

The Sedalia Public Library Board met in regular session on Monday, August 10, 2026, in the Board Room. Emily Schmidt, President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Tessa Childers, Billie Dunn, Dana Foster, Virginia Kehoe, Emily Schmidt, Melissa Turner, Byron Matson, Jamie Sparks, Director

Absent: Lakin Janke, Linda Jo Huber

Emily called for motions to approve the following reports:

July Minutes: Motion: Billie Dunn moved the July minutes to be approved as presented; seconded by Byron Matson. All approved.

June Financial Summary: Motion: Billie Dunn moved the June financial summary to be approved as presented; seconded by Tessa Childers. All approved.

July Statistical Report: Motion: Tessa Childers moved the July Statistical Report be approved as presented; seconded by Byron Matson. All approved

Remarks from the President: 125th Anniversary was a success.

Director's Report & Program Stats: – July 2026:

Automation grant is complete and final payment has been submitted.

Building & Technology:

- Handicap door opener installed.
- Sidewalk project started Aug. 5.
- There were 2 rips in the rubber membrane on the roof that have been patched. For now, it appears the water leaking in the community room, the 2nd floor bathroom, and behind the children's desk has stopped. We still have some water coming in one of the non-fiction corners, in the basement.

Stephanie Sneed retired as of Aug. 7th.

Book club kits will be available soon for checkout in the reference room.

2026 Circ Stats: A slight drop in circulation, but a big use in MO Evergreen. Not a lot of requests from our patrons yet. Working on summer reading data.

Programming and Outreach:

September is National Library Card sign up month. The children's department will take a break from normal programs in the month of August and resume in September.

News & Marketing: The 125th celebration was successful.

Committee Reports: none

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: 25-26 Tax Levy-A public hearing is set to be held in Council Chambers on Aug. 19 at 3:30pm to adopt the tax levy for taxing entities of the City of Sedalia. The 2026 proposed tax rate total for the Sedalia Public Library is 0.3128 (per \$100) of the estimated amount of property tax revenues assessed for 2026. Billie Dunn motioned to accept; seconded by Melissa Turner; all approved.

Other Business: Billie spoke about the Sedalia Public Library Foundation, the repair of the Queen City Room ceiling, and the future of the Foundation.

Public Comments: none

Adjourn: With no further business to discuss, Emily called for a motion to adjourn. **Motion:** Tessa Childers moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:16 p.m.; seconded by Melissa Turner. All approved. The next regular meeting will be Monday, September 14, 2026, in the Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Dana Foster, Recording Secretary
8/15/26