

CATAWBA COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Minutes of November 11th, 2025

The Catawba County Library Advisory Board met on Tuesday, November 11th, 2025, 11:30am, in the genealogy conference room of the Main Library in Newton.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Morgan Williams-Board Chair, Donna Reese- Vice Chair, Carmen Isenhower, Pam Cansler, Katie Perkins, Jeanne Lebens Siobhan Loendorf, Library Director

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Ed Sain

CALL TO ORDER

at 11:30am

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public attended.

MINUTES

Board voted to approve minutes.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Staffing Update

- a. LSSII Janelle Brown and library assistants David Williams and Debbie Frye have announced their resignations, positions have been posted

Programming

1. Library Software- The Library Corporation (TLC) We have moved the library software from an on premises server here at the county level to a cloud based service that is not longer connected to the county's network. This adds a level of security for the county and improves the service for our library patrons.
2. Update on Hoopla and Libby- We are sunsetting the Hoopla app on 12-31-2025 due to rising cost we are no longer able to maintain this service. This fiscal year we were on track to spend \$90,000 on Hoopla expenses and will have nothing tangible to show for that \$90,000. We will take the funds that would have gone to the second half of the year for Hoopla and use them to build the Libby digital collection. We have also set up a Always Available collection of titles in Libby using a model similar to Hoopla but easier to control the spending.

Awards

The library was awarded the NCPLDA award for best programming for a large library system the Pre-K Steam program.

Grants

1. LSTA Planning Grant: Stronger by Design

The library consultants from Library Strategies led the library board through a SOAR (Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations, Results) session at this meeting and then held another SOAR session with library staff later in the day on 11-11-25. This input will be followed up with surveys, focus groups and one-on-one interviews. The consultants will draft a strategic plan in early March to be reviewed with library leadership and the Strategic Planning Steering committee. The finalized strategic plan should go before the Board of Commissioners for approval in May 2026.

Library Endowment

The Library's Endowment is managed by the NC Community Foundation (NCCF) <https://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/> NCCF meets the highest standards for philanthropic excellence among community foundations, having been accredited with Community Foundations National Standards since 2007.

Our current balances are:

Endowment Amount:	\$ 129,125.01
<u>County account</u>	<u>\$ 655.00</u>
Total:	\$ 129,780.01

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1pm.

Next Regular Scheduled Library Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at the Newton Library at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Candi Dula, Business Manager