

WYANDOTTE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING NOTES

Date: February 24, 2026

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: West Wyandotte Library, KCK 66101

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Joe Caiharr

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Caiharr, Jody Boeding-Vice Chair, Karen Schibi, Korri Hall, Paul Hill, Micki Hill, Erica Simpson, Stephanie Barton, Judy Anderson,

STAFF AND OFFICIALS PRESENT: Jeff Conway, UG Legal Counsel; Reggie Lindsey, UG Budget Director; Adrian Alemifar, Budget Dept; Lisa Rangel, Commissioner's Office. Laura Pellegrino, Director of KCKPL; Sam Moore, Assistant Director, KCKPL; Aaron Froelich, Turner Community Library; Jack Granath, Bonner Springs Library Director.

ABSENCES: Melanie Schwartzkopf – absence notification received.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair announced that Korri Hall and Karen Schibi have been reappointed to the board.

APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES

Item: Approval of meeting notes dated November 18, 2025.

Motion: Micki Hill made a motion, seconded by Korri Hall to table the approval of November 18 and December 16, 2025 meeting notes pending the following corrections:

November 18

- Change members Judy Anderson to Micki Hill as the one inquiring about the future Maker Space at the new KCKPL.
- Revise Stephanie Barton's reference of June 27 to June 17 as the first time Edwardsville brought their proposal forward.
- Correct the roll call figure of 10-0 to reflect the recorded vote, which was 8-2.
- Micki Hill suggested including a list of the elected officials present in the audience, if it is standard practice to do so.

December 16

- Micki Hill suggested including a list of the elected officials present in the audience, if it is standard practice to do so.
- Karen Schibi requested that the clarification on member terms be added as outlined by legal counsel.

Motion carried - All in favor, none opposed.

Discussion: there was discussion about the difference between meeting notes and formal minutes. Micki Hill requested more detailed meeting notes. Laura Pellegrino indicated they would investigate transcription capabilities from the recording system for future meetings.

LIBRARY UPDATES

BONNER SPRINGS LIBRARY PRESENTATION

Jack Granath – shared their annual report:

- More cardholders than residents in Bonner Spring
- Over 60,000 people visited the library with over 100,000 checkouts, which represents a 2.5% decrease in print and a 2.3 % increase overall with electronic use still driving increases
- A lot of computer uses and lots of programs. Programs dipped but so did KCK's.
- Highlights since November: over 200 attendees at the Grinch party, a photo op, Grinch story, treats games and crafts. Leslie dressed as Cindy Lou.
- Leslie Lard was named Assistant Director in January
- New Year's Eve Party: 250 attendees with balloon drop, confetti cannons, hat give-away, music and dancing.
- USD 204 reception was the biggest turnout with over 300 attendees
- Good numbers again in January: checkouts and programming—continuing in the right direction.
- On the road with the Royals Hall of Fame, Mon, March 2nd at 6PM. The Royals Hall of Fame will share items from their collection to show off at our library.
- Our paper shred event is popular and starts March 13th.
- Glow in the dark party for teens after hours on a Friday.
- Legislative coffee on Saturday, March 28 at 10 a.m.
- With election year, debates will be held at the library; and a retired judge to discuss what's on the ballot, etc.

KANSAS CITY KANSAS PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTATION

Presenter: Sam Moore – End-of-year statistics for 2025

Key Points:

- Physical and digital circulation increasing. Digital circulation increased significantly in July when budget was increased
 - Website visits and branch visits are up
 - Programming is up for total and onsite this year over last. Could be that we were closed 7-8 days last year.
 - Eagle Days decreased - too warm to migrate, but the library book sale was successful.
 - Family photos for Christmas was a rousing success last year as was 2025
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TURNER COMMUNITY LIBRARY PRESENTATION

Presenter: Aaron Froelich

Program Highlights:

- Story times and Sips at Windmill KC have been averaging 23 to 28 people; including two other story times at South and at Schlagle.
- Family Groups created to meet on other days for toddler time together using the literacy room. We push literacy and it's looking better.

- Crafternoon is successful; Turner Pop-up Crafts with full enrollment; and Manifestation Collage with 8 participants.
- Accommodated Leavenworth's Continuing Ed Class of six students with disabilities from 18-20 who could do art around others without judgement. Will continue to partner with if supplies are available.
- Loom heart was fully booked at 10 – including those on waitlist
- Partnered with school districts for STEM nights including take-home science kits. One had 222 people. Revisited STEM Day to accommodate homeschoolers and after school.
- Cooking classes at Turner Community Garden
- Learning with Garden Parks with Ann Dean. Plans to return next year.
- Embossed copper art and Literary Loteria
- Growth in Graphic Novel Club

Korri Hall requested contact information for the person who created the Sumner High School display at the main library. Sam said he would check with Laura to find out. Micki Hill commended what Turner is doing with the young readers.

Bylaws:

Joe Caiharr requested any recommendations or suggestions regarding the library board bylaws.

- Micki Hill suggested naming the county libraries. Joe Caiharr said he also thought of this but maybe best for it to just say libraries in the county. Korri Hall said if Edwardsville officially leaves the charter, she doesn't want them to come back and say that the charter still says you need to work with Edwardsville. She wants to ensure rules and regulations are established for the Wyandotte County Library Board.

***NOTE:** The video ended at this point, but transcript of the conversation is available. However, since members did not identify themselves before speaking, it is unclear the maker of motions and seconds.*

- Discussion took place about the Treasurer mentioned in the bylaws. Jeff Conway read from the statute, [Sec 12-1226c](#) referring to the Treasurer of this board.
- Jeff Conway said Rep Caiharr introduced a bill that says boards and commissions cannot have representatives who are not part of a taxing entity. If the bill passes, the 11-member board will look different. It will no longer be Piper, Edwardsville, Turner (PET), but rather just Piper and Turner. It will then depend on how the UG commissioners amend the charter ordinance.
- Discussion was held about forming a subcommittee to develop proposed amendments to the charter for submission to the Board of Commissioners; however, it was decided that the full board would meet instead.
- Jeff Conway emphasized that timing is key, noting that the bylaws need to align with other upcoming changes. He reminded the board of the proper hierarchy and recommended waiting for the state statute first, followed by the charter resolution, and then the bylaws.

MOTIONS AND VOTING

A motion was made and seconded to table the discussion regarding bylaws. Chair asked all in favor signify by saying aye. Motion carried. None opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:14 PM.