

OSHKOSH PUBLIC LIBRARY  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
April 30, 2020

WHEREAS, a novel strain of the coronavirus, named COVID-19 has spread throughout numerous countries, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human Services has declared a Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has declared a Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services has issued two Safer at Home Orders (Emergency Order #12 on 24 March 2020 and Emergency Order #28 on 16 April 2020), which closed all Wisconsin public libraries for in-person services, with the following exceptions: on-line services and programming; curb-side pick-up of books and other library materials; any essential government function; and food distribution; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services Safer at Home Emergency Order #28 on 16 April 2020 closed all Wisconsin public and private K-12 schools for pupil instruction and extracurricular activities for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oshkosh has enacted an ordinance declaring a State of Emergency, giving the City Manager and Emergency Management Coordinator the authority to issue all such orders as they deem necessary to protect public life, health and safety, including the power to direct emergency response activities by City departments; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Oshkosh Public Library is working closely with the Oshkosh City Manager and Emergency Management Coordinator to preserve the continuity of operation of essential City services and to protect the life, health, safety, and livelihoods of city employees, including Library employees; and

WHEREAS, the Oshkosh Public Library Board may be unable to meet with promptness during the public health emergency to address issues normally under its authority under Chapter 43 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Oshkosh Public Library Board, authorize the Oshkosh Public Library Director to take such actions as may be necessary and expedient to continue regular operations of the Library; including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Approving the register of payments for invoices, payroll and other payments.
2. Authorizing purchases, accepting bids, and approving agreements which would otherwise require Library Board approval, so long as such purchases, bids or agreements meet all statutory and local code requirements.
3. Authorizing temporary budget adjustments and transfers.
4. Consistent with State and City authorities, determining the time and manner of re-opening the Oshkosh Public Library facility to the public, so long as the date of re-opening does not occur before 8:00 a.m. on June 4, 2020, the first day after the end of the 2019-2020 school year for the Oshkosh Area School District.

The actions taken pursuant to the grant of authority contained in this resolution shall be subject to ratification, alteration, modification or repeal by the Oshkosh Public Library Board as soon as that body can meet, but the subsequent action taken by the Library Board shall not affect the prior validity of the action taken.

Resolution Approved This \_\_\_\_\_, Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Christine Melms-Simon, President  
Oshkosh Public Library  
Board of Trustees

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeff Gilderson-Duwe, Director  
Oshkosh Public Library