

Sainte Genevieve County Library
Open Meeting
Board of Trustees
February 9, 2026

Be it Remembered: An open meeting of the Sainte Genevieve County Library Board was called to order by Board President Jean Johnson on Monday, February 9, 2026 beginning at 11:59 a.m. in the boardroom of the Sainte Genevieve County Sports Complex located at 21390 Highway 32, Sainte Genevieve, MO 63670.

Roll Call: A quorum was established as Board President Jean Johnson, Vice-President Melissa Otto, Secretary Robert Bach, Treasurer Robin Reynolds, and Member-At-Large Cindy Nugent answered *aye* to a roll call vote. Library Executive Director Shawn Long and Assistant Director Lindsey Picou were in attendance.

Approval of Agenda: Board President Jean Johnson made a motion to amend the agenda to place the Closed Meeting before, rather than after, adjournment of the Open Meeting. Robert Bach voiced a second. All Board members present voted aye in a voice vote and the motion carried. Cindy Nugent made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Robin Reynolds voiced a second. All Board members present voted aye in a voice vote and the motion carried.

Public Comment: No member of the public was present.

Approval of Minutes: Melissa Otto made a motion to approve minutes from the January Open Meeting. Cindy Nugent voiced a second. All Board members present voted aye in a voice vote and the motion carried.

Financial Report: Executive Director Shawn Long went over the Financial Reports and line items. Cindy Nugent made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Robert Bach voiced a second. All Board members present voted aye in a voice vote and the motion carried.

Director's Report: Executive Director Shawn presented his Director's Report as follows;

BEAM Inoperable: Director Long stated the Beam has been out of commission since early January. It was determined the camera was defunct. He contacted BEAM and found that particular unit is no longer supported. The options are: (1) Purchase a BEAM Obie, cost is \$5,553, (2) Purchase a New BEAM FLEXI for \$7,247 or (3) utilize the current set up and just upgrade the hardware and use our projector, total cost is \$2881. Director Long stated option three is preferred. After brief discussion Robert Bach made a motion to approve the \$2881 expenditure in option three. Robin Reynolds voiced a second. All Board members present voted aye in a voice vote and the motion carried.

AARP: AARP is currently helping tax preparations for Senior Citizens every Monday at the library in the conference room.

Technology Update: Director Long is working with Bernie Grieshaber who happens to be with the REJIS Commission. Said commission specializes in technology oversight for municipalities, schools, fire departments & police departments. Their specialists will provide assistance to ensure the library's computers are upgraded appropriately. An estimated cost is forthcoming. A motion was made by Cindy Nugent to allow Director Long to pursue a technology maintenance relationship with REJIS if costs fall within acceptable board approved parameters. Robert Bach voiced a second. All Board members present voted aye in a voice vote and the motion carried.

Carpet Cleaning: A quote was received from America's Best Cleaning out of Columbia Il, of \$715.00 to steam clean the carpets. Carpets currently are acceptable in their current form. Director was inclined to wait another year and just include it into the 2027 budget.

Searching for Dinosaurs: The Library is preparing for Summer Reading and are in need of Dinosaurs for both decoration and programming.

Emergency Closure Policy: An Emergency Closure Policy was presented to the Board that was suggested by Board member Robin Reynolds. Recent weather events, and the potential for other events with the coming of Spring, illustrated the need to embrace such discussion. After a verbal rendering of the policy Robert Bach made a motion to approve the policy. Cindy Nugent voiced a second. All Board members present voted aye in a voice vote and the motion carried.

YMCA Use Agreement / Limited Use Agreement: The Library is without any formal agreement with the YMCA or County. Should such take place Director Long will send it right away. Apparently something is in evolution.

Upcoming Programs: February 21st-Rock & Roll Bingo

Sale of Library Equipment: Room is needed for new Nooks & new reupholstered chairs so something has to go. The elimination of some large furniture including two large tables (with 6 chairs each), two old DVD racks, a few old wooden end tables, a desk in the kids area & other miscellaneous items are possibilities. Focused discussion ensued that identified timing and logistics. Finally, Robert Bach offered a motion to approve the elimination of identified furniture and other items. Melissa Otto voiced a second. All Board members present voted aye in a voice vote and the motion carried.

Rental Unit: Some Library property remains in the Sports Complex. Most of it cannot be sold. The Community Center gave the Library a multitude of carnival games that may prove useful in the future. Once the snow is gone items in storage in the Sports Complex will be moved to a rental location. The shed, as well, will be cleaned of certain items and perhaps sold.

Amazon Reselling: Director Long indicated the Library is currently keeping some new book (*and other*) item donations aside for future outreach programs. However, space is a dwindling commodity. One option is becoming an Amazon reseller. Another is sending books directly to Amazon rather than individually sending them to buyers. This will cost \$40 per month. Director Long has registered however has not submitted payment. Further discussion is necessary.

New Items: With the 2026 budget approved, Director Long has submitted the paperwork to start getting the Security Cameras updated, eighteen chairs reupholstered and finalized the costs for the Nooks. There will be no Nook payment until an affirmative acknowledgement of the ARSL grant.

ARSL/ALA Grant: If successful it will allow the purchase of at least three Nook Pods.

Training Forthcoming:

- Will Stuck Programming Boot Camp Poplar Bluff February 27 9-3
- St. Louis Regional Library Network Conference March 25,2026 9:30-4:30
- MPLD June 4-5 (Poplar Bluff, MO) (Shawn Only)
- International Public Library Fundraising Conference- June 7-9 (Columbus OH)
- ARSL-September 16-19-(Montgomery AL)
- ABOS- October 12-14-(Columbus OH)
- MPLD December 3-4 (Columbia, MO) (Shawn Only)

Library Needs for 2026:

- Updating Surveillance System- \$2,705 (Estimate from B&D Telecom) (In budget)
- Outreach program (looking at Little Free Libraries) (\$5,000 estimated) (In budget)
- Microfilm Machine (7-10k)

Cindy Nugent made a motion to enter into a Closed Meeting at 12:54 p.m. pursuant to RSMo § 610.021(1) Legal/Litigation. Robert Bach voiced a second. All Board members present voted aye in a roll call vote.

Robert Bach made a motion to exit from the Closed Session at 1:48 p.m. Cindy Nugent voiced a second. All Board members present voted aye in a roll call vote.

Meeting Adjournment: There being no further business before the Board, Cindy Nugent made a motion to adjourn. Melissa Otto voiced a second. All board members present voted *aye* in a voice vote and the Open Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m. Next meeting is Monday, March 9, 2026 at noon in the boardroom of the Sports Complex.

Respectfully:

Jean Johnson
Board President
Sainte Genevieve County Library



Robert E. Bach
Board Secretary
Sainte Genevieve County Library