



**MARCH 30, 2026**

**CITY COMMISSION  
WORK SESSION**



### **Mission Statement**

*Working together to provide exemplary experiences, services, and spaces that create opportunities for everyone to learn, engage, and thrive.*

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## **YANKTON BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS**

**Work Session beginning at 6:00 PM**

**Monday, March 30, 2026**

**City of Yankton Community Meeting Room**

**Located at the Career Manufacturing Technical Education Academy**

**1200 W. 21<sup>st</sup> Street • Room 114**

If you would like to watch the City Commission meeting you can do so by accessing The City of Yankton's YouTube Live Channel. <https://www.youtube.com/c/cityofyankton/live>  
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on Midco Channel 3 and Bluepeak Channel 98.

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- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Public Appearances**
- 4. Library Project Discussion**
- 5. Future Business**

*Future business is a time for City Commissioners to address the Commission regarding matters not on the agenda. These items will not be deliberated by the governing body and will not be acted upon at this time. Items mentioned may be added to a future City Commission meeting or work session for deliberation or action.*

- 6. Adjourn the Work Session of March 30, 2026.**

## MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Yankton City Commission  
**From:** Dana Schmidt, Library Director and Amy Leon, Yankton City Manager  
**RE:** Library Work Session  
**DATE:** March 24, 2026

As the Commission is aware, the 2026-2030 City of Yankton Strategic Plan calls for the community to **Locate and Build A New Library**. As that project has been discussed and examined further in the community and by library stakeholders such as the Friends of the Library, the Library Foundation, and the Library Board of Trustees, several options and alternatives have been considered. In addition, changes in the community and the City of Yankton's financial position have led to reconsideration of these alternatives.

SDCL 14-12-43 indicates that the Library Board of Trustees selects where a library is to be located and that location must be approved by the governing body.

### **14-2-43: Quarters for library--Location--Selection and approval.**

Each local governmental unit shall provide and maintain quarters for its public library. Such quarters shall be accessible to and conveniently located for all citizens of the area to be served and shall be selected by the board of public library trustees and approved by the governing body.

That said, the Library Board of Trustees would like to have a deep understanding of the community's and City Commission's desires and respects the City of Yankton's capacity to be able to operate any future facility. Therefore, prior to making its recommendation to you, the Library Board of Trustees would like to hear your thoughts and questions regarding a future project.

Below are some questions we would like to discuss with you at this work session. Certainly, we expect you to have questions for us, and we also anticipate your discussion may include other library related topics that are not specifically addressed here.

As you know, Commissioner Bertsch is the liaison to the Library Board of Trustees. Prior to this work session, Dana and I met with each of you in the library to discuss the challenges of the current facility and to consider ideas that have come from library stakeholders that might be a good fit for Yankton. Commissioner Bertsch also participated in these meetings.

1. Do you still support moving forward with this project now?
2. What are the library's greatest needs today—and looking ahead?
3. New facility or expand the current one—what feels right for the community, and why?
4. If building new, what should guide location decisions?

5. If expanding at the current location, what matters most—and what could be left out?
6. How should we approach funding a project?
7. How should we support operating costs in a larger or new facility?
8. What additional community spaces, if any, should be part of this project?
9. What features or areas should the project prioritize?
10. How might the library and parks/recreation collaborate more to serve the community efficiently?