE

Youth Services Librarian Bridget Lee now regularly hosts Baby Storytimes for infants from birth to 18 months. Also new, children's Make and Take Craft kits are provided every other week. Kits include all the supplies to make a craft along with instructions.

TEEN CONNECTIONS

Teen Services Librarian Abigail Ott has significantly expanded teen programming since taking on the role, and programming is in full-swing since school has started. Regular ongoing teen programs include: Teen Anime Club, Teen DIY Craft Club, Teens Make, and Teen Quiet Book Club.

Another opportunity for teens to connect is through the Teen Advisory Board (TAB). Twenty teens have applied for TAB, and 19 attended the first meeting.

KANOPY KIDS

Starting Sunday, November 1, 2026, Shorewood Public Library will start a Kanopy Kids subscription which will provide patrons unlimited Kanopy Kids access at a fixed annual cost.

MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY CITY LIBRARIAN

On Monday, September 21, 2026, the City of Milwaukee announced that Mayor Cavalier Johnson nominated Jean Darnell to serve as director of the Milwaukee Public Library (MPL). The nomination requires approval by the Milwaukee Common Council, with a decision expected in the coming weeks.

MPL is the resource library for the Milwaukee County Federated Library System.

INFORMATION – Website Redesign Requests for Proposals Update

Director of Library Services Hayley Johnson, Assistant Director Noah Weckwerth, Virtual Engagement Librarian Megan Lohrenz, and Shorewood Public Library Board of Trustee Anjum

Alden, are reviewing and rating proposals with the intent of conducting interviews on Monday, November 2, 2026 and Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

The goal is for library staff to present a recommendation and contract for the full Shorewood Public Library Board of Trustees to review and approve at the Wednesday, November 11, 2026 meeting.

INFORMATION – FE Technologies Live Scanning Wand Demonstration

At the Wednesday, May 13, 2026 meeting, the Shorewood Public Library Board of Trustees approved funding for an FE Technologies Live Scanning Wand (LSW).

Assistant Director Noah Weckwerth gave a demonstration on how the LSW works, and how library staff utilize it.

INFORMATION – National Friends of Libraries Week

The American Library Association recognizes October 18-24, 2026 as National Friends of Libraries Week. This is an excellent opportunity to celebrate the Friends of the Shorewood Public Library and their ongoing support of the library and staff.

On Monday, October 19, 2026, a proclamation will be read at the Village of Shorewood Board of Trustees meeting, officially declaring October 18-24, 2026 National Friends of Libraries Week in the village.

INFORMATION – Kate Strattner 2026 Wisconsin Library Association Paralibrarian of the Year Award

Library Associate Kate Strattner has been awarded the 2026 Wisconsin Library Association SCSS Paralibrarian of the Year Award. She will be honored at a Wisconsin Library Association Conference Honors and Awards Dinner and with a proclamation read at a Village of Shorewood Board of Trustees Meeting.

INFORMATION – Trustee Essentials Handbook Chapter 7: Evaluating the Director

Items for Future Consideration: None

INFORMATION | CLOSED SESSION – Employee Compensation

MOTION: Trustee Warren moved that the Shorewood Public Library Board of Trustees move into closed session at 6:06 PM under the provisions of sec. 19.85(1)(c), Stats., for the purpose of discussing employment, promotion, compensation, and performance evaluation of employees. Vice President Espera seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

MOTION: Trustee Warren moved that the Shorewood Public Library Board of Trustees reconvene into open session at 6:12 PM. Trustee Armstrong seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

MOTION: Trustee Warren moved to award Library Associate Kate Strattner a $2,500 one-time bonus to recognize her being awarded the 2026 Wisconsin Library Association Paralibrarian of the Year Award. Trustee Armstrong seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Closed session recorded and submitted by Hayley Johnson, Director of Library Services on the 6th day of November 2026

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 PM.

Open session recorded and submitted by Library Office Manager/Confidential Secretary Angela Andre on the 15th day of October 2026