

G.C. Community Library

Jan. 30, 2025

Special Meeting of the Trustees

Board Members attending: Carla Ligo, Dave Kershaw, Heather Leskanic, Zack Bombatch, Melissa Broerman, Lydia Speice.

Interim Director attending: Scott Amon

Employee attending: Wendy

Carla called the special meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Wendy, who handles the library's cataloging and technology needs, said she checked out two other companies' systems before recommending Atrium.

She and Scott submitted an extensive comparison of the Evolve and Atrium systems to the board as requested and answered questions about the proposed change.

The main reason for switching to Atrium is the long-term cost savings.

Evolve's 2024 subscription renewal increases a little every year; current cost is \$4,560.

Atrium's contract includes first year/transfer costs totaling \$4,585 for first year and transfer costs in 2025. The 2026 subscription renewal will cost \$895, which includes \$100 for cover images.

Atrium will carry over patron history going back to January of 2021 (extra \$995 included in 2025 transfer cost). Staff say this feature will be useful to numerous patrons. This system also offers a more contemporary look, as well as an app to support smartphone access (not offered by Evolve). Right now, the library staff can use two-way text with patrons; the current Atrium plan offers only one-way texting from staff to patron.

The library is expected to be closed for two days, March 27 and 28, for staff training.

Wendy said staff will have to communicate to patrons how they will be able to access their checkout histories. Other features could be added later if necessary. This would likely carry an extra charge. Atrium personnel assure GCCL staff that the company can successfully provide the switchover before April, which is when Evolve bills the library.

Dave made motion to approve the change to Atrium and contract details. Melissa seconded. Motion carried. None opposed.

Board members said they appreciated the contract comparisons and additional details that were provided.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by board secretary, Heather Leskanic, on Feb. 3, 2025.