

**YANKTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, October 8 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 Vice President Meg Severson at 5:30 pm. Present were Sarah Mechtenberg, Beryl Olson, Yankton City Commissioner Brian Bertsch, Library Director Dana Schmidt and Assistant Director Linda Dobrovolny, and City Manager Amy Leon. President Nathan Johnson, Mary Pat Bierle, and Yankton County Commissioner Ryan Heine were absent.

**Approval of September 10, 2025 minutes:** Olson made a motion to approve the September 10, 2025 minutes with a second by Mechtenberg . Unanimous approval.

**Public Comment Period:** None

**Discussion of bills/Accept Financial Report:** Schmidt noted that the financial reports have a different format with the update of the city’s financial system. She plans to have approval of the county contract on the agenda for the November Trustees meeting to be followed with the County Commission on November 18 and the City Commission on November 24. Bertsch motioned to accept the financial report with a second by Mechtenberg. Unanimous approval.

**Communications and correspondence:** None

**Director’s Report:** In addition to the written report, Dobrovolny discussed the closure of Baker and Taylor, the library’s main book supplier and the transition to a new supplier. Schmidt shared slides and a summary of sessions attended at the South Dakota Library Association, North Dakota Library Associate, Mountain Plains Library Association Tri-Conference held in Grand Forks, ND. She also highlighted the fourth annual Halloween Swap event to be held on October 4 and 5 and Family Storytime that will be held once per month with guest speakers. Native American storyteller Jerome Kills Small will be the featured presenter in October. Santa will be visiting in December. The Yankton Area Ice Association has offered passes for open skate days and hockey events to be checked out with library cards.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business**

- **Looking to the future of the Yankton Community Library’s Strategic Plan:** Schmidt and Leon shared comments from recent discussions about a library building project. Next steps will be to gather info for the potential scope of the project using the 2024 Government Research Bureau survey and previous work. Library staff will begin to compile potential lists of priorities both internal and external with an eye toward problems that could be solved with

a new library. Trustees were invited to consider priorities they would like to include and email those to Schmidt.

- **By-laws review:** Additional changes will be made and brought for approval at next meeting.
- **Library Card Policy review:** Olson motioned to approve changes as presented effective 12-1-25 with a second by Mechtenberg.

**Other Business:** None

**Adjourn the meeting of October 8, 2025** Mechtenberg made a motion to adjourn at 7:28 pm with a second by Bertsch. Unanimous approval.