

Tripp County Library Grossenburg Memorial
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2026

I. Attendance

- **Board of Directors:** Marilyn Grossenburg, Roxana Hermsen, Melanie Levi, Zach Pahlke, Kris Ringsmeyer, Laura Welker
- **Tripp County Commissioner:** Larry Wilcox
- **Librarian:** Misti Burns

II. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm by Board President Marilyn Grossenburg.

III. Routine Business

- **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the July 21, 2026, meeting was reviewed. Kris Ringsmeyer moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Laura Welker. Motion carried.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The financial reports for the period ending July 31, 2026, were presented as follows:

General Account Balance: \$107,064.46

In-House Account Balance: \$13,077.82

Roxana Hermsen moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Melanie Levi. Motion carried.

IV. Old Business & Program Reports

- **Summer Program Wrap-ups:**

Summer Reading Program: 164 children completed the challenge (15% increase).

Breakdown: Winner: 145; Colome: 13; Homeschool: 4; Other: 2. T-shirts ordered; distribution of prize bags is pending until t-shirts are received.

Youth Programs: Baby, Tots, & Me will resume September 17. Story Kids will resume in September on non-school Fridays. Girls Who Code concluded with a finale party and coding-term bingo. Lego Time concluded, and student Lego projects are currently on display.

- **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 August 25 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm with lunch provided.

E-rate: Form 486 has been completed for FY2026.

Facebook: Regular updates continue.

Reading Book Bingo: July's winner is Tel Hossle.

- **2027 Budget:** Misti reviewed the proposed 2027 budget with the county commissioners. Final approval will be in September.
- **One Book South Dakota:** Copies are available at the front desk. The discussion is scheduled for September 17 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

V. New Business

- **Colome School Open House:** The library participated in the open house on August 11 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm, resulting in 4 new family library cards being issued.
- **Upcoming Continuing Education & Events:**

SD Library Association Annual Conference: Sept. 30-Oct. 2 in Pierre.

SD Festival of Books: Oct. 3 in Sioux Falls.

Autumn Library Training Academy: Oct. 21 at Mitchell Public Library focusing on Disaster Planning. Melanie Levi & Misti Burns will attend, earning 5 board contact hours.

- **Policy Reviews & Approvals:**

Bylaws: Updated bylaws were reviewed and approved as presented. Laura Welker moved to approve, seconded by Roxana Hermesen. All in favor; motion carried.

Circulation Policy: Updated policy was reviewed and approved as presented. Kris Ringstmeyer moved to approve, seconded by Zach Pahlke. All in favor; motion carried.

Confidentiality of Library Records: This policy was reviewed and approved as presented. Melanie Levi moved to approve, seconded by Roxana Hermesen. All in favor; motion carried

VI. Monthly Statistics

- Wireless/Session Count: 127 sessions recorded for the month.

VII. Adjournment

Laura Welker moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Melanie Levi. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Next Meeting: September 15, 2026, at 12:00 pm in the library meeting room.

Minutes submitted by: Misti Burns, Librarian