

**RANGEVIEW LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
May 20, 2026**

1) Call to Order

The meeting of the Rangeview Library District (d.b.a. “Anythink Libraries”) Board of Trustees was called to order at Anythink Wright Farms at 5:02 pm. A quorum was present.

Trustees Attending

Celeste Jackson, Gretchen Lapham, Niki Cooper and Stephanie Wong

Trustees Absent

Trisha Kramer

Staff Attending

Mark Fink, Executive Director; Suzanne McGowan, Director of Customer Experience; Logan Macdonald, Director of Products and Technology; Paola Vilaxa, Director of DEIB and Community Engagement; RyAnne Scott, Director of External Relations and Brand Strategy; Justin Sager, Construction Project Manager

Guests

Elizabeth Dauer, Legal Counsel

2) Additions or Changes to the Agenda

Mark Fink, Executive Director requested the removal of the Associate Director of Customer Experience Report, Ricardo Cardenas from the agenda.

A motion to approve the agenda as amended for the May 20, 2026 Regular Board Meeting was made by Trustee Cooper and seconded by Trustee Lapham. Motion carried.

3) Public Comment

None

4) Approval of the Minutes of the April 15, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

A motion to approve the Minutes of the April 15, 2026 Board Meeting was made by Trustee Lapham and seconded by Trustee Cooper. Motion carried.

5) Finance Manager's Report

Presentation and Acceptance of the April 2026 Financials

Fisher presented the April 2026 Financials

A motion to accept the April 2026 Financials was made by Trustee Cooper and seconded by Trustee Wong. Motion carried.

6) Old Business

None

7) New Business

- a. Discuss Board of Trustees retreat and professional development goal, Mark Fink

Fink asked if the Board would like to schedule a retreat this year for team building and to select a 2026 professional development goal. He said the Colorado State Public Library Standards recommends that the Board of Trustees select a yearly professional development goal. Fink reminded the Board that last year's professional development goal was to learn more about Anythink's DEIB Strategic Plan, which was led by Paola Vilaxa, Director of DEIB and Community Engagement.

Fink suggested this year's professional development goal for the Board could be to learn more about the Environmental Kinship Model and how it is represented in the design of the Nature Library. The Board expressed interest in learning more about this goal. The Board Retreat was scheduled for Tuesday, July 7, 2026 from 9:00-12:00 at the Nature Library. Fink said he will make necessary arrangements and provide additional information via email.

8) Capital Projects Update, Justin Sager, Owner's Representative

Sager reported on the construction progress of the Anythink Nature Library and said that we are approaching the final steps for completion.

Sager also reported that the Anythink Reunion Express Library (REX) project is under construction and is on schedule for a grand opening in October 2026.

Sager said that the design of Anythink Northglenn Express Library (NEX) has been initiated and construction bids will be going out soon, with a target date for completion in February 2027.

Sager reported that the Admin. Building project is also proceeding as scheduled. He said that a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) is expected within the next two weeks.

9) Executive Director Report, Mark Fink

Fink elaborated on the Admin. Building purchase and remodeling project that the District is taking an intentional and conservative approach with the remodel so that the building can effectively and economically meet the District's needs.

Fink noted that with additional revenue from investments and the savings from Anythink Nature Library project, we will be able use this revenue to cover additional expenses for the Admin. Building remodel project.

Trustee Lapham asked what the purchase price was for the Admin. Building. Fink said it was \$3 million and with the additional fees, permits, design and miscellaneous costs, the total project cost will be approximately \$12.5 million.

Fink announced that the grand opening of the Anythink Nature Library will be held on Saturday, August 8, 2026. He mentioned that the Anythink Foundation will be hosting a preview event on Wednesday, August 5, 2026 and the Board is invited to attend.

Fink said that thus far Anythink Foundation's Kinship Campaign has raised over \$35,000.

Fink mentioned that a community meeting is scheduled for Anythink Reunion Express Library (REX) on Saturday, May 30, 2026 from 10:00 am - noon at 18251 Homestead Trail in Commerce City and encouraged the Board to attend.

Fink said that mySummer programming has entered into its second year of offering pre-registration throughout the District and that he is happy to announce that there have been 6,800 individuals to register thus far.

Fink reviewed statistics for library use comparing 2019 to 2025, and noted that Anythink is back to pre-COVID numbers, which is an unusual success story compared to most public libraries across the United States. Fink noted that customers have returned to use the library because of the variety of programs offered, our beautiful and welcoming spaces, and the friendly, diverse staff we have all locations. He mentioned that he is pleased to report that 2026 statistics continue to show increasing numbers overall and throughout the District.

Fink reported that there were 543 people who responded to the community survey for Anythink Nature Library, which provided information and feedback for programming and service ideas when the library opens.

Fink reported that the Colorado State Library was able to maintain their funding for 2027 despite the challenging budget situation.

Trustee Jackson asked about the Kinship Campaign whether people can donate to this campaign beyond the grand opening of Anythink Nature Library? Fink said the campaign will run through grand opening, and we will assess whether it will be extended.

RyAnne Scott, Director of External Relations and Brand Strategy also mentioned that the Foundation is doing a fundraising night at Parry's Pizza in Northglenn - "let's raise some dough" and that 20% of proceeds will go to the Kinship Campaign.

Fink clarified that the money being raised via the Kinship Campaign will support public art and programming throughout the District. He said the grand opening of the Anythink Nature Library is the focal point for fundraising.

Trustee Jackson also asked if the Board of Trustees should donate to the Kinship Campaign. Fink said that it would be a nice gesture, but it is not a requirement.

Trustee Jackson asked if former Board of Trustees are invited to attend Anythink Nature Library grand opening. Fink said that we are in the process of putting a list together of the individuals that will be invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony, and it will include some former Trustees.

Fink said that we will be sending out an updated email listing dates and times for staff trainings and said that the Board is always encouraged to attend.

10) Assistant Director Report, Susan Dobbs

Dobbs said that all Board members should be receiving Anythink emails. She mentioned that Colorado Association of Libraries Conference (CALCON) is happening on September 9-11, 2026 in Aurora, CO. She said that if Board members are interested in attending, to let her know as soon as possible. She said that the Trustee Track is on Thursday, September 11, 2026.

Dobbs said that is HR doing a lot of recruiting and hiring and that 17 people will be starting in the next few weeks. Dobbs introduced Heidi Guyon as the newly promoted Human Resources Manager. Heidi Guyon said that she has been with Anythink Libraries for 14 years and has been on the HR Team for 7 years and that she is excited to be serving in this new role.

11) Director of Customer Experience Report, Suzanne McGowan

McGowan said that we recently wrapped up National Poetry Month, which included activities across the District with Adams County Poet Laureate Aerik Francis. Additionally, several libraries celebrated El Dia de los Ninos and will be streaming World Cup games at our libraries, and calling this "Futbol Fest."

a. mySummer presentation, Suzanne McGowan and RyAnne Scott

McGowan presented information about 2026 mySummer. She distributed mySummer folders that included flyers, bookmarks, packets of flower seeds, etc. McGowan said that the incentives for registration include a voucher to attend the Denver Zoo, or the Botanical Gardens or the Butterfly Pavilion.

Scott said that in the folders are flyers for all of the Districtwide programming as well as events for miniThinkers, which are ages 0-5 years old and offering 91 programs and each miniThinker will be given a board book in either English or Spanish. Scott said that there are three different bookmarks that have a “call to action” activity to encourage them to write and read and illustrate their favorite mySummer activity.

McGowan said that a variety of different size mySummer t-shirts for staff were distributed a few weeks ago.

Trustee Jackson asked if the “meet animals with Spurs Academy” is part of CSU. McGowan said that Anythink partnered with a different organization that offers a large-scale petting zoo experience.

Trustee Cooper asked about how to sign up the whole family and does each person get a packet? McGowan said that when they come into pick up their incentives that each person in the household will receive a voucher, etc.

12) Director of Products and Technology Report, Logan Macdonald

Macdonald said that Anythink World has been hosting a game design program which encourages kids to actually design and play each other’s games.

Macdonald reported that more than 500 people attended the Maker Fair, held at the Anythink Thornton Community Center. He said that Anythink partnered with “Kids Market” to provide a venue for young adults to market and sell their crafts.

Macdonald said that IT will be replacing photo copiers at three of our large branches within the next few days and that the remaining branches will have replacements in August.

Macdonald reported that shelving is being delivered to Anythink Nature Library.

He said Collection Development Team has been purchasing special collections for mySummer and focusing on providing multiple copies of the most popular titles for each branch, so the branches don’t run out of these titles.

Trustee Jackson asked what the plan is for stocking the shelves at Anythink Nature Library and whether volunteers would be able to assist. Macdonald said that a signup link will be sent out to staff, and it will include Board members. Jackson also noted that AARP members could be great volunteers if they were needed.

13) Director of DEIB and Community Engagement Report, Paola Vilaxa

Vilaxa said that the DEIB Trainings have been scheduled through the rest of 2026. The first training will be held via Zoom on Tuesday afternoon, July 7, 2026, focusing on Cultural Awareness.

Disability Awareness Training and Neurodivergence Training in the Workplace will also be offered, and that staff will have until year end to complete the trainings.

She said that Sid Whiting, a member of the Anythink Nature Advisory Council, will be hosting a training for Nature Library staff on Indigenous Knowledge including details and history of the land and how it relates to traditions among the Native American culture.

Vilaxa reported that she led a manager's feedback session about DEIB work to date. She said this will be an ongoing opportunity for managers to provide input and feedback, and ask questions about Districtwide initiatives.

Vilaxa reported on the status of the Anythink Northglenn Express Library (NEX) which is currently in the design phase. She mentioned that a community survey was available for this new location and we received 287 responses thus far.

Trustee Cooper said that if there is a need for assistance for the disabilities part of the training, and if so, she would be glad to volunteer.

Trustee Wong asked if there will be another community survey for NEX. Vilaxa said we will be having another community meeting once construction is underway.

14) Director of External Relations and Brand Strategy Report, RyAnne Scott

Scott said that National Poetry Month including work with Adams County Poet Laureate Aerek Francis and we created several videos to feature on social media which tripled the number of followers on TikTok from approximately 200 to 600.

She also announced that we have been working with a local girl scout who has created a variety of videos to promote our Freedom to Read collection. Scott said this teen has been a huge advocate for this collection to reach local high schoolers.

Trustee Lapham asked about "BookTok". Scott said that it is a special interest group on Tik Tok for people to recommend books.

She said that we are continuing to get good media coverage on all of our projects and programs, including Anythink Nature Library, the Studio Maker Fair and mySummer.

Scott reported that Anythink is working on a brand refresh and the project will run through 2026, with a focus on socializing a new tagline and creating a new brand statement to reflect who we are today.

Trustee Lapham asked about how the media coverage is handled. Scott explained we handle media requests, and work with a Grasslands PR, a local agency to increase our media coverage.

15) For the Good of the Order:

Nothing to report.

16) Legal Counsel Report, Elizabeth Dauer

Dauer said the Colorado Legislature recently adjourned and there was no new property tax legislation passed this session.

Dauer mentioned that if the Board is interested in attending the Colorado Association of Libraries Conference (CALCON) that she and Kim Seter will be presenting at the Trustee Track.

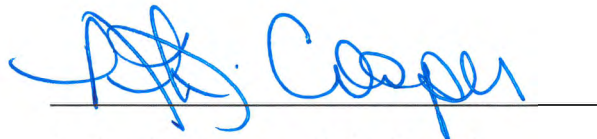
17) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:26 pm.

Motion to adjourn at approximately 6:26 pm was made by Trustee Lapham and seconded by Trustee Cooper. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Boyer
Recorder



Acting Secretary of the Board
Rangeview Library District