

Draft November Minutes

The Hand County Library Board of Trustees met on Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 4:00 PM in the Hand County Library.

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

The Hand County Library will be closed December 24, 25, 26 and January 1st.

Programming activities and events were discussed beginning with Christmas on the Prairie.

Frosty will read at the library at 5pm and Hannah is organizing craft kits for kids to take home. The tree at the courthouse will be decorated in the coming weeks with a book theme. Library League cookie sales will happen during Christmas on the Prairie at the Quoin Bank beginning at 5pm.

Preschool Story Time is planned to take on a new look. We will offer "Books and Brunch" Preschool story time on one Saturday each month beginning December 6th at 11am. We will also offer story time kits for circulation to care providers each month.

Our Reading Dweebs Tween Advisory Board organized for the first time this season to discuss event plans for December. We had 9 people attend and we organized quite a few ideas. The next meeting will be December 8th after school.

Our puzzle swap on November 19th brought in 53 puzzles from 7 different people. The remaining puzzles are available for anyone to pick up and enjoy.

Two programs finished our Community Connect grant requirements. We had two sessions of the Understanding Medicare program with South Dakota SHINE, and twenty-two people attended this event. We also had a program called "How Expensive Is Your Taste" with twenty people in attendance blindly taste-testing name-brand vs. store-brand items.

Chess club has continued to meet and play rounds of chess. November 7th saw a record-breaking turnout of 24 chess players.

Winter Book Club met on the 23rd of October for the annual cookbook potluck, and the group meets again on November 20th at 5:30pm.

MHS is sending their freshmen class to the library on the Monday before Thanksgiving. Hannah will show them how to search and find specific materials in the library. They will be here for about an hour.

The board discussed the opportunity to have a booth at the Farm & Home Show January 16th/17th. They decided that would be a positive way to connect with the community. Hannah will work on having materials and information available at the booth. She will first have the job fair on the Friday, and then the booth will continue to be open Friday evening and Saturday.

The Hand County Library Policy and Objectives Manual was up for review. Hannah and the committee made a few minor changes along with some updates about the reconsideration policy. Marianne Peterka made the motion to adopt the manual, Mike Donlin seconded. The board unanimously approved to adopt the manual.

Hannah reported that the budget was on track for the remainder of this fiscal year without a need to ask for

Mike Anglin made a motion to approve the September meeting minutes. Marianne Peterka seconded.

Mike Donlin made a motion to approve the financial report and bills. Marianne Peterka seconded.

The December meeting date was set for Monday, December 22nd at 10am.

Meeting adjourned.

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| A & B Solutions | #(425) service contract | \$84.97 |
| BDS, LLC | #(428) garbage | \$22.00 |
| City of Miller | #(428) utilities | \$ |
| Ingram | #(426) supplies | \$ |
| MidAmerica Books | #(426) supplies | \$ |
| Overdrive | #(426) supplies | \$ |
| Venture Communications | #(428) email address/phone | \$200.35 |

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

Andrea Fiala, Board President