

ANOKA COUNTY LIBRARY
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LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES JANUARY 2026

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