

## MATTOON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**MINUTES: July 11, 2025 @ 5:15 PM**, Kinzel Room, Mattoon Public Library

**Board Members Present:** Phyllis Karpus, Karin Edwards, Jacob Kimery, Harold Pettigrew, Teresa Righter, Laura Huddleston, Christina Krost, Jamie Golladay

**Board Member Absent:** Greg Ray

**Staff Present:** Carl Walworth

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Righter, second by Karpus, to approve consent agenda, which consists of June meeting minutes, vendor report, treasurer's report and circulation report. Motion carried.

**Oath of office:** Board members Christina Krost and Jamie Golladay signed the oath of office and were welcomed.

**Discussion item:** History Center curator Chris Suerdieck and director Walworth discussed status and plan of book by Suerdieck on the Big Dig. A draft of the book was circulated.

**Action Items:** Motion by Krost, second by Edwards to adopt the Illinois Public Library Annual Report for 2024-2025. Motion carried.

Motion by Righter, second by Pettigrew to approve job descriptions for the positions of Volunteer Coordinator and Youth Services Assistant. Motion carried.

There was discussion about the status of the ash tree in the front lawn, which we are told is dying.

**Program report:** Summer Read programs were dominant in the program report.

**Director's Report:** Walworth reported on and the board discussed that a company developing solar projects is interested in financially supporting a library project.

The fundraiser date is likely November 19 or 20.

The Charleston Avenue improvements are scheduled to start soon.

Walworth reported on status of grants, including receipt of an unsolicited contribution through the East Central Illinois Community Foundation.

**Other business:** Trustee Karpus reported that one of the library's certificates of deposit at Washington Savings Bank matured and has been renewed.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Righter, second by Kimery to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.

**Next meeting:** August 11, 2025