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## **CALL TO MEETING**

**ANOKA COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**

**Library Support Services Board Room**

**707 County Road 10 NE**

**Blaine, MN 55434**

**members may be participating by interactive technology**

**February 23, 2026**

**5:30 p.m.**

**Please notify library staff (763-324-1500) if unable to attend.**



**ANOKA COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA**  
**February 23, 2026, 5:30pm**  
**Library Support Services Board Room**

- A. Welcome & Introductions**
- B. President calls meeting to order/Adoption of the Agenda**
- C. Roll Call**
- D. Open Forum**  
The opportunity for members of the community to speak. The remainder of the Library Board meeting is reserved for members of the board, staff and invited guests as recognized by the chair for specific points of business. Open Forum will be limited to a total of 15 minutes.
- E. Consent Agenda: SEE ATTACHED** minutes, invoices, and gifts.
  - 1. January minutes, invoices, and gifts
- F. Library impact story**
- G. Consider the following information Items**
  - 1. 2025 Year in Review
  - 2. Periodicals, What to Know
  - 3. Library Capital Improvement Plan
  - 4. Legislative Day Update
- H. Management Team Report**
- I. Proposed Topics for Future Meetings**
- J. Adjournment**

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## **LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES JANUARY 2026 - draft**

The Anoka County Library Board met at the LSS Board Room on January 26, 2026. Present were Board Members: Case, Fillbrandt, Kostick, Rohloff, and Orpen.

Present Virtually: Commissioner Jeppson; Board member Fast; Sarah Hawkins, Assistant Library Director; Erin Straszewski, Community Engagement Manager

Also, present: Colleen Haubner, Library Director; Benjamin Coburn, Assistant Library Director; Dana Weigman, Program Services Manager; Leah Christensen, Assistant County Attorney; and Ronda Bliss, Senior Administrative Assistant.

Meeting was called to order by Board President Orpen at 5:30 p.m. and a quorum was present.

### **AGENDA**

On a motion by Rohloff, second by Case the board unanimously adopted the agenda.

### **OPEN FORUM**

There were no members of the public present for the open forum.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Kostick, second by Fillbrandt the consent agenda was adopted unanimously.

November 2, 2025, Library Board Minutes approved.

Gifts for November and December totaling \$1,569.05 were accepted.

Bills for the month of November totaling \$254,267.41 were paid.

Bills for the month of December totaling \$136,054.06 were paid.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

On a motion by Fillbrandt, second by Case the motion to elect officers was approved unanimously. Orpen was re-elected President, Fillbrandt was re-elected Vice President, and Rohloff was elected secretary.

On a motion by Case, second by Rohloff, the motion to adopt the Library Board Meeting Schedule 2026 was adopted unanimously as presented.

**LIBRARY IMPACT STORY** was presented by Weigman.

The Community Book Quilt, on display at Northtown.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Strategic Plan Update – Experience focus was presented by Coburn
2. Crooked Lake Library Building Update – Haubner
3. Friends – Straszewski
  - a. Winter Book Sale January 31, 2026, at Northtown from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. set up Thursday from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., Friday 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. for donations
  - b. Gala date is October 15, 2026 – Keynote speaker William Kent Krueger
4. Winter Reads Update – Weigman

- a. Last year 500 participants this year so far 988.
- 5. Legislative Day – Hawkins
  - a. February 25, 2026, Library Day @ Capitol, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
  - b. Four legislative priorities this year.
  - c. Watch for Sarah’s email for information regarding attendance and carpooling.
- 6. Local Author Fair - Weigman.
  - a. February 28, 2026, will be held at Bunker Hills Activities Center, Keynote address by J. Ryan Stradal.

### **LIBRARY MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT**

- 1. Staff Updates – Haubner
  - a. Dana Weigman new Program Services Manager
  - b. Ronda Bliss new Senior Administrative Assistant
  - c. Change status to FT Associate Librarian at Saint Francis and change PT position at Rum River Library
- 2. Partnership – Straszewski
  - a. Avant Garden local bookstore and Meta Coffee shop 10,000 stickers on top of coffee cups with a QR code campaign Better with a Book.
- 3. Writing Club Success – Weigman
  - a. An attendee of the Writing Club at Rum River Library has had their first book published.
- 4. Challenging Times - Haubner
- 5. Giving gratitude to Anoka County Libraries

### **FUTURE TOPICS**

There were requests for Capital Improvement Projects and periodicals information.

The next meeting will be on February 23, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Library Support Services Board Room.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Bliss  
Senior Administrative Assistant

**Accounts Payable Transactions**

**January 1 Through January 31**

Supplier as Worktag	Spend Category as Worktag	Program	Ledger Account	Sum of Debit Less Credit
AMAZON BUSINESS	Library Books and Materials	801 Do Not Use - Anoka County Library	53000:Operational Expenditures	651.19
AMAZON BUSINESS	Library Books and Materials	Collection Development	53000:Operational Expenditures	1630.38
AMAZON BUSINESS	Library Books and Materials	Library Processing	53000:Operational Expenditures	16.98
AMAZON BUSINESS	Office Supplies	801 Do Not Use - Anoka County Library	53000:Operational Expenditures	656
AMAZON BUSINESS	Office Supplies	Library Processing	53000:Operational Expenditures	24.97
AMAZON BUSINESS	Office Supplies	(blank)	53000:Operational Expenditures	1536.08
AMAZON BUSINESS	Program Expense	801 Do Not Use - Anoka County Library	53000:Operational Expenditures	247.53
AMAZON BUSINESS	Program Expense	Creative Arts	53000:Operational Expenditures	304.38
AMAZON BUSINESS	Program Expense	Friends of the Library	53000:Operational Expenditures	12.79
AMAZON BUSINESS	Program Expense	Literacy	53000:Operational Expenditures	96.78
AMAZON BUSINESS	Program Expense	Performing Arts	53000:Operational Expenditures	29.98
AMAZON BUSINESS	Program Expense	Promotions and Marketing	53000:Operational Expenditures	161.09
AMAZON BUSINESS	Program Expense	STEM	53000:Operational Expenditures	27.36
AMAZON BUSINESS	Program Expense	(blank)	53000:Operational Expenditures	33.98
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	Subscriptions and Publications	Cataloging	53000:Operational Expenditures	201
AMR EDUCATION SERVICES	Program Expense	(blank)	53000:Operational Expenditures	630
ANOKA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	Other Contracted Services	History/Genealogy	56000:Contractual Services	6250
BIBLIOTHECA LLC	Computers, Laptops, and Related Computer Equipment	Library Technology	57000:Capital Outlay	3060
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	Library Books and Materials	Collection Development	53000:Operational Expenditures	286.84
CASE, BARB	Per Diems	(blank)	56000:Contractual Services	50
COMPRISE TECHNOLOGIES INC	Software Licensing / Subscriptions	Library Technology	56000:Contractual Services	15506.57
DEMCO	Operating Supplies	(blank)	53000:Operational Expenditures	443.6
DEMCO	Small Equipment	(blank)	53000:Operational Expenditures	2028.75
FAST, CAROL	Per Diems	(blank)	56000:Contractual Services	50
FILLBRANDT, SARA	Per Diems	(blank)	56000:Contractual Services	50
GALE CENGAGE LEARNING	Library Books and Materials	Collection Development	53000:Operational Expenditures	578.2
HLP LLC	Lease - Facilities	(blank)	56000:Contractual Services	19356.13
INGRAM LIBRARY SVCS LLC	Library Books and Materials	Collection Development	53000:Operational Expenditures	24862.17
INGRAM LIBRARY SVCS LLC	Library Books and Materials	(blank)	53000:Operational Expenditures	9381.1
INGRAM LIBRARY SVCS LLC	Subscriptions and Publications	Collection Development	53000:Operational Expenditures	386.16
KANOPY INC	Electronic Material	Collection Development	53000:Operational Expenditures	48000
KOSTICK, PAULETTE	Per Diems	(blank)	56000:Contractual Services	50
LEID PRODUCTS	SAAS Subscriptions	Library Technology	56000:Contractual Services	3600
LIBRARY IDEAS LLC	Library Books and Materials	Collection Development	53000:Operational Expenditures	2070.8
MIDWEST TAPE	Library Books and Materials	Collection Development	53000:Operational Expenditures	3789.44
ORPEN, RICHARD	Per Diems	(blank)	56000:Contractual Services	50
OVERDRIVE INC	Dedicated Donations Expense	Donations - Library	53000:Operational Expenditures	50
OVERDRIVE INC	Electronic Material	Collection Development	53000:Operational Expenditures	59501.52
OVERDRIVE INC	Electronic Material	Donations - Library	53000:Operational Expenditures	753.54
OVERDRIVE INC	Library Books and Materials	Collection Development	53000:Operational Expenditures	76448.75
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SVC LLC	Leases - Vehicles and Equipment	(blank)	56000:Contractual Services	1136.34
PITNEY BOWES INC	Supplies - Other	(blank)	53000:Operational Expenditures	197.94
PITNEY BOWES RESERVE ACCOUNT	Postage	(blank)	53000:Operational Expenditures	2000
ROCK COUNTY MN	Miscellaneous Administrative Expense	Collection Development	53000:Operational Expenditures	19.99
SMARTE CARTE INC	Software	Library Technology	57000:Capital Outlay	23910.16
T MOBILE	Electronic Material	Collection Development	53000:Operational Expenditures	1274.62
TECH LOGIC CORP	Computers, Laptops, and Related Computer Equipment	Library Technology	57000:Capital Outlay	2221.56
TECH LOGIC CORP	Software Licensing / Subscriptions	Library Technology	56000:Contractual Services	1346.4
THOMAS S KLISE COMPANY	Library Books and Materials	Collection Development	53000:Operational Expenditures	3569.72
UNIVERSITY OF MN	Supplies - Other	(blank)	53000:Operational Expenditures	4005
VALUE LINE PUBLISHING LLC	Electronic Material	Collection Development	53000:Operational Expenditures	4495
WOLTERS KLUWER	Library Books and Materials	(blank)	53000:Operational Expenditures	248.55
<b>Overall - January Total</b>				<b>327289.34</b>



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## ANOKA COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

**February 23, 2026**

**AGENDA ITEM NO:** E  
**AGENDA ITEM:** Receive/Acknowledge Gifts

**ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION:**  
Accept and acknowledge gifts received during the current month.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

**Gifts received:**  
\$391.21 January Book Cart

**Volunteer Hours January:** Volunteen Hours: 51.75  
Volunteer Hours: 108.25

**Bills approved in the month of January \$327,289.34**

	YES	NO
Case	_____	_____
Fast	_____	_____
Fillbrandt	_____	_____
Kostick	_____	_____
Orpen	_____	_____
Rohloff	_____	_____
Stoesz	_____	_____



## ACL is now FINE FREE

- On January 1, 2025, fines were removed for **26,524 cardholders**, eliminating barriers to access.
- **1,895 patrons regained access** after being previously blocked due to fines and **1,009 of these cardholders returned to the library** and actively used their cards in 2025, reconnecting with resources and programs.



## Programs

- **251 students** in grades 1–3 paired with Reading Mentors in 2025 (up from 212 in 2024)
- New **Digital Literacy classes including** Intro to AI, Tech Safety Toolbox for Parents, & ChatGPT for Marketing. Three classes were in partnership with St. Francis & Centennial Area Chambers of Commerce, attended by 50 participants.
- **6.1 million minutes** of Summer Reading logged (up from 5.2 million in 2024)
- Introduced **Storytime for Adults with Disabilities** in partnership with Achieve Services



## Collection

- **Read Along Collection** expanded: Added **442 chapter books** in 2025, driving circulation to 20,337 — an increase from 15,633 in 2024.
- **World Language Collection** — added **1,443 new items** in Spanish, Arabic, and Somali titles., resulting in **5,069 total circulations**.
- ACL patrons surpassed **1 million digital checkouts** in 2025 and the MELSA Twin Cities eLibrary was the #1 consortium in the world for the 5th year in a row!



**39,651 people attended 1,739 programs in 2025**  
vs. 37,623 people attended 1,691 programs in 2024



## Welcome



## Partnerships

- Partnered with Public Health to offer free Naloxone.
  - Distributed **767 naloxone kits** and **450 fentanyl test strips** in 2025.
  - Hosted **4 Naloxone administration trainings for the public.**
- Expanded law library partnership: added consult sessions & **criminal expungement clinics** (28 programs in 2025 vs. 12 in 2024).
- County Childcare Licensing now promotes a library resource in its monthly newsletter and the library offered **5 childcare provider trainings** in 2025 including How to Become a Licensed Provider, Storytime Training, & Google Suite for Providers.
- Sustainable Resources Center provided **induction cooking kits** for checkout



## Connection

- Launched a **5-part welcome email series** highlighting library benefits —books, learning, hobbies, and cost-saving resources.
- Installed in-stack signage to cross-promote digital resources.
- Offered **25 “Getting Started With...” sessions** introducing patrons to tools like Libby, HelpNow, and Transparent Language.



## Patron Experience

- Refreshed Johnsville Library with new paint, carpet, and furnishings . Added a study room, kids’ browsing bins, and opened the **meeting room for after-hours use**—resulting in 26 bookings in Q4 2025.
- Installed **ADA-compliant doors** at St. Francis, Northtown, Rum River, and Mississippi libraries.