

SOUTH SIOUX CITY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

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A meeting of the South Sioux City Library Advisory Board was held in the South Sioux City Public Library meeting room on February 4th, 2026, at 5:15 p.m.

Present: Heidi Gonzlaez, Deanna Hagberg and Jessica Sanders

Absent: Sally Reinert and Mary Macomber

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publishing notice in the Dakota County Star. Notice of the meeting and agenda were given in advance to advisory board members and published on the South Sioux City homepage.

Board Member Jessica Sanders stated that a copy of the current Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall in the library meeting room and was available for review by all citizens in attendance

There was **NO QUORUM** for this meeting and there will be discussion only with no action taken on any of the agenda items.

READING PREVIOUS MINUTES AND REPORTS:

Minutes from January 7th, 2026, meeting

Minutes were sent out with the agendas for preview and will be moved forward to the next agenda for approval.

LIBRARIAN / DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Information from Dan Nieman

Interim Library Director Dan Nieman gave the board a brief update on what is going on

1. Dan had sent out what the credit hours are for the board – the board needs 12 hours collectively with 4 hours needed by March 31st. Dan stated there are different websites that they can watch and fill out a worksheet on what they watched.
2. One of the staff is out with surgery so Dan didn't get all the statistics for the board.
3. January project:
 - o Zero out all music CDs, they are taking up space, and no one is checking them out anymore
 - o The library must weed out 3% of collection and keep current
 - o In the area where the music CDs were the library will place the paperback books, easier to see than a circular display.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Library credit hours: information – what is the process in getting the library credit hours and where is the South Sioux City Library at in the process – what are the next steps in the process

Information was given above on credit hours – will be moved to the next agenda.

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ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

Librarian Director job ad – information on process from Mary Clark – HR Director

Information only –

- Will have update at the next meeting
- Not sure when ad went in
- Dan and Council have seen the ad

Advisory board possible recommendation to City Administrator on Pajama Day at the Library –

April 16th *(Celebrate National Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day with your librarians and enjoy a laid-back day designed to unwind after tax season, featuring animated movies, popcorn, and simple, fun crafts - all while wearing your most comfortable clothes!)*

No discussion this item will be moved to the next agenda to move forward with or without recommendation to City Administrator.

Safety concerns / issues – discussion on concerns and possible plan of action for recommendation

Deanna Hagberg brought up some safety concerns on vehicles in the parking lot

- Does the city cover cars that are in parking lot that are parked there all night
- Can people leave cars in parking lot for lots of days
- Internet is on all night outside and people can park in lot and use the free WIFI
- Dan Nieman – the library does monitor if someone is sleeping outside or if they are there all night
- Suggested maybe a NO Overnight Parking sign?
- Outside internet with COVID and the library received ARPA funds and the library will have items in their printer in the morning, and people will come in when they open to pay and pick up what they had sent to the printer while using the outside internet from their vehicles.
- Library has had to escort a homeless person out and ban them from the library a week at a time.

Discussion / election of secretary for Library Advisory Board

No discussion will be moved to the next agenda

Approval of future programming - process

- Dan Nieman stated that they have had problems with people understanding what they were having for programming. Dan would like to bring up everything that might be controversial, let the board know and weigh in on it, so that if it is something totally off the wall and shouldn't do it they can take care of it right away. Most items are pretty basic
- Anything that is happening has to go to the City Administrator Lance Hedquist for approval
- Programming is planned 3 months ahead of time
- Member Jessica Sanders stated that since she has been on the advisory board a little over a year, they have not seen the programming calendar or approved any in the meetings.
- Board that was present would like to start seeing the programming calendars

Review of South Sioux City Library Mission Statement and Advocacy Policy

Member Jessica Sanders stated that they had talked about this a while back and hadn't really seen anything that needed changed. Member Deanna Hagberg stated that she looked at other Library Mission statements and they are similar to ours.

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Informational discussion about changes in the way we need to do meetings (formal voting on issues), taking minutes etc. in short what the city needs to see from us to catch up to city standards

Information – discussion on how the agenda process is being done, that there must be motions and seconds of the motion. Minutes will be posted on the library website and the city website for review.

Member Deanna Hagberg stated that she would like to see the committee have badges, the paperwork will be brought to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting concluded at 6:08 p.m.