

The Atchison County Library board met on May 20th 2025 at 9:30 in the morning those in attendance were Janet Griffin, Vicki Pearson, Cathy Lien, Carol Clark, Jennifer Roup and Jayne Martin.

The meeting was called to order by President Janet Griffin. The March minutes were reviewed Janet Griffin called for a motion to approve the March minutes. Cathy Lien made the motion, Jayne Martin seconded. Motion carried.

The March budget was reviewed and Janet Griffin asked for a motion to approve. Jayne Martin made a motion to approve the March budget, Vicki Pearson seconded, motion carried.

Jennifer Roup reported there were no April minutes since the board did not meet in April so they moved on to April's expenses reports. There was a discussion on what lawn services were being taken care of by which companies and it was sorted out.

Janet Griffin called for a motion to approve the April expenses. Vicki Pearson made the motion Cathy Lien seconded, motion moved.

The board discussed that a new board member will need to be found. Everyone suggested people and decided that they will reach out to anyone they think would be a good addition to the board.

Janet Griffin called for a motion to move a mature CD into a new CD at Citizens Bank. Cathy Lien made a motion, Jayne Martin seconded. Motion carried.

Jennifer Roup gave a director's report, stating: I gave presentations in April to the Fairfax P.E.O. and the Rock Port Sorosis group. Both events had over 15 attendees and were very well received. Many community members expressed enthusiasm about the library's evolving role as a community space, not just a repository for books.

On April 22, we held two public meetings with our architects. While attendance was lower than hoped, those present included important stakeholders such as county commissioner Craig Livengood, Suzette Taylor, and representatives from Rock Port High School. The feedback centered mostly on long-term building maintenance, and attendees were encouraged by the proposed design and layout.

On May 12, Amanda Vette, Shelby Hurst, Teresa Mertens, and I met to brainstorm for the upcoming summer reading program. Teresa Mertens, who is the youth program director for the Missouri Extension Office and 4-H in Atchison County, offered to lead the activity portion of the program. Her organization will fund and manage their portion independently. This partnership lightens our workload while involving another valued community group. Shelby Hurst managed flyer distribution to schools and coordinated online registration, which began May 13. Volunteer support for the program is already strong.

We received notice from the state library office that our courier service, funded federally, will be reduced from two days a week to one. Rebecca Adams has chosen Tuesdays for deliveries starting July 1. This change should have minimal impact but will require slight adjustments to our request processing.

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Progress on the new library building continues, despite the current demolition pause. Midwest Data is now working with our architects on the computer and data wiring plans. Jason Watkins and Erin are actively collaborating to develop blueprints.

Our library catalog has been upgraded to TLC version 5. Rebecca Adams and Amanda Vette have completed two training sessions, and Jennifer Roup has attended one.

Midwest Data has replaced the old printer/scanner/fax machines at both the Fairfax and Tarkio branches. The previous units had multiple issues, so the replacements are a welcome improvement.

Lastly, memorial donations in honor of Lois Powell have totaled \$1,000 so far. I've obtained her daughter's address and have drafted a thank-you letter to express our appreciation, share donor names, and offer an opportunity for her to guide how the funds are used. Jennifer Roup had a conversation with her daughter about what she would like for the memorial money to be used for and she liked the idea of using it to start the Giving Tree Donor wall just like her dad created the trunk of the giving tree at the Resource Center.