Whitefield Public Library
Board of Trustees Minutes*
October 5, 2026

Called to order at 10:00AM

Attendees: Courtney Vashaw, Cathy Atwood, Mary Ellen Cummins, Sondra Brekke, Judy Gessner, Diane Ash, Stephanie Mailhot, Katy Kopp

Approved minutes from September 14, 2026. No changes, no additions. Cathy Atwood moved, Diane Ash seconded and all agreed.

Librarian's report

Facilities

- Groundbreaking on Oct 7 @ 11am, refreshments provided by WOLF

Official groundbreaking celebration is this Wednesday, October 7 at 11:00am. We discussed our process plans for the event. So far we have about 20 responses of attendance. WOLF is providing refreshments.

Financial

- Fall grants season has started!
- Zeffy is our new donation platform (via WOLF)

Zeffy is a new payment process we are using for DPIL, book sale, WOLF membership, and Capital campaign. They don't charge any fees and they're similar to Venmo.

Programming

- Kick-off of the NEA Big Reads grant with Poe-tober!
- Community meeting regarding the building on 10/27

Professional Development

- Exploring additional opportunities with ApprenticeshipNH (library science) and Go-North Funds (CHW)

Community

- Halloween is on the horizon (Sat. Oct. 31)
- Community Day was a beautiful success! We discussed changes for next year.

Courtney met with Mike Lee and Judy Ramsdell regarding renovation finances and banking.

Treasurer's Report

Sondra presented the treasurer's report.

Old Business

We discussed the bookmobile and Courtney reported that it is getting a complimentary break job by North Country Ford. Mary Ellen would like to hold book sales in the bookmobile since our current stock of sale books are on the shelves. Maybe this could be a WOLF activity. Mary Ellen would also like a checklist created for each use, example - is there gasoline? Does it need to be vacuumed? She also recommended a committee to address these issues. We will discuss more after groundbreaking.

Next Meeting: November 9, 10:00AM

Adjourned: 11:57 AM
Respectfully submitted by Mary Ellen Cummins
*These minutes are draft until approved at the next meeting.