

Huron Public Library

Mission, Objectives & Organization

LIBRARY MISSION

The Huron Public Library will strive to enrich the quality of life in Huron by providing library materials and services, which anticipate and respond to the informational, educational, and entertainment needs of Huron residents to promote lifelong learning.

HURON PUBLIC LIBRARY POLICY HANDBOOK

The policies in this handbook have been prepared and adopted by the Library Board of Trustees of the Huron Public Library to serve as a directive in the operation of the library. The Huron Public Library Board of Trustees adheres to the revised South Dakota Codified Law [\(14-2-40\)](#) which defines its duties and functions. The policies shall be examined every three years, but they may be revised at any time by action of the Library Board of Trustees.

I. GENERAL LIBRARY OBJECTIVES

- To provide, on equal terms, free service to all individuals and groups residing within the City of Huron.
- To provide service to non-residents of Huron on an annual fee basis.
- Through the Elaine C. Smogard Trust the library offers free library cards to patrons who live within Beadle County, but outside Huron city limits.
- To assemble, preserve, and administer in organized collections, books, and related educational and recreational materials.
- To cooperate with other city departments, libraries, and organizations to promote educational, cultural, and recreational activities.
- To provide opportunities for education, research, and recreation through the use of literature, music, films, and other art forms within the sphere of library activities.
- To provide unrestricted access to all library materials to all Huron Public Library patrons, with the exception of the DVD collection.
- To maintain at least minimum standards for public library service as recommended by the South Dakota State Library (See South Dakota State Codified Laws Chapter 14-2 Public Libraries).

II. ORGANIZATION

The Huron Public Library was established by a vote of the people on April 2, 1907. The library is governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of five members appointed by the mayor for a term of three years each, with the terms staggered. Trustees serve without remuneration of any kind. A City Commissioner will be assigned as a liaison between the Library and the City of Huron. The City Commissioner representative is a voting member of the Library Board.

The board is the policy-forming body of the institution with the authority to determine the rules and regulations governing library service and personnel.

A regular meeting of the Board is held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

III. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Huron Public Library is supported mainly by taxation in accordance with SDLA [14-2-47](#). Other sources of income include fines on overdue materials, annual fees received from non-resident users, and gifts.

The Library Director is authorized to work with The Friends of the Huron Public Library to generate supplemental funds for the Library. All monies raised through The Friends belong to the Friends and are not subject to the financial requirements of the Library or the City of Huron.

The Library Director is authorized to apply for grants. The Library can also apply for grants in partnership with other organizations.