

April Board Meeting Minutes

The Hand County Library Board of Trustees met on Monday, April 27, 2026 at 4:00 PM in the Hand County Library.

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

The Hand County Library will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 25, 2026.

Recent and upcoming programs were reviewed during the meeting:

- Chess Club will have their final meeting of the season on May 1st followed by the 4th Annual Hand County Library Chess Tournament on May 8th.
- National Library Week brought many library patrons in for our three events: Smartphone Photography, Tiny Art Show, and Book/Bookmark Bedazzling.
- Preschool Story Time had a gathering on Saturday, April 18th with 25 kids and 17 adults in attendance. Hannah and Debi are considering a preschool story time session on Saturdays throughout the Summer Reading Program.
- Unearth A Story Summer Reading Program will begin on May 13th. Hannah is visiting classrooms at Miller Elementary School on Thursday (4/30) to invite students to sign up, attend events, and read to earn prizes. Library staff will meet on May 7th to discuss the plan for the program.
- The Miller Elementary 4th grade class visited the library on April 16th, and we will host the 5th graders in early May.
- Hannah reported on her attendance at the South Dakota Library Director's Retreat held in Pierre at the end of March. She found immense value in networking with other librarians and learning about opportunities with grants, accreditation, and the South Dakota State Archives among other topics. This training will support her work at the Hand County Library.

Hannah presented a preliminary budget to the library board and discussion was held regarding CPI wage increases, projected benefit increases, and expenditure price increases. Hannah will submit the preliminary budget to the Auditor's office this week.

Library Board President, Andrea Fiala, has her library board term expiring on July 1, 2026. Andrea declared her desire to remain on the library board for another term.

Hannah provided some updates on building maintenance. She is working on securing quotes for some routine maintenance involving the windows, furnace, and landscape.

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


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

The May meeting date was set for Wednesday, May 27th at 4pm.

Meeting adjourned.

A & B Solutions	#(425) service contract	\$97.72
BDS, LLC	#(428) garbage	\$22.00
Bob's Gas	#(426) propane	\$392.70
City of Miller	#(428) utilities	\$517.67
Fire Solutions	#(425) fire extinguisher check	\$55.00
Ingram	#(426) supplies	\$413.05
Overdrive	#(426) supplies	\$251.98
Venture Communications	#(428) email address/phone	\$200.35

Salary and Benefits	#(411, 412, 413, 414, 415)	\$6097.88
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Hannah Caffee, Director


Andrea Fiala, Board President