

Minutes for February

The Hand County Library Board of Trustees met on Monday, February 24, 2025 at 4:00 PM in the Historical Room of the Hand County Library.

Members present: Chairman Andrea Fiala, Trustees Mike Anglin, Mike Donlin, Gloria Keck, and Marianne Peterka, and Library Director Hannah Caffee.

Hannah reviewed current and upcoming library programs.

- Winter Book Club was held February 20th with 10 in attendance. Next meeting is March 20th at 5:30pm to discuss any book under the theme: poetry.
- Preschool Story Time landed on a very cold February 13th. Next will be March 13th
- Chess Club was cancelled due to illness on February 7th. February 21st had six players and two new volunteers Heidi Danburg and Paul Testerman. Next meeting will be March 7th.
- Bridge Lessons have been happening on Thursdays at the library with a full class of four new players.
- A group of 4-5 young adults has been meeting each Wednesday at the library for Dungeons and Dragons.
- Miller Career Fair is taking place on March 19th at the community center. All high schoolers are required to attend, and Hannah will have a booth to sign students up to volunteer during the Summer Reading Program.
- Dr. Seuss Day is coming up on March 1st. Hannah has a Cat in the Hat craft, Oh the Place You'll Bingo game, a matching rhyme activity, maze/dot-to-dot, and a Green Eggs and Ham treat planned. The event kicks off at 11am and will end around 1pm.
- Hannah has submitted an application to the host the SD Humanities Council One Book Author Rebecca Clarren to talk about her book *The Cost of Free Land*. She hopes to hear back within one month.

The Reading Dweebs, tween advisory group, has had several events take place:

- Grannies Club met on February 10th and will meet again on March 10th. The inaugural meeting gathered 12 kids and 8 adults to teach and learn crochet. The library will continue to provide crochet supplies, but other "Granny" crafts are welcome.
- The Valentine Crafternoon brought in 9 kids. The Reading Dweebs did a great job of practicing the craft and decorating.
- The Scavenger Hunt is up and running this week. Little birds are placed throughout the library for kids to find.
- Reader's Theater met for their first practice last Thursday. Six have signed up, and four attended the first practice. They worked on the back drop and we finalized the script.

Hannah nailed down the dates for the Summer Reading Program. She intends to begin May 16th and end July 11th. By starting directly after school dismisses, she hopes to catch kids ahead of the busy-ness of summer. Hannah is hosting a local artist meeting February 28th at 5pm to collect interest and ideas for summer programming with the theme "Color Our World". She will be attending Jumpstart Summer Reading Training on March 11th in Chamberlain.

The Community Connect Grant has extended for an additional year for hotspot lending, 1-2 financial literacy programming, and 1-2 digital literacy programming. Hannah has asked the American Bankers Association to help connect with a financial expert willing to speak to an audience at the library.

The Hand County Library Board reviewed the Open Meeting Laws.

Hannah mentioned some concerns of the parking lot and the visibility of the handicap parking space. She thinks a fresh coat of paint will help, and she wonders if we should consider painting lines for two rows. She will look into the rules and regulations for parking lots, and she will reach out to the Hand County Maintenance Department for equipment to use.

Hannah shared a draft of the annual report to be submitted to the South Dakota State Library by March 1st.

Hannah provided some information to the board about HB 1239 which passed the House of Representatives and is now facing a vote in the Senate. The bill amends an existing law to extend and allow the librarians to be prosecuted "for disseminating material harmful to minors".

Mike Anglin made the motion to approve the January minutes and petty cash statements. Mike Donlin seconded.


Gloria Keck made the motion to approve the Financial Report and Bills. Marianne Peterka seconded.

The next library board meeting will be held Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 4pm.


Meeting adjourned.

A & B Solutions	#(425) service contract	\$84.97
Bob's Disposal	#(428) garbage	\$21
Bob's Gas	#(426) propane	\$716.10
City of Miller	#(428) utilities	\$497.95
Ingram	#(426) supplies	\$329.00
Overdrive	#(426) supplies	\$256.59
Venture Communications	#(428) email address/phone	\$207.71

Salary and Benefits	#(411, 412, 413, 414, 415)	\$5240.95
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 Hannah Caffee, Director



 Andrea Fiala, Library Board Chairman