

Whitefield Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes* July 13, 2026

Called to order at 9:57AM

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

Approved minutes from June 8, 2026. No changes, no additions. Cathy moved, Judy approved.

Librarian's Report

Facilities

From Michael...

- We had two bids- Ray's Electric and DHI. RE has not been able to secure a bond. That leaves us with DHI.
- They have been able to scale the budget back to \$2.7+ million, which makes it more feasible. Waiting on a few tweaks from the town.

Financial

- Courtney did an outreach to Whitefield High alumni
- NH Gives Total: \$3,650
 - Next year, we should plan and advertise matches well in advance
- Grants update
 - No changes to grant awards to total
 - We did not get the Opioid grant (it was a reach), but we can apply to United Way again.
 - Grant writing is not really able to happen this time of year.

Programming

- We will start Teen Programming this week
- Planning for Poe-tober is underway!
- We have 93 kids signed up for summer reading (!!!).
- We have already given away 791 lunches in three weeks.

Professional Development

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

Personnel

- Audia is back and will be joining us for the summer. The Teen grant will help supplement her hours.

Community

- Working on Community Day and some initiatives with the CBH-Community Builders Hub

Other Business

- Bookmobile is purchased and insurable. No cost until the next billing cycle for the town. If the BoS was made out to WOLF, we'll just need to transfer that to the library.

Treasurer's Report

Sondra presented the Treasurer's Report.

New Business

Mary Ellen asked if there was any interest in applying to the Littleton Casino for nonprofit contributions. The operating model of the casino includes a significant portion of gaming revenue directly benefitting licensed nonprofits. The Trustees felt this should be something WOLF should look into.

Mary Ellen stated she was interested in attending the August 12 Trustee Orientation Workshop and asked if anyone else was interested. Sondra, Judy, Diane and Cathy may like to attend as well. There is no cost.

Next Meeting: August 10

Adjourned: 11:30pm

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