



**Board of Trustees
Public Hearing for the 2026 Budget
Hussey – Mayfield Memorial Public Library
Thursday, August 21, 2025**

A public hearing was held on August 21, 2025, beginning at 6:30 p.m. to hear input on the 2026 Library Budget.

Members of the Board present included Chris Squier, Colleen Hittle, Ed Cambra, Sarah Jones, Kenyon Kopecky, Matt Doublestein, and Sharon Walker. HMMPL staff present: Kristin Shelley, Executive Director; Kimberly Lane, Director of Operations; Kaki Garard, Director of Advancement; Virginia Hilbert, Marketing Department Head; Lydia Lutz, Outreach Services Department Head; Ezequiel Weldon, Whitestown Branch Manager; Sarah Childs, Technical Services Department Head; Kathleen Murphy, Admin Assistant. Chris Squier presided.

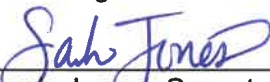
Christine Squier called the public hearing to order and asked for any public comment. No members of the public were present.

As reported by Kristin Shelley, the 2026 budget is projected to be \$5,100,164.00. Key impact factors include the following:

- Tax cap will be more than doubled in 2026 compared to the current year.
- Local Income Tax (LIT) projections from the DLGF are 10% less in 2026 than in the current year.
- The Library will use undesignated donations and a HMMPL Foundation donation to reach the max levy needed.
- 3.5 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions have not been filled.
- \$86,605 has been appropriated from the Rainy Day Fund for facility repairs at the Zionsville Branch.
- HMMPL has implemented cost-saving items such as contracting with a new cleaning contractor.

Adjourn

*Upon **motion duly made** by Matt Doublestein, seconded by Colleen Hittle, and being adopted, it was resolved that there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.*



Sarah Jones, Secretary

August 2025 Library Board: Christine Squier, Colleen Hittle, Ed Cambra, Sarah Jones, Kenyon Kopecky, Matt Doublestein, and Sharon Walker.