

## Draft Minutes for May

The Hand County Library Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 4:00 PM in the Hand County Library.

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

The Hand County Library will be closed June 19th in observance of Juneteenth.

Hannah Caffee provided a recap of recent programming. In partnership with the South Dakota Humanities Council, Rebecca Clarren, the author of *The Cost of Free Land*, visited the library and spoke about her book. Thirty-five patrons were in the audience, and enjoyed Subway sandwiches, chips, and bottled water afterward. The 3rd Annual Chess Tournament took place on May 10th. Eleven kids aged 1st through 8th grade competed with Griffin Schnathorst crowned champion. Everyone was a good sport. The Summer Reading Program, *Color Our World*, had its kick-off event indoors due to rain on May 16th. The Sunflower Strings Ukulele band played, kids made chalk art on black construction paper, and an indoor picnic of hotdogs, chips, cookies, and bottled water was enjoyed by all 80 in attendance. Library director and staff were thankful for the five volunteer helpers during this program. Our first story time for *Color Our World* was held on May 22nd. We had 45 kids, 20 adults, and 3 volunteers in attendance.

The summer reading program currently has 122 kids and 25 adults signed up, and the kids have read a collective 24,788 minutes in just two weeks! The first story time event was quite busy, so it was decided that two story times would be more appropriate to better fit everyone in the space. A full class of 5th through 8th graders learned watercolor techniques in a class with Kathy Harvey. 1st through 4th graders will have a watercolor class offering on June 4th at 11:30am. Andrea Fiala shared a near art-related program at the Heritage Museum in Aberdeen. The board discussed ideas for bringing something similar to the Hand County Library in the future.

Fourteen adults have signed up for the 2025 Community Read. Copies of *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt have been purchased, and readers will receive a copy thanks to the Community Connect Grant funds.

A folk duo, The Western Troubadours, will be traveling through South Dakota this fall and were hoping to play at the Hand County Library. Other libraries have expressed their satisfaction with the group, and the Central Plains Arts Council has agreed to partner on the event.

Mike Donline sent a picture of two outdoor chess tables for the library, and the locate has been completed northeast of the library's back door.

Hannah brought up personnel and performance reviews for this year. She requested her reviews of staff be done after the summer reading program ends, and the board agreed. At next month's meeting, the board will complete a review of the library director.

Mike Anglin made the motion to enter executive session, and Marianne Peterka seconded.

The Library Board returned to regular session. A motion was made by Marianne Peterka that Roxanne Stevens be appointed to a three-year term on the Library Board of Trustees to replace Marianne Peterka. Motion seconded by Gloria Keck and carried.

Mike Anglin made the motion to approve the March minutes and petty cash statements. Gloria Koeck seconded.

Marianne Peterka made the motion to approve the Financial Report and Bills. Mike Anglin seconded.

The next library board meeting will be held Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 4pm.

Meeting adjourned.

A & B Solutions	#(425) service contract	\$
Bob's Disposal	#(428) garbage	\$21.00
Bob's Gas	#(426) propane	\$
City of Miller	#(428) utilities	\$
Ingram	#(426) supplies	\$
OverDrive	#(426) supplies	\$
Venture Communications	#(428) email address/phone	\$207.71

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

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Andrea Fiala, Board President