

The Atchison County Library Board met on Monday, May 18, 2026. Those present were Janet Griffin, Lydia Hurst, Carol Clark, Jennifer Roup, Cathy Lien and Jayne Martin. Library employee Rhonda Gayler was also present during a portion of the meeting.

The board moved to adopt the agenda it was agreed that because of a scheduled visit an executive session should be moved up after that change to the agenda Lydia Hurst made a motion to accept the new agenda and Jayne Martin seconded. Agenda was approved.

The board reviewed the minutes. Jayne Martin made a motion to approve the minutes, Cathy Lien seconded. Minutes were approved.

Carol Clark presented the April budget Janet Griffin asked for a motion to approve, Cathy Lien made a motion to approve the April budget as presented and Lydia Hurst seconded.

Carol Clark presented the April expenses the board discussed the cost of fax lines and whether or not they were of use to the library and would the library like to continue having a fax line as a service to the public Jennifer Roup expressed that she would like to keep the fax lines as there might not be access to a fax machine in many of the communities the library serves. The library board also discussed the differences between landlines and cell phone lines for main phone lines. Jennifer Roup will look into what services are available and what is the most caustic cost-effective way to have phone lines inside the libraries.

Carol Clark presented the May expenses. Mowing of the Tarkio library and parking lot was discussed. The Tarkio school district is now mowing for the library and Jayne Martin and Lydia Hurst sent them a thank you note. Janet Griffin asked for a motion to approve the May expenses, Jayne Martin made a motion and Lydia Hurst seconded and the expenses were approved.

The board moved into executive session at 10:00 a.m. The board resumed the regular meeting at 10:45 a.m.

After the executive session, the board agreed that the cleaning hours for employee Rhonda Gaylor would be 5 hours starting May 20, 2026.

Jennifer Roup gave her director's report. The Summer Reading Program had 49 registrants as of Friday the 15th. There will be two weeks of ads in the paper so numbers are expected to pick up. Jennifer Roup listed the names of the volunteers, the gifts and the activities for Summer Reading. Jennifer Roup reported on the 2026 Kite Show, officially scheduled for August 1. There are a few vendors already signed up. The next step is to reach out to sponsors.

Jennifer reported that she emailed Jerri Dearmont on May 15, 2026 to find out the status of the CBDG grant and demolition grant.

Jennifer Roup gave an update on the Wilcox Memorial. Several items have been purchased. The family is aware of the purchases and are going to give memorial dedication ideas to the library staff. We will coordinate a dedication day when the project is complete.

The board moved into executive session at 12:00 p.m. The board resumed the regular meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Janet Griffin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lydia Hurst made a motion, Cathy Lien seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be on June 15, 2026.