



REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHOREWOOD LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Present:

- President Jonathan Smucker
- Trustee Anjum Alden
- Trustee Scott Gronert
- Trustee Patrick Linnane
- Trustee Wesley Warren
- 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:

- Vice President Kara Espera
- Shorewood School District Superintendent Dr. Laurie Burgos

Call to Order: President Smucker called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Statement of Public Notice: Library Office Manager/Confidential Secretary Angela Andre confirmed that the meeting was properly noticed and posted according to law.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda: Trustee Linnane moved to approve the agenda, the minutes from the January 7, 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 UPDATE

Library Clerk Dan Holt has reduced his hours from 40 hours a week down to 29 hours a week.

Library Clerk Eleanore (Norey) Graves will be doing a fieldwork project this semester for coursework at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Information Studies.

ATTRACTION PASS UPDATE

In February, Shorewood Public Library transitioned all attraction passes to a non-holdable or "lucky day" status. Previously the library had two methods of circulating attraction passes – holdable and non-holdable – but data ultimately showed that patrons had more access to the passes when they are more readily available. Most Milwaukee County public libraries circulate attraction passes as non-holdable items.

STORYWALK STRATEGIC INITIATIVE

In partnership with the Friends of the Shorewood Public Library, the library will be proposing a StoryWalk initiative to the Village of Shorewood Strategic Initiatives Committee. A StoryWalk is an interactive, outdoor literacy experience where pages from a children's picture book are mounted on stakes or signs along a walking path.

LIBRARY LOVE

Shorewood Public Library celebrated Valentine's Day with custom-made bracelets and keychains. Valentines containing the small tokens of appreciation were hidden throughout the library and the village for patrons to find.

WISCONSIN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

Director Johnson reported on session four of the Wisconsin Library Association Leadership Development Institute.

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

Shorewood Public Library will invite stuffed animals to sleep over at the library on Friday, February 20, 2026.

FRIENDS OF THE SHOREWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATE

The Friends of the Shorewood Public Library named Nancy Bornstein as the 2025 Volunteer of the Year at their annual meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2026. They also created a Communications Director position, and appointed Tiffanie McClain.

SOUTH MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY REFERENDUM

The City of South Milwaukee Common Council voted to put a library referendum on the ballot in April.

INFORMATION – SHOREWOOD READS 2026 UPDATE

Shorewood Reads is a village-wide reading initiative that brings the entire community together around one book. The goal is to encourage reading, spark conversation, and bring residents together through a common experience. The Shorewood Reads 2026 book is *Happiness Falls* by Angie Kim.

Assistant Director Weckwerth shared an update on Shorewood Reads 2026 programming, events, and promotional materials.

ACTION – 2026 Village of Shorewood Human Resources Manual

Trustee Gronert moved to adopt the 2026 Village of Shorewood Human Resources Manual as written with the included changes. Trustee Warren seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

ACTION - 2025 Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Annual Report and System Effectiveness Statement

Wisconsin State Statutes require library and system boards to file their annual report within 60 days after the conclusion of the fiscal year of the municipality or county in which the public library is located [Wis. Stat. s. 43.58(6)(a)].

The final page of the report addresses whether the library system – Milwaukee County Federated Library System – provided effective leadership and adequately met the needs of the library during the course of the year.

Trustee Warren moved to authorize the Shorewood Public Library Board of Trustees President or his designee to sign and approve the 2025 Shorewood Public Library annual report as provided by the Director of Library Services. Trustee Gronert seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Trustee Warren moved that the Milwaukee County Federated Library System provided effective leadership, and met the needs of the Shorewood Public Library in 2025. Trustee Alden seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

INFORMATION – 2025 Village of Shorewood Annual Report

Director Johnson shared Shorewood Public Library's annual report for the Village of Shorewood. All Village of Shorewood departments and citizen committees complete an annual report highlighting accomplishments from the previous year and proposed goals and initiatives for the upcoming year.

INFORMATION – Finance Committee Report

Finance Committee Chair Gronert shared information from the January 28, 2026 Finance Committee meeting. The committee discussed the undesignated gift from Susan M. VanDenBerg, and recommended that the gift should be deposited in the Greater Milwaukee Foundation Board Directed Fund when received.

INFORMATION – Personnel Committee Report

Trustee Linnane shared information from the January 20, 2026 and January 29, 2026 Personnel Committee meetings. The committee discussed the Village of Shorewood and the Director of Library Services evaluation processes.

INFORMATION - Letter to Onufrock Family

Director Johnson and President Smucker shared a letter that was sent to the Onufrock family recognizing the contributions that their mother, Elizabeth "Betty" Onufrock, made to Shorewood Public Library in memory of her husband, Harry J. Onufrock.

INFORMATION - Trustee Essentials Handbook *Chapter 27: Trustee Orientation and Continuing Education*

Items for Future Consideration

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 PM.

Recorded and submitted by Director of Library Services Hayley Johnson
on the 6th day of March 2026