

**RANGEVIEW LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
August 19, 2026**

1) Tour the Anythink Library Experience (TALE) Bookmobile

2) Call to Order

The meeting of the Rangeview Library District (d.b.a. "Anythink Libraries") Board of Trustees was called to order at Anythink Bennett at 5:46 p.m. A quorum was present.

Trustees Attending

Celeste Jackson, Niki Cooper, Trisha Kramer and Stephanie Wong

Trustees Absent

Gretchen Lapham

Staff Attending

Mark Fink, Executive Director; Susan Dobbs, Assistant 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; Ricardo Cardenas, Associate Director of Customer Experience, Justin Sager, Construction Project Manager and Whitney Oakley, Anythink Bennett Branch Manager

Guests

Elizabeth Dauer, Legal Counsel

3) Additions or Changes to the Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda as presented for the August 19, 2026 Regular Board Meeting was made by Trustee Cooper and seconded by Trustee Wong. Motion carried.

4) Public Comment

None

5) Approval of the Minutes of the July 15, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

A motion to approve the Minutes of the July 15, 2026 Board Meeting was made by Trustee Kramer and seconded by Trustee Wong. Motion carried.

6) **Finance Manager's Report**

Presentation and Acceptance of the July 2026 Financials

Fisher presented the July 2026 Financials

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

7) **Old Business**

None

8) **New Business**

None

9) **Capital Projects Update**, Justin Sager, Owner's Representative

Sager said that Anythink Nature Library is continuing with the "close-out", which will be ongoing for a few months. He noted that applications for Energy Tax Credits have been submitted.

Sager said that the Atrium (Admin Building) will receive permits for sight mobilization and demolition by end of next week.

Sager also reported final inspections Anythink Reunion Express (REX) will occur soon and once received, we can begin installing furniture, shelving, etc. He said the "soft opening" of REX is scheduled for September 28th and the Grand Opening on October 14, 2026.

Fink said that Victoria Ortega, Outreach & Community Connections Manager and Paola Vilaxa, Director of DEIB and Community Engagement will be present for the "soft opening" to assist customers with signing up for library access and how to use the space. He said that this gives our staff and customers an opportunity to become familiar with the space and to iron out any issues before the Grand Opening.

Vilaxa noted that about 400 people have already signed up for access to REX.

Trustee Jackson said she attended the Anythink Reunion Express community meeting on May 30, 2026 and that it was well attended, and residents were excited about the new library.

Sager said that Anythink Northglenn Express (NEX) is obtaining permits and also said that we may take another look at the design of this library and possibly revisit the construction documents. He said the timeline for opening is still scheduled for Q1 of 2027.

10) Anythink Bennett Branch Update, Whitney Oakley

Oakley welcomed everyone for coming. She said that there has been a lot happening at Anythink Bennett.

Citlalli Buchholtz was promoted to Youth Services Guide and provides programs related to early literacy, does toddler story time, and will lead a Spanish reading hour beginning November 2026

Oakley noted that with the expansion of hours has been a great opportunity for those who require time outside of normal library hours, therefore, we are better serving our community.

Programming Highlights

Adult Programming, Eric Zacharias, added two monthly late evening programming times to his schedule to accommodate our expansion of hours. He is also continuing partnerships with Corridor Creative Arts League (CCAL) and the town of Bennett Arts Council for community arts and cultural programming. He recently visited a Strasburg Seniors Group to share information about senior programs offered at Anythink Bennett.

Teen Services and Programming, Molly DeWolf, continuing services with Teen Advisory Board (TAB) as well as partnering with Adams County Health and Human Services to strengthen support of our youth programs. TAB launched the "Happy Helpy Kit," a mental health wellness kit for teens. Teen programming has been a success with an abundance in attendance for programs offered over the summer.

Youth Services and Programming, Citlalli Buchholtz, is developing early literacy and children's programming, as well as engaging families the opportunity to learn and participate. mySummer programs included 30-50 children in attendance at each program.

Other Highlights

Bennett is making progress toward their 25% goal - staff hosted a Dia Del Nino Event including a Mariachi, Pinata making, Ballet Folklorico, face painting and catering from Los Charros, a local restaurant with over 200 attendees.

Each Guide hosted a program during the World Cup with several EZones as well as transforming the Teen Space into a Sports Lounge where Teens could gather and hangout. It also was well-attended.

The mySummer kickoff block party featuring agriculture and the Anythink Grow theme, we partnered with the Ag & Food Lab, introducing micro farming, also included was community farmer's market with fresh farm food from Wolf Creek Fresh and I-70 Street Reach Food Bank. Customers learned about the importance of local produce and ways to support locally grown food.

Teen services at Anythink Bennett is a big deal for teens to hangout afterschool, and is very well attended. Also, we will be hosting Concierge Days for Teens.

Oakley mentioned that all numbers as highlighted for Anythink Bennett Statistics are included in the packet and clearly indicate the growth in our community.

Trustee Wong asked what is the daily count for customers. Oakley said that we only have the monthly count of customers; summer months 4,000-6,000; school months 8,000-10,000. Oakley noted there have been significant increases compared to last year's counts.

Oakley shared that a bond initiative to build a new high school will be on the November ballot for Bennett voters this year.

Trustee Wong asked if expansion of hours has been beneficial. Oakley said absolutely, she said there are not many places for teens and kids to hang out so Anythink Bennett provides a space and also includes family time.

11) Executive Director Report, Mark Fink

Fink commended Whitney and her entire team for their efforts and hard work to make Anythink Bennett an incredible location and resource for the community and for also being so involved with understanding ways to expand access to kids, teens and adults.

Fink announced that we are working on a new Strategic Plan for next year. He said that Request for Proposal (RFP) has been sent and Anythink is accepting proposals from experts to help us with all phases of the engagement. He said proposals are due October 16th and we would like to have a consultant hired by year-end.

Fink shared that the Anythink Nature Library Grand Opening was a success. He commended Maria Mayo-Peaseley, Branch Manager and Justina Wooten, Branch Supervisor and the entire Nature Library team.

Fink said that this was a very complex project and we have received positive feedback. He thanked Justin Sager, our owner's representative, who has been instrumental in representing Anythink's interest throughout the project. Fink also commended Nan Fisher, Finance Manager, for her responsiveness with getting trade partners and vendors paid in a timely manner.

Fink announced the official celebration and ribbon cutting for Anythink Brighton's refreshed meeting room and outdoor porch will be held Thursday, August 20th beginning at 5:00 pm.

Fink also said that we will be revisiting the design of Anythink Northglenn Express (NEX) with Davis Partnership Architects to reach consensus on the design for this space.

Fink said that budget meetings with managers are underway. He said the information from managers will be used to develop the 2027 Budget as well as the 2027 Operating Plan.

Fink thanked the Board for attending the Anythink Foundation Event at Anythink Nature Library on August 5th. He noted that feedback from guests was very positive and it was a great way to celebrate the opening of the new library. Fink also said that the Foundation has received increased interest from local community members about joining the Board.

12) Assistant Director Report, Susan Dobbs

Dobbs announced that the Yellow Geckos, a staff appreciation task force, has initiated a 4-week “wellness” challenge. She said that a nature-theme is the focus this year and that forming a team (optional) of 2-5 will add to the fun. It is a great way to move into fall and to also get up and moving. She invited and encouraged the Board to participate.

Dobbs said that HR is still very busy recruiting and hiring staff throughout the district.

She reported that the Facilities Team has been working on “all things nature” with landscaping projects as well as preparing for the Fall weather. She commended the team for their efforts and hard work throughout the year.

13) Director of Customer Experience, Suzanne McGowan

McGowan announced that this Fall we will partner with Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art (BMOCA), featuring artist Diego Flores with exhibits at Anythink Bennett, Anythink Thornton Community Center and Anythink Commerce City, which will run through January 2027.

She also said that the last event of the 2026 Community Concert Series will be held on Thursday, September 3rd at Anythink Thornton Community Center.

McGowan said Winter planning and programming for Frost Fest activities is underway, and noted that past events have been popular throughout the district.

14) Director of Products and Technology, Logan Macdonald

Macdonald began by announcing that Anythink Nature Library opened with approximately 850 TryIts; after one week, all but 80 of them have been borrowed by customers.

He announced that during the first week, Anythink Nature Library customers have checked out 14,690 items and staff issued 2,407 library cards.

Macdonald said the Anythink App released an update that has fixed known title searches that makes it easier for customers to search for specific titles.

He said the Fall Studio Maker Fair event will be held on September 19th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Anythink Wright Farms. He said there will be several demonstrations throughout the day and catering will be Hawaiian BBQ. Also, Kid's Markets will be present and youth will be selling a variety of items.

Macdonald announced that Anythink World has been working with a developer to create a virtual Nature Library experience. He said that final stages of the design and coding and it will be demonstrated at the September Board meeting. He mentioned that this virtual experience features a natural language response BOT and can be asked anything about nature and will give the answer.

15) Director of DEIB and Community Engagement, Paola Vilaxa

Vilaxa shared that one of the goals for her department is to collect meaningful metrics to make better-informed decisions, and to be able to measure effectiveness of our training efforts.

Vilaxa introduced Roderick Bullard, DEIB Specialist, and said that he has created pre- and post-training survey evaluations that will allow us to measure the impact of staff trainings.

Vilaxa said that in addition, we have also developed are evaluations to processes and initiatives. She explained that Bullard has developed a staff survey that measures the success of the Anythink Incident Debrief procedure. Vilaxa said that using this procedure staff are able to debrief after encountering a difficult situation. She presented copies to the Board.

Trustee Jackson asked if staff have access to an Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Vilaxa said absolutely.

Vilaxa shared that in anticipation of opening REX, the Outreach & Community Engagement team have been tabling at Anythink Wright Farms, Anythink Brighton and Anythink Commerce City to get people registered for access. She said that approximately 400 people have registered online thus far.

Lastly, Vilaxa mentioned the new bookmobile; The Anythink Library Experience (TALE). She explained that the vehicle offers more flexibility because it is smaller than the previous bookmobile. It is meant to be parked and carts of books can be unloaded from the vehicle so they are accessible for customer browsing.

16) Director of External Relations and Brand Strategy, RyAnne Scott

Scott said that Brand Strategy is working on launching a campaign for National Library Card Sign-up Month in September - your library card is the "ultimate fan pass." Scott said that weekly promotions and drawings at each branch will take place, offering gift cards, tickets to sports events, etc. She said details and results of the campaign will be announced at the end of the promotion.

17) Associate Director of Customer Experience, Ricardo Cardenas

Cardenas said that there is lots going on across the district. He reported on a program at Anythink Commerce City - the "Kick It with the Colorado Rapids Team" in August and that it was a success. The Colorado Rapids soccer team brought soccer balls, and other swag and also one of the team players was there to give autographs. He thanked RyAnne Scott, External Relations and Brand Strategy for collaborating. Cardenas said over 160 people attended.

Cardenas noted that our partnership with Emily Griffith Technical College to offer ESL classes at Anythink Commerce City and Anythink Huron Street is proceeding this fall. He said there are over 200 individuals on waiting lists for ESL classes.

Cardenas announced that Citadel Security will have a presence at Anythink Thornton Community Center beginning this Fall.

18) For the Good of the Order

Trustee Jackson said that she attended the Grand Opening of Anythink Nature Library and it was absolutely beautiful, energetic, well thought out, and incredibly well attended. She thanked Mark Fink, Executive Director for his leadership.

Trustee Wong echoed this.

19) Legal Counsel Report, Elizabeth Dauer

Dauer said that the Colorado Association of Libraries Conference (CALCON) will be held in September 2026 and that she and Kim Seter will be present for the Trustee Track on Thursday, September 10th and encouraged the Board to attend.

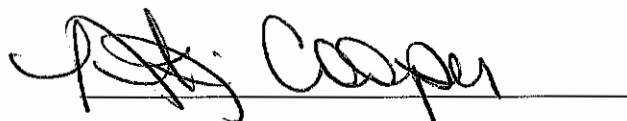
20) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:05pm.

Motion to adjourn at approximately 7:05 pm was made by Trustee Cooper and seconded by Trustee Kramer. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Boyer
Recorder

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. J. Cooper", written over a horizontal line.

Acting Secretary of the Board
Rangeview Library District