

MATTOON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES: February 9, 2026 @ 5:15 PM, Kinzel Room, Mattoon Public Library

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

Board Member Absent: Greg Ray

Staff Present: Carl Walworth, Abby de Buhr, Esther Shook

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

Introduction: Staff member Esther Shook introduced herself to the board.

Action item:

1. Motion by Righter, second by Golladay to approve agreement with Farnsworth Group for \$23,500 to complete a building assessment with recommendations and options with a long-term view.

Program Report

Board president Huddleston and de Buhr updated the board on next steps in a new web site. De Buhr reported on multiple programs, including learn one/lead one with the Mattoon Emerging Leaders. De Buhr is among a small group invited to a leadership training organized by Coles Together.

Director's Report:

Walworth reported that Cheryl Body is returning as director of the Family Literacy program. Huddleston reported on a community survey she developed. Walworth said it will be distributed soon with a goal of at least 300 responses. Walworth said there is an upcoming opportunity for a literacy grant through the Carnegie Foundation that might be a fit. He attended parts of the City Council planning retreat. The library is providing space to the League of Women Voters for watch parties for debates for the Republican and Democratic races for congress in the 15th District.

Adjournment: Motion by Righter, second by Krost to adjourn at 6:06 p.m. Motion carried.