

# HOYT LAKES PUBLIC LIBRARY

Jan 20, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. by Chair Holly Gross. Present: Sheri Zins, Shelly Leffel, Sarah Royseth, Michele Lammi and Council Liaison Jill Eckman. Sharon Nelson was absent for cause.

MINUTES from Nov 18 were read and approved. A motion was made by Shelly and seconded by Holly to approve the minutes with the addition of Liaison Jill Eckman present at the Nov mtg. Unanimously carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND NEW INVOICES: The Nov and Dec Treasurer's Report and new invoices were read and approved. A motion was made by Sheri and seconded by Shelly to approve the Treasurer's Report and new invoices. Unanimously carried.

LIBRARIAN REPORT: There were 6 Nov and 2 Dec new registrations. Local usage was 84% Nov and 85% Dec. TalkBox had 0 Nov and 3 Dec uses, Cricut had 0/0 and lockers had 1/0 uses. Downloadable items and Hoopla total 424 in Nov and 509 in Dec. Hoopla usage was 169/182. ILL's sent out were 118/143. ILL's received were 54/84. The total circulation for Nov was 1065 and Dec 1178. Computer usage was 45/46. 0/0 state park pass and 0/1 aquarium check outs in Nov/Dec. A motion was made by Shelly and seconded by Holly to approve the Nov and Dec Librarian's Reports. Unanimously carried.

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. Budget meetings: Council asked us the reduce book budget to \$12000 and programs to \$6000.
2. LEGO@the Library and Sit & Stitch will be discontinued for 2026 due to lack of participation.
3. 70 ppl signed up for the Adult Winter Challenge.
4. 8595 items were checked out in 2025 with 13 having not been returned with a cost of \$191.
5. The Mocktail Social was another huge success (36ppl). Programs in the works: Model Car Build event in April, a jigsaw puzzle competition and Summer Program: Plant a Seed, Read.
6. We received a \$2200 MN Dept of Ed grant for Nikki to attend the PLA conference in Apr.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Upcoming programs:
  - a. Exercise, Mons & Weds at 9:30am
  - b. Echoes Beyond the Pit Local History, Mike Sterk, Erie PreTac Plant, Jan 23 at 1pm
  - c. Snowman Wall Pocket class, MaryAnn Radtke, Jan 26 at 2pm.
  - d. Craft Supply Collection, Jan 28 – 31
  - e. Craft Supply Giveaway, Feb 2 – 7
  - f. Blind Date with a Book, Feb 2 - 27
  - g. Theater Thursdays, Feb 12 at 1pm, "Miracle"
  - h. Library closed, Feb 14 and 16, President's Day
  - i. Tuesday Creations, Love Your Library snack mix, Feb 17 at 11am
2. Update and adopt policies:
  - a. Unattended Children in the Library Policy: unanimous vote to table
3. Board term for 2026. Sheri moved and Shelly seconded to keep Holly as Chair and Sarah as Secretary. They both agreed so the motion passed unanimously.
4. Echoes Beyond the Pit Local History talks continue Feb-Stevens Chambers, Mar-Longyear Drill Site, Apr-CaneLakes on the 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays at 1pm
5. Student Page new hire expected to start Jan 31.
6. Public Library Assoc conference, April 1-3 in Mpls. Nikki and Michelle will attend 3/31-4/3.
7. There will be a pottery class in April-discussion was held regarding possible fee.

The next Library Board meeting will be Tuesday Feb 24, 2026 at 5:00pm.

A motion was made by Shelly and seconded by Holly to adjourn at 5:55pm. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Royseth