

Greenwood Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
310 S. Meridian, Greenwood, IN 46143
April 14, 2026, 6:00pm

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

Members attending electronically: None

Members absent: None

Other attendees: Emily Ellis, Susan Jerger, Donna Ciriello, Karen Jewell, Linda Messick, Kevin Hoover, Anna Roberts

Attending electronically: None

Members absent: Julia Reynolds

Call to Order: Lori Feller called the April 2026 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 March meeting were reviewed.

David Penoff moved to approve the minutes, Lauren Harmon seconded, and the minutes of the March 10, 2026 meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Board Correspondence: None

FINANCE

Finance Committee Report:

Tamara Russell reported that the Finance Committee met on April 9, 2026.

Susan Jerger confirmed that all funds are in balance at all the banks.

Carmen Madsen signed off on all bank balances.

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.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Reuter Presentation

Mike Reuter presented a projection of the library's fiscal plan.

Annual Statistical Report – Signature

Emily Ellis shared an infographic with the library's latest statistics.

Construction Timeline

Following conversations with Meyer Najem, the library's construction management group, Emily Ellis shared that the HVAC maintenance required for the library can be most quickly and cost effectively by completed by shutting down parts of the building for a period of time this summer. This should provide substantial completion in 4 months, rather than 8 months.

The following schedule has been proposed:

June/July -2nd floor closed to public -Public computers, the Adult help desk, and a modified Studio Makerspace will move to the 1st floor during that time. Staff will be able to retrieve books.

Aug/Sept -1st floor closed to public -Kids Dept, TeenHQ, and community meeting spaces will be closed

To insure that disruption time is kept to a minimum, Emily has insisted that nothing will move or close until all materials and crews are ready.

Patrons will be made aware of these changes next week.

Advocacy

Our exciting new Advocacy Tool Kit has been rolled out onto the GPL Foundation website, providing supporting data and statistics, links to legislation, legislative contacts, and advocacy action plans which will arm individuals to provide support.

Monthly Advocacy emails have begun with call-to-action ideas.

Emily Ellis and Julia Reynolds met with most of the upcoming primary candidates to reinforce their awareness of library contributions to the community and future budget concerns.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Attorney's Update: None

Executive Director's Report

Meyer Naje, The Veridus Group, and Luminaut have been working on the RFPs for the upcoming bond work. Bid packages are due the 1st week of May.

New computers were ordered and installed, completing the 3 year replacement cycle of all equipment in the building.

Highlights from Department Reports:

The Kids department offered several drop in experiences: Stuffed Animal Village with multiple everyday community stations for kids to enjoy with their stuffies, March Madness Final Four related activities and crafts, and Indy 500 related activities and stories including visits from 3 princesses.

Eight staff members attended and benefited from the PLA Conference (Public Library Association) in Minneapolis.

2026 Reading and Fundraising sponsors have been confirmed for the year.

Valerie Holbrook announced exciting overhaul plans for the GPL website that will be more responsive to changes and an Evergreen overlay that will offer more personalized looks.

Other Business: None

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Lori Feller called for a motion to adjourn.

Shan Rutherford made the motion to adjourn, Carmen Madsen seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by:



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Tamara Russell

Secretary