

The Sedalia Public Library Board met in regular session on Monday, May 12, 2025 in the Board Room. Jackie Marshall, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Tessa Childers, Dana Foster, Lakin Janke, Jackie Marshall, Byron Matson, Emily Schmidt, Linda Sundy, Elisabeth Tessone, Jamie Sparks, Director, and Stephanie Sneed, Recording Secretary

Absent: Billie Dunn

Jackie Marshall called for motions to approve the following reports:

April Minutes: Motion: Elisabeth Tessone moved the April Minutes be approved as presented; seconded by Tessa Childers. All approved.

March Financial Summary: Motion: Lakin Janke moved the March Financial Summary be approved as presented; seconded by Dana Foster. All approved.

April Statistical Report: Motion: Tessa Childers moved the April Statistical Report be approved as presented; seconded by Dana Foster. All approved.

Remarks from the Vice President: Jackie extended congratulations to Educators of the Sedalia School District for another successful school year and to parents of the graduating Class of 2025.

Director's Report: Building & Technology: New seating options have been added in the Children's Department as well as two rotating bookshelves in the 'Easy' section. The rotating bookshelves provide ease of reach for small children. A letter received on April 16th was shared with the Board from the City of Sedalia announcing the (TAP) Transportation Alternative Program Grant. This was awarded to the City to fund a project that will connect the historic Katy Trail head to Liberty Park along 3rd Street which will include construction along the north sidewalk of the library.

The library will be closed on Sunday, May 25th and Monday, May 26th in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Continuing Education, Meetings, and Library Goals: Contributing efforts towards Library Goals: **Library Aware Updates:** Monthly newsletter, social media posts, and new "opt-in" page for personalized reading lists through email. **Professional Development:** Kaylee Daniel: "The First Amendment and Libraries" webinar; Kristen Whisnant: "Navigating the Early Literacy Landscape"; Jamie Sparks: Weekly meeting with MO State Library and Directors. Staff monthly planning meetings and with Summer Reading Program Planning.

Collection and Materials: Statistical Report Notes for April, 2025: Comparisons to last year of April, 2024 was 5130 to April, 2025 was 4679, a decrease of 451 circulated materials. Month to month comparisons with March, 2025 of 5069 to April, 2025 was 4679, a decrease of 390 circulated materials. The Children's Department was closed for a week in the month of April due to clean up of flooded areas and may have impacted the circulation statistics. In an effort to

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increase circulation in May, the library is offering a check-out challenge to celebrate National Donut Day on June 6th. Additionally, 'Book-Bundles' are available to patrons to provide easy check-out of multiple books of interest.

Programming and Outreach: Adult Programs: Monthly Book Clubs had a total of 12 participants; Adult Outreach is currently serving 47 homebound readers. Additional April programs included a Create and Connect Event, Local Book Author Signing, and program presentation by the MU Extension, 'How to Become an Engaged Neighbor'. 76 patrons received services through Adult Services during the month of April. **Children's Programs:** The Lego Club meets twice monthly and had 12 children and 8 parent/caregivers in attendance; Bookworms Book Club had 4 Children and 4 parents/caregivers; Weekly Preschool Storytime had a total 35 children and 30 parents/caregivers in April. Sacred Heart School visits have 4 grade levels visiting monthly during the school year. A Saturday event, 'Meet and Read with Kyah, K9 Therapy Dog with the Sedalia Police Dept. had 11 children and 11 parents/caregivers attending. Total Children's Program attendance for the month of April was 88 Children with 55 parents/caregivers. Children's department will take a break from programming in May. The Summer Reading Kick Off will be June 4th.

News & Marketing: Federal Government: The State Library received an allocation from IMLS which will help with funding through the FY25. No further details at this time. No new developments with State hearings.

Other: Jamie announced there are four Excel students receiving high school diplomas and the Excel Graduation will be on June 2nd at 6 p.m. in the Queen City Room. Library Board Members received an invitation to the event.

Committee Reports: none

Unfinished Business: Applications to fill two chairs becoming available on the Library Board on July 1, 2025 were reviewed. Recommendations of three applicants were selected to send to Mayor Dawson.

Motion: Lakin Janke moved that applications of the three be forwarded to Mayor Dawson for the appointment of two to fill the vacating seats; seconded by Tessa Childers. All approved.

New Business: none

Other Business: none

Public Comments: none

With no further business to discuss, Jackie called for motion to adjourn.

Motion: Byron Matson moved the meeting be adjourned at 5:30 p.m.; seconded by Lakin Janke. All approved. The next regular meeting will be Monday, June 9, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Sneed, Recording Secretary

