



SHOREWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 8, 2025
Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:

- President Jonathan Smucker
- Vice President Kara Espera
- Trustee Anjum Alden
- Trustee Scott Gronert
- Trustee Patrick Linnane
- Director of Library Services Hayley Johnson
- Assistant Director Noah Weckwerth
- Library Office Manager/Confidential Secretary Angela Andre
- Friends of the Shorewood Public Library President Mary Armstrong

EXCUSED:

- Shorewood School District Superintendent Dr. Laurie Burgos
- Trustee Wesley Warren

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 and posted according to law.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda: Vice President Espera moved to approve the agenda, September 10, 2025 meeting minutes, and accounts payable reports. Trustee Linnane seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

INFORMATION – Library Statistics

The 2027 Milwaukee County Federated Library System Member Reserve Fund payment - \$89,685 – was shared.

INFORMATION – Director of Library Services Report

STAFF UPDATES

Bridget Lee was hired as the new Youth Services Librarian, and will start on Monday, October 13, 2025.

LIBRARY FAN MAIL FROM TEXAS

Director Johnson shared an email that she received from Lacey Anderson, Amelia Anderson, and Aberdeen Anderson, former Shorewood Public Library patrons who relocated to Texas. The email expressed heartfelt gratitude for all that the library has meant to the Anderson family.

GHOST-IT NOTE HAUNTING ART MURAL

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

GREAT PUMPKIN HUNT

Shorewood Public Library is again excited to organize and coordinate the annual Great Pumpkin Hunt. Pumpkins will be displayed in local businesses throughout the Village of Shorewood from Friday, October 17th through Sunday, November 2nd.

DISC ASSESSMENTS

With funding from Milwaukee County Federated Library System and SEWI (Southeastern Wisconsin) Libraries, eight full-time Shorewood Public Library professional team members will be taking DiSC personal assessments. Staff will be grouped together so we can see each other's profiles and how they relate to one another.

UNDERSTANDING LIBRARY GOVERNANCE IN MILWAUKEE COUNTY WEBINAR

Steve Hesel, System Director of Milwaukee County Federated Library System, will be offering a webinar titled "Understanding Library Governance in Milwaukee County" on Thursday, October 23, 2025 from 1:00-2:30 PM. The target audience for this webinar are local public library board trustees, public library directors, and municipal leaders including elected officials and administrator.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER REMINDER

Shorewood Public Library's Early Learning Center (ELC) is currently closed. The ELC is undergoing a refresh lead by Teen Services Librarian Abigail Ott. The ELC will reopen the week of October 19th during National Friends of Libraries Week.

SHOREWOOD READS 2026 UPDATE

Shorewood Reads 2026 is currently underway with the "What Will Shorewood Read?" contest.

FRIENDS OF THE SHOREWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATE

The Friends of the Shorewood Public Library met in September and approved a \$1,000 funding proposal from Assistant Director Noah Weckwerth to expand the periodical collection.

ACTION – 2025 Library Closing for Staff Development Day

Director Johnson proposes closing the library to patrons on Friday, December 12, 2025 so that staff, both part-time and full-time, are able to fully participate in a professional development training opportunity. Scheduled staff will be expected to attend and non-scheduled staff will be highly encouraged to participate.

MOTION: Vice President Espera moved to approve closing Shorewood Public Library on Friday, December 12, 2025 from 9:30 AM to 6:30 PM so that library staff may fully participate in a facilitated professional development opportunity. Trustee Gronert seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

ACTION – 2025 Friends of the Shorewood Public Library Grant

On September 17, 2025, the Friends of the Shorewood Public Library approved \$41,000.00 to enhance library collections, programming, and other initiatives in 2026, including \$10,000.00 for Shorewood Reads 2026.

MOTION: Trustee Espera moved to accept the Friends of the Shorewood Public Library's grant of \$40,250.00 as presented in their 2026 budget. Trustee Gronert seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

INFORMATION – National Friends of Libraries Week Proclamation

The American Library Association recognizes October 19-25, 2025 as National Friends of Libraries Week. A proclamation recognizing the Friends of the Shorewood Public Library will be read at the Shorewood Village Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, October 20, 2025.

INFORMATION – Trustee Essentials Handbook *Chapter 23: Dealing with Challenges to Materials and Policies*

Items for Future Consideration

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 PM.

Recorded by Library Office Manager/Confidential Secretary Angela Andre on the 8th day of October, 2025 and submitted by Library Director Hayley Johnson on the 8th day of October, 2025