

**RANGEVIEW LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
April 16, 2025**

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 Perl Mack at 5:03 pm. A quorum was present.

Trustees Attending

Suzie Brundage, Gretchen Lapham, Celeste Jackson, Niki Cooper

Trustees Absent

Trisha Kramer

Staff Attending

Mark Fink, Executive Director; Susan Dobbs; Assistant Director, Suzanne McGowan, Director of Customer Experience; Paola Vilaxa, Director of DEIB and Community Engagement; Nan Fisher, Finance Manager; Justin Sager, Construction Project Manager.

Guests

Elizabeth Dauer, Legal Counsel

2) Additions or Changes to the Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda as presented for the April 16, 2025 Regular Board Meeting was made by Trustee Jackson and seconded by Trustee Lapham. Motion carried.

3) Public Comment

None

4) Approval of the Minutes of the March 19, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

A motion to approve the Minutes of the March 19, 2025 Board Meeting was made by Trustee Lapham and seconded by Trustee Cooper. Motion carried.

5) Finance Manager's Report, Nan Fisher

Presentation and Acceptance of the March 2025 Financials

Fisher presented the March 2025 Financials.

A motion to accept the March 2025 Financials was made by Trustee Lapham and seconded by Trustee Jackson. Motion carried.

6) Old Business

None

7) New Business

a) Board Retreat/Training

Fink asked the Board to schedule time outside of a Board meeting to review and discuss Board responsibilities, Bylaws, etc. The retreat was scheduled for:

- Monday, June 23, 2025 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Anythink Thornton Community Center - Program Garage
- Shelly will follow up with Board members regarding food options

8) Anythink Perl Mack Update, Annette Martinez, Branch Manager

Martinez welcomed everyone for coming. She announced that the Anythink Perl Mack Branch has had several things happening this past year; namely:

- The installation of an egress window to serve as an emergency exit from the building.
- Renovations to the break room/kitchen.
- Minor property landscaping as well as adding a staff patio area.
- Increasing open hours (eight hours per week) to include one hour in the morning one hour in the evening, Monday through Thursday.
- Hiring a Lead Concierge and a part-time Wrangler.
- Laura Wilson, originally from Anythink Wright Farms has joined as a full-time Concierge.
- Hosting "Unstudied" featuring Poet Laureate Kerrie Joy - which was attended by over 100 people and made use of the library's backyard space.
- Perl Mack became an election polling site in November 2024 and it proved to be a popular service.
- Addition of a monthly Zumba class.
- Partnering with Bella Boutique to offer free Prom/Formal dresses and accessories for local teens.
- Hosting the first "Staff Spotlight" event - "Cocina Libra" which is an international food cooking class.

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

Sager reported on the construction progress of Anythink Nature Library by illustration of an aerial view of the facility. He was happy to report that the project is on time and on budget.

Trustee Lapham expressed how delighted she is that a local company, Colorado Geothermal, was chosen as a subcontractor on this project.

Trustee Brundage said that she is amazed at how much progress has been done in the last few months.

10) Executive Director Report, Mark Fink

Fink said that our Nature Library General Contractor, GH Phipps, is hosting a "Topping Out" celebration on Wednesday, April 30th starting at 10:00 a.m. and that lunch will follow. Anythink Board members and elected officials have been invited to attend.

Fink also talked about the staffing plan for the Nature Library and the team will be working on rolling out the plan within the next few months.

Fink participated in a site visit with representatives from Rocky Mountain Partnership and the Wallace Foundation. He noted the focus of this grant opportunity is to provide teens with more educational and vocational opportunities to earn living wages in Adams County.

Fink announced that the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has been defunded and staffing has been decreased. He noted that it was unclear how this action will impact the Colorado State Library and Anythink specifically, so we will have to wait and see how the situation evolves.

Fink continued by saying that Library Day at the Capitol was well attended with approximately 70 people advocating to support SB25-63 and to oppose HB-25 1158.

Fink announced that recently SB25-63, Request for Reconsideration of Library Resources for School Libraries, passed through the Legislature and is waiting for the Governor's signature to become law.

Fink said that HB25-1158, jeopardized students' abilities to use public library databases, and library organizations took an "oppose" position on the bill. The bill made it out of the House Education Committee, but was defeated when voted on by all the members of the House.

Trustee Cooper asked about SB25-63 and how it will impact Adams County 12 which has made budget cuts reducing school library staff. Fink said that if the school district already has a Request for Reconsideration Policy, then it will need to conform with the

new legislation once it passes. If the school district does not have a policy, it will need to adopt one to comply with the legislation.

11) Legal Counsel Report, Elizabeth Dauer

Dauer complimented Fink on his work with the CAL Legislative Committee and keeping the library informed of legislative developments.

Dauer explained that SB25-077, Modifications to Colorado Open Records Act, has passed through the House and the Senate and will be presented to Governor who may possibly not sign it. She said that this bill would make it easier for government organizations to furnish public records when requested by increasing the period of time to provide the requested information from 3 working days to 5 and extending the time of response from 7 to 10 days for extenuating circumstances.

Trustee Brundage asked how they determine who has to pay for these records. Dauer said that it is based on the status of the requester and the complexity of the records requested.

Trustee Jackson said that that some government organizations receive several CORA requests made by members of the public, which can be time consuming to fulfill. Dauer agreed and also said that sometimes the requests involve complex legal matters and may be cost intensive for government organizations to comply.

12) For the Good of the Order

Dobbs extended an invitation to the Board and asked for the final count of the CBCA Award Luncheon on April 22nd. Trustee Cooper said that she would like more information and would like to attend.

Dobbs also mentioned that the April Board meeting is generally set for election of officers. Dauer said that she will prepare the Recommendation and it can be done at the May 21st Board meeting. Fink said that he will distribute the Board Bylaws at the next meeting.

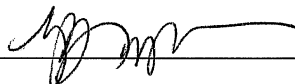
13) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:55 pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Lapham and seconded by Trustee Jackson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Boyer
Recorder



Acting Secretary of the Board
Rangeview Library District