

**YANKTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 12, 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 Nathan Johnson at 5:30 pm. Present were Mary Pat Bierle, Beryl Olson, Yankton City Commissioner Brian Bertsch, Library Director Dana Schmidt and Assistant Director Linda Dobrovolny. Sarah Mechtenberg and Yankton County Commissioner Ryan Heine joined online. City Manager Amy Leon was also present.

Meg Severson was absent with regrets.

Approval of October 8, 2025 minutes: Olson made a motion to approve the October 8, 2025 minutes with a second by Bierle. Unanimous approval.

Public Comment Period: none

Discussion of bills/Accept Financial Report: Schmidt noted that both September and October financial reports were included in the packet since September reports were not ready in time for the October meeting. She also announced that YCL was included to receive a \$10,000 grant in January 2026 from the Carnegie Foundation . YCL staff are currently working on a \$10,000 grant from the Pizza Hut Foundation. If successful, the money would be used to purchase AWE computers with learning and literacy programs. Supply chain issues continue as a result of Baker and Taylor closing so more book purchases are being made from Amazon. Bierle motioned to accept the financial report with a second by Olson. Unanimous approval.

Communications and correspondence: Schmidt and Dobrovolny shared notes of thanks from First Chiropractic Center, authors Lisa and Joan Mueller, the Western Troubadors, and a comment from a county resident who chooses to pay for a library card even though he doesn't use it because he considers it a way to support the community.

Director's Report: In addition to the written report, Kindness Day shoutout to folks who support our library without much recognition, food drive for Contact Center through Thanksgiving with a goal of 500 items, recognition of our high school intern from September-November, K-LOVE radio station interview to be aired 6 times over the next six months in addition to several short clips promoting getting a library card, after school STEAM farming program with Lauren Nelson, Joe Healy and Kristen Hicks,

Old Business:

- **Library card policy:** Schmidt highlighted changes from last meeting and added authorized users and discussed updated registration cards. Bierle made a motion to approve with a second by Olson. Unanimous approval.

New Business:

- **Looking to the future of the Yankton Community Library's Strategic Plan:** The board discussed problems that could be solved with a new library facility and reviewed themes and priorities mentioned in the community study done by the Government Research Bureau in 2024. Will continue to refine themes, work on a vision statement and work towards ways to gather input from public on top priorities.
- **By-Laws review:** Motion to approve by Bierle, second by Olson. Unanimous approval
- **Agreement for the Provision of Library Services: Yankton County agreed to a \$9000** contribution to the library for 2026. The Agreement will be brought to the Yankton County Commission for approval on Tuesday, November 18 and to the Yankton City Commission for approval on Monday, November 23. Motion to approve the 2026 Agreement for the Provision of Library Services by Bierle with a second by Olson. Unanimous approval
- **Early closure at 5 pm on Thursday, December 4 for Holiday Parade of Lights:** Motion to approve by Bierle with a second by Olson. Unanimous approval.
- **2026 Calendar:** The City added Native American Day holiday. Motion to approve by Olson with a second by Bierle. Unanimous approval.

Other Business: None.

Adjourn the meeting of November 12, 2025: Bertsch made a motion to adjourn at 6:35 pm with a second by Bierle . Unanimous approval.