

MATTOON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES: April 13, 2026 @ 5:15 PM, Kinzel Room, Mattoon Public Library

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

Board Member Absent: Jacob Kimery

Staff Present: Carl Walworth, Abby de Buhr

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

Action item:

1. Motion by Righter, second by Pettigrew to approve Social Media policy as presented. Motion carried.
2. The board took no action on a SMS policy.

Discussion item

Board president Huddleston presented results of a community survey that had 138 responses. There were multiple items that could be used to drive future decisions for programming and building usability.

Program Report:

De Buhr presented the lineup for the Summer Read program. She also provided an action plan of the matrix for programming from the Illinois Library Association suggested standards. An updated policy on programming is planned for the fall. De Buhr reported that Devin Craig has been hired as a library assistant. She recently completed the leadership masterclass organized by Coles Together. The Junior Librarian program is ready to launch and accept applications. De Buhr also reported on a recent meeting of the Friends of the Library.

Director's Report:

Director Walworth reported on a grant application to the Carnegie Foundation for \$25,000 to advance adult literacy in an expanded fashion, including digital literacy. The library should learn in late May if the grant is being received. Walworth reported the building assessment from Farnsworth Group is expected in the next 1-2 weeks. Walworth asked for suggestions for board membership. He also reported on a meeting regarding materials disposition. Local History Center curator Suerdieck is receiving a citation from the Illinois State Historical Society for his book on the Big Dig. De Buhr and Walworth shared with the board an updated organizational chart.

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