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MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Siouxland Libraries

Oak View Branch

Wednesday, January 14, 2026 – 4:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call and declaration of quorum. The meeting was called to order at 4:31 PM by Justine Murtha.
Members present: Jean Bender, Sue Ann Lang, Justine Murtha, Kelly Thompson, and Library Director Alysia Boysen.
Members absent: Adam Emerson and Jen Bleyenbergh
Staff present: Alysia Boysen, Dan Neeves, Amy Larsen, Aldi Bonander, Nicole Norton, Stephanie Bents, Jeri Light, Leah Tanis, Lucy Stieger
Public Present: Jessica Selchert, Tia Sprengel
2. Adoption of the agenda. Motion by Kelly Thompson and second by Sue Ann Lang to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Sue Ann Lang and second by Kelly Thompson to approve the minutes of the November 12 meeting. Motion carried.
4. Public Input.
 - a. Selchert expressed gratitude for Siouxland Libraries and staff, especially the services at the Downtown Library and Oak View branches.
 - b. Sprengel expressed concern over recent decisions involving a reorganization, which moved staff to multiple locations.
5. Review of financial and statistical reports.
 - a. Alysia Boysen gave reports. Active cardholders have increased. Decrease in Vega Library Catalog statistics. Physical circulation is slightly down and believe it's due to the closure of Oak View for renovation. Increase of digital materials. Question regarding loss of Ancestry and have we heard from the public about this loss. Computer sessions are down, but we decreased the number of Downtown Library computers in the fall of 2025. Decrease in children's and early literacy programs. Digital items discarded is due to the licenses expiring and we will repurchase ones with demand as we are able to.
 - b. Financial: We were able to get the Oak View Branch AMH underbudget. Kanopy is similar to Libby and a base cost for the year. Operations: staff turnover
6. Library Director and staff reports.
 - a. Director Report – Alysia Boysen
 - i. Hosted several legislators at the Prairie West Branch to ask about how Siouxland Libraries was effected and our policies regarding children. Have heard a few compliments on the new rural hour changes. The Downtown Library will be starting a second security guard on January 18. Plans to continue making libraries accessible to residents as the city grows. State Library has a new training opportunity for Library Directors. Question about the second guard and the budget.
 - b. Oak View Branch Update – Jeri Light
 - i. Reopened on December 22 with staff in the building a week prior. Open House was January 7 for the neighborhood and the after-school kids, with approximately 250 attendees. Renovation highlights: fenced-in courtyard for programming, an increase to four study rooms, an enclosed staff area, a mother's room, a family restroom with an adult changing table, automatic doors, and the front statue.
 - c. Everybody Reads – Leah Tanis

- i. A community initiative from March 1-31 to encourage reading, with the goal of reading 500,000 books. This year's theme is Tales on the Trails to tie into the 250th Anniversary of America. This partnership began in 2022 with Siouxland Libraries and Sioux Falls School District and has since expanded each year. Augustana Mikkelsen Library and the University of Sioux Falls Norman B. Mears Library have been added as partners to help with planning and collaboration. Many City departments have participated in reading photos to promote the program. Logging can occur by phone or in person. A digital dashboard will be on the Siouxland Libraries website for the community to visualize our progress toward reaching the goal.

7. Unfinished Business.

a. Circulation Policy – Aldi Bonander

- i. Revision of removing the payment plan option due to lack of use and misuse. Question on tracking, staff time being intensive. The biggest challenge was a continued increase in fines after slowly paying them down but instead increasing. Any guests still on a payment plan would continue but no new.
- ii. Motion by Bender and seconded by Lang affective January 16, 2026. Motion carried.

8. New Business.

a. Colton Branch Agreement – Stephanie Bents

- i. Drafted an agreement between Colton and Siouxland Libraries to help with turnover in both organizations and clearly states what each is in charge of. Question on whether attorneys have reviewed by both entities. If recommended, the City Council will vote to approve.
- ii. Motion to recommend by Bender and second by Lang. Motion carried.

b. Rules of Conduct – Aldi Bonander

- i. Worked with a few different departments to gather input and further our guest safety and being a family place. The updated version has more clarity for both guests and staff. Question about when these were last updated and whether the changes are due to handling specific situations. Question on whether medical conditions were considered in this update and whether a security guard would have a private space to talk with a guest. Question on the accessories and face coverings. Question on where the second guard will be located.
- ii. Motion by Bender and second by Thompson. Effective January 16, 2026. Motion carried.

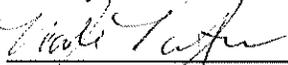
c. Discipline Policy – Aldi Bonander

- i. The updates give clarity for staff and define minor and major violations. Question on whether bans affect digital access. Question on what locations are affected for Siouxland Libraries ban and a trespass by the Police Department. Question on the appeal process. Last passed in 2018.
- ii. Motion by Bender and second by Thompson. Motion carried. Affective January 16, 2026.

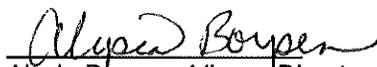
9. Other.

10. The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, March 11, at 4:30 PM at the Ronning Branch, 3100 E. 49th St. Sioux Falls, SD.

11. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 P.M.


Nicole Norton, Library Staff

3/18/2026
Date Approved


Alysia Bbysen, Library Director