

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 March 4th, 2026, at 5:15 p.m.

Present: Sally Reinert, Mary Macomber, Heidi Gonzalez

Absent: Jessica Sanders and Deanna Hagberg

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.

Chairperson Mary Macomber 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

There Will Be No Action Taken on Any Agenda Items - Discussion Only

PREVIOUS MINUTES AND REPORTS:

Minutes from January 7th, 2026, and February 4th, 2026, meetings

Minutes will be moved to the next agenda

LIBRARIAN / INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Report and upcoming Library events

Discussion / Information Only. Interim Director Dan Nieman gave a report.

- Dan is working on a system that will show a report each month.
 - ⦿ Example - how many people came to the library that month, how many utilized the maker space.
- Dan has the library staff going through policies and procedures and marking what they think might need changing.
- Upcoming presentation - speakers that are scheduled or trying to get

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

Still needing 4 credit hours - library staff will set up a webinar for any Advisory Board members that wants to come to the library and watch to get these hours done.

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ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

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!)*

Discussion on this upcoming activity. It will be brought back to the April agenda. Board would like to see ages for the activities and times. Board would like to see more information given.

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

Information on previous discussion over concerns of people hanging out late at night in the parking lot using the library Wi-Fi.

Discussion / possible recommendation action to Council: changing to a 7-member board instead of 5-member board

Board would like to see more members to the board, Councilman Meyer stated that before more members are added the board needs to continue to work on getting things straightened around. There is interest from 4 others in the community about being on the library board. Chairwoman Macomber asked how long it takes once an application is received.

Discussion / possible recommendation to Council: Erica Bowman from South Sioux City School will be present to discuss partnership programs between the Library and the School.

Erica Bowman from the South Sioux City Schools was present to discuss a possible partnership with the library. Believing that there is a lot more opportunity for partnerships to be had between the school and library and get the children and parents more involved and utilize the library. As activities are planned in the library, how can the school be part of that.

The school hosts a literacy program 3 nights a week at River Hills Church with 40 to 50 parents and their children. For example, the pajama day/night and movie how can the school be part of that. Macomber wondered about the teen board helping out with the children in the literacy program.

Board is extremely interested in collaborating with school and Erica and Dan will be in touch with each other.

Approval of future programming - process

No discussion - move to the next agenda

Review of South Sioux City Library Mission Statement and Advocacy Policy

Board members decided to look over the mission statement and make any changes that they deem necessary. One thought is that mission statement should be shorter. Any suggestions by a board member can be emailed to Dan or Rochelle and will be added to the next agenda for discussion, possible action.

Dan is having the policies gone over by library staff, Rochelle will get the policies and send them to the board also to go over.

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Informational discussion about changes in the way we need to have 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 only - Rochelle will continue to do agendas with Dan and send out and then proceed to do the minutes until further notice.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting ended at 6:10 p.m.