

Rusk County Community Library Board.  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Present: Lynette Anderson, Nathan Johnson, Anna Kauffman, Cheyenne Makinia, Kathy Plahuta, Christinna Swearingen, Dave Willingham

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.
2. Appearances by Public – There were no public appearances
3. December 2025 minutes – The Board reviewed the December 2025 minutes. **Nathan Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes. Kathy Plahuta seconded. Motion carried.**
4. December 2025 Financial Statements – The Board reviewed the financial statements from December 2025. The library is charged by the city and the county for maintenance. The Library received a solar refund for the month of December from excess energy created by the solar panels. **Cheyenne Makinia made a motion to accept the financial statements. Kathy Plahuta seconded. Motion carried.**
5. December 2025/January 2026 Invoices – The Board reviewed the invoices from December 2025 and January 2026. **Cheyenne Makinia made a motion to approve. Nathan Johnson seconded. Motion carried.**
6. Discussion and possible action on building maintenance issues –
  - The contractor has started working on the lower level flooring. They will try to work on sections in the evening to avoid disrupting operations.
  - Christinna has met with the new Finance Director. She was able to help figure out where the Library is at on the capital improvement budget to pay for the HVAC. There is money leftover in the city appropriations portion to help cover part of it as well. The Finance Director will send monthly county financial reports to Christinna.
  - The library expects to receive maintenance invoicing for 2025 in the early part of 2026.
7. Director's Report – Christinna presented the Director's Report.
  - December was a little slow, but not too bad. There was involvement in several programming events throughout the month.
  - The Library will close a little early on January 16 for a post-Holiday celebration for the Library staff.
  - There had been two Dungeons & Dragons groups meeting, but one of the groups concluded. However, more players are interested in joining, so they are expanding in their ways. It's been a positive for the library to help support the group. It's a multigenerational group that fosters good community.
  - The circulation numbers for 2025 vs. 2024 were reviewed.

- The Friends of the Library are going to apply for a grant on behalf of the Dungeons & Dragons group for some items they could use to make their game play better. They can ask for \$500-1,000 to support programming.
8. Discussion of Matters Pertinent to Board's Function –
- Christinna is going to be presenting at the County Board meeting in February. Any of the board is invited to attend as well. By February, the annual report will be done and Christinna will be able to present the stats and talk about what the Library is doing.
  - Since the Library has created comfortable, more private spaces throughout the Library more people have been enjoying using them.
9. Next Meeting Date is February 10, 2026
10. The meeting was Adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna Kauffman