

May Board Meeting Minutes

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

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

The Hand County Library will be closed for Juneteenth on Friday, June 19, 2026.

Recent programs were reviewed during the meeting:

- Our chess tournament had 7 competitors this year with Rhett Munger coming out on top.
- Summer Reading Kick-Off Party was held on May 16th from 10am until noon. Forty-three people participated with sidewalk chalk drawings, bubbles, and doughnuts.
- Our first summer story events brought in 45 kids and 25 adults.

Current and Future Programs:

- Unearth A Story currently has 123 kids, 3 high schoolers, and 25 adults signed up. The kids have read 33,049 minutes, 3 books read by high schoolers, and 21 books read by adults.
 - Kids earn prizes after reaching 100, 400, 700, 1000 minute milestones
 - High schoolers and adults are entered into the drawing for a Kindle for each book read.
 - After this board meeting, the library is having guest speakers from the Archeological Research Center who will present during story time tomorrow as well.
 - A circus performance from Colorado will be coming for the June 11th story time. This event will be held at the Community Center.
- The 2026 Community Read book has been selected. Patrons may sign up for a copy of "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt. Programming will follow in September/October.
- Sarah McQuaid is a musician touring through South Dakota in September. The library board agreed to have her performance on Sunday, September 27th.

Hannah presented a final copy of the preliminary budget to the library board with some additions according to estimates for re-sealing the windows and new computers. Marianne Peterka made the motion to approve this preliminary budget, Roxanne Stevens seconded. The board voted unanimously to approve the budget as written.

The west side landscape will be filled in using Memorial Funds. Andrew Boersma has a plan to use more heat-tolerant plants in this section of the landscaping. He estimated June for his start date.

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

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

The May meeting date was set for Monday, June 29th at 4pm.

Meeting adjourned.

A & B Solutions	#(425) service contract	\$110.04
BDS, LLC	#(428) garbage	\$22.00
City of Miller	#(428) utilities	\$541.65
Demco	#(426) supplies	\$589.61
Ingram	#(426) supplies	\$487.15
Learning Opportunities, Inc.	#(426) supplies	\$403.85
Venture Communications	#(428) email address/phone	\$200.35

Salary and Benefits	#(411, 412, 413, 414, 415)	\$6027.21
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Hannah Caffee, Director



Andrea Fiala, Board President