

St. Tammany Parish Library
Board of Control Meeting
March 23, 2026
St. Tammany Parish Council Chambers
21490 Koop Dr.,
Mandeville, LA 70471
6:30 P.M.

Public Comment: A three (3) minute time limit is established for each member of the public wishing to speak (for or against) an item on the agenda. In the case of a Statement of Concern decision, the person who filed the Statement of Concern is given 5 minutes to speak. Please note, all comments must pertain to the agenda item announced. There is no general public comment at the beginning or end of the meeting. Any person wishing to comment on a topic not listed on the agenda may do so by e-mailing lboc@stpl.us by 4:00 PM on Monday, March 23, 2026.

AGENDA

Call to order by President and Roll Call by Director

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Library Board of Control that was held on February 23, 2026.
 - Discussion
 - Public Comment
 - Vote
2. OLD BUSINESS
3. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Financial Report –February 2026
 - Discussion
 - Public Comment
 - Vote
 - B. Directors’ Report
 - C. Resolution #26-005 to Amend Resolution No. 26-004 to Clarify Section 411 “Disposition of Graphic Novels” (Branton)
 - Discussion
 - Public Comment
 - Vote
 - D. Resolution #26-006 Regarding Statements of Concern with Respect to Graphic Novels (Branton)
 - Discussion
 - Public Comment
 - Vote

E. Resolution #26-007 to Amend St. Tammany Parish Library Rules and Regulations Section 407
“Statements of Concern about Library Resources” to Clarify Requests That Will Not Be
Considered (Branton)

- Discussion
- Public Comment
- Vote

F. Resolution #26-008 to Extend Time to Allow for Procedural Due Process of Undecided
Statements of Concern (Branton)

- Discussion
- Public Comment
- Vote

4. Adjournment

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MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Charles (Chuck) Branton, Board President. Trevor Collings, Director, called the roll and declared that a quorum was present.

Present (7): Glenn Baham, Chuck Branton, Councilman Patrick Burke (Parish President designee. Arrived after roll call), Tamarah Myers, Pennie Petrie, Dinah Thanars, Travis Thompson
Absent (0): None

Emily Couvillon with the Civil Division of the District Attorney's Office was also present as legal counsel for the library.

G. Baham led the Invocation. T. Collings led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Branton and the Board expressed their appreciation to Brent Geiger and Tanya DiMaggio for their service as Co-Interim Directors and presented each of them with a plaque in recognition of their leadership. C. Branton introduced Trevor Collings as the new Library Director and welcomed him to the Library.

C. Branton explained the meeting rules and the rules for public comment.

1. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of the Library Board of Control (LBOC) that were held on December 15, 2025 and January 21, 2026

MOTION: P. Petrie moved to approve the minutes from the LBOC meetings held on December 15, 2025 and January 21, 2026. It was seconded by G. Baham.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lisa Rustemeyer – Mandeville, LA. She referenced public comments made at a previous meeting that she did not believe were related to the agenda item. C. Branton reminded her that comments on the minutes must pertain only to corrections. She requested that the comments she referenced be stricken from the minutes.

Kevin Marino – Mandeville, LA. He stated that emailed public comments should be included in the minutes and stated that his emailed public comments were not read aloud during the meeting.

There was discussion regarding where emailed public comments should be included, and Board members stated they would look into the matter further.

VOTE: Baham: Yes Branton: Yes Burke: Yes Myers: Yes Petrie: Yes Thanars: Yes Thompson: Yes
RESULT: Motion to approve both sets of minutes carried. (Unanimous – 7)

2. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Financial Reports – December 2025 and January 2026

T. DiMaggio reviewed the December 2025 and January 2026 financial reports. The library has received the majority of its Ad Valorem Revenue for the year and has received the first of three State Revenue Sharing payments. As of December 31, 2025, the library had received 101.54% of its projected revenue, slightly exceeding projections, while expenditures were at 99.14%. Any line items that are out of balance remain within the acceptable 5% variance. T. DiMaggio explained that some line items may be adjusted by the auditor when funds are moved due to expenditures that span two fiscal years, such as contracts. She gave explanations for the variances in the Signage, Health Trust, and Staff Travel lines.

The budget percentage for the end of January should be 8%. Revenues are at 8.27% and expenditures are at 8.22%. Line items such as Polaris Maintenance that are over budget can be adjusted through a budget amendment.

DISCUSSION: C. Branton asked about the remainder of the anticipated revenue that is expected before the end of the year. T. DiMaggio expects to receive at least another \$3 million.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

MOTION: G. Baham moved to approve the financial reports. It was seconded by D. Thanars.

VOTE: Baham: Yes Branton: Yes Burke: Yes Myers: Yes Petrie: Yes Thanars: Yes Thompson: Yes
RESULT: Motion to approve the financial reports carried. (Unanimous – 7)

B. Director's Report

T. Collings reported updates to facilities, I.T., capital projects (Mandeville renovation, Lacombe replacement, and Slidell renovation), marketing and outreach efforts, professional development, program highlights, contracts, strategic planning implementation, public records requests, Statements of Concern (SOC), and the transition of materials from the Young Adult collection to the Teen and Adult collections. He reviewed the December 2025 and January 2026 statistics as well as the 2025 yearly statistics.

C. Resolution #26-002 - Board Meeting Locations, Scheduling, and Public Engagement (Thompson)

T. Thompson presented the proposed Resolution 26-002 on board meeting locations, scheduling, and public engagement. He noted that board meetings have been held in the Parish Council Chambers on

Koop Drive for some time, but in the past, meetings were also held in Slidell. To improve accessibility for residents on both sides of the Parish, the LBOC proposes moving the June 1 and December 14, 2026 meetings to May 18 and November 16, respectively, and hold both at the Slidell Branch Library on Robert Blvd.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Devin McGee – Madisonville, LA. He spoke in support of the resolution.

Kristen Luchsinger – She spoke in support of the resolution, but expressed concern about security for meetings at the Slidell Branch.

Joseph Montelepre – Slidell, LA. He spoke in support of the resolution and in holding meetings in Slidell.

Lisa Rustemeyer – She spoke in opposition to selecting Slidell as the only alternate meeting location.

Kevin Marino – Mandeville, LA. He spoke in support of the resolution, but expressed concern about safety and security. He suggested holding meetings at other branches throughout the Parish.

Trey Brownfield – Slidell City Councilmember. He spoke in support of the resolution and encouraged holding meetings at Slidell and other branches throughout the Parish.

Becky Bohm – She spoke in support of holding meetings throughout the Parish and also expressed concerns about safety and security.

Board members discussed security options for branch meetings, including the use of police detail officers, and potential meeting locations such as the Slidell City Council Chambers and the Madisonville Branch meeting room. It was noted that the Slidell Branch building will be unavailable during its renovation, and board members are coordinating with the City of Slidell regarding possible use of the City Council Chambers.

MOTION: P. Petrie moved to adopt Res. 26-002. It was seconded by T. Myers.

VOTE: Baham: Yes Branton: Yes Burke: Yes Myers: Yes Petrie: Yes Thanars: Yes Thompson: Yes

RESULT: Motion to adopt Res. 26-002 carried. (Unanimous – 7)

D. Resolution #26-003 – To Amend St. Tammany Parish Library Rules and Regulations Section 407 “Statements of Concern about Library Resources” (Branton)

C. Branton presented the proposed Resolution 26-003 to amend the St. Tammany Parish Library Rules and Regulations Section 407 “Statements of Concern about Library Resources” to allow the LBOC to consolidate appeals on challenged materials. He referenced state law (LA R.S. 25:225), the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals decision (*Little v. Llano County*), and the recent Louisiana Attorney General’s opinion on the term “access.” He explained that the proposed change would allow the Board discretion to consolidate multiple appeals regarding the same title or challenges related to a single policy, while still allowing individuals a reasonable amount of time, as determined by the LBOC, to address the Board.

MOTION: C. Branton moved to adopt Res. 26-003. It was seconded by T. Thompson.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Devin McGee – He spoke in support of the resolution, asked how it would be facilitated, and offered suggestions.

Kristen Luchsinger – She spoke in opposition to the resolution, stating that individuals who challenge books deserve the opportunity to discuss each specific title.

Lisa Rustemeyer – She spoke in opposition to the resolution, stating that discussing each book individually helps participants better understand community standards and learn from one another.

Kevin Marino – He spoke in opposition to the resolution, stating he is entitled to five minutes of public comment for each of his 70 SOC's. He added that he is open to consolidating some SOC's, such as series, and would rescind his SOC's if the Board rescinds the Graphic Novel Resolution adopted on February 28, 2023.

J. Wiggin – Abita Springs, LA. She spoke in opposition to the resolution and agreed with K. Marino.

Becky Bohm – She spoke in opposition to the resolution. She acknowledged that the review process is time-consuming but noted that it is part of the responsibilities of serving on the LBOC.

E. Couvillon clarified that the Board would still be required to vote on each title individually. C. Branton further clarified that the Board would need to vote to consolidate any titles for review.

Board members and members of the public continued the discussion, asking questions and offering suggestions. Topics included whether complainants had read the books they challenged, whether certain complaints pertained to the books' location rather than their content, and whether complainants would have input on consolidating titles. The Board confirmed that there will be opportunity for public comment before the Board votes on consolidating any SOC's. A suggestion was made by the public to hold Rules and Regulations Committee meetings to further address these matters. Discussion between Board members and members of the public continued, with legal counsel providing guidance and clarification.

VOTE: Baham: Yes Branton: Yes Burke: Yes Myers: Yes Petrie: Yes Thanars: Yes Thompson: Yes

RESULT: Motion to adopt Res. 26-003 carried. (Unanimous – 7)

E. Resolution #26-004 – To Amend St. Tammany Parish Library Rules and Regulations to Add Section 411 “Disposition of Graphic Novels” (Branton)

C. Branton explained that the resolution codifies the Graphic Novel Resolution adopted on February 28, 2023, and incorporates the provisions of LA R.S. 25:225 (B), effective August 1, 2023. The statute directs libraries to restrict minors' access to sexually explicit materials.

MOTION: C. Branton moved to adopt Res. 26-004. It was seconded by T. Myers.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Devin McGee – He stated that much of what he was observing at the meeting amounted to obstruction, stalling, and appeals to bureaucracy where he believed none were necessary.

Kristen Luchsinger – She distributed copies of and read aloud a letter from Tulane Law regarding the resolution, which argued that the measure would violate the First Amendment and be unconstitutional.

Jamie Segura – She stated that all books should be shelved where appropriate and that placing any book behind the circulation desk is censorship.

Kevin Marino – He asked the Board to rescind the February 28, 2023, resolution and reject Res. 26-004. He used profanity during remarks regarding being unable to check out the restricted graphic novels at a library branch. C. Branton asked K. Marino to moderate his remarks. K. Marino apologized. He suggested placing a sign in the graphic novel section to indicate the books’ restricted location if the resolution is adopted.

Lisa Rustemeyer – She distributed a photo of book spines to the Board and asked whether they could be identified as graphic novels by their spines. She summarized the controversy surrounding the February 28, 2023, resolution and stated that no children were harmed by graphic novels in the Adult section.

J. Wiggin – She spoke in opposition to the resolution, stating that parents are responsible for supervising their children. She asked if this is common practice for other libraries to “hide” books behind the desk.

Becky Bohm – She questioned why the books have not been returned to the Adult collection given the library’s tiered card system and expressed concern about First Amendment violations and viewpoint discrimination.

Board members addressed questions and materials referenced during public comment, including the photo of book spines and the letter from Tulane Law provided by speakers. C. Branton spoke about the *Little v. Llano County* Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals decision, LA R.S. 25:225, and the recent Attorney General opinion on the word “access.” T. DiMaggio stated that she was unsure why K. Marino was not allowed to check out the graphic novels and that B. Geiger would be investigating the matter.

VOTE: Baham: Yes Branton: Yes Burke: Yes Myers: Yes Petrie: Yes Thanars: Yes Thompson: Yes

RESULT: Motion to adopt 26-004 carried. (Unanimous – 7)

4. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by G. Baham and was seconded by D. Thanars. All were in favor, none were opposed, and one member was absent. Motion carried.

APPROVAL:

Tamarah Myers, Board Secretary/Treasurer

**St. Tammany Parish Library - General Fund
Balance Sheet
February 28, 2026**

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash	\$ 14,628,962.41
Cash - Health Claims	(78,419.62)
Due from Paylocity	0.00
Due from PERS	1,983.69
Returned Checks	0.00
Ad Valorem Receivable - 2024	0.00
Ad Valorem Receivable - 2025	5,050,241.95
Ad Valorem Receivable - 2023	0.00
Due from State of Louisiana	238,827.80
Prepaid Expenses	109,605.64

Total Current Assets **19,951,201.87**

Other Assets

Deposits	1,981.00
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Total Other Assets **1,981.00**

Total Assets **\$ 19,953,182.87**

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Current Liabilities

Accrued Salaries	\$ 43,092.09
Deferred Inflows - Ad Valorem	109,467.00
Elective Benefits Payable	(11,030.92)
Retirement Payable	147,625.33
Health Claims Payable	249,918.55

Total Current Liabilities **539,072.05**

Fund Balance

Fund Balance	19,414,110.82
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Total Fund Balance **19,414,110.82**

Total Liabilities & Fund Balance **\$ 19,953,182.87**

**St. Tammany Parish Library-General Fund
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Two Months Ending February 28, 2026**

	<u>Current Period</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>Year to Date</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>Yearly Total</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>YTD Act</u> <u>to YTD</u> <u>Budget</u>
Revenues					
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 1,062,085.92	\$ 2,124,171.84	12,745,031.00	10,620,859.16	16.67
State Revenue Sharing	22,407.00	44,814.00	268,884.00	224,070.00	16.67
Fines/Fees	7,638.94	16,344.28	106,500.00	90,155.72	15.35
Interest Income	13,345.94	21,266.28	184,370.04	163,103.76	11.53
Insurance Proceeds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations Received	272.11	526.18	12,016.00	11,489.82	4.38
Summer Reading Shirt Sales	0.00	0.00	2,120.00	2,120.00	0.00
Total Revenues	1,105,749.91	2,207,122.58	13,318,921.04	11,111,798.46	16.57
Expenditures					
Library Administration	449,194.81	892,459.97	6,090,000.00	5,197,540.03	14.65
Employee Benefits	193,514.59	340,123.54	2,325,480.00	1,985,356.46	14.63
Advertising,Dues & Subscriptio	3,136.12	3,886.12	50,500.00	46,613.88	7.70
Signage	128.93	128.93	2,000.00	1,871.07	6.45
Printing, Duplicating & Bindin	1,315.06	1,942.42	25,500.00	23,557.58	7.62
Promotional Production	3,210.53	4,106.57	20,000.00	15,893.43	20.53
Utilities	25,393.79	59,309.30	339,470.00	280,160.70	17.47
Communications	19,132.32	28,236.24	104,080.00	75,843.76	27.13
Leases	26,893.15	52,340.15	351,750.00	299,409.85	14.88
Maintenance of Property & Equi	42,477.01	152,432.59	623,750.00	471,317.41	24.44
Maintenance Services (Building	18,028.86	21,147.74	304,050.00	282,902.26	6.96
Professional Services	22,433.46	34,689.67	340,600.00	305,910.33	10.18
Insurance and Claims	36,153.00	53,814.00	311,272.00	257,458.00	17.29
Operating Supplies	26,474.42	42,612.64	239,920.00	197,307.36	17.76
Travel & Continuing Education	8,446.53	8,557.13	69,000.00	60,442.87	12.40
Public Relations/Programming	2,877.25	6,485.67	151,500.00	145,014.33	4.28
Capital Outlay-Non-Book Acq.	118,136.50	119,908.86	483,000.00	363,091.14	24.83
Capital Outlay-library Res. Ac	193,471.23	459,095.40	1,487,000.00	1,027,904.60	30.87
Outreach	0.00	6,495.68	0.00	(6,495.68)	0.00
Total Expenditures	1,190,417.56	2,287,772.62	13,318,872.00	11,031,099.38	17.18
Excess of Revenues/(Expenditur	\$ (84,667.65)	\$ (80,650.04)	49.04	80,699.08	(164,457.6

St. Tammany Parish Library
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
For the Two Months Ending February 28, 2026

Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 19,494,760.86
Net Income	(80,650.04)
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Ending Fund Balance	\$ <u>19,414,110.82</u>

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

St. Tammany Parish Library-General Fund
Schedule of Expenditures
For the Two Months Ending February 28, 2026

	<u>Current Period</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>Year to Date</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>Yearly Total</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>Actual to</u> <u>YTD</u> <u>Budget</u>
Library Administration					
Library Salaries	\$ 449,194.81	\$ 892,459.97	\$ 6,090,000.00	5,197,540.03	14.65
Total	\$ 449,194.81	\$ 892,459.97	\$ 6,090,000.00	5,197,540.03	14.65
Employee Benefits					
FICA/ Supplemental Retirement	\$ 9,897.06	\$ 19,931.52	\$ 134,000.00	114,068.48	14.87
Retirement Contributions	40,101.06	88,086.78	577,480.00	489,393.22	15.25
Health Insurance Expense	27,924.57	57,658.03	390,000.00	332,341.97	14.78
Health Trust	112,832.50	169,105.56	1,197,000.00	1,027,894.44	14.13
Worker's Compensation Expense	2,759.40	5,341.65	26,000.00	20,658.35	20.54
Employee Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Total	\$ 193,514.59	\$ 340,123.54	\$ 2,325,480.00	1,985,356.46	14.63
Advertising, Dues & Subscriptions					
Publication of Legal Notices	\$ 329.92	\$ 329.92	\$ 11,500.00	11,170.08	2.87
Membership Dues	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
Advertising	2,806.20	3,556.20	33,000.00	29,443.80	10.78
Total	\$ 3,136.12	\$ 3,886.12	\$ 50,500.00	46,613.88	7.70
Signage					
Signage	\$ 128.93	\$ 128.93	\$ 2,000.00	1,871.07	6.45
Total	\$ 128.93	\$ 128.93	\$ 2,000.00	1,871.07	6.45
Printing, Duplicating & Binding					
Printing	\$ 1,315.06	\$ 1,942.42	\$ 15,500.00	13,557.58	12.53
Book Binding	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Patron Cards	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Total	\$ 1,315.06	\$ 1,942.42	\$ 25,500.00	23,557.58	7.62
Promotional Production					
Promotional Production	\$ 3,210.53	\$ 4,106.57	\$ 20,000.00	15,893.43	20.53
Total	\$ 3,210.53	\$ 4,106.57	\$ 20,000.00	15,893.43	20.53

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Utilities					
Electricity	\$ 20,997.50	\$ 49,278.00	\$ 293,220.00	243,942.00	16.81
Gas	732.20	1,390.78	3,250.00	1,859.22	42.79
Water	3,664.09	8,640.52	43,000.00	34,359.48	20.09
Total	\$ 25,393.79	\$ 59,309.30	\$ 339,470.00	280,160.70	17.47
Communications					
Postage	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,226.00	\$ 20,000.00	14,774.00	26.13
Voice Line	8,246.64	9,533.86	52,080.00	42,546.14	18.31
Data Lines (Internet)	5,863.26	13,453.96	31,000.00	17,546.04	43.40
Courier/Shipping	22.42	22.42	1,000.00	977.58	2.24
Total	\$ 19,132.32	\$ 28,236.24	\$ 104,080.00	75,843.76	27.13
Leases					
Building Lease Expense	\$ 26,197.00	\$ 51,644.00	\$ 343,000.00	291,356.00	15.06
Equipment Lease Expense	696.15	696.15	6,000.00	5,303.85	11.60
Vehicle Lease Expense	0.00	0.00	2,750.00	2,750.00	0.00
Total	\$ 26,893.15	\$ 52,340.15	\$ 351,750.00	299,409.85	14.88
Maintenance of Property & Equipment					
Custodial and Janitorial	\$ 17,287.18	\$ 34,679.95	\$ 220,000.00	185,320.05	15.76
Grounds/Lawn Maintenance	6,703.00	13,466.00	88,000.00	74,534.00	15.30
Maintenance Supplies	645.66	1,267.73	10,000.00	8,732.27	12.68
Fuel & Lube	1,675.48	3,704.24	33,000.00	29,295.76	11.22
Vehicle Repairs	15.64	116.78	10,000.00	9,883.22	1.17
Small Tools	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Office Machine & Equip Repair	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Network Utility Software	16,021.37	30,130.34	144,250.00	114,119.66	20.89
Solinet (OCLC) Cost	0.00	0.00	33,000.00	33,000.00	0.00
Polaris Maintenance	0.00	68,608.90	60,000.00	(8,608.90)	114.35
PC Network Maintenance & Repair	128.68	458.65	11,500.00	11,041.35	3.99
Hurricane Disaster Costs	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Total	\$ 42,477.01	\$ 152,432.59	\$ 623,750.00	471,317.41	24.44
Maintenance of Services (Buildings)					
Physical Plant	\$ 12,887.37	\$ 15,352.84	\$ 160,000.00	144,647.16	9.60
Plumbing, Heating and AC	3,817.12	4,013.20	91,500.00	87,486.80	4.39
Electrical	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Sanitation	568.37	975.70	12,000.00	11,024.30	8.13

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Pest Control	756.00	806.00	7,550.00	6,744.00	10.68
Termite Contract	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Carpet Cleaning	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
Total	\$ 18,028.86	\$ 21,147.74	\$ 304,050.00	282,902.26	6.96
Professional Services					
Payroll Service Fees	\$ 4,081.92	\$ 6,728.17	\$ 39,600.00	32,871.83	16.99
Financial Consultants	0.00	0.00	51,000.00	51,000.00	0.00
Security	14,477.58	20,277.58	60,000.00	39,722.42	33.80
Web Design Consultant	3,873.96	7,683.92	30,000.00	22,316.08	25.61
Movers	0.00	0.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00
Total	\$ 22,433.46	\$ 34,689.67	\$ 340,600.00	305,910.33	10.18
Insurance and Claims					
Library Property Insurance	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00
Flood Insurance	0.00	0.00	34,000.00	34,000.00	0.00
Vehicle Insurance	27,061.00	27,599.00	45,716.00	18,117.00	60.37
LBOC Liability	0.00	4,574.00	4,676.00	102.00	97.82
General Liability	9,092.00	21,641.00	26,880.00	5,239.00	80.51
Total	\$ 36,153.00	\$ 53,814.00	\$ 311,272.00	257,458.00	17.29
Operating Supplies					
Office Supplies	\$ 2,218.44	\$ 4,397.72	\$ 33,000.00	28,602.28	13.33
Bank Service Charges	1,525.97	3,332.74	17,200.00	13,867.26	19.38
Book Preparation Supplies	3,338.70	4,629.75	51,000.00	46,370.25	9.08
Computer/Printer Supplies	17,994.25	28,693.70	127,000.00	98,306.30	22.59
Programming Supplies	1,397.06	1,558.73	11,720.00	10,161.27	13.30
Total	\$ 26,474.42	\$ 42,612.64	\$ 239,920.00	197,307.36	17.76
Travel and Continuing Education					
Staff Travel - Local	\$ 236.53	\$ 347.13	\$ 22,000.00	21,652.87	1.58
Library In-service Training	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
Conventions & Seminars	8,210.00	8,210.00	35,000.00	26,790.00	23.46
Total	\$ 8,446.53	\$ 8,557.13	\$ 69,000.00	60,442.87	12.40

**St. Tammany Parish Library-General Fund
Schedule of Expenditures
For the Two Months Ending February 28, 2026**

	<u>Current Period</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>Year to Date</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>Yearly Total</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>Actual to</u> <u>YTD</u> <u>Budget</u>
Public Relations/Programming					
Summer Reading Program	\$ 184.11	\$ 288.78	\$ 55,000.00	54,711.22	0.53
Summer Reading T-shirts	0.00	0.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
Adult Programming	2,238.46	5,678.44	39,000.00	33,321.56	14.56
Young Adult Programming	0.00	0.00	17,000.00	17,000.00	0.00
Juvenile Programming	454.68	518.45	32,500.00	31,981.55	1.60
Total	\$ 2,877.25	\$ 6,485.67	\$ 151,500.00	145,014.33	4.28
Capital Outlay-Non-Book Acq					
Landscape Additions	\$ 5,125.00	\$ 5,125.00	\$ 46,000.00	40,875.00	11.14
Imp Phys Plant	0.00	0.00	90,000.00	90,000.00	0.00
Vehicles	0.00	0.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	0.00
Office Equip, Furn & Shelving	777.95	1,936.44	53,000.00	51,063.56	3.65
PC Network	112,233.55	112,847.42	200,000.00	87,152.58	56.42
Integrated Lib Automation Sys	0.00	0.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	0.00
Cameras	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Total	\$ 118,136.50	\$ 119,908.86	\$ 483,000.00	363,091.14	24.83
Capital Outlay-Library Res. Acq.					
Adult Books	\$ 12,395.01	\$ 18,528.17	\$ 205,000.00	186,471.83	9.04
Lease/Purchase Books	0.00	11,142.60	11,400.00	257.40	97.74
Juvenile Books	8,463.00	10,042.93	105,000.00	94,957.07	9.56
Young Adults	1,998.70	2,848.35	15,000.00	12,151.65	18.99
Music Recordings	48.71	75.87	2,000.00	1,924.13	3.79
Adult Reference	4,031.72	14,206.44	111,000.00	96,793.56	12.80
Juvenile Reference	9,179.00	38,314.03	45,000.00	6,685.97	85.14
Periodicals	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
Audio Recordings	534.25	534.25	16,100.00	15,565.75	3.32
Video Recordings	3,970.51	3,993.00	54,000.00	50,007.00	7.39
Genealogy	476.98	511.98	7,000.00	6,488.02	7.31
Microfilm	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Downloadable Media	50,404.34	55,974.53	450,000.00	394,025.47	12.44
CD/Software	6,957.01	12,011.86	65,000.00	52,988.14	18.48
Internet Database Subscription	95,012.00	290,911.39	348,000.00	57,088.61	83.60
Total	\$ 193,471.23	\$ 459,095.40	\$ 1,487,000.00	1,027,904.60	30.87
Capital Expenditures					
Outreach Opening Day Collectio	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,495.68	\$ 0.00	(6,495.68)	0.00
Causeway FF & E	0.00	0.00	270,000.00	270,000.00	0.00

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Total	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,495.68	\$ 270,000.00	263,504.32	2.41

Director's Report

March 23, 2026

CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

Mandeville Renovation – The Parish Engineering Department reports that the job should go out to bid in the next few weeks.

Lacombe Replacement – A meeting is set up for later this week to go over the progress of the project.

Slidell Renovation – Administration met with the architect twice to work on the program for the building.

MARKETING AND OUTREACH

Rhonda Spiess, the Lacombe Branch Manager, conducted storytime at the A-Z Preschool on February 25th. She appeared as the Cat in the Hat for storytime at Mayfield Elementary on March 4th, and Chahta-Ima Elementary and Lacombe Mandeville Headstart on March 11th.

Jessica Aucoin, Causeway Branch Manager, Pamela Hills, Madisonville Library Associate, and Sydney Neeley, Mandeville Children's Librarian, provided outreach at Krewe Du Pooch on February 28th.

Jackie Riecke, Public Relations and Community Coordinator, and Trevor Collings, Library Director, promoted the library on the Lake and Highway radio stations on March 6th. Afterwards, Trevor read to a class at Covington Elementary as part of the Read to Lead program.

Erika Dawson, South Slidell Children's Librarian, performed storytimes at St. Margaret Mary on March 6th and at Helping Hands on March 9th. She also provided storytime at Children's College on March 10th, Charlotte's Web on March 17th, and Apple Tree on March 20th.

Amy Strain, Folsom Branch Manager, provided outreach at Folsom Founders Day on March 7th.

Byron Holdiman, Reference Coordinator, and Jennifer Rifino, Teen Services Coordinator, attended the St. Tammany Commission on Families meeting on March 10th. Byron also attended the Northshore Nonprofit Resource Roundup meeting on March 17th to provide updates on our current database and resource offerings.

Amy Strain, Jackie Riecke, and Trevor Collings attended the St. Tammany Library Foundation meeting on March 10th.

Jackie Riecke attended the Northshore Community Foundation Annual Meeting on March 11th.

Cathy Badon, Slidell Children's Assistant Librarian and Barbara Vidocovitch, Slidell Children's Librarian represented the Library at the Slidell Rotary Club's Magic of Reading Literacy Fair on March 14th.

Sydney Neeley attended Pontchartrain Elementary STEAM Night on February 25th and Pontchartrain Elementary Cultural Arts Day on March 10th for outreach.

Nichola Kleyle, Mobile Library Branch Manager, performed 24 Lobby Stops since February 24th. Windsor Senior Living in Mandeville is the newest location added to the list of scheduled Lobby Stops.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Trevor Collings and Tanya DiMaggio attended the State of the Cities Breakfast sponsored by the St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce on February 24, 2026.

Trevor Collings and Tanya DiMaggio attended the Leadership Northshore's Local Government Day on February 25th.

Byron Holdiman attended "Annual Report and Data Entry Training" on February 25th.

On February 26th, Byron Holdiman, Ramona Elder, Genealogy Librarian, and Reference Librarians Jane Johnson, Sarah Aucoin, Barret Reich, and Sara Rebstock attended "NewsBank Database Training." On March 19th, they also attended "Craft and Hobby Database Training."

Several staff members attended the Louisiana Library Association Annual Conference on March 5th and 6th.

Mary Thompson, Senior Administrative Assistant, and Debbie Cuevas, Accountant/Office Manager, attended the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Center for Local Government Excellence Workshop on March 11th and March 12th.

Sara Rebstock, Covington Reference Librarian, attended the "Navigating Patron Misinformation in One-on-One Patron Interactions" webinar on March 19th.

March 5th through March 7th, Byron Holidman and Ramona Elder attended the RootsTech conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. RootsTech is the world's largest genealogical conference.

PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS

The Adult Programming department partnered with the LSU Ag Center for "A Taste of Herbs and Spices." Each month, a different sample herb or spice is sent to the branches, and nutrition classes are led by a local nutrition agent from the Ag Center. The partnership officially began on February 26th and will run through the rest of this year.

Open Discussions on Louisiana legends and historical figures are the newest programming offering from the Reference department. These discussions will be held once a month. Upcoming sessions include Jean Lafitte and Governor William C. C. Clairborne.

CONTRACTS

Vendor	Amount	Detail
Overdrive	\$12,000	Ebook and EAudiobook Content Service Plans
Sharkey Mechanical Services	\$3,280	Covington HVAC maintenance
Ericsson	\$450.00	NetCloud Mobile - Wifi for Mobile Van
Lockstep	\$12,565.06	Proofpoint renewal - Email security
Lockstep	\$14,770.00	Malware protection for all PCs
Librarica	\$5,368.75	Cassie software for public computers
Comprise	\$3,070.00	SmartPay - payment system for Polaris
ERIS	\$500	ArcGIS Software
CloudLibrary	\$6,300	Ebook and EAudiobook Content Service Plans
DearReader.com	\$700	Online bookclub service

PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS

Since the February 23rd meeting, we have received two new public records request. All have been responded to except two, which are pending legal review.

STATEMENTS OF CONCERN

We have received seven new statements of concern since the February 23rd, meeting.

TRANSITION OF MATERIALS

YA titles were reviewed since February 23, 2026. Eight (8) were moved to Adult Fiction. Eighty (80) were moved to Teen Fiction. To date, 2,326 titles have been reviewed out of 4,004 which is 58% of the collection.

Books Moved from YA to Adult Fiction Because of Sexual Conduct

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Golden boys beware</i> | <i>Capin, Hannah</i> |
| <i>Goddess interrupted</i> | <i>Carter, Aimee</i> |
| <i>My best friend, maybe</i> | <i>Carter, Caela</i> |
| <i>Bitterblue</i> | <i>Cashore, Kristin</i> |
| <i>Winterkeep</i> | <i>Cashore, Kristin</i> |
| <i>Coming up for air</i> | <i>Kenneally, Miranda</i> |

A deal with the Elf King
The art of starving

Kova, Elise, author
Miller, Sam J.

Books in YA Reviewed and Determined to Not Have Sexual Conduct (become Teen Fiction)

<i>Pulse</i>	Carman, Patrick
<i>Quake</i>	Carman, Patrick
<i>Tremor</i>	Carman, Patrick
<i>Any sign of life</i>	Carson, Rae
<i>The empire of dreams</i>	Carson, Rae
<i>The girl of fire and thorns</i>	Carson, Rae
<i>Cross my heart and hope to spy</i>	Carter, Ally
<i>Don't judge a girl by her cover</i>	Carter, Ally
<i>Out of sight, out of time</i>	Carter, Ally
<i>Perfect scoundrels</i>	Carter, Ally
<i>See how they run</i>	Carter, Ally
<i>Take the key and lock her up</i>	Carter, Ally
<i>Uncommon criminals</i>	Carter, Ally
<i>United we spy</i>	Carter, Ally
<i>Salt and Sugar</i>	Carvalho, Rebecca
<i>Thin space</i>	Casella, Jody
<i>Uncharted</i>	Cashman, Erin
<i>Jane, unlimited</i>	Cashore, Kristin
<i>Learning to swear in America</i>	Kennedy, Katie
<i>What goes up</i>	Kennedy, Katie
<i>Kimchi and calamari</i>	Kent, Rose
<i>It sounded better in my head</i>	Kenwood, Nina
<i>Illusion</i>	Kenyon, Sherrilyn
<i>Infamous</i>	Kenyon, Sherrilyn
<i>Inferno</i>	Kenyon, Sherrilyn
<i>Infinity</i>	Kenyon, Sherrilyn
<i>Instinct</i>	Kenyon, Sherrilyn
<i>Invincible</i>	Kenyon, Sherrilyn
<i>Invision</i>	Kenyon, Sherrilyn
<i>Little Little</i>	Kerr, M. E.
<i>Gut check</i>	Kester, Eric
<i>Something more</i>	Khalilieh, Jackie
<i>The love & lies of Rukhsana Ali</i>	Khan, Sabina
<i>Thorn</i>	Khanani, Intisar
<i>The main dish : a novel</i>	Kimble, Victoria
<i>The Diabolic</i>	Kincaid, S. J.
<i>Walking in two worlds</i>	Kinew, Wab
<i>Reality Boy : a novel</i>	King, A S (Amy Sarig)
<i>Dig</i>	King, A S (Amy Sarig)

<i>Switch</i>	King, A S (Amy Sarig)
<i>Erec Rex : the dragon's eye</i>	Kingsley, Kaza
<i>Erec Rex : the three Furies</i>	Kingsley, Kaza
<i>Finding Audrey</i>	Kinsella, Sophie
<i>Ophelia : a novel</i>	Klein, Lisa M.
<i>The first time she drowned</i>	Kletter, Kerry
<i>Orphan train girl : the young readers' edition of Orphan train</i>	Kline, Christina Baker
<i>The knowledge seeker</i>	Knightly, Rae
<i>The Romantics</i>	Konen, Leah
<i>The bridge</i>	Konigsberg, Bill
<i>Schooled</i>	Korman, Gordon
<i>Frost</i>	Kozlowsky, M. P.
<i>Bent heavens</i>	Kraus, Daniel
<i>Before the devil knows you're here</i>	Krause, Autumn
<i>Dangerous play</i>	Kress, Emma
<i>The falling girls</i>	Krischer, Hayley
<i>The roof over our heads</i>	Kronzer, Nicole
<i>We weren't looking to be found</i>	Kuehn, Stephanie
<i>From Little Tokyo, with love</i>	Kuhn, Sarah
<i>Murder for the modern girl</i>	Kulper, Kendall
<i>Prodigy</i>	Lu, Marie
<i>The Young Elites</i>	Lu, Marie
<i>The midnight star</i>	Lu, Marie
<i>The Rose Society</i>	Lu, Marie
<i>Warcross</i>	Lu, Marie
<i>Steelstriker</i>	Lu, Marie
<i>No filter and other lies</i>	Maldonado, Crystal
<i>Blood red snow white</i>	Sedgwick, Marcus
<i>OtherLife</i>	Segel, Jason
<i>Salt to the sea</i>	Sepetys, Ruta
<i>Salt to the sea : a novel</i>	Sepetys, Ruta
<i>Between shades of gray</i>	Sepetys, Ruta
<i>Zom-B baby</i>	Shan, Darren
<i>Zom-B fugitive</i>	Shan, Darren
<i>Zom-B mission</i>	Shan, Darren
<i>All the ways the world can end</i>	Sher, Abby
<i>Everlost</i>	Shusterman, Neal
<i>All kinds of other</i>	Sie, James
<i>The Raven Boys</i>	Stiefvater, Maggie
<i>The dream thieves</i>	Stiefvater, Maggie
<i>Sadie</i>	Summers, Courtney

February 2026 Service Statistics

Branch	Adult Books	CD	DVD	Exp Pass	ILL	Juv Bks	Mag	Pbks	Playaway	YA/Teen	Videogames	Virtual	Total Circulation	Computer Usage	Door Count	Wireless Inside	Wireless Outside
Admin/Annex	227	25	79	0	19	37	0	0	1	191	4		583				
Abita	502	45	135	1	18	400	3	0	0	23	3		1,130	116	1,128	98	162
Bush	162	16	173	0	6	229	4	0	0	1	0		591	76	505	44	98
Causeway	1687	74	553	0	27	1924	41	0	0	75	3		4,384	489	5,049	763	721
Covington	2847	131	995	0	25	3273	84	93	0	182	23		7,653	817	6,884	1064	801
Folsom	335	18	299	0	5	354	32	0	0	10	1		1,054	203	1,094	91	108
Lacombe	243	19	94	0	5	329	1	2	0	22	0		715	213	1,083	115	115
Lee Road	314	9	112	0	5	339	0	8	0	2	1		790	25	635	55	157
Madisonville	1073	55	285	0	27	1455	40	0	0	102	3		3,040	383	3,888	847	314
Mandeville	2290	164	600	0	33	2795	53	4	7	184	3		6,133	917	5,334	696	443
Mobile	377	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0		380				
Pearl River	331	13	172	0	19	235	4	33	0	8	2		817	209	1,172	85	174
Slidell	3190	206	903	0	43	3126	97	95	4	368	36		8,068	1,652	13,044	1385	2,235
South Slidell	623	11	330	0	26	715	7	3	0	91	2		1,808	1,180	4,316	921	1,326
Virtual ¹				25								68722	68,747				
Total	14,201	787	4,730	26	258	15,211	368	238	12	1,259	81	68,722	105,893	6,280	44,132	6,164	6,654

1 - Virtual stats include Check Out Louisiana Museum Passes, Overdrive, Tumblebooks, 3M Cloud Library, Rbdigital, Hoopla

CD=CompactDisc; DVD=DigitalVersatileDisc; ILL=InterLibraryLoan; Mag=Magazines
Ppks=Paperbacks; YA=Young Adult

Patrons Registered: 616

YTD January-February 2026 Service Statistics

Branch	Adult Books	CD	DVD	Exp Pass	ILL	Juv Bks	Mag	Pbks	Playaway	YA/Teen	Videogames	Virtual	Total Circulation	Computer Usage	Door Count	Wireless Inside	Wireless Outside
Admin/Annex	614	43	195	0	44	316	0	0	1	592	4		1,809				
Abita	1106	88	281	1	36	743	5		1	29	3		2,293	206	2,210	170	309
Bush	346	32	355		10	348	4			3			1,098	135	942	77	175
Causeway	3685	160	1185		55	4305	100			215	4		9,709	953	10,836	1065	1,462
Covington	6294	317	2540		52	6911	140	237		385	47		16,923	1,601	13,839	2773	1,476
Folsom	754	66	636		15	773	74			29	3		2,350	333	2,344	183	237
Lacombe	504	45	195		6	856	4	15	1	46	1		1,673	397	2,176	234	220
Lee Road	611	20	337		7	633		20		7	1		1,636	67	1,269	99	304
Madisonville	2307	116	599		62	3386	77		1	207	4		6,759	805	8,769	1759	643
Mandeville	4739	354	1322	1	66	6167	143	9	16	344	6		13,167	1,733	10,868	1394	866
Mobile	823	1	11		1		4			1			841				
Pearl River	758	24	311		26	466	17	85		15	2		1,704	384	2,211	185	356
Slidell	6680	421	2017		61	6621	227	287	4	748	95		17,161	3,339	26,092	2658	4,295
South Slidell	1323	54	797		40	1467	8	13		186	9		3,897	2,430	8,638	1835	2,392
Virtual ¹				32								145410	145,442				
Total	30,544	1,741	10,781	34	481	32,992	803	666	24	2,807	179	145,410	226,462	12,383	90,194	12,432	12,735

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CD=CompactDisc; DVD=DigitalVersatileDisc; ILL=InterLibraryLoan; Mag=Magazines
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Patrons Registered: 1305



St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control

Resolution No. 26-005

Resolution to Amend Resolution No. 26-004 to Clarify Section 411 “Disposition of Graphic Novels”

March 23rd, 2026

SPONSOR: Mr. Branton

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control adopted Resolution No. 26-004 on February 23, 2026 to add Section 411 “Disposition of Graphic Novels” to the St. Tammany Parish Library Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the intent of Resolution No. 26-004 was to restrict graphic novels containing depictions of sexual conduct as defined in applicable Louisiana law; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to clarify that the restriction applies to graphic novels containing depictions of sexual conduct as defined under either La. R.S. §14:106 et seq. or La. R.S. 25:225; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that clarification is necessary to ensure the policy is interpreted consistent with its original intent and to avoid potential misunderstanding.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution No. 26-004 and Section 411 of the St. Tammany Parish Library Rules and Regulations are hereby amended as follows:

Section 411. Disposition of Graphic Novels

St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control has determined that graphic novels found to contain depictions of “sexual conduct” as defined in La. R.S. § 14:106 et. seq. ~~and or~~ La. R.S. 25:225 (B) shall be retained behind the circulation desk, and that digital access to graphic novels should be similarly restricted, and only available to adult library card holders and to minors whose parents or guardians have chosen a juvenile unrestricted card.

All graphic novels that do not contain depictions of “sexual conduct” shall remain on the shelves and/or available electronically.

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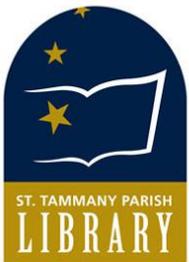
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this amendment is adopted for the purpose of clarifying the intent of Resolution No. 26-004 and ensuring consistent application of Section 411.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this clarification shall take effect immediately upon approval by the St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Moved for adoption by _____ and seconded by _____,

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

AND THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED DULY ADOPTED ON THIS DAY, THE 23rd DAY OF MARCH 2026, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERSHIP BEING PRESENT.

Charles Branton, Board President

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St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control

Resolution No. 26-006

Resolution Regarding Statements of Concern with Respect to Graphic Novels

March 23rd, 2026

SPONSOR: Mr. Branton

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Library has revised its policies regarding Statements of Concern in order to address the backlog of these statements; and

WHEREAS, the Library Board of Control wishes to address the pending statements of concern filed by Kevin Marino regarding graphic novels in accordance with its revised policies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control consolidates all graphic novel Statements of Concern appeals filed by Kevin Marino into one agenda item to be placed on the April 2026 agenda at which time the Library Board of Control will address his Statements of Concern in accordance with the LBOC Policies and Procedures.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Moved for adoption by _____ and seconded by _____,

YEAS:

NAYS:

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AND THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED DULY ADOPTED ON THE 23rd DAY OF MARCH, 2026 AT A MEETING OF THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERSHIP BEING PRESENT.

Charles N. Branton, President

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	TITLE	CONTENT
6/7/2024	A Game of Thrones: The Graphic Novel. Volume 1	P. 61, 82, 186 ultimate sexual act
6/7/2024	A Game of Thrones: The Graphic Novel. Volume 2	p. 178 touching, caressing, or fondling of, or other similar physical contact with, a pubic area, anus, female breast nipple
6/7/2024	A Game of Thrones: The Graphic Novel. Volume 3	p. 50 touching, caressing, or fondling of, or other similar physical contact with, a pubic area, anus, female breast nipple
6/7/2024	A Game of Thrones: The Graphic Novel. Volume 4	p. 68-69 ultimate sexual act
6/7/2024	Berserk: Deluxe Edition. 1	p. 565-570 exhibition of female breast nipples,
6/7/2024	Black Dossier	P. 27, 31, 37, 56, 57, 58, 60, 66, 93 touching, caressing, or fondling of, or other similar physical contact with, a pubic area, anus, female breast nipple, covered or exposed; p. 43-45, 59, 61, 68 ultimate sexual act
6/7/2024	Blankets	p. 147 masturbation; p. 421, p. 423 touching, caressing, or fondling of, or other similar physical contact with, a pubic area, anus, female breast nipple, covered or exposed
6/7/2024	Breakdowns: Portrait of the Artist as A Young %@[squiggle][star]!	p. 19, 47 touching, caressing, or fondling of, or other similar physical contact with, a pubic area; p. 27, 38, 48, 52, exhibition of female breast nipples; p. 40 exhibition of genitals; p. 45-46 ultimate sexual act
6/7/2024	Calamity Jane: The Calamitous Life of Martha Jane Canary, 1852-1903	p. 56, 79, 101, 183 exhibition of female breast nipples; p. 57, 79, 183-184 ultimate sexual act; p. 111 exhibition of genitals;
6/7/2024	Crisis Zone	P. 17, 33-35, 38, 40, 41, 55, 67, continues throughout book- exhibition of the genitals; p. 21 ultimate sexual act; p. 26 stimulation of the human genital organs by a device; 62 sadomasochistic abuse
6/7/2024	Dandadan 1	p. 38 Sadomasochistic abuse
6/7/2024	Dandadan 5	None, close
6/7/2024	Darkly She Goes	p. 39, p. 90 ultimate sexual act
6/7/2024	Diego Rivera	p. 87, p. 91, p. 140 ultimate sexual act
6/7/2024	Eden II	p. 23 ultimate sexual act; 169 Sadomasochistic abuse
6/7/2024	ElfQuest: The Final Quest. Volume Two	P. 104 ultimate sexual act
6/7/2024	ElfQuest: The Searcher and the Sword	p. 19 ultimate sexual act;
6/7/2024	Emma 2	p. 305, 306 exhibition of female breast nipples
6/7/2024	Emma 4	P. 163-165, P. 426-429 exhibition of female breast nipples
6/7/2024	Emma 5	P. 42-47 exhibition of female breast nipples
6/7/2024	Fables: [3] Storybook Love	p.22 ultimate sexual act

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6/7/2024	Fight Club 2: The Tranquility Gambit	p. 84 touching, caressing, or fondling of, or other similar physical contact with, a pubic area, anus, female breast nipple, covered or exposed; p. 155, 159, 200 ultimate sexual act
6/7/2024	Fun Home A Family Tragicomic	p. 76 masturbation; p. 81 touching, caressing, or fondling of, or other similar physical contact with, a pubic area, anus, female breast nipple, covered or exposed; p. 207 Masturbation; 214; 224 touching, caressing, or fondling of, or other similar physical contact with, a pubic area, anus, female breast nipple, covered or exposed
6/7/2024	Gender Queer	p. 61, 135, touching, caressing, or fondling of, or other similar physical contact with, a pubic area, anus, female breast nipple; p. 167 exhibition, actual, simulated, or animated, of the genitals, pubic hair, anus, vulva, or female breast nipples
6/7/2024	Gurren Lagann Archives	P. 18, 29, 41, 43, 47, 51, 63, exhibition of female breast nipples
6/7/2024	Hellsing: Deluxe Edition. 1	None, close
6/7/2024	Hellsing: Deluxe Edition. 2	P. 432 ultimate sexual act
6/7/2024	Hellsing: Deluxe Edition. 3	None, close
6/7/2024	Kase-san and Bento	p. 92 exhibition of female breast nipples
6/7/2024	Kase-san and Cherry Blossoms	p. 127 touching breasts, p. 130-132 ultimate sexual act
6/7/2024	Kase-san and Shortcake	p. 62, 64 75 touching breasts
6/7/2024	Let's Play: Volume 3	p. 33 touching, caressing, or fondling of, or other similar physical contact with, a pubic area, anus, female breast nipple, covered or exposed
6/7/2024	Me and the Devil Blues: The Unreal Life of Robert Johnson. Book 1	P. 44 touching, caressing, or fondling of, or other similar physical contact with, a pubic area, female breast nipple; 284-285 ultimate sexual act; 286 exhibition of female breast nipple
6/7/2024	Menopause: A Comic Treatment	p. 127 stimulation of the human genital organs by any device
6/7/2024	My Brilliant Friend	p. 220 ultimate sexual act
6/7/2024	Night Fever	P. 28 touching, caressing, or fondling of, or other similar physical contact with, a pubic area; p. 29 ultimate sexual act; p. 73 exhibition of female breast nipples;
6/7/2024	Nightmare Country	p. 13 ultimate sexual act; p. 125 Sadomasochistic abuse
6/7/2024	Outside the Box	P. 85 masturbation; 91, 125, 131, exhibition of female breast nipples; p. 224 touching, caressing, or fondling of, or other similar physical contact with, a pubic area
6/7/2024	Parable of the Sower	p. 221 touching, caressing, or fondling of, or other similar physical contact with, a pubic area, anus, female breast nipple, covered or exposed (not very explicit)
6/7/2024	Poor Helpless Comics!: The Cartoons (and More) of Ed Subitzky	P. 21, 50, 91, 141-142 ultimate sexual act; P. 27-28 sadomasochistic abuse; p. 29, 34, 46, 90, 108-109, 137, 141, 144 exhibition of female breast nipples,
6/7/2024	Pretending is Lying	P. 57 ultimate sexual act and touching, caressing, or fondling of, or other similar physical contact with, a pubic area, anus, female breast nipple, covered or exposed

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6/7/2024	Sand Castle	p. 62 touching, caressing, or fondling of, or other similar physical contact with, a pubic area, anus, female breast nipple, covered or exposed
6/7/2024	Take It as a Compliment	p. 40 touching, caressing, or fondling of, or other similar physical contact with, a pubic area, anus, female breast nipple, covered or exposed; p. 90 ultimate sexual act
6/7/2024	The Color of Earth: Vol. 1	P. 104 ultimate sexual act; p. 138 nocturnal emission; p. 234 masturbation;
6/7/2024	The Color of Heaven: Vol. 3	P. 289, 291, 299, 300, 304, 306, 307 ultimate sexual act
6/7/2024	The Color of Water: Vol. 2	P. 69 ultimate sexual act; p. 91 touching, caressing, or fondling of, or other similar physical contact with female breast nipple; p. 95-97 masturbation;
6/7/2024	The Good Asian Vol 1	P. 24, 85, 89, ultimate sexual act; p. 92-93 exhibition of female breast nipples
6/7/2024	The Good Neighbors Book Two	P. 6 touching, caressing, or fondling of, or other similar physical contact with, a pubic area; p. 90 Sadomasochistic abuse
6/7/2024	The Great and Secret Show: Volume 2	p. 33 Sadomasochistic abuse
6/7/2024	The Me You Love in the Dark	p. 68 touching, caressing, or fondling of, or other similar physical contact with female breast nipple
6/7/2024	The Metabarons	P. 72, 91-94, 196, 198, 232, 234, 269, 285, 286, 302, 306, 308, 455, 471, 495exhibition of female breast nipples; p. 197 exhibition of vulva
6/7/2024	The Sandman Vol 11	p. 29 Sadomasochistic abuse; 37, 40, 45 touching, caressing, or fondling of, or other similar physical contact with, a pubic area, anus, female breast nipple, covered or exposed; 49, 131 ultimate sexual act
6/7/2024	The Sandman Vol 6	P. 214 ultimate sexual act
6/7/2024	The Sandman Vol 8	p. 79 exhibition of female breast nipples,
6/7/2024	The Walking Dead Vol 11	p. 36 ultimate sexual act
6/7/2024	The Walking Dead Vol 13	p. 3 exhibition of female breast nipples
6/7/2024	The Walking Dead Vol 15	p. 129 touching, caressing, or fondling of, or other similar physical contact with, a pubic area, anus, female breast nipple, covered or exposed
6/7/2024	The Walking Dead Vol 18	None, close
6/7/2024	The Walking Dead Vol 8	p. 77 ultimate sexual act
6/7/2024	The Wicked and the Divine Vol. 3 Commercial Suicide	p. 76 stimulation of the human genital organs by any device, p. 76, 77, 147, 148 exhibition of female breast nipples, 123 ultimate sexual act
6/7/2024	The World of Edena	p. 98-100, 109-113, 152-163,217, 220, 327-328 exhibition of genitals and female breast nipples; p. 108 ultimate sexual act
6/7/2024	This Country: Searching for Home in (very) Rural America	P. 91 ultimate sexual act; 125-126 exhibition of genitals;
6/7/2024	Three Rocks	P. 27, 104, exhibition of female breast nipples,
6/7/2024	Top 10	p. 199, 302 ultimate sexual act,

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6/7/2024	Underground: The Illustrated Bible of Cursed Rockers and High Priestesses of	P. 202 touching, caressing, or fondling of, or other similar physical contact with, a pubic area; p. 229 exhibition of female breast nipples; p. 278 sadomasochistic abuse
6/7/2024	V for Vendetta	p. 133-134, 138 ultimate sexual act; p. 228 touching, caressing, or fondling of, or other similar physical contact with, a pubic area, anus, female breast nipple, covered or exposed
6/7/2024	Whisper of the Woods	P. 57-59, 80 exhibition of female breast nipples



St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control

Resolution No. 26-007

Resolution to Amend St. Tammany Parish Library Rules and Regulations Section 407 “Statements of Concern about Library Resources” to Clarify Requests That Will Not Be Considered

March 23rd, 2026

SPONSOR: Mr. Branton

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control has adopted Rules and Regulations governing the use of library resources and the process by which patrons may submit Statements of Concern regarding library materials, programs, and displays; and

WHEREAS, Section 407 of the St. Tammany Parish Library Rules and Regulations establishes the procedures by which Statements of Concern are submitted, reviewed, and considered; and

WHEREAS, processing a Statement of Concern requires significant staff time and public resources in order to review materials, prepare committee reports, and provide notice to the complainant and the Library Board of Control; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Control finds it necessary to ensure that the Statement of Concern process is used for matters properly within its scope and that library staff and Board resources are focused on requests that fall within the procedures established by policy and Louisiana law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Control wishes to clarify that requests seeking relocation of materials from the Adult or New Adult collections to either the Teen (Young Adult) or Children’s collections fall outside the intended scope of the Statement of Concern process when such requests are based on allegations that the material is or may be sexually explicit as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 25:225, as such concerns are governed by statutory procedures regarding minor access;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control amends the St. Tammany Parish Library Rules and Regulations to add the following provision to Section 407 as set forth below:

Section 407. Statements of Concern about Library Resources

A. General

The choice of library materials by users is an individual matter. Responsibility for the use of library materials by minor children rests with their parents or legal guardians. While a person may reject

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material for themselves and for their minor children, an individual may not exercise censorship to restrict the freedom of others to read, see, or hear.

B. Process

1. Any person residing in St. Tammany Parish who has reached the age of majority and who holds a St. Tammany Parish Library card and wishes to express concerns about library materials, programs, or displays may complete a “Statement of Concern About Library Resources” form, also referred to as a “Request for Reconsideration” pursuant to La. R.S. 25:225. However, processing a Statement of Concern form entails significant cost and time commitments.

Therefore, anyone who has a concern about library resources is encouraged to discuss their concerns with a library staff member before filing a Statement of Concern form. The Statement of Concern form shall be available at the library circulation desk, the library’s website, by email request, and at all Library Board of Control meetings. All completed Statement of Concern forms will be forwarded to the Library Director and to each member of the Library Board of Control. Upon receipt of the Statement of Concern form the Director will confirm receipt to the complainant(s). Statements of Concern that do not meet the submission criteria will not be considered. Any Statement of Concern seeking to restrict access by a minor to a digital resource categorized as Adult and thus only available to Adult, Juvenile, and Juvenile Unrestricted cards, shall not be considered. Any Statement of Concern seeking relocation of an item currently placed in the Adult or New Adult collections to either the Teen (Young Adult) or Children’s collections shall not be considered when the request is based on an assertion that the material is or may be sexually explicit as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 25:225 or as is otherwise provided in state law.

2. The Director will select two or more staff members to serve on an internal committee to review each Statement of Concern and the subject of the concern. Committee members will be chosen by the Director based on the type of material under review and taking into consideration the staff member’s education and experience. A decision will be made within 45 days of the Director receiving the Statement of Concern Form, unless a longer period is authorized by the Library Board of Control, in which case the complainant(s) shall receive notice.
3. The committee members shall:
 - a. Review the material in its entirety.
 - b. Create and consider a resume of the material which can include:
 - A brief synopsis
 - Reviews in standard evaluation guides

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- Topical information concerning the material
 - Circulation information
 - Information about holdings in other public libraries
 - Awards received
 - Biographical information about the author/producer
 - Library of Congress Subject Headings
 - Publisher, vendor, and/or reviewer audience recommendations
 - Indication that purchase was made per patron request, if that information is available
 - Number of copies sold in the United States, if that information is available
- c. Consider the suitability for age level of current placement
- d. Consider present and potential relevance to community needs
- e. Conduct a discussion to reach a decision
- f. Submit a written report to the Director with the decision made based on the result of the committee's efforts.

4. The Director shall notify the complainant in writing of the committee's decision and their right to appeal that decision to the Library Board of Control, except as provided in La. R.S. 25:225C(2)(d)(ii). A copy of the decision will be mailed to each member of the Library Board of Control.
5. Pursuant to La. R.S. 25:225C(2)(d)(ii), any Statements of Concern of a library material that may include sexually explicit material available to minors shall be reviewed by the Library Board of Control under the procedures outlined in Subsection C(2-5) of this Section.

C. Right to Appeal

1. The complainant may appeal to the Library Board of Control by contacting the Assistant Director within 30 days of mailing of the committee's decision and requesting to be placed on the agenda of the next available scheduled board meeting. The Assistant Director must notify the Library Board of Control of the appeal being placed on the agenda.
2. A complainant will have five minutes to address the Library Board of Control about the specific challenged material on the original Statement of Concern form. Should multiple appeals be filed regarding a specific item in the library or should multiple appeals be lodged by an individual regarding materials in the library, those appeals may be consolidated by the Library Board of Control and a reasonable amount of time shall be set at the hearing by the Library Board of Control.

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The provisions contained in this Resolution, including but not limited to allowing consolidation of multiple appeals of the same item or multiple appeals filed by a person regardless of the type of library material as well as the provision providing for a reasonable time being set by the LBOC are procedural in nature and are applicable to all pending Statements of Concern and any subsequent Statements of Concern.

- 3. A period of public comment will precede any action taken by the Board.
- 4. The Library Board of Control shall vote to affirm, modify, reject, or take under advisement the committee's decision. Matters taken under advisement shall be renoticed for a future meeting. Upon modification or rejection of the decision of the committee, the Board shall decide what action will be taken in response to the Statement of Concern. The decision of the Board shall be rendered by a majority vote. In the event there is a tie, the committee's decision is affirmed.
- 5. The complainant(s) will be notified in writing of the decision of the Library Board of Control.

D. The decision on a Statement of Concern about specific materials, programs, or displays will remain in effect for five years. Within this five-year period complainants submitting a new Statement of Concern on a decided title, program, or display shall receive a copy of the current decision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this amendment is adopted to clarify the proper application of the Statement of Concern process under the St. Tammany Parish Library Rules and Regulations.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Moved for adoption by _____ and seconded by _____,

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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AND THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED DULY ADOPTED ON THIS DAY, THE 23rd DAY OF MARCH 2026, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERSHIP BEING PRESENT.

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St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control

Resolution No. 26-008

Extension of Time to Allow for Procedural Due Process of Undecided Statements of Concern

March 23th, 2026

Sponsor: Branton

BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control grants a waiver of the 45-day time limit for response to all pending statements of concern and any statements that will be received until the next meeting of the Library Board of Control scheduled for April 20th, 2026. The response time is extended to 120 days from the date of this resolution.

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Library has statements of concern on 110 remaining titles, and

WHEREAS, reconsideration committee recommendations shall be mailed to complainants and copied to the Library Board of Control on a rolling basis,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Library Board of Control grants this waiver of time.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Moved for adoption by _____ and seconded by _____,

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

AND THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED DULY ADOPTED ON THIS DAY, THE 23rd DAY OF MARCH 2026, AT A MEETING OF THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERSHIP BEING PRESENT.

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