

The Atchison County Library Board met on Monday, August 17, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. Those in attendance were President Janet Griffin, Cathy Lien, Jayne Martin, Director Jennifer Roup and Carol Clark.

The meeting was called to order. The board reviewed the agenda. Janet Griffin called for a motion to accept the agenda. Cathy Lien made a motion, Jayne Martin seconded, motion carried.

The July minutes were reviewed. Janet Griffin called for a motion to accept the minutes. Cathy Lien made a motion, Jayne Martin seconded. Minutes were accepted.

Carol Clark presented the July Budget. The board reviewed the Kite Festival's profit and loss budget. Janet Griffin called for a motion to accept the July Budget. Jayne Martin made a motion to accept the budget as presented, Cathy Lien seconded, budget was accepted.

July expenses were presented. Carol Clark reviewed the current CDs. Jennifer reported that if the budget allows, the employees would like to install "Free Little Library" in Westboro and Watson, towns which do not have physical locations. Jennifer Roup presented prices. The board agreed this was a good idea to pursue, so Jennifer Roup will reach out to community members to find potential locations. Cathy Lien made a motion to approve the expenses, Jayne Martin seconded. July expenses were approved.

August expenses were presented. Janet Griffin asked for a motion to accept the August expenses, Jayne Martin made a motion, Cathy Lien seconded. Expenses were approved.

Jennifer Roup gave her director's report. She shared with the board that approximately 570 people, plus the number of vendors and volunteers attended the kite show. Jennifer Roup thanked the volunteers and staff for all of their work during the event. She presented thank yous for the sponsors for the board members to sign. The board discussed possible changes to make if they do the kite show next year. Jennifer Roup reported that Shelby Hurst and Jennifer Roup hosted a booth at the Atchison County Health Center and CH-F's Mothers event. They gave out children's books and displayed breastfeeding and new mother books. Jennifer Roup told the board that September is Renew your Library Card Month and that the staff would like to possibly host a "Pop into your Library" event at each branch to encourage people to renew or obtain a library card.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be September 21, 2026.