



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHOREWOOD LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Wednesday, November 12, 2025 – Meeting Minutes

**Present:**

- President Jonathan Smucker
- Vice President Kara Espera
- Trustee Anjum Alden
- Trustee Scott Gronert
- Trustee Patrick Linnane
- Shorewood School District Superintendent Dr. Laurie Burgos
- 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:**

- 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, the minutes from the September 10, 2025 meeting, and accounts payable reports. Trustee Linnane seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

**INFORMATION: Library Statistics**

**INFORMATION: Director of Library Services Report**

**2026 SHOREWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY BUDGET**

On Monday, November 17, 2025, the Village of Shorewood Board of Trustees will vote to adopt the 2026 budget, including Shorewood Public Library's tax levy request.

**SHOREWOOD READS 2026 UPDATE**

The Shorewood Reads 2026 title is *Happiness Falls* by Angie Kim. Six weeks of programming leading up to the author visit on Thursday, April 23, 2026 is being discussed, planned, and coordinated by the planning committee.

### LIBRARY OUTREACH EVENTS

Director Johnson reported on the community outreach events that Shorewood Public Library team members have attended recently. Events include the Shorewood Fish and Feather Festival, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Bag It Up Bash, and a meeting of the Shorewood Women's Club.

### HALES CORNERS LIBRARY PROTESTS

Director Johnson noted the book challenges and protests that have taken place at Hales Corners Library.

### UNDERSTANDING LIBRARY GOVERNANCE IN MILWAUKEE COUNTY WEBINAR RECORDING

Steve Hesel, System Director of Milwaukee County Federated Library System, presented a webinar titled "Understanding Library Governance in Milwaukee County" which was directed at public library board trustees, public library directors, and municipal leaders including elected officials and administrators.

### FRIENDS OF THE SHOREWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATE

Friends of the Shorewood Public Library Director of Fundraising and Promotion McKenzie Edmonds set up a "care cart" for library staff. The cart contained an assortment of snacks and self-care items. The library team is grateful to the Friends of the Shorewood Public Library for their support of not only the library, but our team members as well.

### VILLAGE CENTER BUILDING UPDATES

The fire alarm control panel was updated on October 21 and 22, 2025, and work on the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system started on November 3rd.

### **INFORMATION: Materials Vendor Update**

Shorewood Public Library's long-standing materials vendor Baker & Taylor officially announced that they would be ceasing operations at the end of 2025. Shorewood Public Library will transition to Ingram Content Group as the main materials vendor.

### **INFORMATION: Q3 2025 Budget and Actuals**

### **INFORMATION: Q3 Greater Milwaukee Foundation Withdrawal**

### **INFORMATION: Trustee Essentials Handbook *Chapter 24: Library Friends and Library Foundations***

**Items for Future Consideration:** None

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 6:23 PM.

*Recorded by Library Office Manager/Confidential Secretary Angela Andre on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025*