

St. Tammany Parish Library
Board of Control Meeting
April 20, 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, April 20, 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 March 23, 2026.
 - Discussion
 - Public Comment
 - Vote
2. OLD BUSINESS
3. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Financial Report –March 2026
 - Discussion
 - Public Comment
 - Vote
 - B. Directors' Report
 - C. Resolution #26-009 to Set Amount of Time on Graphic Novel Appeals (Branton)
 - Discussion
 - Public Comment
 - Vote
 - D. Resolution #26-010 to Adjudicate Consolidated Appeals on Graphic Novel Titles (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 (6): Glenn Baham, Chuck Branton, Councilman Patrick Burke (designated by Parish President Mike Cooper), Tamarah Myers, Pennie Petrie, Travis Thompson

Absent (1): Dinah Thanars

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

C. Branton led the Pledge of Allegiance. T. Thompson led the Invocation. C. Branton explained the meeting rules and the rules for public comment.

MOTION: C. Branton made a motion to move agenda item 3E (Resolution 26-007) to the top of the agenda. It was seconded by P. Burke. E. Couvillon advised that public comment was not required on this motion.

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

RESULT: Motion carried. (Yes – 6 | Absent – 1)

C. Branton explained that T. Collings has advised that additional time is needed to work on this resolution.

MOTION: C. Branton moved to postpone Res. 26-007 with no specified date. It was seconded by P. Petrie.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

DISCUSSION: There was no Board discussion.

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

RESULT: Motion carried. (Yes – 6 | Absent – 1)

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Library Board of Control that was held on February 23, 2026.

DISCUSSION: There was no Board discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

MOTION: G. Baham moved to approve the February 23, 2026, meeting minutes. It was seconded by T. Myers.

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

RESULT: Motion carried. (Yes – 6 | Absent – 1)

2. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Financial Report – February 2026

T. Collings reviewed the February 2026 financial report. The library has received the largest anticipated portion of its annual Ad Valorem revenue and remains on track with budgetary projections. He provided explanations for line items that were over or under budget and noted that certain lines will be adjusted in an upcoming budget amendment. Notable line items discussed included Data Lines, Polaris Maintenance, Consultants, and Lease/Purchase Books. Most over-budget items reflect expenditures made earlier in the year and are expected to be in balance by year-end.

MOTION: G. Baham moved to approve the February 2026 financial report. It was seconded by P. Petrie.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kevin Marino – Mandeville, LA. He asked for an update on the RFID project and expressed support for the project. He voiced opposition to combining the Teen and Children’s Coordinator positions.

C. Branton stated that the RFID project was placed on hold in 2025 and is now up for reauthorization by the Parish Council. E. Couvillon confirmed it is on the April 9, 2026, Parish Council agenda. C. Branton added that he advised the Council the Board may not wish to proceed with the project at this time due to potential budget impacts from other major capital projects. He responded to K. Marino’s questions.

Lisa Rustemeyer – Mandeville, LA. She commented on the RFID project, suggesting that any reallocation from the RFID project be deferred until necessary. She expressed concern about combining the Teen and Children’s Coordinator positions.

C. Branton reiterated and explained that the Parish Council makes the decision of reauthorization. The funds will remain in the capital account until the Board formally requests an action be taken. L. Rustemeyer asked additional questions, and E. Couvillon clarified that the funds are earmarked but are not yet budgeted.

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

RESULT: Motion carried. (Yes – 6 | Absent – 1)

B. Directors’ Report

T. Collings thanked the staff and community for the welcome he has received. He provided updates to capital projects (Mandeville renovation, Lacombe replacement, and Slidell renovation), marketing and outreach, professional development, programming highlights, contracts, public records requests, statements of concern, and transition of materials from Young Adult (YA) to Adult or Teen. He reviewed the February 2026 and year-to-date circulation statistics.

C. Resolution #26-005 to Amend Resolution No. 26-004 to Clarify Section 411 “Disposition of Graphic Novels” (Branton)

C. Branton explained that this resolution is intended to correct typographical errors in Resolution 26-004. In the first paragraph under “Section 411. Disposition of Graphic Novels,” the word “and” was replaced with “or,” and “(B)” was removed. These revisions do not alter the substance of the policy.

MOTION: C. Branton moved to adopt Res. 26-005. It was seconded by T. Thompson.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jamie Segura – Covington, LA. She opposed the resolution, citing concerns that C. Branton sponsored all the resolutions and that the interests of St. Tammany residents were not being considered.

Roxanne Newman – Mandeville, LA. She opposed shelving graphic novels behind the circulation desk, calling it censorship, and noted that rushed resolutions often require edits.

Devin McGee – Madisonville, LA. He stated that children should not be introduced to radical ideologies centered on race, sex, and identity, and expressed support for restricting certain books.

Jean Wiggin – Abita Springs, LA. She stated that she has asked the Board to visit the library and report how many children are observed in the adult section seeking sexual materials. She asked if other libraries hide books behind the desk.

Lisa Rustemeyer – She read a quote by James McFadden referencing Nazis banning books, suggested holding Rules and Regulations meetings, and explained her reasons for opposing the resolution.

Rebecca Bohm – Mandeville, LA. She opposed the resolution, stating that St. Tammany has the most restrictive library system in the area, and further outlined her views.

Three public commenters who did not wish to speak opposed the resolution.

G. Baham referenced the comments about censorship and stated that the books are published and available to be read. He noted that the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals has indicated this does not constitute censorship. P. Petrie asked for clarification that the restricted graphic novels are not hidden and are available for checkout. C. Branton confirmed they are behind the circulation desk and can be checked out. P. Burke clarified that the resolution has already been adopted and that this amendment is only a typographical correction.

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

RESULT: Motion carried. (Yes – 6 | Absent – 1)

D. Resolution #26-006 Regarding Statements of Concern with Respect to Graphic Novels (Branton)

C. Branton explained that the library revised its Statements of Concern (SOC) policies, allowing the Board to consolidate certain appeals under a single agenda item. The Board requests that all graphic novel SOC appeals submitted by Kevin Marino be considered at the April 2026 meeting, where the Board will determine a fair time allocation for remarks and vote to accept, modify, or reject staff recommendations. He read K. Marino's suggested course of action and noted that K. Marino is challenging the February 28, 2023, graphic novel resolution and book locations, not content, without having read the books in full.

There was a disruption from the audience. C. Branton issued a warning that any further disruption would result in the individual being asked to leave.

MOTION: C. Branton moved to adopt Res. 26-006. It was seconded by G. Baham.

T. Myers thanked staff for compiling the spreadsheet of listed books and content information, acknowledging the arduous effort involved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jamie Segura – She opposed the resolution, supported reviewing each book individually, and stated that the books should be returned to the shelves.

Kristen Luchsinger – She opposed the resolution, stating that requiring patrons to view books in a back room restricts access and that the library card system already restricts children’s ability to check them out.

Devin McGee – He said that while there were past complaints about someone overwhelming the system with SOCs, “activists” are now doing the same, and staff should exercise discernment with items on the shelves.

Roxanne Newman – She supports consolidating SOCs for the same book, but not different books from one person, and noted the Board has previously reviewed books individually even when complainants had not read them in full.

Jean Wiggin – She stated that the resolution is insulting to parents in St. Tammany Parish, noting that voters approved the millage and 60% have chosen to give their children unrestricted access to materials.

Kevin Marino – He believes the Board lied to him when they previously discussed grouping some, but not all, books together for review. He checked out all 63 titles to review and continued explaining his opposition to the resolution.

Lisa Rustemeyer – She read a quote from Laurie Halse Anderson aloud. She stated that LA RS 25:225 does not say “restrict” it says “limit access.” She continued expressing opposition to the resolution and asked several questions.

Rebecca Bohm – She opposed the resolution and questioned how the Board would handle multiple SOCs for the same book submitted by different individuals. She asked about the process for public comment and Board voting.

Three public commenters who did not wish to speak opposed the resolution.

T. Thompson gave suggestions for setting speaker times in advance. P. Burke clarified that the Council Chair or Board Chair is typically listed as a resolution sponsor, and noted that a previously mentioned complainant had withdrawn her SOCs. T. Collings clarified that this resolution is regarding appeals, not original SOCs. The Board and Library Administration continued discussing the resolution, including the February 28, 2023, graphic novel resolution and the staff’s subsequent review. E. Couvillon clarified that each title must be voted on to satisfy substantive due process, while the Board may consolidate speaking time for the titles being consolidated under procedural due process.

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

RESULT: Motion carried. (Yes – 6 | Absent – 1)

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)

This item was moved to the top of the agenda and postponed with no specified date.

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

T. Collings explained that this is a standard extension to allow additional time to review outstanding SOCs. The extension period is 120 days from the date of the resolution.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kristen Luchsinger – She stated she would be in favor of the extension if the SOCs were reviewed individually and noted that the Board has only reviewed four SOCs in the last year.

Roxanne Newman – She asked what the Board would do differently during the extension period, stating that there was no point in extending time if there was no progress in reviewing the SOCs.

Jamie Segura – She opposed the resolution and stated that it is the Board’s job to review the books. She stated that it is not always the Council Chair or Board Chair that sponsors resolutions.

Devin McGee – He is in favor of the resolution and mentioned bad faith appeals meant to jam up the due process for SOCs.

Lisa Rustemeyer – She opposed the resolution and stated that the previous Board did not complain about their duties. She stated that the Board has not shown effort or concern for patrons regarding SOCs.

Rebecca Bohm – She opposed the resolution and stated this has gone on for too long.

Three public commenters who did not wish to speak opposed the resolution.

T. Thompson clarified that while there is a backlog, the Board is working on measures to address the SOCs, and continues to carry out their responsibilities. G. Baham acknowledged audience comments questioning his reading speed and comprehension, as well as criticism of the extension of time. P. Petrie clarified to B. Bohm that she has checked out the books that B. Bohm has challenged and is actively reviewing them.

MOTION: T. Thompson moved to adopt Res. 26-008. It was seconded by C. Branton.

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

RESULT: Motion carried. (Yes – 6 | Absent – 1)

4. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by G. Baham and was seconded by T. Thompson. 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
March 31, 2026**

ASSETS

Current Assets

| | |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Cash | \$ 15,308,379.57 |
| Cash - Health Claims | (64,815.25) |
| Due from Paylocity | 0.00 |
| Returned Checks | 0.00 |
| Ad Valorem Receivable - 2026 | 3,186,257.76 |
| Ad Valorem Receivable - 2025 | 997,347.70 |
| Ad Valorem Receivable - 2023 | 0.00 |
| Due from State of Louisiana | 261,234.80 |
| Prepaid Expenses | 117,330.47 |

Total Current Assets 19,805,735.05

Other Assets

| | |
|----------|----------|
| Deposits | 1,981.00 |
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Total Other Assets 1,981.00

Total Assets \$ 19,807,716.05

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Current Liabilities

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Accrued Salaries | \$ 43,092.09 |
| Deferred Inflows - Ad Valorem | 109,467.00 |
| Elective Benefits Payable | (11,424.83) |
| Retirement Payable | 77,619.88 |
| Health Claims Payable | 249,918.55 |

Total Current Liabilities 468,672.69

Fund Balance

| | |
|--------------|---------------|
| Fund Balance | 19,339,043.36 |
|--------------|---------------|

Total Fund Balance 19,339,043.36

Total Liabilities & Fund Balance \$ 19,807,716.05

St. Tammany Parish Library
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
For the Three Months Ending March 31, 2026

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Beginning Fund Balance | \$ 19,494,760.86 |
| Net Income | (155,717.50) ✓ |
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| Ending Fund Balance | <u>\$ 19,339,043.36</u> |

**St. Tammany Parish Library-General Fund
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Three Months Ending March 31, 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 | \$ 3,186,257.76 | 12,745,031.00 | 9,558,773.24 | 25.00 |
| State Revenue Sharing | 22,407.00 | 67,221.00 | 268,884.00 | 201,663.00 | 25.00 |
| Fines/Fees | 9,985.32 | 26,329.90 | 106,500.00 | 80,170.10 | 24.72 |
| Interest Income | 16,090.31 | 37,356.59 | 184,370.04 | 147,013.45 | 20.26 |
| Insurance Proceeds | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Donations Received | 331.11 | 857.29 | 12,016.00 | 11,158.71 | 7.13 |
| Summer Reading Shirt Sales | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,120.00 | 2,120.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Revenues | 1,110,899.66 | 3,318,022.54 | 13,318,921.04 | 10,000,898.50 | 24.91 |
| Expenditures | | | | | |
| Library Administration | 483,948.38 | 1,376,408.35 | 6,090,000.00 | 4,713,591.65 | 22.60 |
| Employee Benefits | 221,229.42 | 561,352.96 | 2,325,480.00 | 1,764,127.04 | 24.14 |
| Advertising,Dues & Subscriptio | 2,749.72 | 6,635.84 | 50,500.00 | 43,864.16 | 13.14 |
| Signage | 0.00 | 128.93 | 2,000.00 | 1,871.07 | 6.45 |
| Printing, Duplicating & Bindin | 330.00 | 2,272.42 | 25,500.00 | 23,227.58 | 8.91 |
| Promotional Production | 611.55 | 4,718.12 | 20,000.00 | 15,281.88 | 23.59 |
| Utilities | 44,910.81 | 104,220.11 | 339,470.00 | 235,249.89 | 30.70 |
| Communications | 13,926.26 | 42,162.50 | 104,080.00 | 61,917.50 | 40.51 |
| Leases | 26,338.99 | 78,679.14 | 351,750.00 | 273,070.86 | 22.37 |
| Maintenance of Property & Equi | 64,445.90 | 216,878.49 | 623,750.00 | 406,871.51 | 34.77 |
| Maintenance Services (Building | 14,174.60 | 35,322.34 | 304,050.00 | 268,727.66 | 11.62 |
| Professional Services | 106,326.15 | 141,015.82 | 340,600.00 | 199,584.18 | 41.40 |
| Insurance and Claims | 0.00 | 53,814.00 | 311,272.00 | 257,458.00 | 17.29 |
| Operating Supplies | 20,808.89 | 63,421.53 | 239,920.00 | 176,498.47 | 26.43 |
| Travel & Continuing Education | 4,828.75 | 13,385.88 | 69,000.00 | 55,614.12 | 19.40 |
| Public Relations/Programming | 5,849.76 | 12,335.43 | 151,500.00 | 139,164.57 | 8.14 |
| Capital Outlay-Non-Book Acq. | 54,346.56 | 174,255.42 | 483,000.00 | 308,744.58 | 36.08 |
| Capital Outlay-library Res. Ac | 121,141.68 | 580,237.08 | 1,487,000.00 | 906,762.92 | 39.02 |
| Outreach | 0.00 | 6,495.68 | 0.00 | (6,495.68) | 0.00 |
| Total Expenditures | 1,185,967.42 | 3,473,740.04 | 13,318,872.00 | 9,845,131.96 | 26.08 |
| Excess of Revenues/(Expenditur | \$ (75,067.76) | \$ (155,717.50) ✓ | 49.04 | 155,766.54 | (317,531.6 |

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

St. Tammany Parish Library-General Fund
Schedule of Expenditures
For the Three Months Ending March 31, 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> |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Library Administration | | | | |
| Library Salaries | \$ 483,948.38 | \$ 1,376,408.35 | \$ 6,090,000.00 | 4,713,591.65 |
| Total | \$ 483,948.38 | \$ 1,376,408.35 | \$ 6,090,000.00 | 4,713,591.65 |
| Employee Benefits | | | | |
| FICA/ Supplemental Retirement | \$ 10,664.87 | \$ 30,596.39 | \$ 134,000.00 | 103,403.61 |
| Retirement Contributions | 47,730.00 | 135,816.78 | 577,480.00 | 441,663.22 |
| Health Insurance Expense | 29,009.02 | 86,667.05 | 390,000.00 | 303,332.95 |
| Health Trust | 131,066.13 | 300,171.69 | 1,197,000.00 | 896,828.31 |
| Worker's Compensation Expense | 2,759.40 | 8,101.05 | 26,000.00 | 17,898.95 |
| Employee Miscellaneous | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Total | \$ 221,229.42 | \$ 561,352.96 | \$ 2,325,480.00 | 1,764,127.04 |
| Advertising, Dues & Subscriptions | | | | |
| Publication of Legal Notices | \$ 784.56 | \$ 1,114.48 | \$ 11,500.00 | 10,385.52 |
| Membership Dues | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 |
| Advertising | 1,965.16 | 5,521.36 | 33,000.00 | 27,478.64 |
| Total | \$ 2,749.72 | \$ 6,635.84 | \$ 50,500.00 | 43,864.16 |
| Signage | | | | |
| Signage | \$ 0.00 | \$ 128.93 | \$ 2,000.00 | 1,871.07 |
| Total | \$ 0.00 | \$ 128.93 | \$ 2,000.00 | 1,871.07 |
| Printing, Duplicating & Binding | | | | |
| Printing | \$ 330.00 | \$ 2,272.42 | \$ 15,500.00 | 13,227.58 |
| Book Binding | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Patron Cards | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Total | \$ 330.00 | \$ 2,272.42 | \$ 25,500.00 | 23,227.58 |
| Promotional Production | | | | |
| Promotional Production | \$ 611.55 | \$ 4,718.12 | \$ 20,000.00 | 15,281.88 |
| Total | \$ 611.55 | \$ 4,718.12 | \$ 20,000.00 | 15,281.88 |
| Utilities | | | | |

St. Tammany Parish Library-General Fund
Schedule of Expenditures
For the Three Months Ending March 31, 2026

| | <u>Current Period</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> | <u>Yearly Total</u> | <u>Variance</u> |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | |
| Electricity | \$ 41,066.98 | \$ 90,344.98 | \$ 293,220.00 | 202,875.02 |
| Gas | 212.47 | 1,603.25 | 3,250.00 | 1,646.75 |
| Water | 3,631.36 | 12,271.88 | 43,000.00 | 30,728.12 |
| Total | \$ 44,910.81 | \$ 104,220.11 | \$ 339,470.00 | 235,249.89 |
| Communications | | | | |
| Postage | \$ 268.66 | \$ 5,494.66 | \$ 20,000.00 | 14,505.34 |
| Voice Line | 4,807.50 | 14,341.36 | 52,080.00 | 37,738.64 |
| Data Lines (Internet) | 8,850.10 | 22,304.06 | 31,000.00 | 8,695.94 |
| Courier/Shipping | 0.00 | 22.42 | 1,000.00 | 977.58 |
| Total | \$ 13,926.26 | \$ 42,162.50 | \$ 104,080.00 | 61,917.50 |
| Leases | | | | |
| Building Lease Expense | \$ 25,182.00 | \$ 76,826.00 | \$ 343,000.00 | 266,174.00 |
| Equipment Lease Expense | 1,156.99 | 1,853.14 | 6,000.00 | 4,146.86 |
| Vehicle Lease Expense | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,750.00 | 2,750.00 |
| Total | \$ 26,338.99 | \$ 78,679.14 | \$ 351,750.00 | 273,070.86 |
| Maintenance of Property & Equipment | | | | |
| Custodial and Janitorial | \$ 17,761.05 | \$ 52,441.00 | \$ 220,000.00 | 167,559.00 |
| Grounds/Lawn Maintenance | 7,663.00 | 21,129.00 | 88,000.00 | 66,871.00 |
| Maintenance Supplies | 870.00 | 2,137.73 | 10,000.00 | 7,862.27 |
| Fuel & Lube | 2,328.42 | 6,032.66 | 33,000.00 | 26,967.34 |
| Vehicle Repairs | 1,980.09 | 2,096.87 | 10,000.00 | 7,903.13 |
| Small Tools | 292.16 | 292.16 | 3,000.00 | 2,707.84 |
| Office Machine & Equip Repair | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Network Utility Software | 29,800.02 | 59,930.36 | 144,250.00 | 84,319.64 |
| Solinet (OCLC) Cost | 0.00 | 0.00 | 33,000.00 | 33,000.00 |
| Polaris Maintenance | 0.00 | 68,608.90 | 60,000.00 | (8,608.90) |
| PC Network Maintenance & Repai | 3,751.16 | 4,209.81 | 11,500.00 | 7,290.19 |
| Hurricane Disaster Costs | 0.00 | 0.00 | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Total | \$ 64,445.90 | \$ 216,878.49 | \$ 623,750.00 | 406,871.51 |
| Maintenance of Services (Buildings) | | | | |
| Physical Plant | \$ 4,281.31 | \$ 19,634.15 | \$ 160,000.00 | 140,365.85 |
| Plumbing, Heating and AC | 7,509.16 | 11,522.36 | 91,500.00 | 79,977.64 |
| Electrical | 81.70 | 81.70 | 10,000.00 | 9,918.30 |
| Sanitation | 1,207.05 | 2,182.75 | 12,000.00 | 9,817.25 |
| Pest Control | 756.00 | 1,562.00 | 7,550.00 | 5,988.00 |
| Termite Contract | 339.38 | 339.38 | 3,000.00 | 2,660.62 |

**St. Tammany Parish Library-General Fund
Schedule of Expenditures
For the Three Months Ending March 31, 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> |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Carpet Cleaning | 0.00 | 0.00 | 20,000.00 | 20,000.00 |
| Total | \$ 14,174.60 | \$ 35,322.34 | \$ 304,050.00 | 268,727.66 |
| Professional Services | | | | |
| Payroll Service Fees | \$ 2,765.25 | \$ 9,493.42 | \$ 39,600.00 | 30,106.58 |
| Financial | 2,150.00 | 2,150.00 | 51,000.00 | 48,850.00 |
| Consultants | 8,726.93 | 29,004.51 | 60,000.00 | 30,995.49 |
| Security | 5,142.00 | 12,825.92 | 30,000.00 | 17,174.08 |
| Web Design Consultant | 87,541.97 | 87,541.97 | 100,000.00 | 12,458.03 |
| Movers | 0.00 | 0.00 | 60,000.00 | 60,000.00 |
| Total | \$ 106,326.15 | \$ 141,015.82 | \$ 340,600.00 | 199,584.18 |
| Insurance and Claims | | | | |
| Library Property Insurance | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 200,000.00 | 200,000.00 |
| Flood Insurance | 0.00 | 0.00 | 34,000.00 | 34,000.00 |
| Vehicle Insurance | 0.00 | 27,599.00 | 45,716.00 | 18,117.00 |
| LBOC Liability | 0.00 | 4,574.00 | 4,676.00 | 102.00 |
| General Liability | 0.00 | 21,641.00 | 26,880.00 | 5,239.00 |
| Total | \$ 0.00 | \$ 53,814.00 | \$ 311,272.00 | 257,458.00 |
| Operating Supplies | | | | |
| Office Supplies | \$ 3,737.08 | \$ 8,134.80 | \$ 33,000.00 | 24,865.20 |
| Bank Service Charges | 1,717.54 | 5,050.28 | 17,200.00 | 12,149.72 |
| Book Preparation Supplies | 3,453.90 | 8,083.65 | 51,000.00 | 42,916.35 |
| Computer/Printer Supplies | 8,997.57 | 37,691.27 | 127,000.00 | 89,308.73 |
| Programming Supplies | 2,902.80 | 4,461.53 | 11,720.00 | 7,258.47 |
| Total | \$ 20,808.89 | \$ 63,421.53 | \$ 239,920.00 | 176,498.47 |
| Travel and Continuing Education | | | | |
| Staff Travel - Local | \$ 809.87 | \$ 1,157.00 | \$ 22,000.00 | 20,843.00 |
| Library In-service Training | 0.00 | 0.00 | 12,000.00 | 12,000.00 |
| Conventions & Seminars | 4,018.88 | 12,228.88 | 35,000.00 | 22,771.12 |
| Total | \$ 4,828.75 | \$ 13,385.88 | \$ 69,000.00 | 55,614.12 |
| Public Relations/Programming | | | | |
| Summer Reading Program | \$ 1,162.69 | \$ 1,451.47 | \$ 55,000.00 | 53,548.53 |
| Summer Reading T-shirts | 0.00 | 0.00 | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 |
| Adult Programming | 3,573.06 | 9,251.50 | 39,000.00 | 29,748.50 |

St. Tammany Parish Library-General Fund
Schedule of Expenditures
For the Three Months Ending March 31, 2026

| | <u>Current Period</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> | <u>Yearly Total</u> | <u>Variance</u> |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | |
| Young Adult Programming | 455.97 | 455.97 | 17,000.00 | 16,544.03 |
| Juvenile Programming | 658.04 | 1,176.49 | 32,500.00 | 31,323.51 |
| Total | \$ 5,849.76 | \$ 12,335.43 | \$ 151,500.00 | 139,164.57 |
| Capital Outlay-Non-Book Acq | | | | |
| Landscape Additions | \$ 0.00 | \$ 5,125.00 | \$ 46,000.00 | 40,875.00 |
| Imp Phys Plant | 0.00 | 0.00 | 90,000.00 | 90,000.00 |
| Vehicles | 0.00 | 0.00 | 75,000.00 | 75,000.00 |
| Office Equip, Furn & Shelving | 16,734.83 | 18,671.27 | 53,000.00 | 34,328.73 |
| PC Network | 37,611.73 | 150,459.15 | 200,000.00 | 49,540.85 |
| Integrated Lib Automation Sys | 0.00 | 0.00 | 16,000.00 | 16,000.00 |
| Cameras | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Total | \$ 54,346.56 | \$ 174,255.42 | \$ 483,000.00 | 308,744.58 |
| Capital Outlay-Library Res. Acq. | | | | |
| Adult Books | \$ 19,960.97 | \$ 38,489.14 | \$ 205,000.00 | 166,510.86 |
| Lease/Purchase Books | 0.00 | 11,142.60 | 11,400.00 | 257.40 |
| Juvenile Books | 10,759.28 | 20,802.21 | 105,000.00 | 84,197.79 |
| Young Adults | 2,543.41 | 5,391.76 | 15,000.00 | 9,608.24 |
| Music Recordings | 38.22 | 114.09 | 2,000.00 | 1,885.91 |
| Adult Reference | 17,746.44 | 31,952.88 | 111,000.00 | 79,047.12 |
| Juvenile Reference | 0.00 | 38,314.03 | 45,000.00 | 6,685.97 |
| Periodicals | 32.52 | 32.52 | 50,000.00 | 49,967.48 |
| Audio Recordings | 3,595.68 | 4,129.93 | 16,100.00 | 11,970.07 |
| Video Recordings | 4,266.61 | 8,259.61 | 54,000.00 | 45,740.39 |
| Genealogy | 0.00 | 511.98 | 7,000.00 | 6,488.02 |
| Microfilm | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Downloadable Media | 61,498.55 | 117,473.08 | 450,000.00 | 332,526.92 |
| CD/Software | 0.00 | 12,011.86 | 65,000.00 | 52,988.14 |
| Internet Database Subscription | 700.00 | 291,611.39 | 348,000.00 | 56,388.61 |
| Total | \$ 121,141.68 | \$ 580,237.08 | \$ 1,487,000.00 | 906,762.92 |
| Capital Expenditures | | | | |
| Outreach Opening Day Collectio | \$ 0.00 | \$ 6,495.68 | \$ 0.00 | (6,495.68) |
| Causeway FF & E | 0.00 | 0.00 | 270,000.00 | 270,000.00 |
| Total | \$ 0.00 | \$ 6,495.68 | \$ 270,000.00 | 263,504.32 |

Director's Report

April 20, 2026

IT PROJECTS

Public computers were replaced at Abita Springs, Bush, and South Slidell.

MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

All branches have been rekeyed. The new key system is more secure and efficient.

CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

Mandeville Renovation – The bid package should open on April 29, 2026. Administration met with Mandeville Mayor Madden to go over the project.

Lacombe Replacement – Administration met with the architects to go over the progress of the project.

Slidell Renovation – The architect is having a current survey done of utilities, property lines, trees, and topography to inform the addition design and drainage as well as for permitting.

MARKETING AND OUTREACH

Barbara Vidacovich, Slidell Branch Children's Librarian, performed storytime at St. Margaret Mary on March 24th and provided outreach with Cathy Badon, Slidell Children's Assistant, at Fairy Tale Day on April 8th.

Jessica Troske, Covington Children's Librarian, promoted Summer Reading and Library Card sign-ups at the Abita Elementary Parent Event on March 26th.

Amy Strain, Folsom Branch Manager, provided outreach at Folsom's Easter Extravaganza on March 28th. On April 18th, she provided outreach at the Bogue Chitto State Park.

Tanya DiMaggio, Assistant Director of Support Services, attended the LSU AgCenter Advisory Leadership Council (ALC) meeting on March 30th at the St Tammany Extension Office in Covington.

Jackie Riecke, Public Relations and Community Coordinator, Kimberly Schwartz, Human Resources Manager, and Trevor Collings, Library Director, provided outreach at the Kiwanis Club of Greater Covington's Youth Wellness Fair on April 4th.

On April 8th, Jillian Boudreaux, Adult Programming Coordinator, and Jackie Riecke promoted library events and programs on the Lake 94.7 and the Highway 104.7 radio stations.

Tracey Angerdina, Causeway Branch Children's Librarian, and Barbara Vidacovich provided outreach at the Community Pinwheel Walk on April 11th.

Byron Holdiman, Reference Coordinator, Ramona Elder, Genealogy Librarian, and Barret Reich, Reference Librarian, promoted library reference services at New Orleans GenFest on April 11th.

Amy Strain and Trevor Collings attended the St. Tammany Library Foundation Distinguished Speaker Event on April 12th.

Byron Holdiman attended the St. Tammany Commission on Families on April 14th.

Tracey Angerdina performed storytime for Fontainebleau Children's Academy on April 13th, Tiny Tumblers on April 15th, and at the St. Tammany Parenting Center on April 17th. She also provided outreach for Marigny Elementary STEAM Night on April 15th.

Rhonda Spiess, Lacombe Branch Manager, presented storytime at the A-Z Preschool and at Lacombe Mandeville Headstart on April 15th.

Nichola Kleyle, Mobile Library Branch Manager, provided 19 Lobby Stops to senior centers and nursing homes from March 24th through April 20th.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Sara Rebstock, Covington Reference Librarian, Sarah Aucoin, Slidell Reference Librarian, attended the webinar, "Candid Search Launch" on April 7th.

Jane Johnson, Slidell Reference Librarian, Byron Holdiman, Sarah Aucoin, Sara Rebstock, Ramona Elder, Barret Reich, and Amy Strain attended a virtual "Data Axle Reference Solutions Database Training" on April 16th.

Tanya DiMaggio and several staff in the Children's Services and the Teen Services departments attended the University of Southern Mississippi's Kaigler Children's Book Festival in Hattiesburg, MS, from April 8th through April 10th.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

To celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary, the library is holding a library card design contest for all ages to create our America's 250th Limited Edition Library Card. The card will showcase the spirit of patriotism, the American Dream, and the importance of reading and community. Design forms can be obtained at any branch and on our website. The deadline for submissions is April 27th. Patrons will vote on the final design from May 1st through May 7th in branches and online. The winning card will be announced on May 11th, and the new card design will be available to patrons starting in July.

The Public Relations department has teamed up with the Adult Programming department to provide another way to increase patron event participation with a new resource, event recordings. Author Talks are now recorded and accessible from the Adult page on the library’s website. Some presenters will also be recorded and uploaded to our “Presenter Spotlight” page. Patrons can attend these events in person, view online after an event, and share an event video with friends and family. This platform also helps provide closed captioning for our hard-of-hearing and deaf patrons.

CONTRACTS

| Vendor | Amount | Detail |
|-------------------|-------------|--|
| Bibliocommons | \$87,541.97 | Website and online catalog yearly subscription |
| New York Times | \$4,472.26 | Digital subscription |
| TechSoup | \$220.00 | AutoCAD for makerspace |
| Vimeo | \$983.25 | Vimeo renewal |
| SHI International | \$5,207.41 | Google Workspace Renewal |
| Zoom | \$6,444.75 | Zoom annual renewal |

PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS

Since the March 23rd meeting, we have received three new public records request. One of these is pending collection of records. Another from February is still pending legal review.

STATEMENTS OF CONCERN

We have received three new statements of concern since the March 23rd, meeting.

TRANSITION OF MATERIALS

YA titles were reviewed since March 23, 2026. Ten (10) were moved to Adult Fiction. 148 were moved to Teen Fiction. To date, 2,474 titles have been reviewed out of 4,004 which is 62% of the collection.

Books Moved from YA to Adult Fiction Because of Sexual Conduct

- Lord of shadows* Clare, Cassandra.
- The infinite moment of us* Miracle, Lauren, 1969
- Twelve* Miracle, Lauren, 1969-
- American betiya* Rajurkar, Anuradha D., author.
- Tankborn* Sandler, Karen.
- The 99 boyfriends of Micah Summers* Sass, Adam, 1983- author.
- The darkness outside us* Schrefer, Eliot, 1978- author.
- Girls on the verge* Waller, Sharon Biggs, 1966- author.

Words on bathroom walls
Briar girls

Walton, Julia, 1986- author.
Wells, Rebecca Kim, author.

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

| | | | |
|--|------------|--|------------|
| <i>Escaping from Houdini</i> | Maniscalco | <i>Peace, love & baby ducks</i> | Myracle |
| <i>Hunting Prince Dracula</i> | Maniscalco | <i>Thirteen</i> | Myracle |
| <i>Kingdom of the Wicked</i> | Maniscalco | <i>Thirteen plus one</i> | Myracle |
| <i>Stalking Jack the Ripper</i> | Maniscalco | <i>Wildcard</i> | Lu |
| <i>Ophelia after all</i> | Marie | <i>Kissing in America</i> | Rabb |
| <i>The silence of murder</i> | Mackall | <i>The symptoms of my insanity</i> | Raf |
| <i>How it went down</i> | Magoon | <i>On these black sands</i> | Rasanen |
| <i>Wild</i> | Mallory | <i>The bones of ruin</i> | Raughley |
| <i>The degenerates</i> | Mann | <i>Beowulf : a tale of blood, heat, and ashes</i> | Raven |
| <i>Exposed</i> | Marcus | <i>The yearling</i> | Rawlings |
| <i>Wildwood dancing</i> | Marillier | <i>The yearling</i> | Rawlings |
| <i>The radius of us</i> | Marquardt | <i>Where the red fern grows</i> | Rawls |
| <i>Darkest mercy</i> | Marr | <i>A short history of the girl next door</i> | Reck |
| <i>Faery tales & nightmares</i> | Marr | <i>Alone out here</i> | Redgate |
| <i>Fragile eternity</i> | Marr | <i>Handbook for mortals</i> | Sarem |
| <i>Ink exchange</i> | Marr | <i>The Athena protocol</i> | Sarif |
| <i>One blood ruby</i> | Marr | <i>The rule of one</i> | Saunders |
| <i>Hamlet : a novel</i> | Marsden | <i>Not even bones</i> | Schaeffer |
| <i>The night tourist</i> | Marsh | <i>Only ashes remain</i> | Schaeffer |
| <i>Nowhere boy</i> | Marsh | <i>When villains rise</i> | Schaeffer |
| <i>I am still alive</i> | Marshall | <i>Secret letters</i> | Scheier |
| <i>We are the ashes, we are the fire</i> | McCullough | <i>The hired girl</i> | Schlitz |
| <i>Crash into you</i> | McGarry | <i>Okay for now</i> | Schmidt |
| <i>The hero and the crown</i> | McKinley | <i>The beginning of everything</i> | Schneider |
| <i>Blanca & Roja</i> | McLemore | <i>Four dead queens</i> | Scholte |
| <i>Nothing more to tell</i> | McManus | <i>League of liars</i> | Scholte |
| <i>One of us is next</i> | McManus | <i>Spelled</i> | Schow |
| <i>Frostbite</i> | Mead | <i>The queens of New York</i> | Shen |
| <i>Before she ignites</i> | Meadows | <i>The vampire diaries. Vol. 3, Stefan's diaries</i> | Smith |
| <i>Cinder</i> | Meyer. | <i>The craving</i> | |
| <i>Instant karma</i> | Meyer | <i>The gravity of us</i> | Stamper |
| <i>Stars above : a Lunar Chronicles collection</i> | Meyer | <i>Blue lily, lily Blue</i> | Stiefvater |
| <i>Monster</i> | Myers | <i>The Raven King</i> | Stiefvater |
| <i>Hoops</i> | Myers | <i>Snow in love : four stories</i> | Wahl |
| <i>Peace, love & baby ducks</i> | Myracle | <i>Phoebe's diary</i> | Wakefield |
| <i>Thirteen</i> | Myracle | <i>In-between days</i> | Wallach |
| <i>Thirteen plus one</i> | Myracle | <i>Hatchet girls</i> | Wallach |
| <i>Ttyl</i> | Myracle | <i>Small town monsters</i> | Wallach |
| <i>Twelve</i> | Myracle | <i>We all looked up</i> | Walther |

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|--|------------|---|------------|
| <i>What happens after midnight</i> | Walton | <i>Uglies & pretties</i> | Westerfeld |
| <i>Just our luck</i> | Walton | <i>Zeroes</i> | Westerfeld |
| <i>Bleeding Earth</i> | Ward | <i>Behemoth</i> | Westerfeld |
| <i>The strange & beautiful sorrows of Ava Lavender</i> | Warga | <i>Extras</i> | Westerfeld |
| <i>Bleeding Earth</i> | Waters | <i>Leviathan</i> | Whaley |
| <i>Other words for home</i> | Watson | <i>Specials</i> | Whaley |
| <i>The restless dark</i> | Weber | <i>Touching darkness</i> | White |
| <i>Piecing me together</i> | Weber | <i>Noggin</i> | White |
| <i>Siren's fury</i> | Weber | <i>Where things come back : a novel</i> | Wahl |
| <i>Siren's song</i> | Wein | <i>The spirit bares its teeth</i> | Wakefield |
| <i>Storm siren</i> | Wein | <i>The Thickety : a path begins</i> | Wallach |
| <i>The Enigma game</i> | Wein | <i>And I darken</i> | Wallach |
| <i>Stateless</i> | Wein | <i>The dark descent of Elizabeth</i> | Wallach |
| <i>Code name Verity</i> | Wein | <i>Frankenstein</i> | |
| <i>Code name Verity</i> | Weiner | <i>The Guinevere deception</i> | Walther |
| <i>Rose under fire</i> | Weitz | <i>Padawan</i> | Walton |
| <i>The Templeton twins have an idea</i> | Welch | <i>Genesis begins again</i> | Walton |
| <i>The new order</i> | Welch | <i>This train is being held</i> | Ward |
| <i>Love & gelato</i> | Wells | <i>A sitting in St. James</i> | Warga |
| <i>Love & olives</i> | Wells | <i>The most dazzling girl in Berlin</i> | Waters |
| <i>Partials</i> | Wells | <i>The cure for dreaming</i> | Watson |
| <i>Swamped!</i> | Werlin | <i>Right where I left you</i> | Weber |
| <i>Dark energy</i> | Werlin | <i>The summer of everything : a novel</i> | Weber |
| <i>And then there were four</i> | Werlin | <i>My mother's secret : based on a true</i> | Weber |
| <i>Healer and witch</i> | West | <i>Holocaust story</i> | |
| <i>Zoe Rosenthal is not lawful good</i> | West | <i>Local girl swept away</i> | Wein |
| <i>Impossible : a novel</i> | West | <i>Saturdays with Hitchcock</i> | Wein |
| <i>By your side</i> | West | <i>Home, and other big, fat lies</i> | Wein |
| <i>Listen to your heart</i> | Westerfeld | <i>Nothing burns as bright as you</i> | Wein |
| <i>Lucky in love</i> | Westerfeld | <i>Havoc</i> | Wein |
| <i>Maybe this time</i> | Westerfeld | <i>Malice</i> | Weiner |
| <i>Afterworlds</i> | Westerfeld | <i>Silver</i> | Weitz |
| <i>Impostors</i> | Westerfeld | <i>My flawless life</i> | Welch |
| <i>Mirror's edge</i> | Westerfeld | <i>People to follow : a novel</i> | Welch |
| <i>Shatter city</i> | Westerfeld | <i>Dealing with dragons</i> | Wells |
| <i>Swarm</i> | Westerfeld | <i>It ends with you</i> | Wells |
| | | <i>Wild tongues can't be tamed : 15</i> | |
| | | <i>voices from the Latinx diaspora</i> | |

March 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 | 306 | 37 | 42 | | 19 | 56 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 373 | 0 | | 834 | | | | |
| Abita | 563 | 43 | 144 | | 26 | 406 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 1 | | 1,210 | 152 | 1,466 | 108 | 199 |
| Bush | 178 | 10 | 175 | | 3 | 181 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | | 554 | 77 | 525 | 43 | 93 |
| Causeway | 1820 | 78 | 600 | | 28 | 2729 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 109 | 2 | | 5,386 | 520 | 4,775 | 888 | 797 |
| Covington | 3315 | 183 | 1326 | | 15 | 4031 | 104 | 58 | 0 | 232 | 20 | | 9,284 | 1,079 | 7,507 | 1421 | 1,013 |
| Folsom | 396 | 13 | 233 | | 6 | 372 | 47 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 3 | | 1,087 | 253 | 1,195 | 118 | 145 |
| Lacombe | 247 | 21 | 145 | | 1 | 334 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 21 | 5 | | 791 | 241 | 1,208 | 118 | 126 |
| Lee Road | 303 | 23 | 118 | | 1 | 379 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0 | | 835 | 39 | 717 | 61 | 156 |
| Madisonville | 1142 | 83 | 339 | | 27 | 2232 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 93 | 6 | | 3,950 | 494 | 4,711 | 938 | 344 |
| Mandeville | 2644 | 172 | 651 | | 27 | 3277 | 66 | 1 | 4 | 202 | 0 | | 7,044 | 848 | 6,339 | 865 | 542 |
| Mobile | 412 | 0 | 2 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 414 | | | | |
| Pearl River | 384 | 8 | 162 | | 16 | 292 | 20 | 22 | 0 | 7 | 3 | | 914 | 243 | 1,406 | 103 | 227 |
| Slidell | 3491 | 207 | 906 | 2 | 28 | 3583 | 130 | 155 | 1 | 339 | 52 | | 8,894 | 1,990 | 15,486 | 1552 | 2,500 |
| South Slidell | 648 | 26 | 412 | | 9 | 955 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 131 | 11 | | 2,204 | 1,365 | 5,260 | 1069 | 1,392 |
| Virtual ¹ | | | | 29 | | | | | | | | 38725 | 38,754 | | | | |
| Total | 15,849 | 904 | 5,255 | 31 | 206 | 18,827 | 432 | 258 | 6 | 1,559 | 103 | 38,725 | 82,155 | 7,301 | 50,595 | 7,284 | 7,534 |

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

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

Patrons Registered: 664

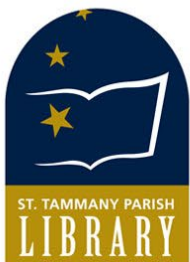
YTD January-March 2026 Service Statistics

| 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 | 1226 | 80 | 237 | 0 | 63 | 372 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 965 | 4 | | 2,949 | | | | |
| Abita | 1669 | 131 | 425 | 1 | 62 | 1149 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 56 | 4 | | 3,503 | 358 | 3,676 | 278 | 508 |
| Bush | 524 | 42 | 530 | | 13 | 529 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | | 1,652 | 212 | 1,467 | 120 | 268 |
| Causeway | 5505 | 238 | 1785 | | 83 | 7034 | 120 | 0 | 0 | 324 | 6 | | 15,095 | 1,473 | 15,611 | 1953 | 2,259 |
| Covington | 9609 | 500 | 3866 | | 67 | 10942 | 244 | 295 | 0 | 617 | 67 | | 26,207 | 2,680 | 21,346 | 4194 | 2,489 |
| Folsom | 1150 | 79 | 869 | | 21 | 1145 | 121 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 6 | | 3,437 | 586 | 3,539 | 301 | 382 |
| Lacombe | 751 | 66 | 340 | | 7 | 1190 | 4 | 32 | 1 | 67 | 6 | | 2,464 | 638 | 3,384 | 352 | 346 |
| Lee Road | 914 | 43 | 455 | | 8 | 1012 | 4 | 22 | 0 | 12 | 1 | | 2,471 | 106 | 1,986 | 160 | 460 |
| Madisonville | 3449 | 199 | 938 | | 89 | 5618 | 105 | 0 | 1 | 300 | 10 | | 10,709 | 1,299 | 13,480 | 2697 | 987 |
| Mandeville | 7383 | 526 | 1973 | 1 | 93 | 9444 | 209 | 10 | 20 | 546 | 6 | | 20,211 | 2,581 | 17,207 | 2259 | 1,408 |
| Mobile | 1235 | 1 | 13 | | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | 1,255 | | | | |
| Pearl River | 1142 | 32 | 473 | | 42 | 758 | 37 | 107 | 0 | 22 | 5 | | 2,618 | 627 | 3,617 | 288 | 583 |
| Slidell | 10171 | 628 | 2923 | 2 | 89 | 10204 | 357 | 442 | 5 | 1087 | 147 | | 26,055 | 5,329 | 41,578 | 4210 | 6,795 |
| South Slidell | 1971 | 80 | 1209 | | 49 | 2422 | 17 | 16 | 0 | 317 | 20 | | 6,101 | 3,795 | 13,898 | 2904 | 3,784 |
| Virtual ¹ | | | | 61 | | | | | | | | 111430 | 111,491 | | | | |
| Total | 46,699 | 2,645 | 16,036 | 65 | 687 | 51,819 | 1,235 | 924 | 30 | 4,366 | 282 | 111,430 | 236,218 | 19,684 | 140,789 | 19,716 | 20,269 |

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Patrons Registered: 1969



St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control

Resolution No. 26-009

Resolution to Set Amount of Time on Graphic Novel Appeals

April 20th, 2026

SPONSOR: Mr. Branton

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2023, the St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control adopted a resolution restricting certain graphic novel materials behind the circulation desk; and

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control subsequently amended Section 407 of the Rules and Regulations on February 23, 2026, to allow for the consolidation of multiple appeals regarding library materials; and

WHEREAS, the Board has scheduled for consideration the consolidated appeals submitted by Kevin Marino concerning certain graphic novel titles subject to the February 28, 2023 and February 23, 2026 resolution; and

WHEREAS, the titles subject to these consolidated appeals are listed in the materials provided to the Board, totaling sixty-three (63) individual works; and

WHEREAS, Library staff have reviewed each of the titles in accordance with Section 407 and determined that each item meets the applicable criteria under existing Board policy and prior resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control must set an amount of time for the appellant at the hearing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control shall hear and decide the consolidated appeals at its April 20, 2026 meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the time allotted for the appellant shall be _____.

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FOLSOM (985) 796-9728

LACOMBE (985) 882-7858

LEE RD (985) 893-6284

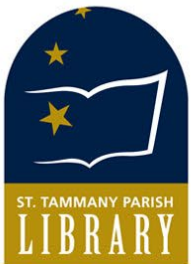
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THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Moved for adoption by _____ and seconded by _____,

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

AND THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED DULY ADOPTED ON THIS DAY, THE 20th DAY OF APRIL 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. 26-010

Resolution to Adjudicate Consolidated Appeals on Graphic Novel Titles and Establish Hearing Procedure

April 20th, 2026

SPONSOR: Mr. Branton

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2023, the St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control adopted a resolution restricting certain graphic novel materials behind the circulation desk; and

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control subsequently amended Section 407 of the Rules and Regulations on February 23, 2026, to allow for the consolidation of multiple appeals regarding library materials; and

WHEREAS, the Board has scheduled for consideration the consolidated appeals submitted by Kevin Marino concerning certain graphic novel titles subject to the February 28, 2023 and February 23, 2026 resolution; and

WHEREAS, the titles subject to these consolidated appeals are listed in the materials provided to the Board, totaling sixty-three (63) individual works; and

WHEREAS, Library staff have reviewed each of the titles in accordance with Section 407 and determined that each item meets the applicable criteria under existing Board policy and prior resolutions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 407 the Library Board of Control has set the amount of time available to the appellant(s) at the hearing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control shall hear and decide the consolidated appeals at its April 20, 2026 meeting; and

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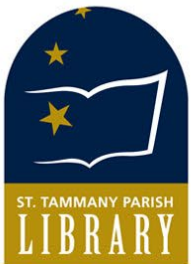
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that following public comment, the Board shall vote on each of the sixty-three (63) titles individually, and may affirm, modify, reject, or take under advisement the prior determinations in accordance with Section 407(C)(4); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board's consideration of these consolidated appeals constitutes review of previously adjudicated matters, and for the purpose of Section 407(D), the applicable decision date for each title shall be the original date of determination made pursuant to Section 407, with the five (5) year period of effect running from that date, unless expressly stated otherwise by the Board;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the list of titles subject to this Resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth, and the vote of the Board for each respective title is reflected thereon.

AND THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED DULY ADOPTED ON THIS DAY, THE 20th DAY OF APRIL 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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**EXHIBIT A
To Resolution No. 26-010**

CONSOLIDATED TITLES FOR BOARD ACTION

April 20th, 2026

1. A Game of Thrones: The Graphic Novel, Volume 1
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2. A Game of Thrones: The Graphic Novel, Volume 2
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3. A Game of Thrones: The Graphic Novel, Volume 3
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4. A Game of Thrones: The Graphic Novel, Volume 4
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5. Berserk: Deluxe Edition, Volume 1
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6. Black Dossier
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7. Blankets
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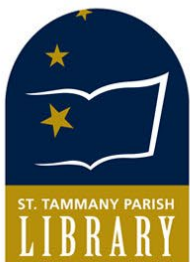
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8. Breakdowns: Portrait of the Artist as a Young %@!*
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9. Calamity Jane: The Calamitous Life of Martha Jane Cannary, 1852–1903
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10. Crisis Zone
 Affirm Modify Reject Postpone

11. Dandadan, Vol. 1
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12. Darkly She Goes
 Affirm Modify Reject Postpone

13. Diego Rivera
 Affirm Modify Reject Postpone

14. Eden II
 Affirm Modify Reject Postpone

15. ElfQuest: The Final Quest, Volume Two
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16. ElfQuest: The Searcher and the Sword
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17. Emma, Vol. 2
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18. Emma, Vol. 4
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19. Emma, Vol. 5
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20. Fables: Vol. 3 – Storybook Love
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21. Fight Club 2: The Tranquility Gambit
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22. Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic
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23. Gender Queer
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24. Gurren Lagann Archives
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25. Hellsing: Deluxe Edition, Vol. 2
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26. Kase-san and Bento
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27. Kase-san and Cherry Blossoms
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28. Kase-san and Shortcake
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29. Let's Play, Vol. 3
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30. Me and the Devil Blues: The Unreal Life of Robert Johnson, Book 1
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31. Menopause: A Comic Treatment
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32. My Brilliant Friend
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33. Night Fever
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34. Nightmare Country
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35. Outside the Box
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36. Parable of the Sower
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37. Poor Helpless Comics!: The Cartoons (and More) of Ed Subitzky
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38. Pretending Is Lying
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39. Sand Castle
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40. Take It as a Compliment
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41. The Color of Earth, Vol. 1
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42. The Color of Water, Vol. 2
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43. The Color of Heaven, Vol. 3
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44. The Good Asian, Vol. 1
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45. The Good Neighbors, Book Two
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46. The Great and Secret Show, Vol. 2
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47. The Me You Love in the Dark
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48. The Metabarons
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49. The Sandman, Vol. 6
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50. The Sandman, Vol. 8
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51. The Sandman, Vol. 11
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52. The Walking Dead, Vol. 8
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53. The Walking Dead, Vol. 11
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54. The Walking Dead, Vol. 13
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55. The Walking Dead, Vol. 15
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56. The Wicked and the Divine, Vol. 3: Commercial Suicide

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57. The World of Edena

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58. This Country: Searching for Home in (Very) Rural America

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59. Three Rocks

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60. Top 10

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61. Underground: The Illustrated Bible of Cursed Rockers and High Priestesses of Sound

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62. V for Vendetta

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63. Whisper of the Woods

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