

Howard Miller Library Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes for March 17th, 2026

Present: Amanda Hanson (staff), Mary Wilkos (Chair), Terry Allen, Josh Eggleston, Lynette Lam, MaryBeth Timmer, Barb Danenberg

Absent: Alison Reese

Meeting called to order 4:30pm.

Minutes from the January 20th meeting were approved as written.
M-Mary Wilkos, S-MaryBeth Timmer - Passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

- In February, the library hosted a Couples Cupcake Decorating program with 10 attendees and a Winter Olympics reading challenge where 164 signed up and 96 completed 300 minutes of reading. The monthly OAISD Monday Movie for special needs adults attracted 39 attendees.
- On National Take Your Child to the Library Day (February 7), 42 patrons participated in a self-paced scavenger hunt. The teen hangout room on the Zeeland Public School half-day (February 26) had 128 attendees. Additionally, weekly Lego Club sessions were offered, and one school/homeschool field trip brought in 17 students.
- Lauren Bosma resigned as a Library Page due to health reasons.
- Peter Smedley joined the new part-time Library Page on February 26.
- Amanda Hanson met with City administrators regarding the FY 2026-2027 budget.

Old Business:

- Update on funding needs from the Endowment for the acoustic wall installation project
 - On January 18, 2026, ABD Engineering & Design, Inc. assessed the acoustics of the Howard Miller Public Library. The space has higher than desired reverberation, impacting the circulation desk due to noise from the 2nd floor. ABD Engineering will send out bids for the project, with a recommended budget of \$125,000. The goal would be to keep the library open if at all possible, during the construction.

New Business:

- Library Staff Appreciation Week – April 19-25, board sponsored meal April 23rd
 - Hashbrown Casserole-Barb
 - Fruit & Donuts (Friday)-Lynette
 - Sausage-Mary Wilkos
 - Coffee Cake-MaryBeth
 - Donuts/Cinnamon Rolls-Alison

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: April 21, 2026, 4:30pm