

**The Riverside Regional Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 27, 2025**

The Riverside Regional Library Board of Trustees conducted a meeting Thursday, March 27, 2025, at Riverside Regional Library, 1997 E. Jackson Blvd., Jackson, Missouri.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President, Chris Hurst at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Lana Arnzen, Denise Glastetter, Tom Gross, Chris Hurst, Michele Irby, Andy Meyer, Sherry Mitchem, Sarah Pruden, Deborah Wideman, and Gary Ziegler. Members absent: JoAnn Hahs, Beverly Hemmann, Amanda Layton, Kate Martin, and Cheryl Ray-Layton. Also present were Library Director Frankie Lea Hannan and Recording Secretary Alea Belmas.

Open Forum for Visitors – None

Reports to the Board – None

A. Action Items

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Andy Meyer, seconded by Deborah Wideman, and approved unanimously to accept the February 2025 minutes.

A motion was made by Tom Gross, seconded by Lana Arnzen, and approved unanimously to accept the February Allowance of Bills and Financial Reports.

B. Information Items

1. Correspondence–

- *Letter from Regina Sander* regarding issues she is having with our public computers.

2. Librarian's Report (Written report)

- Director Frankie Lea Hannan spent the morning of February 13th at the *Perryville branch*, where she and Branch Manager, Melissa Haymaker, walked through the branch and spoke

about concerns and desired improvements. She also met with each staff member to assess any concerns they might have and asked for their thoughts on the MS365 migration.

- That same day, Frankie Lea also attended a briefing at the Perry County Commissioners' Office for the House Bill 903 (*HB 903*) that would freeze property tax for seniors.
- On February 26th, Frankie Lea attended the *Jackson Noon Optimist Club meeting*, which was a gathering of 30 community members, where she shared the library's services, our current events calendar to promote our new adult programming and children's events and answered any questions they had.
- The staff at all RRL branches have been registered with the *Niche Academy* which is being provided by the Missouri State Library for library staff in the State of Missouri. They provide a wide range of recorded webinars designed for libraries.
- A press release issued on March 10th, by Secretary of State Dennis Hoskins, was discussed concerning the halting of state funds for "Sora" a public education/school version of Libby/Overdrive, over government concerns about the filtering of age-appropriate material for children. This is separate from the public library "Libby" resource.
- We have received our *Locker Mates lunches* that we provide during the summer months. These will be distributed to each branch on or before June 2nd. This year we chose to have two different options, tuna salad or beef sticks.

3. Committee Reports – None

C. Unfinished Business –

- *Marmic Fire and Safety* was at the Jackson branch on March 20th to inspect the sprinkler system. They also inspected the sprinklers at Gospel Life Church. Some suggestions were made about repairs that should be done soon.
- We received two quotes for *janitorial service* and decided to go with Maid in Semo. Tori will start on April 2nd. She will clean the Jackson branch twice per week and the other branches, excluding Perryville, twice per month.

D. New Business –

- The Trump Administration is looking to dissolve the *Institute of Museum and Library Sciences* which has led to the termination of many grants and funding programs that support libraries and museums. All grants that have already been approved will be paid out with any future funding up in the air.
- The newly painted wall in the *program room* has a crack from the floor to the ceiling. Wesbecher Construction has given us a quote to repair with multiple different options.
- *Cape Girardeau County taxes* that we received last year were lower than what was budgeted for due to our fiscal year being different from Cape County's, therefore, a portion of the budgeted amount did not show up in the same fiscal year.
- The *2024 Financial Statement* was distributed prior to tonight's meeting. A motion was made by Andy Meyer, seconded by Tom Gross and approved unanimously to table this discussion until our next meeting, which will be on May 22nd due to our staff appreciation dinner being in April.

E. Closed Session – *None.*

F. Board Orientation and Training – *None.*

G. Adjournment

Andy Meyer made a motion, seconded by Lana Arnzen and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be held at our Perryville branch at 800 City Park Drive Suite A, Perryville, MO on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Alea Belmas
Recording Secretary

Approved by the Riverside Regional Library Board of Trustees

Date: 5-22-2025

Presiding Officer: Christopher J. Hurst