

Woodstock Public Library Board of Trustees meeting, July 10, 2025

The meeting was orderly and drama-free. I was the only member of the public present. Two (I think) board members were absent.

The meeting was run by Nick Weber, the Library Director. He followed the published agenda (attached).

Library Expenditures: Discussion of book vendors; the one they are currently using is showing signs of being in some kind of economic trouble and it is not clear how long it will last. Some discussion of alternative vendor. The June 2025 Building Fund and Operating Fund Expenditures were approved.

Librarian's Report: Circulation up, some discussion of Library's participation in community events like the Wonder Lake Farmer's Market and the Woodstock Pride Fest.

New Business: Policy regarding "naming rights" explained and discussed. "Naming rights" are those granted to business who contribute something tangible; they are allowed to put their name on it (cf. Comiskey Park becoming U.S. Cellular Field, then Rate Field). Unanimous approval for policy on accepting bids (with the caveat that the Library can reject any offer; there was discussion along the lines of "What if the Illinois Nazis want to get their name on something in the library?").

Summer Reading Program is going very well; so far, 7000 hours of reading logged.

Prairie Roots (landscaping): Some aspects have been delayed; groundbreaking postponed to next spring.

Building Update: Several systems – pneumatic system (= HVAC), security camera system and A/V technology are all showing their age and in need of updates or replacements. General discussion.

Staffing Update: When their latest new hire starts work next Thursday (7/17), the library will be fully staffed.

FoWL (Friends of Woodstock Library). Some discussion of their activities, including a plant sale in September.