

The Sedalia Public Library Board met in regular session on Monday, September 14, 2026, in the Board Room. Emily Schmidt, President, called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

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

Absent: none

Emily called for motions to approve the following reports:

August Minutes: Motion: Billie Dunn moved the August minutes to be approved as presented; seconded by Lakin Janke. All approved.

July Financial Summary: Motion: Tessa Childers moved the July financial summary to be approved as presented; seconded by Byron Matson All approved.

August Statistical Report: Motion: Billie Dunn moved the August Statistical Report be approved as presented; seconded by Virginia Kehoe. All approved.

Remarks from the President: Emily expressed she was pleased the City Council approved the 2026 tax rates. She also shared an email with the Board from former employee Bridget Lenhardt.

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

- Phones are being updated, last update was the early 2000s
- Our printing fees are not comparable with other surrounding libraries. We will increase our rates for Black and White prints from 10 cents a page to 20 cents a page and for color copies, we will go from 25 cents a page to 50 cents. This will start on Oct. 1, 2026.
- Queen city room- temporarily secured the ceiling again
- Board Room ceiling-crack on southwest ceiling could possibly be patched
- Flat roof- needs to be resurfaced; different areas have been patched, issues continue to arise. The shingled roof looks ok-it is about 20 years old. The flat roof has not been resurfaced for about 15 years. We have found areas around the downspout that runs through the community room wall and into the basement that need to be patched.
- A recent storm caused water to come through near the children's desk and the community room wall gets bubbles of water that comes down the wall; this has likely been an issue for years. The north wall, window, and floor in that room are not in good shape. We are hoping that patching the gutter and downspout that runs down this wall will stop the leaks.
- West AC unit-Labor day morning the breaker was tripped and would not work properly. Premier Climate Control determined the compressor had gone bad. The unit is still under warranty until the first part of December. We have an estimate for the additional parts and labor to fix it.
- Sidewalk project is on week 6 and still working to complete both ends in front of the library
- A library clerk substitute has resigned.

2026 Circ Stats & Collections:

- Smith Cotton year books were added to the collection
- Wallstreet Journal online access was requested by a patron donation
- Circulation-increase to Libby checkouts, as the library has made purchases with Advantage plus. The Outreach patron base continues to grow under Tara's direction.

Programming and Outreach:

September is national library card sign up month

Bingo in the children's department-throughout Sept.

Musical petting zoo on 9/19/26

Tree education event on 9/21/26

Tara attended the SSD #200 resource fair

Last payment for the MO evergreen grant was received

News & Marketing:

Article from Sedalia Democrat

Committee Reports: none

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

Code of ethics policy-Emily Schmidt made a motion to accept the Code of Ethics policy as presented. Melissa Turner seconded, all approved.

Other Business:

Board Bylaws- amendment made to page 2, regarding the Voucher system.

Emily called for a motion to approve the bylaws as presented. Lakin Janke moved to accept.

Byron Matson seconded. All approved.

MO Evergreen savings-We will be saving a little over \$11,000 this year by joining MO Evergreen, as opposed to staying with Horizon and OCLC.

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 5:38 p.m.; seconded by Lakin Janke. All approved. The next regular meeting will be Monday, October 12, 2026, in the Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Dana Foster, Recording Secretary
9/14/26

