

Library Board August Meeting Minutes

The Hand County Library Board of Trustees met on Monday, August 25, 2025 at 4:00 PM in the Hand County Library.

Members present: Chairperson Andrea Fiala, Trustees Marianne Peterka, Roxanne Stevens, Mike Donlin, and Mike Anglin, and Library Director Hannah Caffee.
(absent) →

The Hand County Library will be closed September 1st for Labor Day and October 13th for Native American Day.

The SDLA Conference will be held this year in conjunction with the North Dakota Library Association, and Mountain Plains Library Association in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Hannah will be attending and is eager to attend sessions for professional development as well as sessions to hear from big-name authors. Marianne Peterka made the motion to approve Hannah's attendance and pay for travel. Mike Donlin seconded, and the board approved.

Hannah provided a recap of recent programs along with a list of programs coming up:

Kids vs. Adults Reading Challenge August 6-16th

- 54 participants reading a total of 12536 minutes
- Root Beer Float Party to celebrate
- State Fair Tickets passed out to kids reading at least 50 minutes

2025 Zucchini Cook-Off August 11, 2025

- 12 Submissions into the contest
- Chocolate Zucchini Cake was voted as the winner of the 5 leftover zucchinis

Winter Book Club

- Season opener brought in 8 participants
- Reading our Community Read book "The Anxious Generation" for September discussion on ~~August~~ ^{September} 18th at 5:30pm

Community Read Workshop/Presentation

- ~~August~~ ^{September} 17th at 6:30pm at Miller School
- Jennifer Boomsma-Kelsey, Elementary Principal, and Lindsay Haider, High School Principal, will facilitate with Hannah

Western Troubadours

- Folk/Western Duo Performance
- October 7th at 6pm
- Refreshments at 5:30pm

Chess Club

- Chess Table Dedication October 17th at 4pm
 - Slunecka family attending
 - Refreshments served
 - First day of Chess Club for the school year

Preschool Story Time

- 2nd Thursday of the month--September
- Looking into adjusting the time
- Discussion about contacting all day care providers about this opportunity

The board discussed some outdoor maintenance work that would need to be addressed. It was decided to revisit the buffalo grass lawn adjustment next season. Give Back Day is coming up, and the board discussed some outdoor options for this group to accomplish. Hannah is connected with Chis Keeter to finalize a plan.

Other business included the consideration of some furniture for surplus. The board agreed upon the items for surplus and will bring it to the attention of the county commissioners. A new email address is now active for the library: library@handcountysd.gov. The old email address will be terminated after August 31st.

The board moved to executive session for the library director performance review.

The board resumed the regular meeting and commended Hannah Caffee on her work this past year at the library.

Mike Donlin made a motion to approve the July meeting minutes. Marianne Peterka seconded.


Roxanne Stevens made a motion to approve the financial report and bills. Mike Donlin seconded.

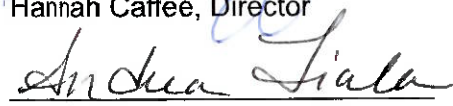
The September meeting date was set for Tuesday, September 30th at 4pm.

Meeting adjourned.

A & B Solutions	#(425) service contract	\$84.97
BDS, LLC	#(428) garbage	\$22.00
City of Miller	#(428) utilities	\$699.88
Ingram	#(426) supplies	\$296.40
Overdrive	#(426) supplies	\$396.46
Venture Communications	#(428) email address/phone	\$202.35

Salary and Benefits	#(411, 412, 413, 414, 415)	\$5108.18
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Hannah Caffee, Director


Andrea Fiala, Board President