Whitefield Public Library

Board of Trustees Minutes*
September 14, 2026

Call to order: 10:02 a.m.

Attendees: Mary Ellen Cummins via ZOOM, Sondra Brekke, Kate Kopp, Judy Gessner, Stephanie Mailhot, Diane Ash, Courtney Vashaw

Approved minutes from August, 2026 meeting. Katy made a motion, Sondra seconded and all approved

Librarian's Report

Facilities

- Rick Vashaw visits the site daily
- Full construction group meetings continue every other Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.
- Basement improvements are under discussion
- Melissa Elander will continue to pursue solar power on roof. Rebates will be looked into.

Financial

- We have spent approximately $85,200. This is less than expected.
- Fall grant season has started. Most grants will relate to the addition.

Programming

- Summer programming was an overwhelming success.
- Over 2,389 lunches served.
- Our programs served youth, teen, and adult audiences

Professional Development

- Lyn and Teresa will be attending the ARSL conference in 2026 and 2027 as part of the literacy grant.

Community

- Community Day is September 26 (10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)
- Library card sign ups and renewals
- Book sale and Bookmobile preview
- DIPL (Dolly Parton Imagination Library) sign up for children under 5 who live in the North Country
- Donation was made to help with the program

Treasurer's Report

- Sondra presented the treasurer's report. Katy moved to accept it and Judy seconded and all approved.

Public Relations

- We will provide information about the purpose of the addition, the progress made on the addition, and the programs available at the library through Facebook and Instagram as well as the website.
- Our groundbreaking ceremony will be October, 7, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

Next Trustee meeting will be Tuesday, October 13, at 10:00 a.m. (Due to Indigenous People's Day)

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Gessner

*These minutes are draft until approved at the next meeting.