

MATTOON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

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

Board Members Absent: Jacob Kimery

Staff Present: Carl Walworth

Others Present: None

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

Oath of Office:

President Huddleston administered the oath of office to Lorraine Malmborg, who was appointed to the board on July 7 for a 3-year term.

Action items:

1. Motion by Krost, second by Ray to approve officers for 2026-2027 as follows: President Laura Huddleston; Vice President Teresa Righter; Treasurer Phyllis Karpus; Secretary Jamie Golladay. Motion carried
2. The board established meeting dates and times for 2026-2027 as follows: Regular meetings are the second Monday of each month beginning at 5:30 p.m. Motion by Righter, second by Karpus. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Karpus, second Golladay to approve the Illinois Public Library annual report as submitted. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Pettigrew, second to Malmborg to authorize Director Walworth to seek input on questions and make any appropriate edits then sign agreement with Farnsworth Group for \$85,000 to design, solicit bids and oversee construction of HVAC upgrades as detailed in proposal (HVAC Strategy 1) from Farnsworth Group. Motion carried.

Program Report:

Walworth reported on the progress of the Summer Read program, updated the board on the Family Literacy program and its annual report due this month and advised the board of some upcoming programs, including geography trivia, America at 250 celebration, pianist Jay Daniels and Flora of Warbler Ridge led by the Grand Prairie group.

Director's Report:

Walworth noted that an assessment of our library against ILA standards for budget and finance was in the board packet. He reported that the packet includes recent grant letters from the state's per capita grant and the Howell-Adams Family Foundation. He also reported that history center curator Chris Suerdieck is working on a new book, said the audit process has begun and asked the board to be ready to continue the discussion on the building assessment at the August meeting.

Adjournment: Motion by Righter, second by Golladay to adjourn at 6:04 p.m. Motion carried.

