

**YANKTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 9, 2025 5:30 pm
Virtual Meeting – GoToMeeting Interface &
Yankton Community Library Meeting Room, 515 Walnut St. Yankton, SD 57078**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President David Koerner at 5:30 pm. Present were MaryPat Bierle, Meg Severson, Nathan Johnson, Sarah Mechtenberg, Yankton City Commissioner Jerry Webber, Library Director Dana Schmidt and Assistant Director Linda Dobrovolny. Yankton County Commissioner Ryan Heine joined online.

Approval of March 12, 2025 minutes: Mechtenberg made a motion to approve the March 12, 2025 minutes with a second by Webber. Unanimous approval.

Public Comment Period: n/a

Discussion of bills/Accept Financial Report:

- **Preliminary budget documents:** Schmidt shared documents and timelines for 2026 budget process. She noted the amount for LED replacement lighting in 2026 is a total for the complete project. The project is currently in progress with lights being replaced as they burn out. Dobrovolny discussed CD book circulation and cost and possibilities for the future of the collection. Schmidt shared potential budget additions including Kanopy (a streaming service), Mango (a language learning database) and a translation assistance device. She invited board members to submit thoughts as she prepares budget requests. Webber motioned to accept the financial report with a second by Johnson. Unanimous approval.

Communications and correspondence: Schmidt shared a thank you from Kathleen Bergeson, Stewart School Elementary Librarian and a note of appreciation from an out of state resident who had been purchasing a gift library card for many years.

Director's Report: In addition to the written report, Schmidt noted an upcoming opportunity to purchase YCL t-shirts, discussed increased marketing avenues, shared several options for board training hours for accreditation and summarized a meeting with the South Dakota Library Association regarding the 2025 Legislative Session and potential federal funding cuts. She also highlighted the Drawn to the Library campaign and the upcoming Adult Field Trip at Wintz Ray Funeral Home.

Old Business: None

New Business

- **Relationship of Board of Trustees and Director Statement:** Schmidt noted that proposed updates were approved by City Attorney DenHerder. He recommends reviewing regularly so

language is consistent with SD law. Bierle moved to approve as corrected by with second by Webber. Unanimous approval.

Other Business:

- Foundation update: Johnson stated that there is continued discussion regarding locations and with potential donors. The board welcomed Keley Smith-Keller at their most recent meeting and continues to seek new members. The annual meeting will be May 7 at 4:00 pm at YCL.
- Letter for support of Institute of Museum and Library Services: Bierle discussed the federal budget process and potential elimination of IMLS funding. She shared a letter to be sent to each of South Dakota's congressional representatives urging support of IMLS.

Adjourn the meeting of April 9, 2025: Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 6:10 pm with a second by Webber. Unanimous approval.