

**Camden County Library District
Board of Trustees Meeting
July 21, 2025**

Roll Call

Board members present: Dr. Mari Pat Brooks, Adam Guttman, Nancy Pope, and Jaylon Menard.
Staff present: Deborah Lewis, Technical Services; Jim Pasley, Director; Coli Creach, Assistant Director; and Vicki Granneman, Assistant Director, acted as recorder.

Brooks called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Acceptance of Agenda

Guttman moved to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Menard and approved by the board.

Deborah Lewis, a Library Assistant in Technical Services, explained to the board that technical services order, catalog, and process library materials for all branches. Once materials have been processed, they are sent to the owning branch. Technical Services also mends books, withdraws books as needed, and maintains records for all holdings.

Director's Comments

The refurbished sign at Sunrise Beach has been installed. Macks Creek had a new HVAC unit installed upstairs, and the downstairs unit has been repaired. We currently have three (3) units to replace at Camdenton.

Pasley met with the Branch Managers regarding protocol for bed bug infestation.

We received full payment from Revelation Construction for repairs made to the shared lift station.

The library survey went out in the Camdenton Chamber of Commerce's e-mail blast.

Minutes

Pope moved to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Menard and approved by the board.

Treasurer's Report

Menard moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion was seconded by Guttman and approved by the board.

Bills Payable

Pope moved to approve the monthly bills as presented. Motion was seconded by Guttman and approved by the board.

Branch Reports

Branch Managers have been busy with the Summer Reading Challenge. They will be checking their audiobooks for weeding. Branch Managers have been asked to report what their most asked reference question is regarding our services.

Unfinished Business

The library survey has been sent out in an email blast from the Camden County Chamber of Commerce. The board has requested that the survey be put on the library website. The board will hold a meeting in September to focus specifically on strategic planning.

Menard moved to approve the 'Citizen's Request For Reconsideration of Library Materials' form as revised. Motion seconded by Pope and approved by the board.

Guttman encouraged the library board to keep challenged books in the adult section by citing a related webpage from PlannedParenthood.org, titled What Causes Sexual Orientation, and an article ScienceDaily.com, sourced from Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University, titled Gene Variants Provide Insight Into Brain Body Incongruence In Transgender. No action was taken.

New Business

Pope moved to approve a \$63,000 budget adjustment, increasing the building improvements budget to \$83,000. Motion seconded by Guttman and approved by the board.

Public Comments

Sandra Nelson, a patron from Camden County, would like to see the status of all challenged books. She feels that our policy violates the First Amendment.

Laura Scott, a patron from Macks Creek, questioned our mission statement and our vision statement. She believes that parents should be responsible for what their children read and would like to see books back on the shelves for which they were written.

Tammy Flores stated that she believes that parents should be responsible for what their children read and that the library should provide access for everyone.

Guttman moved to adjourn and enter into closed session. Motion seconded by Menard and approved by the board.