

Sainte Genevieve County Library
Open Meeting
Board of Trustees
May 12, 2025

Be it Remembered: A meeting of the Sainte Genevieve County Library Board was called to order by Board President Jean Johnson on Monday, May 12, 2025 beginning at 11:58 a.m. at 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, Treasurer Robin Reynolds and Secretary Robert Bach answered *aye* to a roll call vote. Also attending were Library Executive Director Shawn Long and Assistant Director Lindsey Picou.

Approval of Agenda: Robin Reynolds 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.

Approval of Minutes: Robert Bach made a motion to approve minutes from the previous meeting. Jean Johnson 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. Brief discussion concentrated on several topics. The first touched on areas and programs that may to be abbreviated as a result of the unsuccessful April ballot proposal. The second was the financial machinery governing rent paid by the library to the community center as identified by an Inter-Governmental Agreement. Discussion waned whereupon Melissa Otto made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Robin Reynolds voiced a second. All Board members present voted *aye* in a voice vote and the motion carried.

Directors Report: Executive Library Director Shawn Long offered his Directors Report:

Library Maker Space: The Friends of the Library shall take over the building on three dates during the summer converting it to a “*Maker Space*.” The program will allow young people to participate in a variety of activities such as (a) game design, (b) 3D printing, (c) fashion design, (d) construction and building, etc. The three events will fall under the guidance of the Friends and dates identified are June 21, July 26 and August 16, each being a Saturday. Required program resources, and where to obtain them, was discussed.

Read Up!: The library will partner with Sirro’s in providing the community a “Book It” style reading program over the summer. Young readers will be able to earn a Sirro’s pizza by reading a given number of books. Reading will be tracked via log entries that will be presented to the library for certification. Each successful participant will receive a document that may be redeemed at Sirro’s for a personal-size pizza. A bonus of a larger pizza may be earned near the end of program.

Senior Tax Meeting: The commission is hosting a meeting on May 15th at 1:00 pm in the large courtroom at the courthouse to discuss possibilities arising out of the Senior Tax Freeze. All civic leaders are encouraged to attend. Director Long will represent the library.

Dollar General Summer Reading Grant: The grant process proved successful and will cover one year of Novel Effects for all card holders, \$850 in Picture books, and \$500 in giveaways that will allow the library to host three months of Teen Book Boxes.

T-Mobile Place Making Grant: Director Long will apply for a \$50,000 grant from T-Mobile for Place Making (AKA the porch & step project). Further, the Friends of the Library are looking to commence a fundraising campaign to augment any monies earmarked for the project. It has been noted the commissioners agreed to move forward with the project which will include stairs and a ramp for access to the porch. Outside furniture wants discussion as well as the perceived need for a door to replace one of the windows.

Summer Reading: The program kicks off June 7th from 11am to 2pm. It will feature guest appearances by Bluey & Bingo!

D & D Program in Limbo: The person who was to implement the Dungeons and Dragons event, Andy Volersten, sadly passed way. Mr. Volersten's sister generously guided posthumous donations in Andy's name to the library. Recognition of Andy, and the generosity of his sister, was discussed. Director Long is seeking options to best use the monies donated in Andy's name.

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 1:08 p.m. Next meeting is Monday, June 9th, 2025 at noon.

Respectfully:

Jean Johnson
Board President
Sainte Genevieve County Library



Robert E. Bach
Board Secretary
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