

Minutes

July 14, 2025

The Sedalia Public Library Board met in regular session on Monday, July 24, 2025 in the Board Room. Billie Dunn, President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Tessa Childers, Billie Dunn, Dana Foster, Lakin Janke, Virginia Kehoe, Jackie Marshall, Byron Matson, Emily Schmidt, Katie Stanley-Dietzman, Jamie Sparks, Director, and Stephanie Sneed, Recording Secretary

Absent: none

Billie called for motions to approve the following reports:

June Minutes: Motion: Jackie Marshall moved the June Minutes be approved as presented; seconded by Byron Matson. All approved.

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

June Statistical Report: Motion: Lakin Janke moved the June Statistical Report be approved as presented; seconded by Jackie Marshall. All approved.

Remarks from the President: Billie extended a welcome to new board members, Virginia Kehoe and Katie Stanley-Dietzman. Billie also shared her enthusiasm about the Summer Reading Program and hoped all board members were participating.

Director's Report: Building & Technology: The west A/C unit was not adequately cooling the building once again on July 1st. Premier Climate Control made a service call to assess the problem on July 2nd and determined an electric coil on the inside blower unit will need to be replaced. They will be presenting us an estimate on cost of replacement.

Staff & Volunteers: One of our Sunday library clerks will be taking maternity leave in September and part of October. Other part-time staff will be filling in during the maternity leave. The library has also had two volunteers assisting with events during the Summer Reading Program.

Collection and Materials: MO Association of School Libraries (MASL) Award Nominees in Children's Dept.: The library has been ordering books that are 2025-26 nominees in each category so that we have them available for patrons. Voting takes place at schools in March 2026. The Categories include: Building Blocks (young readers), Show Me Award (grades 1-3), Mark Twain Award (grades 4-6), Truman Award (grades 6-8), and Gateway (high school).

Statistical Report Notes for June, 2025: Comparisons to last year of June, 2024 was 6325 to June, 2025 was 6834; an increase of 509 circulated materials. Month to month comparisons with May, 2025 of 5114 to June, 2025 was 6834; an increase of 1720 circulated materials.

Programming and Outreach: Adult Programs: Monthly Book Clubs had a total of 10 participants; Adult Outreach is currently serving 43 homebound readers. The Excel Adult High School Graduation Event had 16 in attendance. Adult Passive Programs during June included a

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Community Ties Board and Book Chain. 70 patrons received services through Adult Services during the month of June. **Excel Adult High School Program:** There are currently three students actively enrolled. **Children's Programs:** The Summer Reading Program Kick-Off Event "Messtival" on June 4th was well attended with 175 kids/90 adults. June was filled with an abundance of program options with Lego Club, Storytimes, Watercolor and Origami Events, Science Heroes Show, and a 'Bad Art Night' for teens. There were several Passive Programs available including Father's Day Keychains and Magnets. The EL Program with the Sedalia School District #200 toured the library on June 6th and signed up for library cards. Jamie shared copies of Thank-you notes from students and their teachers. A total of 494 Children and 229 Parents/Caregivers received library services during the month of June.

Summer Reading Programs will conclude on July 30th and a finale party will be held at the Power Up! Arcade on August 4th. The monthly regular programs in the Children's department will recess in the month of August and will resume shortly after Labor Day.

News & Marketing: Jamie visited Mercy Services United on June 5th. A copy of their brochure providing details of services offered was circulated. Mercy Services United is now listed as a community resource on the library's website. The Center for Human Services is celebrating it's 70th Year and our library is commemorating the occasion with a display in the Reference Room sharing life stories and the impact their services have made to our community.

Committee Reports: none

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Welcome New Board Members: Virginia Kehoe and Katie Stanley- Dietzman were introduced and each shared about their families and interest in serving on the Library Board.

Updated Documents for FY25-26: Jamie distributed updates to be added to board notebooks. Also distributed was a sign-up sheet for Committees a Board Member would desire to serve on during the upcoming Fiscal Year.

Planning for 125th Anniversary: The formal dedication of the Carnegie Building was on July 30, 1901. Board Members were offered the opportunity to assist with planning an event along with the Sedalia Public Library Foundation in the upcoming year to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of our beautiful Carnegie Building.

Other Business: none

Public Comments: none

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

Motion: Byron Matson moved the meeting adjourn at 5:26 p.m.; seconded by Lakin Janke. All approved. The next regular meeting will be Monday, August 11, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Sneed, Recording Secretary