



REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHOREWOOD LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 14, 2026

Meeting Minutes

Present:

- Vice President Kara Espera
- Trustee Scott Gronert
- Trustee Patrick Linnane
- Shorewood School District Superintendent Dr. Laurie Burgos
- Director of Library Services Hayley Johnson
- Library Office Manager/Confidential Secretary Angela Andre
- Friends of the Shorewood Public Library President Mary Armstrong

Excused:

- President Jonathan Smucker
- Trustee Anjum Alden
- Trustee Wesley Warren
- Assistant Director Noah Weckwerth

Call to Order: Vice President Kara Espera called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Statement of Public Notice: Vice President Kara Espera confirmed that the meeting was properly noticed and posted according to law.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda: Superintendent Burgos moved to approve the agenda, the minutes from the November 12, 2025 meeting, and accounts payable reports. Trustee Patrick seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

INFORMATION – Library Statistics

INFORMATION – Director of Library Services Report

WINTER READING PROGRAMS JANUARY 19 - FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Winter reading programs for adult, children, and teens begins January 19th. The 2026 Adult Winter Reading program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Shorewood Public Library. The 2026 Children's Winter Reading program is generously sponsored by the Kiwanis North Shore Milwaukee, and Kiwanis members will be on hand to serve pizza at the culminating pizza party celebration.

GALE COURSES ENDS MARCH 1, 2026

The Milwaukee County Library Director's Advisory Committee voted to not renew the system-wide Gale Courses contract. The current Gale Courses contract runs through Sunday, March 1, 2026. The Milwaukee County Federated Library System (MCFLS) Electronic Resource Group made the recommendation to discontinue Gale Courses due to low usage relative to cost, limited return on investment, and budgetary impacts.

INFORMATION – Staff Development Day Report

On Friday, December 12, 2025, 17 Shorewood Public Library team members participated in a staff development day. The staff development day featured leadership trainer Martina Mathisen who presentation was titled Standing Ovation Customer Service.

INFORMATION - Trustee Essentials Handbook *Chapter 26: The Broad Viewpoint*

Items for Future Consideration

- Gift to the library

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 PM.

Recorded and submitted by Library Office Manager/Confidential Secretary Angela Andre
on the 15th day of January 2026