

Harrisburg Community Library Board Minutes

Thursday, March 5, 2026

5 p.m., Harrisburg City Hall (301 E Willow St, Harrisburg, SD)

Roll Call and declaration of quorum. Rob Doyen, Eve Langerock, Stephanie Bouza, Sarah Christenson, Andrea Irish, Kevin Maxwell (City Council), Sara Vande Kamp (School Board), and Cheyenne Chontos (Library Director).

Amendment/Adoption of Agenda. Motion by Bouza to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Langerock. Motion approved.

Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting. Motion by Langerock to approve the February 2026 minutes. Seconded by Maxwell. Motion approved.

Financial and statistical report update. February 2026 financial report.

Library Director/Staff Reports:

February 2026 Attendance:

- 921 Total (in library attendance)
 - 479 Adults
 - 442 Children
- 47 Phone Calls
- 25 New Memberships
 - 52 Adults
 - 17 Children

February 2026 Computer Use: 17

February 2026 Crafts and Passive Programs: 103

February 2026 Circulation:

- 2,883 Physical Check-Outs
- 971 Libby Check-Outs

February 2025 Attendance:

- 861 Total (in library attendance)
 - 444 Adults
 - 417 Children
- 38 Phone Calls
- 16 New Memberships

February 2025 Circulation:

- 2,675 Physical Check-Outs
- 774 Libby Check-Outs

Public Input: (Comments limited to 10 minutes)

Unfinished Business:

Programming Update:

Previous

- TYCLD: Family Puzzle Competition (2/7) - 6 Adults, 7 Children
- Spice of the Month: Espresso Powder (2/9 - 2/13) - 5 Participants

- Morning Storytime (2/10) - 8 Adults, 11 Children
- Teen & Adult Craft: Painting Ceramic Hearts (2/10) - 9 Adults, 5 Children
- Morning Storytime (2/17) - 6 Adults, 10 Children
- Robotics with Lincoln County 4-H (2/18) - 12 Children
- Morning Storytime (2/24) - 9 Adults, 11 Children

Upcoming

- Spice of the Month: Poppy Seeds (3/9 - 3/13)
- Morning Storytime (3/10)
- Teen & Adult Craft: DIY Coffee Scrubs (3/10)
- Evening Storytime (3/16)
- Morning Storytime (3/17)
- Teen Advisory Board (3/19)
- Morning Storytime (3/24)
- Library Closed (4/2 - 4/5)

Public Library Trustee Handbook. Reviewed Chapter 5 of the South Dakota State Library's Public Library Trustee Handbook.

Legislative session review. No updates.

Harrisburg Reads. Discussed the establishment of a Harrisburg Reads program.

- Harrisburg Reads choices for Fall 2026:
 - Adult - *Love Where You Live: Creating Emotionally Engaging Places* by Peter Kageyama
 - YA - *Gather* by Kenneth M. Cadow
 - Middle Grade / Junior Fiction – *Slacker* by Gordon Korman
 - Picture - *Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood* by F. Isabel Campoy, Theresa Howell
- Likely program layout will include:
 - 1 book discussion
 - 2 – 3 related programs
 - Start Sept and end Dec
- Other “One Book” or “Community Reads” program ideas and inspiration include:
 - One Book Siouland - <https://www.sioulandlib.org/programs-and-education/adults/one-book-siouland>
 - One Book South Dakota - <https://sdhumanities.org/one-book-sd/>
 - ALA Guide - <https://www.ala.org/tools/programming/onebook>

Resilient Communities: Advancing Sustainability in and through Libraries update. As a part of the Resilient Communities course, the library will put together at least one program focusing on sustainability (economic, social, and/or environmental sustainability).

New Business:

Professional Development. Cheyenne Chontos will be attending the South Dakota State Library's Directors' Retreat in Pierre from March 29 – 31. Cheyenne Chontos and Jo Helland will be attending the Public Library Association Annual Conference in Minneapolis, MN from March 31 – April 3.

Other:

Parks and Recreation Board. The City is inviting the Library Board and Disability Awareness Commission to attend their April meeting to discuss the splashpad.

City update. The splashpad at Central Parks was announced at the State of the City Address on February 25. Cheyenne Chontos presented the 2025 Annual Report for the library at the February 17, 2026 City Council meeting.

Set Date for Next Meeting: Thursday, April 9 at 5pm at City Hall.

Adjournment. Bouza motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 p.m. Irish seconded. Motion approved.