

MATTOON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES: October 13, 2025 @ 5:15 PM, Kinzel Room, Mattoon Public Library

Board Members Present: Teresa Righter, Laura Huddleston, Jamie Golladay, Karin Edwards, Christina Krost, Jacob Kimery

Board Members Absent: Harold Pettigrew, Greg Ray, Phyllis Karpus

Staff Present: Carl Walworth, Abby de Buhr, Emily Tooy

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

Introductions: Staff member Emily Tooy was introduced to the board.

Action Items: None.

Program report: de Buhr talked about the Craft and Connect program, the Pages and Play home school program, the first Family Night of the fall and the Women of Letters presentation attended by 42 people. She updated the board on what she's learned about mobile libraries at other libraries. She reported on a meeting with multiple other agencies about the design of a pollinator garden and updated the board on progress about the November fundraiser. Mail appeal letters should go out this week, tickets are ready to sell.

Directors report: Walworth reported on upcoming events that will launch Chris Suerdieck's book on The Big Dig. He updated the board on the RFQ process to identify an engineering/architectural firm to work with the board on upcoming projects, reported that our book supplier, Baker & Taylor, is going out of business in December. The library received a literacy program grant from the state for \$44,397. The library is now receiving a \$240 monthly reimbursement through the e-rate program. Updates to meet the elevator code are complete. The board received the annual treasurer report, which will be published with the city's annual report.

Adjournment: Motion by Righter, second by Golladay to adjourn at 6:05 p.m.

Next meeting: November 10, 2025