

Greenwood Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
310 S. Meridian, Greenwood, IN 46143
July 8, 2025, 6:00pm

Members attending in person: Lori Feller, Josh Jackson, Carmen Madsen, David Penoff, Tamara Russell, Shan Rutherford

Members attending electronically: None

Members absent: None

Other attendees: Cheryl Dobbs, Kevin Hoover, Emily Ellis, Donna Ciriello, Susan Jerger, Karen Jewell, Lynn Johnson, Linda Messick, Julia Reynolds, Anna Roberts, Noah Crenshaw (Daily Journal reporter)

Attending electronically: None

Unavailable: None

Call to Order: Lori Feller called the July 2025 regular meeting of the Greenwood Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Kevin Hoover led the Pledge of Allegiance and Shan Rutherford conducted the invocation.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the June meeting were reviewed.

David Penoff moved to approve the minutes, Josh Jackson seconded, and the minutes of the June 10, 2025 meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Board Correspondence:

Cheryl Dobbs mentioned receiving two items. One item from the State Library that the library is in standards. The other item, a tax abatement notice from the city.

FINANCE

Finance Committee Report:

Tamara Russell reported that the Finance Committee met just before this meeting on July 8, 2025.

Lynn Johnson confirmed that all funds are in balance at all the banks.
Carmen Madsen signed off on all bank balances.

Cheryl reported that the semi-annual debt service on the bond was paid. Cheryl, Emily, and Lynn all went to the bank.

Lynn confirmed that Susan's training has gone well and she will be ready to take the lead at the end of the month. Lynn's last day is Friday, August 1.

Review of Accounts Payable and Treasurer's Report

Carmen Madsen noted that all liabilities have been recognized, checks have been written and signed, and payments will be made on time. "All is good."

Carmen Madsen moved to approve, Tamara Russell seconded, and the Treasurer's Report was approved by signature.

NEW BUSINESS

New Library Director named

Lori Feller announced that a formal offer for the position of Library Director had been made to Emily Ellis, the current Assistant Director, and she has accepted. The Board is thrilled and looking forward to working with Emily in her new position.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Attorney's Update:

Kevin Hoover mentioned following up on an elevator billing issue from last year.

Director's Report:

Cheryl Dobbs recounted that the month had been full of transition activities as her departure day nears. Detailed building and grounds walk throughs were done with Emily, Lynn, Aimee, and Julia to insure the new bond projects were understood. Emily and Cheryl met with Driftwood to insure final closure would be made and warranty items dealt with on the prior remodeling project. Emily and Cheryl met with Luminaut regarding the bond projects, the bid process, and timing.

Final required documents were delivered to Baker Tilly for the bond, with sale set for fall.

Through attending a webinar with the Director of the State Library and other library directors about the impact of cost cutting measures it was learned that Libby and the Evergreen consortium will continue unchanged, while cuts will be made to some of the Inspire databases, ISL support and training modules, and history and genealogy units at the ISL. Info Express costs are increasing.

Cheryl said exceptionally kind words about this board, saying we had been endlessly supportive and she was grateful for us. We have been very grateful for her.

Highlights from Department Reports:

Booked for the Evening was a highlight for many departments that either contributed and/or attended. Julia Reynolds noted the event was well attended by patrons and giving exceeded the amount received in 2024.

Summer Reading kick off went well. Patrons are enjoying the theme and are especially appreciative of the simple tracking format.

As part of the outreach initiative, Emily Ellis distributed yard signs around Old Town and the Northern Park neighborhoods to encourage residents to get a library card. These will be reused in other neighborhoods throughout the summer.

Teens and Tweens enjoyed a giant chess board, a collaborative Bob Ross painting, an After Hours Pajama Party, and a Jellyfish and Jellybeans program.

One of the Studio's contributions to the Summer Reading Program was a fantasy map making project.

The Kids department successfully hosted a visit by musher and Iditarod competitor Karen Land, along with her sled dog, Noggin. The literary worlds of Dog Man, Narnia, and Minecraft were explored throughout the month, Paws to Read saw great attendance, and Flat Fable continues to send documentation of his worldwide travels.

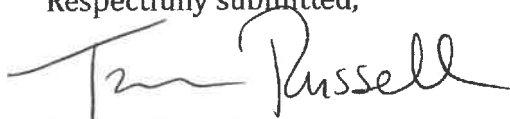
Other Business: None

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Lori Feller called for a motion to adjourn.

Josh Jackson made the motion to adjourn, Carmen Madsen seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tamara Russell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tamara" written in a stylized, connected manner to the last name "Russell".

Tamara Russell

Secretary

