



REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHOREWOOD LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 9, 2025
Meeting Minutes

Present:

- President Jonathan Smucker
- Vice President Kara Espera
- Trustee Anjum Alden
- Shorewood School District Superintendent Dr. Laurie Burgos
- Trustee Wesley Warren
- Assistant Director Noah Weckwerth
- Library Office Manager/Confidential Secretary Angela Andre

Others present:

- Mary Armstrong

Excused:

- Director of Library Services Hayley Johnson
- Trustee Eric Couto
- Trustee Patrick Linnane

1. **Call to Order** - President Smucker called the meeting to order at 5:32 P.M.
2. **Statement of Public Notice** - President Smucker confirmed that the meeting was properly noticed and posted according to law.
3. **Public Comment**

Friends' President Mary Armstrong: The Friends of the Shorewood Public Library have spearheaded a community yard sign campaign to show library appreciation all month long! The signs will feature a new slogan "Great Things Are Happening at Shorewood Public Library", as suggested by Karl Pradel, who won the Friends-sponsored slogan contest earlier this year.



In early April, the Friends will place the signs in yards of anyone who requests them. They will then collect them at the end of the month.

4. **Consent Agenda:** Trustee Kara Espera moved to approve the agenda, the minutes from the March 12, 2025 meeting, and accounts payable reports. Superintendent Laurie Burgos seconded, and motion carried by a vote of 5 -0.
5. **Library Statistics**

6. Information: Library Assistant Director's Report

- **Celebrating National Library Week - April 6 - 12:**

- April 7: advance screening of the upcoming PBS documentary *Free for All: The Public Library*. The film tells the history of public libraries and the impact on society.
- Our community board, on display near the entrance to the library, is an interactive way to engage our community on their love for libraries. The board invites visitors to share their favorite library books and memories, as well as wishes for our Shorewood Library by filling out post it notes which adorn both sides of the whiteboard.

- **Winter Reading Program Wrap-Up:** The library wrapped up another slate of successful and engaging Winter Reading Programs geared towards all ages in March.

- **YOUTH** (from Youth Services Librarian Abby Ott): This year the Shorewood Public Library created a "Read-It" program for their Children's Winter Reading Program sponsored by Kiwanis North Shore Milwaukee.

We had 96 children participate in this program this year with 75 children completing all of their reading and receiving a prize bag. The new design for the program created more excitement and there was a fantastic turnout for our end of the program pizza party, with roughly 70+ people participating!

- **TEEN:** Media literacy bingo was the theme of this year's teen Winter bingo card challenge.

- **ADULT:** This year's adult program, sponsored by the Friends of the Shorewood Library, invited participants to read any book or audiobook and write a short review to be entered into prize drawings. There were 296 entries.

- **District Art Show:** The library is honored to once again host the Shorewood School District Art Show. Nearly 100 works across many mediums were installed in early April and will be on display through early May. The show highlights the creativity and talents of young artists (K-6) throughout the district! The library is proud to be a partner in this annual showcase.

- **Adult Programming Building Momentum:** With an emphasis on increasing and broadening adult program offerings in 2025, the year is off to a great start. To date the library has hosted 20 adult programs in 2025.

The library's adult programming successes and momentum are a credit to Community and Adult Services Librarian Kayla LaGrossa, who has done an excellent job planning and facilitating these programs, with plenty more in the works for this year.

7. **Information: Nominating Committee**

Trustee Kara Espera reported that the committee met and discussed trustee applications but decided not to move forward with a recommendation at this time. There will once again be a call for applicants in the Village Manager's newsletter.

8. **Information: Upcoming June Officer Election**

President Jon Smucker reminded trustees that officers are elected at the upcoming June meeting. Nominations can be submitted to Trustee Patrick Linnane in advance or at the June meeting.

9. **Action: April 20, 2025 Library Closing (Easter Sunday)**

Due to a clerical error, the Easter holiday was left off of the list of approved closing days for 2025. Assistant Director Weckwerth requested Board approval to close the library in observance of Easter on April 20, 2025, which has been past practice for the Shorewood library.

Superintendent Laurie Burgos asked if the library is closed on any other religious holidays that are not national holidays. After a discussion, the Board advised that there be a future examination of closing the library for other religious holidays.

Trustee Wesley Warren motioned that the library should be closed on Sunday, April 20, 2025 in observance of the Easter holiday. Motion seconded by Trustee Kara Espera and passed after a vote of 5 - 0.

10. **INFORMATION:** Trustee Essentials Handbook Chapter 18: Board Appointments & Composition

11. **Items for Future Consideration**

12. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 5:53 P.M.

Recorded and submitted by Library Office Manager/Confidential Secretary Angela Andre on the 10th day of April, 2025