

January Library Board Minutes

The Hand County Library Board of Trustees met on Monday, January 26, 2026 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.

The Hand County Library will be closed February 16th for President's Day.

The library board reviewed the committee assignments for 2026. It was unanimously decided to keep committee members with their current assignment

Facilities—Mike Donline

Personnel—Mike Anglin

Policy—Marianne Peterka and Roxanne Stevens

Technology—Andrea Fiala

Hannah Caffee reported that the library came in under budget for 2025, and the new budget has been set by Hand County Commissioners with a wage increase of 8%.

Recent and upcoming library programs were reviewed.

Winter Book Club—Met January 15th to discuss books selected in the Good Morning America Book Club. Next meeting is February 19th to discuss *The Many Lives of Mama Love* by Lara Love Hardin

Preschool Story Time—Books and Breakfast held in January had 6 participants, and the next Books and Breakfast will be February 14th at 11am. Our new Story Time Kits have been tested with day care providers with positive feedback. Debi Munger has organized each kit well and we have plenty of kits going forward.

Reading Dweebs, the tween advisory board, met on January 5th. No specific plans have been put in place, but there were several ideas generated at the meeting. Firmer plans will be put in place at their next meeting February 2nd.

The library booth at the Farm & Home Show was successful. We had a screen sharing information about the library, notepad and cookbook giveaways, spinning wheel for prizes, and a drawing for a totebag and book-of-the month club. We met with 154 people during the job fair portion of the day, 17 folks signed up for new library cards, and 48 existing patrons signed up for the drawing. One new cardholder and one existing cardholder one the prize.

Dr. Seuss Day is coming up March 2nd, a Monday. Hannah will be reaching out to the elementary school to check in about classroom visits. Ahead of the day, Hannah can host a Dr. Seuss event on February 28th.

National Library Week is April 19-25 with the theme "Find Your Joy" The board discussed ideas for programming, and Hannah will work on the planning.

Unearth A Story Summer Reading Program is beginning to take shape. Hannah has made contact with the Archeological Research Center out of Rapid City. She is also looking into renting a Mammoth Site Trunk, hosting an Underwater Dinosaur

show through SD Discovery Center, and applying for grant funding to help with the cost.

Discussions have begun about the 2026 Community Read selection. Hannah will be creating a digital form for folks to use to share their ideas.

Mike Donlin made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes. Mike Anglin seconded.

Marianne Peterka made a motion to approve the financial report and bills. Roxanne Stevens seconded.

The February meeting date was set for Wednesday, February 25th at 4pm.

Meeting adjourned.

A & B Solutions	#(425) service contract	\$112.79
BDS, LLC	#(428) garbage	\$22.00
Bob's Gas	#(426) propane	\$345.00
City of Miller	#(428) utilities	\$510.85
Overdrive	#(426) supplies	\$342.86
Swank	#(425) license	\$485.00
Venture Communications	#(428) email address/phone	\$200.35

Salary and Benefits	#(411, 412, 413, 414, 415)	\$5630.37
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Hannah Caffee, Director



Andrea Fiala, Board President