

Greenwood Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
310 S. Meridian, Greenwood, IN 46143
January 13, 2026, 6:00pm

Members attending in person: Lauren Harmon, Josh Jackson, Carmen Madsen, David Penoff, Shan Rutherford

Members attending electronically: Tamara Russell by conference phone

Members absent: Lori Feller

Other attendees: Emily Ellis, Kevin Hoover, Susan Jerger, Donna Ciriello, Karen Jewell, Anna Roberts

Attending electronically: None

Members absent: Linda Messick, Julia Reynolds

Call to Order: Josh Jackson called the January 2026 regular meeting of the Greenwood Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Carmen Madsen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Shan Rutherford conducted the invocation.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the December meeting were reviewed.

David Penoff moved to approve the minutes, Lauren Harmon seconded, and the minutes of the December 9, 2025 meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Board Correspondence: None

FINANCE

Finance Committee Report:

Tamara Russell reported that the Finance Committee met on January 8, 2025.

Susan Jerger confirmed that all funds are in balance at all the banks.

Carmen Madsen signed off on all bank balances.

Emily Ellis reported that the 1782 has been approved.

The admin group has had to learn timing and prioritization for yearend tasks.

Review of Accounts Payable and Treasurer's Report

Carmen Madsen noted that all liabilities have been recognized, checks have been written and signed, and payments will be made on time.

Carmen Madsen moved to approve, David Penoff seconded, and the Treasurer's Report was approved by signature.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 26-01 to Transfer Funds within a Major Category within the Library Operating Fund

Josh Jackson read the resolution which will allow simple appropriation transfers to the correct budget lines within the Library Operating Fund.

Shan Rutherford moved to approve, Lauren Harmon seconded, and Resolution 26-01 to Transfer Funds within a Major Category within the Library Operating Fund was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 26-02 to Transfer Funds within a Major Category within the Rainy Day Fund

Josh Jackson read the resolution which will allow simple appropriation transfers to the correct budget lines within the Rainy Day Fund.

Lauren Harmon moved to approve, Carmen Madsen seconded, and Resolution 26-02 to Transfer Funds with a Major Category within the Rainy Day Fund was approved by unanimous voice vote.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Attorney's Update: None

Executive Director's Reports and End of Year Statistics

All utility costs have gone up, especially electricity and gas at 23.4% and 26% over 2024 totals.

Programs and outreach totals expected to go down with new residential card requirement and that is okay.

Non resident and reciprocal card purchases were up in Q4 as patrons prepare for the new requirements.

Renewal statistics were impressive, 86% of cards expiring in 2025 were renewed. Door count was up 17% and that busyness is definitely felt.

Study rooms are busier than ever, WiFi usage continues to increase, and computer usage down as expected. GPL is being used as a "third place": a gathering spot for students, small businesses, and advocates.

Highlights from Departments

Donations, gifts, and sponsorships for the year totaled \$107,719!

Christmas activities and programs throughout the departments:

Ugly Christmas Sweater Decorating program in The Studio

Glowforge and 3D printers busy making Christmas gifts
Photo ops with the Grinch and with Mr and Mrs Claus
Imaginative Winter Wonderland Mini-Golf holes created by each department

Other Business: None

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Josh Jackson called for a motion to adjourn.

Lauren Harmon made the motion to adjourn, Josh Jackson seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by:

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Tamara Russell
Secretary

