

Minutes

July 13, 2026

The Sedalia Public Library Board met in regular session on Monday, July 13, 2026, in the Board Room. Emily Schmidt, President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Linda Jo Huber introduced herself and all Board members did the same.

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

Absent: Stephanie Sneed

Emily called for motions to approve the following reports:

June Minutes: Motion: Billie Dunn moved the June minutes to be approved as presented; seconded by Tessa Childers. All approved.

May Financial Summary: Motion: Lakin Janke moved the May financial summary to be approved as presented; seconded by Billie Dunn. All approved.

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

Remarks from the President: There were no remarks from the President.

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

Building & Technology: Sidewalk project update provided.

Tree trimming was completed on June 26, and a new tree has been planted.

Installation of the handicap-accessible entrance door is expected soon.

Jamie Sparks reported that Stephanie is absent due to personal reasons. Jamie has been learning Stephanie's responsibilities in preparation for Stephanie's upcoming retirement and stated she is becoming more comfortable with the duties.

The City is transitioning its software system from Springbrook to Tyler Technologies. The implementation date has been postponed from July to September.

2026 Circ Stats: June circulation showed a significant increase compared to May. Additional details are included in the statistical report.

Programming and Outreach: Jamie reviewed highlights from June programming.

The Board recognized Tara Clark, Outreach & Adult Services Librarian, for her creativity and successful programming ideas, including the popular Cyanotype printing event. Jamie noted that the Show Me Dinosaurs program was unable to perform as intended, due to equipment overheating. The library received a full refund.

Upcoming events include a Teen UNO event on July 19, a Sound Bath program scheduled for July 20 and a multimedia presentation about the 100th anniversary of Route 66 on Aug. 5.

News & Marketing: The library received a donation from RE/MAX.

A newspaper advertisement has been placed to promote the 125th celebration on July 30.

Committee Reports: none

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: none

Other Business: Jamie presented information regarding the Historic Plaque and the Historic preservation committee. The city will not be funding the project, as previously thought. The Board decided to table the possibility of finding an alternative payment for the plaque at this time.

Public Comments: none

Adjourn: With no further business to discuss, Emily called for a motion to adjourn. **Motion:** Byron Matson moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:22 p.m.; seconded by Billie Dunn. All approved. The next regular meeting will be Monday, Aug 10, 2026, in the Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Dana Foster, Recording Secretary
7-20-26