

Sainte Genevieve County Library
Open Meeting
Board of Trustees
May 11, 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, May 11, 2026 beginning at 12:03 p.m. in the meeting room of the Sainte Genevieve County Library located at 21388 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 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. Member-At-Large Cindy Nugent voiced pleasure with the new booths assembled by Library staff. They have augmented the professional tone of the Library and patrons have already utilized the booth's unique qualities. Robert Bach complimented Library staff on their effort to work in concert with the health department to bring a successful bike rodeo to many children within the community. Such success has generated talk of a similar event next Spring.

Approval of Minutes: Cindy Nugent made a motion to approve minutes from the April Open Meeting. Robin Reynolds 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;

Training Transportation: Director Shawn Long voiced his interest in attending the International Public Library Fundraising Conference in Columbus OH in June. Discussion was necessary to identify the method of transportation. In years past a county vehicle was available. One option was to use the Tahoe, however it has become a bit of a question mark with regards to long-trip reliability. Brief discussion determined that Director Long was to rent a vehicle for the length of time that encompass' the conference. Budgeted monies exist for such a circumstance.

Library Closure: The Library was closed for three days from April 29 and in that time Assistant Director Lindsey Picou and Director Long assembled three Nooks and rearranged the Library's Young Adult area to make room. Part time staff weeded the entire Adult Fiction collection with between 2k-3k books being removed. Sadly, damaged books had to be taken to the re-

cycling center with remaining books being classified in two ways; Books to Sell, and books to put in our Little Free Library. The Little Free Library books have all been stickered and are ready for distribution. Part-timers Barb Rhinehart and Norma Lemons helped immensely on each of the three days and have been appropriately applauded.

Library/Prop L discussion and decision: The Library needs to concentrate its focus on near-term requirements. A return of Prop 'L' to the voters in April 2027 requires serious contemplation. If an early 2027 election is sought, action needs to begin now. Discussion settled on building at a new location. One potential sight is the old River-At-The-Park which would entail a conversation with the county commission. An alternate location must be found if the River-At-The-Park effort fails. If a new building concept remains at the forefront then the Library would need to reach out to Bond Architects. They can assist with a draft mockup to present to the public. Director Long has a proposed cost for Bond's services. A series of town-hall meetings can introduce the public to the new Library concept. Perceptive and energetic discussion ensued which culminated in a motion being made by Cindy Nugent to engage Bond Architects to create an initial set of plans for a new Library building. Robert Bach seconded the motion. All Board members present voted aye in a voice vote and the motion carried.

International Public Library Fundraising Conference: With reference to *Training Transportation* above, here follows a list of sessions in which Director Long has voiced an interest:

- Running a Successful Capital Campaign with Limited Staff and Resources OR from Data to Dollars: The Future of Library Fundraising through AI and strategic growth.
- Small Shop, Real Strategy: Focus, Outsource, and grow your fundraising impact.
- Creating Impact Together: Collectively Advocating for Libraries
- Growing the Giving Pipeline: From small-dollar donors to mid-level momentum
- How to start and grow a library development program from (almost) scratch
- Leveling up your foundation: Strategic Planning for Maximizing Success OR AI Upskilling in Action and Impact
- Beyond the Book: Experiential Fundraising for the Modern Library Patron

ARSL Conference: Director Long will be a speaker at the 2026 Association of Rural and Small Libraries Conference scheduled for September 16-19 in Montgomery, Alabama.

ARSL/ALA Grant: The classes have been completed. A community conversation is necessary to move forward.

Upcoming Training:

- May 19 Governance Education Resource Summit (Columbia, MO) (R. Bach registered)
- 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)
- MLA-October 6-7-(Springfield, MO)
- ABOS- October 12-14-(Columbus OH)
- MPLD December 3-4 (Columbia, MO) (Shawn Only)

Website ADA compliancy: This has not been at the forefront of activity. Larger systems needed to be compliant by April 24th 2026 however the Library has until April 26, 2027. Direc-

tor Long received an email a few weeks ago that now the new date is 2028. Director Long will work with Asa as time permits.

Board Training Opportunity: On Tuesday May 19th the Mid-Missouri Governance, Education and Resource Summit will help educate board members across all spectrums. Board Secretary Robert Bach will attend.

Little Free Libraries: The Library purchased eight Little Free libraries (LFLs), sixteen signs and will be going to County Do-It to purchase 4x4 posts, screws, and additional lumber to build remaining LFLs. Director Long is speaking with Tim Flieg, Fire District Chief, to coordinate placement at identified locations. Director Long is concerned about LFL usage so he devised the Little Library Loop! This concept appears to be the first of its kind! Prizes may be on offer after a patron visits three, five and eight times!

Sale of Library Equipment: Sales amounted to one table and four chairs. The remaining chairs and tables were picked up by Ozark Regional Library. They have more storage and expressed interest in taking them to replace older chairs that have been exhausted. At the present time the Library has a few desk chairs, the two bean bags, and a round table remaining.

Library Needs for 2026:

- Outreach program (looking at Little Free Libraries) (\$5,000 estimated) (In budget)
- Microfilm Machine \$9,345 from E-ImageData, worth considering near year end.

YMCA Use Agreement/Limited Use Agreement: Still waiting receipt of the completed Limited Use Agreement.

Meeting Adjournment: There being no further business before the Board, Robert Bach made a motion to adjourn. Cindy Nugent voiced a second. All board members present voted *aye* in a voice vote and the Open Meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m. Next meeting is Monday, June 8, 2026 at noon at the Library.

Respectfully:

Jean Johnson
Board President
Sainte Genevieve County Library



Robert E. Bach
Board Secretary
Sainte Genevieve County Library