

Tripp County Library Grossenburg Memorial
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2026

I. Attendance

- **Board of Directors:** Marilyn Grossenburg, Kris Ringstmeyer, Laura Welker
- **Librarian:** Misti Burns

II. Routine Business

- **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the June 16, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Kris Ringstmeyer moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Laura Welker. Motion carried.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The financial reports for the period ending June 30, 2026, were presented as follows:

General Account Balance: \$122,122.29

In-House Account Balance: \$13,908.67

Laura Welker moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Kris Ringstmeyer. Motion carried.

III. Old Business & Program Updates

- **Library Programs:**

Baby, Tots, & Me: Average attendance is 27.

Story Kids: Average attendance is 15.

Girls Who Code: Guest Sophie Lewis shared her tech journey and reviewed the coding projects.

Lego Time: We were able to accommodate children on the waiting list when the regular attendees were absent.

America's 250th Birthday: The VFW/Legion presented the meaning of the folds of the flag. Cupcakes were served. There were 17 in attendance.

Meet the Author Julia Lyon: Virtual meet-up with author of *A Dinosaur Named Ruth*. There were 13 in attendance. Each attendee received a bookmark and a chance for a copy of the book. The winner was Josie Yeary.

Mammoth Dig Site Tour: Very educational! There were 15 in attendance.

The Noise Guy: The audience had fun learning how to create different sounds and their impact on effective storytelling. There were 45 in attendance.

Jonathan May Magic Show: Fantastic entertainer! This event was held at the Community Playhouse to accommodate more people. There were 85 in attendance.

- **Community Groups:** Dungeons & Dragons maintains a steady attendance of 8 participants. There are no new updates regarding the Grief Support Group.
- **Library Operations:**

Friends of the Library: The next volunteer hour is scheduled for July 28 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm with lunch provided. Book sale proceeds were \$470.

Reading Book Bingo: June's winner is Swayze Mayes.

Community Outreach: Misti Burns spoke at the Rotary Luncheon regarding summer reading program highlights.

Media/Marketing: KWYR promoted The Noise Guy and the Jonathan May Magic Show (including a follow-up interview). An advertisement for the magic show ran in the Winner Advocate. Regular updates continue to be posted on Facebook.

IV. New Business

- **Tooth Casting Experience:** Children's hands-on kits will be provided courtesy of The Mammoth Site of Hot Springs, SD.
- 2027 Budget:** The proposed budget was submitted to the County Commissioners. A review meeting is scheduled with them for August 11, 2026.
- **Upcoming Events:** One Book South Dakota is set for Thursday, September 17 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Dr. Kathy Antonen will be facilitating. The book is "*A Biography of a Mountain: The Making and Meaning of Mount Rushmore*" by Matthew Davis.

V. Monthly Statistics

- Wireless/Session Count: 129 sessions recorded for the month.

VI. Adjournment

Laura Welker moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kris Ringstmeyer. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: August 18, 2026, at 12:00 pm in the library meeting room.

Minutes submitted by: Misti Burns, Librarian