

ANOKA COUNTY LIBRARY
707 COUNTY RD 10 NE
BLAINE, MN 55434

LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES MARCH 2026

The Anoka County Library Board met at the LSS Board Room on March 23, 2026. Present was Board Members: Case, Fast, (arrived at 5:39 p.m.); Fillbrandt, Kostick, Rohloff, Orpen, and Stoesz.

Also, present: Colleen Haubner, Library Director; Benjamin Coburn, Assistant Library Director; Sarah Hawkins, Assistant Library Director; Erin Straszewski, Community Engagement Manager, Leah Christensen, Assistant County Attorney; and Ronda Bliss, Sr. Administrative Assistant.

Absent: Commissioner Jeppson

Present via Teams: Dana Weigman, Program Services Manager

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

February 23, 2026, Library Board Minutes approved.

Gifts for February totaling \$359.97 were accepted.

Bills for the month of February totaling \$114,734.29 were paid.

LIBRARY IMPACT STORY was presented by Board Member Kostick.
Presentation to Chandler Senior Living Book Club

Fast arrived at 5:39 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. 2026 Local Author Fair - Weigman
2. Legislative Update – Hawkins
3. Library Statistics – Hawkins
4. Emerging Reading Kits - Hawkins
5. 2025 MELSA Benefits - Haubner

LIBRARY MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT

1. North Metro TV partnership -Haubner
2. Board Per Diem direct deposit option - Haubner
 - a. Ronda will email the form to be completed and returned.
3. Library Impact story -Coburn
 - a. St. Francis High School National Honor Society inventories and cleans shelves at the library.
 - b. Saint Francis branch staff attend St. Francis High School Powwow and connect with over 180 people.

4. Upcoming events – Haubner
 - a. Volunteer Appreciation Event – April 11, 2026, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Northtown Library
 - b. Friends of the Library – check presentation at the next Library Advisory Board meeting on April 27, 2026.

FUTURE TOPICS

No requests were made.

The next meeting will be on April 27, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Mississippi Library branch, 410 Mississippi St NE, Fridley.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Bliss
Sr. Administrative Assistant