

Sainte Genevieve County Library
Open Meeting
Board of Trustees
March 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, March 9, 2026 beginning at 12:00 p.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: Cindy Nugent made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Melissa Otto 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 however discussion amongst board members focused upon the popularity and success of Rock and Roll Bingo.

Approval of Minutes: Robin Reynolds made a motion to approve minutes from the February Open and Closed Meetings. 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. Robert Bach made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Cindy Nugent 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;

YMCA Use Agreement/Limited Use Agreement: An obvious anomaly that triggers an alarm is that the agreement is labeled as a "license" by the YMCA. Working under a license agreement foists upon the library a great deal of legal vulnerability. Director Long will request the agreement be identified as a "lease" which provides a strengthened defensive posture. The term "license" appears deviant in its application here. Director Long will request several other amendments contained in the document before bringing it before the board again.

2025 Annual Report Initial Draft: Director Long presented a draft of the 2025 Annual Report. It has been condensed somewhat due to abridged activity in a number of categories. He shall have a copy for the board at the April board meeting and shall submit it to the Commissioners per state statute at that time also.

Lawyer: Discussion shall unfold in Closed Session.

Part Time Pay Rates: Director Long submitted the Library's Part-Time pay scale to the county on February 2nd and since has received a letter, signed by the commissioners, stating no increase in pay for part-time library employees shall be allowed.

Bond Architects: Further to a previous discussion with this firm with regards to the library's downtown potential; Bond shall send us a proposal soon for services they can provide to help with a new Prop initiative in 2027. Director Long requested a feasibility study and some architectural renderings for a 10-12,000 square foot building that can be augmented if needed. He discussed various ideas and concepts with the board as well various locations with existing structures. At some juncture county involvement may result depending on choice of location.

Little Free Libraries: Director Long spoke with representatives of the Fire Districts and they have agreed to put Little Free Libraries at every Firehouse in the county. He is currently working in procuring the libraries and will work with the Friends & a local Boy Scout Troop in assisting with installation as well as the Women's Club.

Sales Tax Bill: Director Long has added the library's name to the list of those seeking to be a part of the legislative bill but he is not enthusiastic as to the bill's success.

Grants: Several remain outstanding and Director Long awaits a response.

Training: Learning opportunities forthcoming are:

- 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)

Beam Out of Commission? Library personnel discovered the BEAM returned to an operative state and Director Long held off on purchasing a replacement until it goes out again.

Technology Update: Director Long is working with Bernie Grieshaber who is with the REJIS Commission. This organization specializes in technology oversight for municipalities, schools, fire departments & police departments. They are going to help the library ensure its computers are upgraded appropriately. He awaits a cost estimate.

Sale of Library Equipment: The library is working on gathering sale items. Items to be removed are one desk, a few desk chairs, 4-5 tables and 20 or more chairs along with some DVD racks.

New Items: Security Cameras have been installed.

Library Needs for 2026: Outreach program; currently pursuing Little Free Libraries mentioned above and a microfilm machine which may be 7-10k, both are budgeted.

Meeting Adjournment: There being no further business before the Board, Robert Bach made a motion to adjourn. Robin Reynolds voiced a second. All board members present voted *aye* in a voice vote and the Open Meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m. Next meeting is Monday, April 13, 2026 at noon at the Library.

Respectfully:

Jean Johnson
Board President
Sainte Genevieve County Library



Robert E. Bach
Board Secretary
Sainte Genevieve County Library