

St. Tammany Parish Library  
Board of Control Meeting  
May 18, 2026  
St. Tammany Parish Library Slidell Branch  
555 Robert Blvd.,  
Slidell, LA 70458  
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, May 18, 2026.

AGENDA

Call to order by President and Roll Call by Director

Invocation

America 250 Proclamation (Baham)

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Library Board of Control that was held on April 20, 2026.
  - Discussion
  - Public Comment
  - Vote
2. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Resolution #26-011 to Adjudicate Remaining Title from Consolidated Appeals on Graphic Novel Titles (Branton)
    - Discussion
    - Public Comment
    - Vote
3. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Summer Reading Presentation
  - B. Financial Report –April 2026
    - Discussion
    - Public Comment
    - Vote
  - C. Directors' Report

D. Resolution #26-012 to Amend St. Tammany Parish Library Rules and Regulations Section 407 “Statements of Concern about Library Resources” to Clarify Scope, Procedures, and Finality of Decisions (Branton)

- Discussion
- Public Comment
- Vote

E. Resolution #26-013 to Request Maintaining the Library’s Millage Rate (Branton)

- Discussion
- Public Comment
- Vote

F. Resolution #26-014 to Adopt Spring Budget Amendment (Branton)

- Discussion
- Public Comment
- Vote

4. Adjournment

## BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

### A PROCLAMATION

On January 1, 2026, the United States began our year-long commemoration of an important milestone in the history of our country: 250 years of American freedom and independence.

Two and a half centuries ago, on July 4, 1776, thousands of years' worth of wisdom, philosophy, and culture were brought together in Philadelphia where delegates to the Second Continental Congress gathered to declare the birth of a new nation — “conceived in Liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal” — and, in so doing, launched the single greatest force for goodness, justice, prosperity, and human flourishing the world has ever known.

As we celebrate the 250th year since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, we acknowledge with gratitude and pride that July 4, 1776, represents the most seminal political event in all of human history.

Unlike other nations, America's Founding was rooted in the belief that every man, woman, and child is “endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

This conviction, enshrined in our Declaration of Independence, and indelibly etched upon every American heart, remains the bedrock of our government and the crown jewel of Western civilization. For 250 years, the burning flame of liberty has been passed down from one generation to the next, and has carried our Nation and our people to heights that our Founding Fathers could have never dreamed.

Guided by the example of Founding Fathers like George Washington, John Adams, James Madison, Benjamin Franklin, and other American patriots who helped light the torch of liberty in 1776, let us ask our Creator to bless America, free our Nation and our people from all threats to our safety and happiness, and to guide our actions for the security and common good of all Americans.

This year, we honor and cherish the generations of pioneers, warriors, statesmen, preachers, inventors, risk-takers, workers, and heroes whose unwavering commitment to the promise of freedom gave rise to the greatest Republic ever created. Today and throughout this year, I call on every American to celebrate this triumph of the American spirit, and to rededicate themselves to the sacred cause of liberty and justice for all.

The Bible teaches: “In all circumstances give thanks.” As such, it is fitting that we mark this special year as a unique occasion to celebrate our proud history, reflect on our abundant blessings, pray for our country and our people, and rededicate ourselves as one Nation under God.

From the earliest days of our national story, reflection and thanksgiving have been central to our character, identity, and destiny. Just weeks before declaring independence, the Second Continental Congress ordered a day of “fasting, humiliation and prayer,” petitioning God “to pardon all our manifold sins and transgressions” and to “establish the peace and freedom of

America, upon a solid and lasting foundation.” Later, in the heart of the Revolutionary War, the Second Continental Congress declared it “the indispensable duty of all men to adore the superintending providence of Almighty God.”

In the sweltering summer of 1776, the promise of Freedom moved our ancestors to break with a tyrannical empire, issue the Declaration of Independence, and go on to overcome every hardship to establish a Republic like no other. It is this unwavering spirit of courage, faith and patriotism that propelled Paul Revere on his famous midnight ride, and that later inspired some of the world’s greatest men to pledge their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor to build a new nation. It is this spirit that led General George Washington to persevere at Valley Forge; inspired Davy Crockett to make his last stand at the Alamo; sustained settlers on the Oregon Trail; held the bloody ridges of Gettysburg; set slavery on a path to worldwide extinction; roused a generation of young men to conquer tyranny and communism overseas; and carried our beautiful Stars and Stripes to the face of the moon. To this very day, it is this American spirit that lives on in the hearts, minds, and souls of every patriot — and inspires every new generation of American citizens to reach further and aim higher.

When the Second Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, General George Washington issued General Orders to his army. In words that have echoed throughout history, he wrote: “The fate of unborn Millions will now depend, under God, on the Courage and Conduct of this army... Let us therefore rely upon the goodness of the Cause, and the aid of the supreme Being, in whose hands Victory is, to animate and encourage us to great and noble Actions.”

Today, too, we pray that our noble cause continues to be guided by the hand of providence and the grace of God — and that the fire of freedom will forever burn brightly in the heart of every American. Above all, this year, we pray and endeavor that the triumph of the American spirit and the glorious truths expressed in our Declaration of Independence will shine more radiantly than ever before.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim 2026 as a Year of Celebration and Rededication. I call on every American to reflect upon and celebrate the wisdom and deeds of the heroes of our Founding who made the miracle of America possible. I call on parents to teach their children about America’s inspiring history, heritage, and heroes. I invite the world to come to our shores to experience the splendor, warmth, and hospitality of America. And I encourage all Americans — including businesses, churches, families, and the military — to observe this year, reflecting on the blessings our Nation has received, with appropriate programs, ceremonies, concerts, celebrations, and activities in their homes, schools, work, communities, military bases, and houses of worship.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this

twenty-ninth day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fiftieth.

DONALD J. TRUMP

**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.**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Charles (Chuck) Branton, Board President. Roll was called and a quorum was established.

**Present (7):** Glenn Baham, Chuck Branton, Councilman Patrick Burke (designated by Parish President Mike Cooper), 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.

T. Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance. C. Branton led the Invocation.

C. Branton explained the meeting rules, the rules for public comment, and the Statements of Concern (SOC) appeals process.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

**MOTION:** P. Petrie moved to approve the minutes. It was seconded by T. Myers.

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

**RESULT:** Motion carried. (Unanimous)

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Financial Report – March 2026**

T. Collings reported that an additional \$307,460.72 in ad valorem revenue was received on April 1, 2026, bringing the year-to-date total to \$12,628,729.26. Total State Revenue Sharing received to date is \$75,076.17. He reviewed the general fund balance sheet, including assets and liabilities. Revenue percentages are where they should be for the year. He gave explanations for expenditure lines that were over budget. Most are expected to be in balance by year-end, and others will be adjusted. Notable line items discussed included Data Lines, Network Utility Software, Polaris Maintenance, PC

Maintenance and Repair, Consultants, Security, Web Design Consultants, PC Network, Lease/Purchase Books, Juvenile Reference, and Internet Database Subscription.

G. Baham asked about the Movers line. T. Collings explained it will be used if collections or other items need to be moved during capital projects. G. Baham asked about the progress of the Mandeville Branch renovations. T. Collings stated that the bid package should be going out soon.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

**MOTION:** G. Baham moved to approve the March 2026 financial report. It was seconded by T. Thompson.

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

**RESULT:** Motion carried. (Unanimous)

### **B. Director's Report**

T. Collings reported updates to I.T. projects, maintenance projects, capital projects (Mandeville renovation – Bid package should open on April 29, 2026; Lacombe replacement – Administration met with architects; and Slidell renovation – Architect is working on utility surveys, property lines, and drainage), marketing and outreach efforts, professional development, program highlights, contracts, public records requests, Statements of Concern, and the transition of materials from the Young Adult (YA) collection to the Teen and Adult collections. He reviewed the March 2026 and year-to-date statistics.

### **C. Resolution #26-009 to Set Amount of Time on Graphic Novel Appeals (Branton)**

C. Branton explained that the Board must set a time limit for Kevin Marino to speak regarding his appeals of 63 titles, which the Board has previously approved for consolidation. These titles were reviewed and decided on by library staff, and K. Marino is appealing the staff's recommendations.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Kevin Marino – Mandeville, LA. He stated he had prepared a slide presentation but was not approved to use the A/V equipment. He requested one hour of speaking time but said he would try to limit his comments to 30 minutes.

Devin McGee – Madisonville, LA. He was in favor of a single, set speaking time rather than more than five hours. He stated that complainants should be able to state their concerns in a timely manner.

Roxanne Newman – Mandeville, LA. She supported granting K. Marino one hour, though she recommends five minutes per book. She also stated that members of the public should be allowed three minutes of public comment per speaker per book.

Erin Kennedy – Folsom, LA. She expressed concerns about restricting access to the graphic novels under appeal. She opposed restricting the books and urged the Board to reconsider.

Lisa Rustemeyer – She expressed concern about restricting access, stating that all of the books are located on the regular shelves in other peer-selected library systems. She disagreed with the process for granting speaking time, calling it unfair and punitive toward K. Marino.

Rebecca Bohm – Mandeville, LA. She supported allowing K. Marino two hours of speaking time and 20 minutes of public comment per member of the public. She suggested a break for K. Marino to reorganize his presentation and questioned whether the Board had read all the books.

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

Board members suggested time limits for K. Marino to speak: P. Burke proposed one hour; T. Myers proposed 30 minutes with a short recess to regroup; and P. Petrie, D. Thanars, and T. Thompson each proposed 30 minutes. Board members and K. Marino further discussed the amount of time needed.

**MOTION:** T. Myers moved to grant K. Marino 30 minutes of speaking time following a 10-minute recess. It was seconded by P. Petrie.

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

**RESULT:** Motion carried. (Unanimous)

After a 10-minute recess, C. Branton called the meeting back to order.

#### **D. Resolution #26-010 to Adjudicate Consolidated Appeals on Graphic Novel Titles (Branton)**

Kevin Marino presented his case, using a poster displaying all 63 book covers. All 63 books were available on hand, and a QR code was provided for public access to his slideshow. He had previously emailed a copy of the presentation to Board members. He spoke about several of the graphic novels under appeal. When the 30-minute time limit was reached, K. Marino requested additional time to continue speaking.

**MOTION:** T. Thompson moved to grant K. Marino 10 additional minutes of speaking time. It was seconded by P. Burke.

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

**RESULT:** Motion carried. (Unanimous)

K. Marino continued presenting his case, addressing several of the graphic novels under appeal.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Devin McGee – He spoke about the content in the book *Gender Queer*. He expressed his reasons for supporting restriction of the graphic novels and spoke about content curation.

Roxanne Newman – She said the graphic novels should be moved from behind the desk, calling the restrictions censorship and red flagging. She spoke about the book *Three Rocks*.

Lisa Rustemeyer – She said the books had been shelved appropriately before librarians restricted them under duress and out of fear of prosecution. She spoke in opposition to restricting the graphic novels.

Rebecca Bohm – She spoke in opposition to restricting the books behind the desk and in favor of shelving them in the Adult section of the library. She continued expressing her concerns, giving an example of a book that contained kissing and not sexual conduct.

C. Branton gave a brief summary of the graphic novel resolution, LA R.S. 25:225, and why the graphic novels in question are located behind the circulation desk. He reiterated that these are appeals of the staff’s decision to place the books behind the desk. He noted that K. Marino did not reference the content of the books in his original SOCs. He stated that librarians spent countless hours reviewing the books from cover to cover and their recommendation was for these to be restricted behind the desk.

**MOTION #1:** A standing motion was made by C. Branton and seconded by G. Baham to affirm the staff committee’s decision that all 63 titles remain shelved behind the circulation desk.

E. Couvillon clarified that this motion would apply as each title is voted on individually. Any board member wishing to take a different action on a specific title would need to make a separate motion for that title.

**VOTE:** All 63 titles were read aloud and voted on. Five board members voted in favor (G. Baham, T. Myers, P. Petrie, T. Thompson, and C. Branton), one opposed (D. Thanars), and one abstained (P. Burke). T. Myers voted in favor of all titles except *Emma 2*, for which she moved to postpone consideration.

**RESULT:** The motion carried for all titles except *Emma 2*.

**MOTION #2:** T. Myers moved to postpone consideration of *Emma 2* until the May 2026 board meeting. The motion was seconded by P. Petrie.

**VOTE:** Baham: No Burke: Yes Myers: Yes Petrie: Yes Thanars: Yes Thompson: No Branton: No

**RESULT:** Motion to postpone *Emma 2* carried. (Yes – 4 | No – 3)

T. Thompson said most of the books were very graphic and that he reviewed K. Marino’s presentation. He said the books contained lewd sexual content not appropriate for children and that the page numbers cited by staff accurately identified the material.

C. Branton thanked the staff members who spent many hours over several days reviewing the books cover to cover, noting that their recommendations followed a thorough review. C. Branton reminded the public that the next LBOC meeting will be at the Slidell Branch on May 18, 2026.

#### 4. Adjournment

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

**APPROVAL:**

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Tamarah Myers, Board Secretary/Treasurer



St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control

Resolution No. 26-011

Resolution to Adjudicate Postponed Appeal from Resolution No. 26-010

May 18th, 2026

SPONSOR: Mr. Branton

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2026 the St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control adopted Resolution No. 26-010 to adjudicate consolidated appeals concerning certain graphic novel titles; and

WHEREAS, during that proceeding, the Board voted to postpone consideration of one (1) title for further review; and

WHEREAS, the Board now desires to take final action on the previously postponed appeal in accordance with Section 407 and the procedures established under Resolution No. 26-010;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control shall consider and decide the previously postponed appeal concerning the following title: Emma, Vol. 2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board shall vote on this title and may affirm, modify, reject, or take under advisement the prior determination in accordance with Section 407(C)(4).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this action constitutes continuation and completion of the proceedings initiated under Resolution No. 26-010, and all prior findings, procedures, and determinations remain in effect.

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

Moved for adoption by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_,

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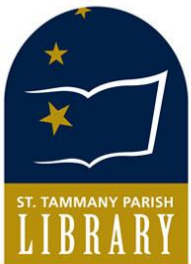
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SOUTH SLIDELL (985) 781-0099



YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

AND THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED DULY ADOPTED ON THIS DAY, THE 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 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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Charles Branton, Board President

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# 2026 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

## KIDS

Ages 0 to 12

### REGISTRATION PRIZE

One (1) Reading Dino Buddy



### COMPLETION PRIZE

One (1) Dinosaur Egg for each completion:

Reading 720 minutes, BINGO, and BLACKOUT for a total of 3 prizes!



(1) Raffle Entry for each completion:

Reading 720 minutes, BINGO, and BLACKOUT for a total of 3 entries!

### RAFFLE PRIZE

One (1) Lego set



## TEEN

Ages 13 to 17

### REGISTRATION PRIZE

One (1) Dinosaur Enamel Pin



### COMPLETION PRIZE

One (1) Dinosaur Vinyl Sticker for each challenge for each completion:

Reading 720 minutes, BINGO, and BLACKOUT for a total of 3 prizes!

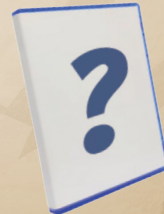


(1) Raffle Entry for each completion:

Reading 720 minutes, BINGO, and BLACKOUT for a total of 3 entries!

### RAFFLE PRIZE

One (1) Video Game of your choice (\$69.99 or less and rated E or T)



## ADULTS

Ages 18 & Up

### REGISTRATION PRIZE

One (1) Seed Packet



### COMPLETION PRIZE

Row of BINGO: Raffle Entry for \$25 gift card.

BLACKOUT BINGO: Raffle Entry for \$50 gift card.

Read 720 Minutes: Raffle Entry for \$50 gift card.

### RAFFLE PRIZE

\$25 or \$50 gift card





**St. Tammany Parish Library - General Fund**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**April 30, 2026**

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

Cash	\$ 14,789,307.96
Cash - Health Claims	(36,507.91)
Due from Paylocity	0.00
Due from Employee	4.59
Returned Checks	0.00
Ad Valorem Receivable - 2026	4,139,515.92
Ad Valorem Receivable - 2025	331,133.71
Ad Valorem Receivable - 2023	0.00
Due from State of Louisiana	164,704.62
Prepaid Expenses	128,675.38

**Total Current Assets** **19,516,834.27**

**Other Assets**

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

**Total Assets** **\$ 19,518,815.27**

**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE**

**Current Liabilities.**

Accrued Salaries	\$ 62,931.09
Deferred Inflows - Ad Valorem	382,837.00
Deferred Compensation Payable	2.59
Elective Benefits Payable	(11,806.27)
Retirement Payable	77,420.43
Health Claims Payable	362,703.55

**Total Current Liabilities** **874,088.39**

**Fund Balance**

Fund Balance	18,644,726.88
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**Total Fund Balance** **18,644,726.88**

**Total Liabilities & Fund Balance** **\$ 19,518,815.27**

**St. Tammany Parish Library**  
**Statement of Changes in Fund Balance**  
**For the Four Months Ending April 30, 2026**

Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 18,681,201.60
Net Income	(36,474.72)
Ending Fund Balance	<u>\$ 18,644,726.88</u>

**St. Tammany Parish Library-General Fund  
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures  
For the Four Months Ending April 30, 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>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 1,062,085.92	\$ 4,248,343.68	12,745,031.00	8,496,687.32	33.33
State Revenue Sharing	22,407.00	89,628.00	268,884.00	179,256.00	33.33
Fines/Fees	7,917.85	34,247.75	106,500.00	72,252.25	32.16
Interest Income	15,350.89	52,707.48	184,370.04	131,662.56	28.59
Insurance Proceeds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations Received	194.48	1,051.77	12,016.00	10,964.23	8.75
Summer Reading Shirt Sales	0.00	0.00	2,120.00	2,120.00	0.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,107,956.14</b>	<b>4,425,978.68</b>	<b>13,318,921.04</b>	<b>8,892,942.36</b>	<b>33.23</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Library Administration	457,990.05	1,834,398.40	6,090,000.00	4,255,601.60	30.12
Employee Benefits	140,893.36	702,358.82	2,325,480.00	1,623,121.18	30.20
Advertising,Dues & Subscriptio	1,754.03	8,389.87	50,500.00	42,110.13	16.61
Signage	114.00	242.93	2,000.00	1,757.07	12.15
Printing, Duplicating & Bindin	85.00	2,357.42	25,500.00	23,142.58	9.24
Promotional Production	1,495.40	6,213.52	20,000.00	13,786.48	31.07
Utilities	31,681.16	135,901.27	339,470.00	203,568.73	40.03
Communications	1,466.07	43,628.57	104,080.00	60,451.43	41.92
Leases	38,669.08	117,348.22	351,750.00	234,401.78	33.36
Maintenance of Property & Equi	47,693.80	258,421.83	623,750.00	365,328.17	41.43
Maintenance Services (Building	32,172.77	67,495.11	304,050.00	236,554.89	22.20
Professional Services	27,768.78	168,784.60	340,600.00	171,815.40	49.56
Insurance and Claims	0.00	53,814.00	311,272.00	257,458.00	17.29
Operating Supplies	19,504.08	81,061.78	239,920.00	158,858.22	33.79
Travel & Continuing Education	7,180.55	20,566.43	69,000.00	48,433.57	29.81
Public Relations/Programming	8,339.98	22,539.24	151,500.00	128,960.76	14.88
Capital Outlay-Non-Book Acq.	66,016.95	240,272.37	483,000.00	242,727.63	49.75
Capital Outlay-library Res. Ac	105,775.80	698,659.02	1,487,000.00	788,340.98	46.98
Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>988,600.86</b>	<b>4,462,453.40</b>	<b>13,318,872.00</b>	<b>8,856,418.60</b>	<b>33.50</b>
<b>Excess of Revenues/(Expenditur</b>	<b>\$ 119,355.28</b>	<b>\$ (36,474.72)</b>	<b>49.04</b>	<b>36,523.76</b>	<b>(74,377.49)</b>

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

**St. Tammany Parish Library-General Fund**  
**Schedule of Expenditures**  
**For the Four Months Ending April 30, 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>
<b>Library Administration</b>				
Library Salaries	\$ 457,990.05	\$ 1,834,398.40	\$ 6,090,000.00	4,255,601.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 457,990.05</b>	<b>\$ 1,834,398.40</b>	<b>\$ 6,090,000.00</b>	<b>4,255,601.60</b>
<b>Employee Benefits</b>				
FICA/ Supplemental Retirement	\$ 10,230.49	\$ 40,826.88	\$ 134,000.00	93,173.12
Retirement Contributions	43,626.10	179,442.88	577,480.00	398,037.12
Health Insurance Expense	29,087.91	115,867.46	390,000.00	274,132.54
Health Trust	62,383.53	362,555.22	1,197,000.00	834,444.78
Worker's Compensation Expense	(4,434.67)	3,666.38	26,000.00	22,333.62
Employee Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 140,893.36</b>	<b>\$ 702,358.82</b>	<b>\$ 2,325,480.00</b>	<b>1,623,121.18</b>
<b>Advertising, Dues &amp; Subscriptions</b>				
Publication of Legal Notices	\$ 405.77	\$ 1,520.25	\$ 11,500.00	9,979.75
Membership Dues	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Advertising	1,348.26	6,869.62	33,000.00	26,130.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,754.03</b>	<b>\$ 8,389.87</b>	<b>\$ 50,500.00</b>	<b>42,110.13</b>
<b>Signage</b>				
Signage	\$ 114.00	\$ 242.93	\$ 2,000.00	1,757.07
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 114.00</b>	<b>\$ 242.93</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>	<b>1,757.07</b>
<b>Printing, Duplicating &amp; Binding</b>				
Printing	\$ 85.00	\$ 2,357.42	\$ 15,500.00	13,142.58
Book Binding	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Patron Cards	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 85.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,357.42</b>	<b>\$ 25,500.00</b>	<b>23,142.58</b>
<b>Promotional Production</b>				
Promotional Production	\$ 1,495.40	\$ 6,213.52	\$ 20,000.00	13,786.48
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,495.40</b>	<b>\$ 6,213.52</b>	<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>	<b>13,786.48</b>
<b>Utilities</b>				

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	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
Electricity	\$ 27,626.73	\$ 117,971.71	\$ 293,220.00	175,248.29
Gas	149.71	1,752.96	3,250.00	1,497.04
Water	3,904.72	16,176.60	43,000.00	26,823.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 31,681.16</b>	<b>\$ 135,901.27</b>	<b>\$ 339,470.00</b>	<b>203,568.73</b>
<b>Communications</b>				
Postage	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,494.66	\$ 20,000.00	14,505.34
Voice Line	1,466.07	15,807.43	52,080.00	36,272.57
Data Lines (Internet)	0.00	22,304.06	31,000.00	8,695.94
Courier/Shipping	0.00	22.42	1,000.00	977.58
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,466.07</b>	<b>\$ 43,628.57</b>	<b>\$ 104,080.00</b>	<b>60,451.43</b>
<b>Leases</b>				
Building Lease Expense	\$ 38,571.33	\$ 115,397.33	\$ 343,000.00	227,602.67
Equipment Lease Expense	97.75	1,950.89	6,000.00	4,049.11
Vehicle Lease Expense	0.00	0.00	2,750.00	2,750.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 38,669.08</b>	<b>\$ 117,348.22</b>	<b>\$ 351,750.00</b>	<b>234,401.78</b>
<b>Maintenance of Property &amp; Equipment</b>				
Custodial and Janitorial	\$ 17,922.58	\$ 70,363.58	\$ 220,000.00	149,636.42
Grounds/Lawn Maintenance	13,667.00	34,796.00	88,000.00	53,204.00
Maintenance Supplies	988.59	3,126.32	10,000.00	6,873.68
Fuel & Lube	2,877.45	8,910.11	33,000.00	24,089.89
Vehicle Repairs	755.44	2,852.31	10,000.00	7,147.69
Small Tools	42.93	335.09	3,000.00	2,664.91
Office Machine & Equip Repair	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Network Utility Software	10,912.97	70,843.33	144,250.00	73,406.67
Solinet (OCLC) Cost	0.00	0.00	33,000.00	33,000.00
Polaris Maintenance	0.00	62,458.44	60,000.00	(2,458.44)
PC Network Maintenance & Repai	526.84	4,736.65	11,500.00	6,763.35
Hurricane Disaster Costs	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 47,693.80</b>	<b>\$ 258,421.83</b>	<b>\$ 623,750.00</b>	<b>365,328.17</b>
<b>Maintenance of Services (Buildings)</b>				
Physical Plant	\$ 24,148.81	\$ 43,782.96	\$ 160,000.00	116,217.04
Plumbing, Heating and AC	3,782.39	15,304.75	91,500.00	76,195.25
Electrical	562.39	644.09	10,000.00	9,355.91
Sanitation	2,923.18	5,105.93	12,000.00	6,894.07
Pest Control	756.00	2,318.00	7,550.00	5,232.00
Termite Contract	0.00	339.38	3,000.00	2,660.62

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Carpet Cleaning	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 32,172.77</b>	<b>\$ 67,495.11</b>	<b>\$ 304,050.00</b>	<b>236,554.89</b>
<b>Professional Services</b>				
Payroll Service Fees	\$ 2,595.33	\$ 12,088.75	\$ 39,600.00	27,511.25
Financial	16,000.00	18,150.00	51,000.00	32,850.00
Consultants	4,017.53	33,022.04	60,000.00	26,977.96
Security	5,155.92	17,981.84	30,000.00	12,018.16
Web Design Consultant	0.00	87,541.97	100,000.00	12,458.03
Movers	0.00	0.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 27,768.78</b>	<b>\$ 168,784.60</b>	<b>\$ 340,600.00</b>	<b>171,815.40</b>
<b>Insurance and Claims</b>				
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 53,814.00</b>	<b>\$ 311,272.00</b>	<b>257,458.00</b>
<b>Operating Supplies</b>				
Office Supplies	\$ 2,866.03	\$ 11,000.83	\$ 33,000.00	21,999.17
Bank Service Charges	1,800.64	6,850.92	17,200.00	10,349.08
Book Preparation Supplies	3,283.32	11,366.97	51,000.00	39,633.03
Computer/Printer Supplies	10,186.55	47,877.82	127,000.00	79,122.18
Programming Supplies	1,367.54	3,965.24	11,720.00	7,754.76
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 19,504.08</b>	<b>\$ 81,061.78</b>	<b>\$ 239,920.00</b>	<b>158,858.22</b>
<b>Travel and Continuing Education</b>				
Staff Travel - Local	\$ 2,588.71	\$ 3,745.71	\$ 22,000.00	18,254.29
Library In-service Training	32.26	32.26	12,000.00	11,967.74
Conventions & Seminars	4,559.58	16,788.46	35,000.00	18,211.54
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,180.55</b>	<b>\$ 20,566.43</b>	<b>\$ 69,000.00</b>	<b>48,433.57</b>
<b>Public Relations/Programming</b>				
Summer Reading Program	\$ 5,933.17	\$ 7,384.64	\$ 55,000.00	47,615.36
Summer Reading T-shirts	0.00	1,863.83	8,000.00	6,136.17
Adult Programming	2,153.87	11,405.37	39,000.00	27,594.63

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Young Adult Programming	125.39	581.36	17,000.00	16,418.64
Juvenile Programming	127.55	1,304.04	32,500.00	31,195.96
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,339.98</b>	<b>\$ 22,539.24</b>	<b>\$ 151,500.00</b>	<b>128,960.76</b>
<b>Capital Outlay-Non-Book Acq</b>				
Landscape Additions	\$ 1,835.00	\$ 6,960.00	\$ 46,000.00	39,040.00
Imp Phys Plant	0.00	0.00	90,000.00	90,000.00
Vehicles	23,898.00	23,898.00	75,000.00	51,102.00
Office Equip, Furn & Shelving	10,170.96	28,842.23	53,000.00	24,157.77
PC Network	30,112.99	180,572.14	200,000.00	19,427.86
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 66,016.95</b>	<b>\$ 240,272.37</b>	<b>\$ 483,000.00</b>	<b>242,727.63</b>
<b>Capital Outlay-Library Res. Acq.</b>				
Adult Books	\$ 13,096.33	\$ 51,585.47	\$ 205,000.00	153,414.53
Lease/Purchase Books	0.00	11,142.60	11,400.00	257.40
Juvenile Books	10,472.70	31,274.91	105,000.00	73,725.09
Young Adults	2,874.06	8,265.82	15,000.00	6,734.18
Music Recordings	0.00	114.09	2,000.00	1,885.91
Adult Reference	10,621.60	42,574.48	111,000.00	68,425.52
Juvenile Reference	0.00	38,314.03	45,000.00	6,685.97
Periodicals	4,671.26	4,703.78	50,000.00	45,296.22
Audio Recordings	1,778.63	5,908.56	16,100.00	10,191.44
Video Recordings	5,507.65	13,767.26	54,000.00	40,232.74
Genealogy	38.50	550.48	7,000.00	6,449.52
Microfilm	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Downloadable Media	56,352.55	180,321.31	450,000.00	269,678.69
CD/Software	362.52	18,524.84	65,000.00	46,475.16
Internet Database Subscription	0.00	291,611.39	348,000.00	56,388.61
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 105,775.80</b>	<b>\$ 698,659.02</b>	<b>\$ 1,487,000.00</b>	<b>788,340.98</b>
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>				
Causeway FF & E	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 270,000.00	270,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 270,000.00</b>	<b>270,000.00</b>

## **Director's Report**

May 18, 2026

### **IT PROJECTS**

IT replaced network switches at Slidell. They have started replacing Slidell staff computers.

### **MAINTENANCE PROJECTS**

The security systems at Bush, Lacombe, and Pearl River branches were updated.

### **CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE**

Mandeville- The Mandeville renovation went out to bid on April 29, 2026. There is a pre-bid meeting on May 13, 2026. Bids will be opened on June 3, 2026.

Lacombe- RCL Architecture received the signed contract from the parish on April 23. The architects are continuing to work on the construction documents, refining the schematic plans into working drawings, including the floor plan, building sections, ceiling, roof and site plans. Their next step will be to send these drawings to structural, civil, electrical, and mechanical engineers as well as the landscape architect so that they can do their drawings. An additional survey for the Tammany Trace property abutting the site is being ordered.

Slidell- The programming phase has been completed. Watermark Design Group (formerly Meyer Engineers + Architects) is now taking the program and translating it into the preliminary design.

### **MARKETING AND OUTREACH**

Amy Strain, Folsom Branch Manager, provided outreach at the Touch-A-Truck program at Magnolia Park in Folsom on April 25th.

On April 29th, Trevor Collings, Library Director, and Tanya DiMaggio, Assistant Director of Support Services, attended a ceremony at the Slidell Branch honoring the Friends of the Slidell Library. Mayor Randy Fandal presented the Friends of the Slidell Library with a plaque and an official city proclamation, recognizing their 50 years of dedicated service and fundraising efforts.

Rhonda Spiess, Lacombe Branch Manager, presented a storytime at A-Z Preschool on April 29th, hosted an SRC storytime at Lacombe Mandeville Headstart on May 6th, and delivered SRC promotional materials during morning meetings at Bayou Lacombe Middle School on May 11th and Chahta-Ima Elementary School on May 12th.

Erika Dawson, South Slidell Children's Librarian, attended the Whispering Forest Elementary Earth Day event on April 25th, conducted storytimes at Children's College and St. Margaret

Mary on April 29th, May 1st, May 4th, and May 11th, and assisted with a Summer Reading presentation at Christ Episcopal School on May 13th.

Jackie Riecke, Public Relations and Community Outreach, Jenny Mayer, Youth Services Coordinator, and Jillian Boudreaux, Adult Programming Coordinator, promoted Summer Reading on the Lake and Highway radio stations on May 1st.

On May 6th, Jackie Riecke promoted Summer Reading on STPG-TV's television show, Lifestyle.

Susan Alcorn Taggart, Bush Branch Manager, promoted Summer Reading during a school visit to 5th Ward Jr. High on May 11th.

Lisa Haley, Lee Road Branch Manager, visited Lee Road Jr. High on May 12th for outreach.

Byron Holdiman attended the St. Tammany Commission on Families' Mental Health Fair on May 12th. The fair was held at the Madisonville Branch.

Nichola Kleye, Mobile Library Branch Manager, and Emily Blackwell, Mobile Library Branch Assistant, attended the Heritage Manor Mandeville Grand Opening Gala on May 6th. The Mobile branch team performed 20 lobby stops from April 21st through May 18th. The Mobile branch circulated 477 items in April and 1,732 items so far this year.

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Department heads, managers, children's librarians, and teen librarians attended the Summer Reading preview workshop on April 21st.

Katie Smith, Slidell Branch ERC Manager, Brandon Blanchard, South Slidell ERC Manager, Frank McGlothlin, Makerspace Manager, Josh Ferreras, Desktop Support Technician, and Alex Hughes, Network Coordinator, attended Tech Fest at the State Library on May 1st.

Jillian Garner Boudreaux attended "Beanstack's Create Your Own End of Year Reading Report" webinar on May 5th.

### **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

The Summer Reading Challenge is scheduled to start on May 21st with two kickoff parties, one at the Madisonville Branch on May 21st and the second at the Slidell Branch on May 22nd. Both parties will be from 4 to 7 p.m. This year's theme is "Unearth A Story," with many events focused on dinosaurs, archaeology, and anything that is found underground. The kickoff parties will give patrons a first look at what they can expect from this year's program lineup with crafts and special guest performances.

To celebrate America 250, the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the Library is hosting a series of programs starting this summer. Programs will include a lecture series for adults that will educate the public on historical events and the literature and music of the Revolutionary. There will also be themed craft programs for adults. Each branch will host a “Happy Birthday America” themed storytimes and there will be other programs for children and teens. This summer we will also issue a commemorative library card that will showcase the spirit of patriotism, the American Dream, and the importance of reading and community. Patrons were invited to submit a design with the theme. The public voted on their favorite design and the card with the winning design will be available later this summer.

**STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

*Goal 4: The St. Tammany Parish Library will serve as a platform for creativity, innovation and community interaction.*

The Maker Space at Madisonville will have a soft opening on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Supervised hours will be maintained for instruction and programs. Patrons will have access to equipment on a limited basis. The Maker Space will be fully open at the end of July.

*Goal 6: The St. Tammany Parish Library will expand its marketing and communications program to reach the many constituencies in the community to create awareness and increase use.*

The Check It Out podcast is scheduled to relaunch later this month with the inaugural episode focusing on the Summer Reading Challenge. Although the podcast has been part of the library since 2007, it is now moving to a video format, opening itself to a wider audience.

**CONTRACTS**

Vendor	Amount	Detail
Electronic Protection Systems	\$2051.00	Includes installation of new equipment and service contract for remainder of the year
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Howard Technology	\$19,440.00	Microsoft 365 Licenses
Howard Technology	\$1,890.00	Microsoft Copilot for Business licenses
SHI International	\$10,1661.58	Service Desk
SHI International	\$8,781.90	System Management Appliance Software

## **PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS**

Since the April 20th meeting, we have received no new public records requests. One request has been closed and one is still pending.

## **STATEMENTS OF CONCERN**

We have received one new statement of concern since the April 20th, meeting.

## **TRANSITION OF MATERIALS**

341 YA titles were reviewed since April 20, 2026. 52 were moved to Adult Fiction. 299 were moved to Teen Fiction. To date, 2,825 titles have been reviewed out of 4,004 which is 70% of the collection.

### Books Moved from YA to Adult Fiction Because of Sexual Conduct

<i>Lenobia's vow : a House of Night novella</i>	Cast, P. C.
<i>Kalona's fall : a House of Night novella</i>	Cast, P. C.
<i>Awakened</i>	Cast, P. C.
<i>Destined</i>	Cast, P. C.
<i>Destined</i>	Cast, P. C.
<i>Destined</i>	Cast, P. C.
<i>Burned</i>	Cast, P. C.
<i>Hunted</i>	Cast, P. C.
<i>Hunted</i>	Cast, P. C.
<i>Hunted</i>	Cast, P. C.
<i>Tempted</i>	Cast, P. C.
<i>Untamed</i>	Cast, P. C.
<i>Hex you</i>	Cast, P. C..
<i>Awakened</i>	Cast, P. C..
<i>Lost</i>	Cast, P. C..
<i>Spells trouble</i>	Cast, P. C..
<i>Spells trouble</i>	Cast, P. C..
<i>Tempted</i>	Cast, P. C..
<i>Untamed</i>	Cast, P. C..
<i>Sun warrior</i>	Cast, P. C..
<i>Wind rider</i>	Cast, P. C..
<i>Redeemed</i>	Cast, P. C..
<i>Moon chosen</i>	Cast, P. C..
<i>Neferet's curse</i>	Cast, P. C..
<i>Found</i>	Cast, P. C..
<i>Teach me to forget</i>	Chapman, Erica M..
<i>The rumor game</i>	Charaipotra, Sona. author.
<i>The storyteller</i>	Chee, Traci.

<i>The Demon King</i>	Chima, Cinda Williams.
<i>Flamecaster</i>	Chima, Cinda Williams.
<i>Shadowcaster</i>	Chima, Cinda Williams.
<i>Deathcaster</i>	Chima, Cinda Williams.
<i>The gray wolf throne</i>	Chima, Cinda Williams.
<i>The exiled queen</i>	Chima, Cinda Williams.
<i>The Crimson Crown</i>	Chima, Cinda Williams.
<i>City of lost souls</i>	Clare, Cassandra.
<i>City of fallen angels</i>	Clare, Cassandra.
<i>Chain of iron</i>	Clare, Cassandra.
<i>Chain of gold</i>	Clare, Cassandra.
<i>Chain of thorns</i>	Clare, Cassandra.
<i>Chain of thorns</i>	Clare, Cassandra.
<i>Lord of shadows</i>	Clare, Cassandra.
<i>Clockwork prince</i>	Clare, Cassandra.
<i>A sorrow fierce and falling</i>	Cluess, Jessica.
<i>When Dimple met Rishi</i>	Menon, Sandhya.
<i>Shadow +A240:H241kiss</i>	Mead, Richelle.
<i>Shadow kiss</i>	Mead, Richelle.
<i>The prince &amp; the apocalypse : a novel</i>	McDowell, Kara.
<i>A study in drowning</i>	Reid, Ava, author.
<i>The glass queen</i>	Showalter, Gena, author.
<i>The Saints</i>	Thomas, Lex, author.
<i>A sky beyond the storm : a novel</i>	Tahir, Sabaa, author.

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

<i>Betrayed</i>	<i>Flirting with fate</i>
<i>Earth called</i>	<i>A thousand steps into night</i>
<i>The dysasters</i>	<i>We are not free</i>
<i>Betrayed</i>	<i>We are not free</i>
<i>When we had summer</i>	<i>The speaker</i>
<i>When you wish upon a lantern</i>	<i>Artifacts of an ex</i>
<i>Graduation day</i>	<i>The pros of cons</i>
<i>Independent study</i>	<i>Stormcaster</i>
<i>Finding Mighty : a mystery</i>	<i>The silvered serpents</i>
<i>The case for Jamie</i>	<i>The silvered serpents</i>
<i>B7-2</i>	<i>The night hunt</i>
<i>Nexie</i>	<i>Kween</i>
<i>Somniphobia</i>	<i>The dragon heir</i>
<i>The Bobbiedots conclusion</i>	<i>The enchanter heir</i>
<i>Tiger rock</i>	<i>The sorcerer heir</i>
<i>HAPPS</i>	<i>The warrior heir</i>
<i>Lally's game</i>	<i>The wizard heir</i>
<i>Â¡Viva Lola Espinoza!</i>	<i>A crown of wishes</i>

*The gilded wolves*  
*The star-touched queen*  
*Freedom swimmer*  
*Children of Ragnarok*  
*The girl from the well*  
*The suffering*  
*City of bones*  
*The bone witch*  
*The sacrifice*  
*Clockwork angel*  
*Love times infinity*  
*That summer night on Frenchmen Street*  
*House of dragons*  
*A poison dark and drowning*  
*A shadow bright and burning*  
*Where he can't find you*  
*The edumacation of Jay Baker*  
*Shattered midnight*  
*The everlasting rose*  
*Found*  
*Seconds away : a Mickey Bolitar novel*  
*Love is both wave and particle*  
*The sinking city*  
*The Winter King*  
*The Blackwoods*  
*The only black girls in town*  
*My almost flawless Tokyo dream life*  
*Sam & Ilsa's last hurrah*  
*So let them burn*  
*My brother Sam is dead*  
*Crossed*  
*Matched*  
*Reached*  
*Summerlost : a novel*  
*The last voyage of Poe Blythe*  
*The only girl in town*  
*Into the hurricane*  
*Tell me no lies*  
*Code Orange*  
*Hit the road*  
*The voice on the radio*  
*They never came back*  
*Three black swans*  
*What Janie found*  
*Whatever happened to Janie?*  
*No such person*  
*City of ashes*  
*City of Glass*

*Ink, iron, and glass*  
*Jess, Chunk, and the road trip to infinity*  
*Catching fire*  
*Mockingjay*  
*The ballad of songbirds and snakes*  
*The hunger games*  
*The Hunger Games*  
*The collectors : stories*  
*Mockingjay*  
*The Hunger Games*  
*The face on the milk carton*  
*Archenemies*  
*Blood promise*  
*Dig two graves*  
*Acceleration*  
*One of us is back*  
*Gasp*  
*Lakelore*  
*Self-made boys : a Great Gatsby remix*  
*Bang*  
*Crash*  
*Cryer's Cross*  
*Rose daughter*  
*Shadows*  
*Chalice*  
*A step toward falling*  
*The farm*  
*Forever Rose*  
*No-where but here*  
*Only a breath apart*  
*Holly's story*  
*All the dead lie down*  
*If these wings could fly*  
*Cut*  
*Never fall down : a novel*  
*Sold*  
*Eerie*  
*The prom goer's interstellar excursion*  
*We are all so good at smiling*  
*One moment*  
*Firebug*  
*Bumped*  
*The last magician*  
*The serpent's curse*  
*The falconer*  
*The fallen kingdom*  
*The vanishing throne*  
*Down came the rain*

*Torn*  
*Devil and the bluebird*  
*Every soul a star : a novel*  
*Kiss kill vanish*  
*Without Annette*  
*Sword and serpent*  
*The tenth region of the night*  
*A corner of the universe*  
*My beating teenage heart*  
*Capturing the devil*  
*The shadow queen*  
*The rosewood hunt*  
*Here lies Arthur*  
*Four for the road*  
*Nyxia*  
*Nyxia unleashed*  
*Nyxia uprising*  
*Where the road leads us*  
*Smek for president!*  
*The lesbiana's guide to Catholic school*  
*Kids like us*  
*The summer of lost letters*  
*Miles Morales : Spider-man*  
*Miles Morales : suspended*  
*Early departures*  
*Opposite of always*  
*A light in the sky*  
*Crystal storm*  
*Frozen tides*  
*Gathering darkness*  
*Immortal reign*  
*Falling kingdoms*  
*Rebel spring*  
*Patron saints of nothing*  
*Pretend she's here*  
*Accidental*  
*The chaos code*  
*The conference of the birds*  
*The desolations of Devil's Acre*  
*Hollow city*  
*Library of souls*  
*Miss Peregrine's museum of wonders*  
*Tales of the peculiar*  
*Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*  
*Ironhead or, Once a young lady*  
*I hope you get this message*  
*It all comes back to you*  
*Bloody fool for love : a Spike prequel*

*Dealing in dreams*  
*Never look back*  
*We light up the sky*  
*Love somebody*  
*Almost there : a twisted tale novel*  
*A list of cages*  
*rather burn than bloom*  
*An enchantment of ravens*  
*Sorcery of thorns*  
*Hurt go happy*  
*This is just a test*  
*Dreams lie beneath*  
*Under the never sky*  
*House of furies*  
*Scattered showers : stories*  
*Crying laughing*  
*Bone Gap*  
*Boyfriends, burritos & an ocean of trouble*  
*Zodiac*  
*Flame*  
*Glow*  
*Spark*  
*Charisma*  
*Esperanza rising*  
*Bridge of souls*  
*City of ghosts*  
*Our dark duet*  
*This savage song*  
*Tunnel of bones*  
*The archived*  
*Anatomy : a love story*  
*Immortality : a love story*  
*Complete nothing*  
*The alchemist : the secrets of the immortal*  
*Nicholas Flamel*  
*The enchantress*  
*The magician*  
*The necromancer*  
*The sorceress*  
*The warlock*  
*Salt & stone*  
*Fire & flood*  
*As you wish*  
*Belittled women : a story of three bickering sisters, two cute boys, and one average Jo*  
*The fountains of silence*  
*Out of the Easy*  
*When you were mine*

*An impossible thing to say*  
*Zom-B bride*  
*Allies of the night*  
*The thin executioner*  
*Trials of death*  
*Vampire Mountain*  
*The vampire's assistant*  
*Radha & Jai's recipe for romance*  
*I feed her to the beast and the beast is me*  
*A long, long sleep*  
*My worst best friend*  
*Gleanings : stories from the Arc of a Scythe*  
*Thunderhead*  
*The toll*  
*UnBound : stories from the Unwind World*  
*Unwind*  
*UnDivided*  
*UnSouled*  
*UnWholly*  
*Infinity reaper*  
*Infinity son*  
*Counting by 7s*  
*A reaper at the gates*  
*A torch against the night : a novel*  
*A twisted tale anthology*  
*A tyranny of petticoats : 15 stories of belles, bank robbers & other badass girls*  
*All my rage*  
*All these monsters*  
*Allied*  
*An ember in the ashes : a novel*  
*Anne of Greenville*  
*Avenged*  
*Between the devil and the deep blue sea*  
*Between the spark and the burn*  
*Burn down, rise up*  
*Cemetery boys*

*Daughter of smoke & bone*  
*Days of blood & starlight*  
*Don't breathe a word*  
*Dreams of gods & monsters*  
*Enchanted*  
*Everything that burns*  
*Forget me not*  
*I am Margaret*  
*Kings of B'more*  
*Lost in the Never Woods*  
*Me, myself, and him*  
*Nothing*  
*On the come up*  
*Ordinary girls*  
*Rebel rose*  
*Roll of thunder, hear my cry*  
*Ruined*  
*Solitary : a novel*  
*Song of the current*  
*Strange the dreamer*  
*Sweet & bitter magic*  
*Tales from the inner city*  
*The burning sky*  
*The Burnouts*  
*The cay*  
*The giant*  
*The immortal heights*  
*The loners*  
*The love match*  
*The paper girl of Paris*  
*The perilous sea*  
*The revenge game*  
*The spectacular now*  
*The totally true story of Gracie Byrne*  
*These deadly prophecies*  
*This place is still beautiful*  
*What she missed*

## April 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	315	83	57	0	18	58	0	2	0	705	1		1,239				
Abita	574	30	116	0	10	436	3	0	0	35	1		1,205	182	1,320	99	169
Bush	173	7	215	0	1	219	0	0	0	7	0		622	71	547	51	86
Causeway	1873	82	536	0	29	2435	18	0	0	141	8		5,122	386	4,872	861	747
Covington	3118	191	1550	2	14	4046	99	69	1	221	28		9,339	1,434	7,077	2471	883
Folsom	354	10	215	2	5	314	45	0	0	5	1		951	130	1,179	104	138
Lacombe	244	13	115	2	4	423	0	21	1	18	1		842	696	1,229	117	120
Lee Road	269	8	164	0	4	393	13	1	0	1	0		853	75	562	54	144
Madisonville	1134	59	437	2	39	2323	15	0	1	117	11		4,138	180	3,794	1009	404
Mandeville	2487	115	661	2	23	3617	42	2	4	220	2		7,175	519	6,206	762	489
Mobile	471	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0		477				
Pearl River	352	4	103	0	16	208	22	35	0	10	4		754	159	1,238	135	234
Slidell	3628	213	818	2	31	3688	91	101	4	430	64		9,070	1,752	15,279	1751	2,226
South Slidell	630	37	350	0	20	972	5	7	1	106	5		2,133	1,302	5,266	1023	1,264
Virtual <sup>1</sup>				39								37640	37,679				
<b>Total</b>	15,622	853	5,338	51	214	19,134	355	238	12	2,016	126	37,640	81,599	6,886	48,569	8,437	6,904

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

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

## YTD January-April 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	1541	163	294	0	81	430	0	2	2	1670	5		4,188				
Abita	2243	161	541	1	72	1585	8	0	1	91	5		4,708	358	3,676	278	508
Bush	697	49	745		14	748	8	0	0	13	0		2,274	212	1,467	120	268
Causeway	7378	320	2321		112	9469	138	0	0	465	14		20,217	1,473	15,611	1953	2,259
Covington	12727	691	5416	2	81	14988	343	364	1	838	95		35,546	2,680	21,346	4194	2,489
Folsom	1504	89	1084	2	26	1459	166	0	0	51	7		4,388	586	3,539	301	382
Lacombe	995	79	455	2	11	1613	4	53	2	85	7		3,306	638	3,384	352	346
Lee Road	1183	51	619		12	1405	17	23	0	13	1		3,324	106	1,986	160	460
Madisonville	4583	258	1375	2	128	7941	120	0	2	417	21		14,847	1,299	13,480	2697	987
Mandeville	9870	641	2634	3	116	13061	251	12	24	766	8		27,386	2,581	17,207	2259	1,408
Mobile	1706	2	14		1	2	6	0	0	1	0		1,732				
Pearl River	1494	36	576		58	966	59	142	0	32	9		3,372	627	3,617	288	583
Slidell	13799	841	3741	4	120	13892	448	543	9	1517	211		35,125	5,329	41,578	4210	6,795
South Slidell	2601	117	1559		69	3394	22	23	1	423	25		8,234	3,795	13,898	2904	3,784
Virtual <sup>1</sup>				61								149070	149,131				
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,321</b>	<b>3,498</b>	<b>21,374</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>70,953</b>	<b>1,590</b>	<b>1,162</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>6,382</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>149,070</b>	<b>317,778</b>	<b>19,684</b>	<b>140,789</b>	<b>19,716</b>	<b>20,269</b>

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## St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control

### Resolution No. 26-012

#### Resolution to Amend Section 407 “Statements of Concern about Library Resources” to Clarify Scope, Procedures, and Finality of Decisions

May 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 establishes procedures by which Statements of Concern are submitted, reviewed, and considered; and

**WHEREAS**, processing Statements of Concern requires significant staff time and public resources in order to review materials, prepare 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 procedures established by policy and applicable law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Control recognizes that the Library has undertaken ongoing and diligent efforts to evaluate materials and ensure compliance with applicable state law, including La. R.S. 25:225, with respect to materials located within the Children’s, Juvenile, Teen, and Young Adult collections, or as they may be designated in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Control further recognizes that library patrons retain the ability to request reconsideration of materials located within such collections through the procedures established herein, consistent with applicable law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Control further finds it necessary to clarify and define the limited scope of Statements of Concern and any related appeals as matters governed by applicable state law, including La. R.S. 25:225; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Board of Control finds it necessary to clarify the procedural framework governing review, appeal, and finality of decisions in order to ensure orderly administrative function and prevent duplicative or successive reconsideration requests regarding the same materials, programs, or displays;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control amends Section 407 of the St. Tammany Parish Library Rules and Regulations as follows:

### **Section 407. Statements of Concern about Library Resources**

#### **A. General**

The intent of the Statement of Concern about Library Resources is to create a procedure that allows a library patron to request the reconsideration of whether a library material should remain in any of the Children's, Juvenile, Teen, or Young Adult collections, or as such collections may be designated in the future, as provided in La R.S. 25:225C(1), and La R.S. 25:225C (2)(d).

This Section is adopted in accordance with La. R.S. 25:225 and applies exclusively to requests alleging that library material in such collections may constitute sexually explicit material as defined by law.

All other concerns, including but not limited to classification, shelving, location, displays, programming, general content objections, or viewpoint disagreements, may be submitted through a Community Input Form and will be handled administratively.

This Section shall not be used to challenge materials for reasons unrelated to alleged sexually explicit content in such collections, nor shall Statements of Concern or any related appeals be used to request or review the placement or relocation of library materials within the collection, except as required by applicable state law, including La. R.S. 25:225. Placement decisions are administrative in nature and are made by library staff in accordance with library policy and applicable law.

~~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~~

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~~may reject 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.

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.~~ Reconsideration requests shall be scheduled in the ordinary course of business and in a manner consistent with maintaining orderly administrative function.

3. The committee members shall:  
a. Review the material in its entirety.

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- b. Compile relevant evaluative information, including a brief synopsis of the material as appropriate.
- c. Evaluate whether the material depicts sexual conduct as defined in La. R.S. 25:225.
- d. Consider whether the material is accessible to minors.
- e. Conduct a discussion to reach a decision.
- e. Submit a written report to the Director with the recommended decision based on the result of the committee's efforts.
- ~~b. Create and consider a resume of the material which can include:~~
  - ~~• A brief synopsis~~
  - ~~• Reviews in standard evaluation guides~~
  - ~~• 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~~
- ~~e. 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.

The Director shall make a written determination based on the committee's review and shall notify the complainant of that determination.

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If the Director determines that the material may include sexually explicit content as defined by applicable law and is located within any of the Children's, Juvenile, Teen, or Young Adult collections, or as such collections may be designated in the future, the matter shall be forwarded to the Library Board of Control for consideration pursuant to La. R.S. 25:225

If the Director determines that the material does not meet the definition of sexually explicit content under applicable law and is located within such collections, the complainant may appeal that determination to the Library Board of Control in accordance with the procedures set forth in this section, subject to the limitations provided in La. R.S. 25:225C(2)(d)(ii).

5. Pursuant to La. R.S. 25:225C(2)(d)(ii), any Statements of Concern of a library material in such collections 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.

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

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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.~~ The decision on a Statement of Concern about specific materials, programs, or displays shall mean the initial action taken and shall remain in effect unless and until reconsidered by the Library Board of Control. The complainant may appeal the decision as provided by applicable law. Statements of Concern that have already been decided, including those submitted during the pendency of an appeal, shall receive a copy of the current decision and shall not initiate a separate review or be considered individually or as part of a consolidated request. The Board may, at its discretion, place a previously decided item on the agenda for reconsideration.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the provisions of this amendment shall apply to all pending Statements of Concern and any related appeals not yet finally adjudicated as of the date of adoption of this Resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any Statements of Concern submitted on materials, programs, or displays that have already been the subject of a decision by the Library Board of Control shall be handled in accordance with the amended provisions of Section 407, including the limitations on initiating separate or successive review.

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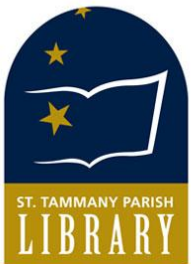
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THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Moved for adoption by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_,

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

AND THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED DULY ADOPTED ON THIS DAY, THE 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 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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Charles Branton, Board President

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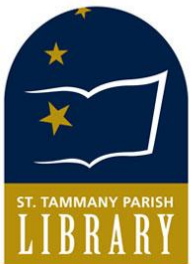
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**St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control**

**Resolution No. 26-013**

**Resolution to Request Maintaining the Library's Millage Rate**

May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

SPONSOR: Mr. Branton

**WHEREAS**, the St. Tammany Parish Library ad valorem tax is currently levied at 4.35 mils with a legal maximum of 4.35 mils, as authorized by voters through 2040; and

**WHEREAS**, the Library Board of Control recognized that this millage rate was recently established and approved by the voters of St. Tammany Parish; and

**WHEREAS**, current projections indicate limited growth for 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, maintaining the current millage rate will ensure continued stability in funding for the library services while remaining consistent with voter authorization;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the St. Tammany Parish Library of Control hereby requests that the St. Tammany Parish Council maintain the Library's current millage rate of 4.35 mils for 2026.

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

Moved for adoption by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_,

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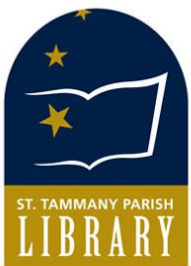
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YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

AND THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED DULY ADOPTED ON THIS DAY, THE 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 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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**Budget Amendment Summary**  
**St. Tammany Parish Library**  
**Fiscal Year: 2026**  
**Amendment No.: 1**  
**Date: May 18, 2026**

**Purpose:**

This amendment reflects adjustments necessary to align budgeted amounts with current operational needs and revenues.

**Summary of Changes:**

**Decrease – Advertising (Account #604): -\$5,000**

We believe we can meet advertising needs with this reduction.

**Decrease – Book Binding (Account #613): -\$5,000**

Reduced due to decreased need, particularly as genealogy binding services are not anticipated this year.

**Increase – Electricity (Account #621): +\$20,000**

To address higher-than-anticipated utility costs.

**Decrease – Postage (Account #625): -\$4,000**

Reduced to account for decreased mailing needs based on current usage trends.

**Decrease – Solinet (OCLC) Cost (Account #662): -\$1,039**

Adjusted to reflect the actual annual cost.

**Increase – Polaris Maintenance (Account #663): +\$2,458.44**

Adjusted to reflect higher Integrated Library System (ILS) maintenance fees this year.

**Increase – Sanitation (Account #674): +\$2,000**

To account for the annex yearly membership maintenance fee.

**Increase – Consultants (Account #685): +\$20,000**

Costs associated with prior year projects that were deferred into the current fiscal year.

**Increase – Security (Account #686): +\$10,000**

To address increased security needs, including ongoing incidents at the Madisonville Branch.

**Decrease – Movers (Account #688): -\$50,000**

Reduction based on the decision to complete book moving for the Mandeville renovation in-house.

**Increase – Vehicle Insurance (Account #696): +\$8,406**

To cover insurance costs for the new delivery vehicle.

**Decrease – LBOC Liability (Account #698): -\$102**

Adjusted to actual cost following annual payment.

**Increase – Office Supplies (Account #701): +\$5,000**

To account for anticipated increases and improved delineation between office and program supplies.

**Increase – Bank Service Charges (Account #702): +\$2,800**

Projected based on first quarter transaction activity.

**Decrease – Book Preparation Supplies (Account #703): -\$5,000**

Reduction due to decreased demand, particularly related to fewer DVD purchases.

**Increase – Computer/Printer Supplies (Account #704): +\$15,000**

Adjusted based on first quarter spending and increased toner costs.

**Decrease – Mileage Reimbursement (Account #710): -\$5,000**

Reduced based on lower travel expenditures year-to-date.

**Decrease – Conventions/Seminars (Account #714): -\$7,000**

Adjusted based on projected attendance and remaining scheduled events.

**Increase – Landscaping Additions (Account #805): +\$8,000**

To begin development of greenspace at the Slidell Branch.

**Increase – Improvements to Physical Plant (Account #810): +\$55,000**

To fund the generator for Technical Services, originally budgeted in the prior year.

**Decrease – Vehicles (Account #815): -\$46,000**

Reduction due to prior-year purchase of a vehicle chassis originally planned for this year.

**Increase – Office Equipment/Furniture & Shelving (Account #820): +\$10,000**

To account for equipment ordered in 2025 and received in January.

**Increase – PC Network (Account #834): +\$16,000**

To replace a necessary server.

**Decrease – Integrated Library Automation System (Account #840): -\$16,000**

Reduction due to postponement of the telephony server purchase for Polaris.

**Decrease – Cameras (Account #841): -\$3,000**

Expenditure deemed unnecessary for this fiscal year.

**Decrease – Adult Books (Account #851): -\$5,000**

Adjusted based on current collection spending projections.

**Decrease – Lease Purchase Books (Account #852): -\$257.40**

Adjusted to actual following completion of purchases for the year.

**Increase – Young Adult (Account #855): +\$4,000**

To support the addition of video games to the collection.

**Decrease – Music Recordings (Account #858): -\$1,200**

Reflects declining demand for music CDs.

**Decrease – Video Recordings (Account #885): -\$9,000**

Reallocation of funds to better align with usage trends:

- \$4,000 shifted from Juvenile DVDs to Young Adult for video games
- \$5,000 shifted from Adult DVDs to digital platforms (Hoopla)

**Decrease – Genealogy (Account #886): -\$4,000**

Reduction due to postponement of Slidell Branch renovation and related collection expansion.

**Decrease – Digital Microfilm (Account #887): -\$2,500**

Funds reallocated to database subscriptions.

**Increase – Electronic/Downloadable Media (Account #891): +\$5,000**

To expand digital video offerings on Hoopla.

**Decrease – CD-ROM/Software (Account #892): -\$17,979**

Adjusted based on projected IT expenditures through fiscal year-end.

**Increase – Internet Database Subscriptions (Account #893): +\$2,500**

To incorporate funds reallocated from Digital Microfilm.

**Effect on Budget:**

No change in revenue of **\$13,318,920**

Net decrease in expenditures of **\$912.96** from **\$13,588,872** to **\$13,587,959.04**

Increase to savings from **(\$269,952)** to **(\$269,039.04)**

**Certification:**

These adjustments are presented for approval and, if adopted, will be incorporated into the official budget records.

2026 SPRING BUDGET AMENDMENT

5/18/2026			2023 Budget Actual	2024 Budget Actual	2025 Budget Actual	2026 Budget Original	Amendment	2026 Budget Spring Amend
<b>REVENUE</b>								
	405	Ad Valorem Taxes (received after deductions)	\$ 11,823,150.00	\$ 12,474,892.00	\$ 13,193,662.56	\$ 12,745,031.00		\$ 12,745,031.00
	410	State Revenue Sharing	\$ 258,515.00	\$ 264,302.00	\$ 269,568.00	\$ 268,884.00		\$ 268,884.00
	415	Fines/Fees	\$ 75,471.00	\$ 96,265.00	\$ 104,520.03	\$ 106,500.00		\$ 106,500.00
	416	LA Library Grant - ARPA		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
	417	Grants		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
	418	LEH Grant		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
	420	Interest Income	\$ 185,806.00	\$ 198,221.00	\$ 173,942.98	\$ 184,370.00		\$ 184,370.00
	425	Donations	\$ 61,166.00	\$ 23,776.00	\$ 50,162.90	\$ 12,016.00		\$ 12,016.00
	428	FEMA Income			\$ 16,125.92			
	430	Miscellaneous Income	\$ -	\$ 4,899.00	\$ 1,271.21	\$ -		\$ -
	450	Summer Reading T-shirt Sales	\$ 2,119.00	\$ 1,410.00	\$ 1,292.24	\$ 2,120.00		\$ 2,120.00
		<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 12,406,227.10</b>	<b>\$ 13,063,763.31</b>	<b>\$ 13,810,545.84</b>	<b>\$ 13,318,920.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 13,318,920.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>								
<b>LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION</b>								
		<b>PERSONNEL SALARIES</b>						
	503	Library Salaries	\$ 5,263,285.57	\$ 5,500,854.22	\$ 5,777,524.80	\$ 6,090,000.00		\$ 6,090,000.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,263,285.57</b>	<b>\$ 5,500,854.22</b>	<b>\$ 5,777,524.80</b>	<b>\$ 6,090,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 6,090,000.00</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>								
	511	FICA/Medicare Tax	\$ 119,802.99	\$ 121,201.92	\$ 130,842.52	\$ 134,000.00		\$ 134,000.00
	512	Retirement Contributions	\$ 512,866.56	\$ 541,992.08	\$ 542,621.55	\$ 577,480.00		\$ 577,480.00
	513	Health Insurance/Insurance	\$ 380,065.68	\$ 314,454.71	\$ 300,816.36	\$ 390,000.00		\$ 390,000.00
	514	Health Trust	\$ 1,395,030.65	\$ 1,089,089.98	\$ 1,371,773.77	\$ 1,197,000.00		\$ 1,197,000.00
	515	Workers' Compensation/Unemployment Claims	\$ 14,901.40	\$ 21,625.36	\$ 22,440.82	\$ 26,000.00		\$ 26,000.00
	516	Employee Miscellaneous	\$ 600.60	\$ 877.18	\$ 712.15	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,423,267.88</b>	<b>\$ 2,089,241.23</b>	<b>\$ 2,369,207.17</b>	<b>\$ 2,325,480.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,325,480.00</b>
<b>OPERATING SERVICES</b>								
	601	Publication of Legal Notices	\$ 15,505.20	\$ 5,846.27	\$ 8,456.70	\$ 11,500.00		\$ 11,500.00
	603	Membership Dues	\$ 7,499.65	\$ 5,987.57	\$ 5,552.25	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 6,000.00
	604	Advertising	\$ 31,480.57	\$ 23,267.44	\$ 49,037.75	\$ 33,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ 28,000.00
	607	Signage	\$ 642.10	\$ 1,066.38	\$ 1,678.22	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
	608	Promotional Production	\$ 14,898.97	\$ 14,941.12	\$ 21,581.22	\$ 20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 70,026.49</b>	<b>\$ 51,108.78</b>	<b>\$ 86,306.14</b>	<b>\$ 72,500.00</b>	<b>\$ (5,000.00)</b>	<b>\$ 67,500.00</b>
		<b>PRINTING, DUPLICATING &amp; BINDING</b>						
	611	Printing	\$ 12,786.17	\$ 12,886.49	\$ 14,611.01	\$ 15,500.00		\$ 15,500.00
	613	Book Binding	\$ 2,544.95	\$ 4,437.40	\$ 4,205.05	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ -
	615	Patron Cards	\$ 4,959.70	\$ 4,693.52	\$ 4,804.78	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 20,290.82</b>	<b>\$ 22,017.41</b>	<b>\$ 23,620.84</b>	<b>\$ 25,500.00</b>	<b>\$ (5,000.00)</b>	<b>\$ 20,500.00</b>
		<b>UTILITIES</b>						
	621	Electricity	\$ 284,245.50	\$ 260,506.47	\$ 314,232.81	\$ 293,220.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 313,220.00
	622	Gas	\$ 2,299.09	\$ 2,258.38	\$ 2,310.42	\$ 3,250.00		\$ 3,250.00

	623	Water	\$ 46,073.45	\$ 42,332.04	\$ 42,470.83	\$ 43,000.00		\$ 43,000.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 332,618.04</b>	<b>\$ 305,096.89</b>	<b>\$ 359,014.06</b>	<b>\$ 339,470.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 359,470.00</b>
		<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>						
	625	Postage	\$ 14,459.39	\$ 14,289.76	\$ 10,451.57	\$ 20,000.00	\$ (4,000.00)	\$ 16,000.00
	626	Voice Line (Regular Phone Service)	\$ 77,627.21	\$ 61,430.89	\$ 53,436.76	\$ 52,080.00		\$ 52,080.00
	627	Data Line (Internet-Network)	\$ 41,470.26	\$ 30,323.34	\$ 30,914.30	\$ 31,000.00		\$ 31,000.00
	630	Courier/Shipping	\$ 515.35	\$ 234.15	\$ 205.38	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 134,072.21</b>	<b>\$ 106,278.14</b>	<b>\$ 95,008.01</b>	<b>\$ 104,080.00</b>	<b>\$ (4,000.00)</b>	<b>\$ 100,080.00</b>
		<b>LEASE EXPENSE</b>						
	634	Building	\$ 318,045.64	\$ 319,043.98	\$ 341,268.78	\$ 343,000.00		\$ 343,000.00
	636	Equipment	\$ 4,970.03	\$ 2,742.31	\$ 5,872.93	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 6,000.00
	638	Vehicle	\$ 2,647.96	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,750.00		\$ 2,750.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 325,663.63</b>	<b>\$ 321,786.29</b>	<b>\$ 347,141.71</b>	<b>\$ 351,750.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 351,750.00</b>
		<b>MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY &amp; EQUIP.</b>						
	641	Custodial & Janitorial	\$ 212,056.10	\$ 213,598.44	\$ 215,016.33	\$ 220,000.00		\$ 220,000.00
	643	Grounds/Lawn Maintenance	\$ 84,861.00	\$ 79,983.07	\$ 85,723.50	\$ 88,000.00		\$ 88,000.00
	645	Maintenance supplies	\$ 9,972.57	\$ 8,638.32	\$ 12,746.42	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00
	652	Fuel and lube	\$ 32,787.02	\$ 25,759.97	\$ 24,689.87	\$ 33,000.00		\$ 33,000.00
	654	Vehicle repairs	\$ 14,567.55	\$ 9,719.70	\$ 11,982.28	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00
	658	Small Tools & Supplies	\$ 2,988.96	\$ 2,793.53	\$ 2,715.85	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
	660	Office machine and equip. repair	\$ 504.92	\$ 718.52	\$ 443.51	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
	661	Network Utility Software	\$ 155,507.60	\$ 156,299.73	\$ 101,073.39	\$ 144,250.00		\$ 144,250.00
	662	Solinet (OCLC) Cost	\$ 30,649.09	\$ 31,820.27	\$ 32,408.90	\$ 33,000.00	\$ (1,039.00)	\$ 31,961.00
	663	Polaris Maintenance	\$ 53,635.61	\$ 54,914.33	\$ 54,999.06	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 2,458.44	\$ 62,458.44
	664	P C Network maintenance and repair	\$ 5,875.00	\$ 9,533.80	\$ 9,474.53	\$ 11,500.00		\$ 11,500.00
	669	Disaster Recovery Costs	\$ -	\$ 35,708.64	\$ 14,766.60	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 603,405.42</b>	<b>\$ 629,488.32</b>	<b>\$ 566,040.24</b>	<b>\$ 623,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,419.44</b>	<b>\$ 625,169.44</b>
		<b>MAINTENANCE SERVICES (Buildings)</b>						
	671	Physical Plant	\$ 176,994.78	\$ 139,939.63	\$ 209,274.84	\$ 160,000.00		\$ 160,000.00
	672	Plumbing, Heating, & Air Conditioning	\$ 66,494.36	\$ 65,834.29	\$ 77,498.28	\$ 91,500.00		\$ 91,500.00
	673	Electrical	\$ 16,998.60	\$ 12,789.32	\$ 8,083.37	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00
	674	Sanitation	\$ 10,415.68	\$ 11,999.75	\$ 7,192.43	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
	675	Pest Control	\$ 7,190.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,709.00	\$ 7,550.00		\$ 7,550.00
	676	Termite Contracts	\$ 2,915.00	\$ 2,945.00	\$ 3,625.00	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
	678	Carpet Cleaning	\$ 17,590.00	\$ 17,565.00	\$ 17,990.00	\$ 20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 298,598.42</b>	<b>\$ 258,572.99</b>	<b>\$ 332,372.92</b>	<b>\$ 304,050.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 306,050.00</b>
		<b>Professional Services</b>						
	680	Payroll Service Fees	\$ 37,555.26	\$ 39,688.95	\$ 34,910.29	\$ 39,600.00		\$ 39,600.00
	682	Legal	\$ 11,869.20	\$ -	\$ 139.50	\$ -		\$ -
	683	Financial	\$ 50,811.44	\$ 48,317.90	\$ 44,062.67	\$ 51,000.00		\$ 51,000.00
	684	Architectural	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
	685	Consultants	\$ 89,998.23	\$ 66,595.62	\$ 60,748.24	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
	686	Security	\$ 13,766.82	\$ 7,108.68	\$ 51,859.69	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
	687	Web Design Consultant	\$ 89,789.97	\$ 87,893.52	\$ 92,669.49	\$ 100,000.00		\$ 100,000.00

	688	Movers	\$ 15,437.66	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 12,627.11	\$ 60,000.00	\$ (50,000.00)	\$ 10,000.00
	689	Proposals (Ballot)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,020.34	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 309,228.58</b>	<b>\$ 265,604.67</b>	<b>\$ 315,037.33</b>	<b>\$ 340,600.00</b>	<b>\$ (20,000.00)</b>	<b>\$ 320,600.00</b>
		<b>INSURANCE &amp; CLAIMS</b>						
	692	Library Property	\$ 145,499.86	\$ 199,811.83	\$ 188,228.44	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	\$ 200,000.00
	694	Flood insurance	\$ 25,916.00	\$ 29,563.00	\$ 33,497.00	\$ 34,000.00	\$ -	\$ 34,000.00
	696	Vehicle Insurance	\$ 31,275.36	\$ 38,460.00	\$ 45,796.00	\$ 45,716.00	\$ 8,406.00	\$ 54,122.00
	698	LBOC Liability	\$ 1,940.00	\$ 4,607.33	\$ 4,574.00	\$ 4,676.00	\$ (102.00)	\$ 4,574.00
	699	Gen Liability	\$ 25,100.64	\$ 25,678.00	\$ 26,738.00	\$ 26,880.00	\$ -	\$ 26,880.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 229,731.86</b>	<b>\$ 298,120.16</b>	<b>\$ 298,833.44</b>	<b>\$ 311,272.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,304.00</b>	<b>\$ 319,576.00</b>
		<b>MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES</b>						
		<b>OPERATING SUPPLIES</b>						
	701	Office Supplies	\$ 32,995.28	\$ 32,460.34	\$ 32,486.04	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 38,000.00
	702	Bank Service Charges	\$ 15,568.17	\$ 17,114.58	\$ 17,084.39	\$ 17,200.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 20,000.00
	703	Book Preparation Supplies	\$ 46,688.48	\$ 46,999.33	\$ 47,468.49	\$ 51,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ 46,000.00
	704	Computer/Printer Supplies	\$ 78,742.54	\$ 85,274.36	\$ 113,890.87	\$ 127,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 142,000.00
	705	Programming Supplies	\$ 8,387.55	\$ 9,455.39	\$ 11,177.31	\$ 11,720.00	\$ -	\$ 11,720.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 182,382.02</b>	<b>\$ 191,304.00</b>	<b>\$ 222,107.10</b>	<b>\$ 239,920.00</b>	<b>\$ 17,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 257,720.00</b>
		<b>TRAVEL &amp; CONTINUING EDUCATION</b>						
	710	Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 19,509.56	\$ 21,862.81	\$ 28,252.84	\$ 22,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ 17,000.00
	712	Library In-service Training	\$ 8,981.49	\$ 4,982.30	\$ 10,312.82	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00
	714	Conventions/Seminars	\$ 33,944.72	\$ 19,706.04	\$ 26,349.49	\$ 35,000.00	\$ (7,000.00)	\$ 28,000.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 62,435.77</b>	<b>\$ 46,551.15</b>	<b>\$ 64,915.15</b>	<b>\$ 69,000.00</b>	<b>\$ (12,000.00)</b>	<b>\$ 57,000.00</b>
		<b>PUBLIC RELATIONS/PROGRAMMING</b>						
	724	Summer Reading Program	\$ 44,955.26	\$ 44,402.02	\$ 49,898.89	\$ 55,000.00	\$ -	\$ 55,000.00
	725	Summer Reading T-shirts	\$ 6,575.59	\$ 6,290.63	\$ 8,350.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00
	726	Adult Programming	\$ 38,832.18	\$ 35,812.40	\$ 43,423.41	\$ 39,000.00	\$ -	\$ 39,000.00
	727	Young Adult Programming	\$ 14,994.21	\$ 14,888.50	\$ 16,769.49	\$ 17,000.00	\$ -	\$ 17,000.00
	728	Juvenile Programming	\$ 19,998.10	\$ 12,473.61	\$ 21,940.50	\$ 32,500.00	\$ -	\$ 32,500.00
	729	LEH Grant	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 127,155.34</b>	<b>\$ 113,867.16</b>	<b>\$ 140,382.29</b>	<b>\$ 151,500.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 151,500.00</b>
		<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>						
		<b>NON-BOOK ACQUISITIONS</b>						
	805	Landscaping Additions	\$ 33,572.29	\$ 63,452.06	\$ 51,728.95	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 54,000.00
	810	Improvements to Physical Plant	\$ 65,986.50	\$ 106,889.73	\$ 99,068.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 145,000.00
	815	Vehicles	\$ 61,475.54	\$ 42,632.37	\$ 44,083.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ (46,000.00)	\$ 29,000.00
	820	Office Equipment/Furniture & Shelving	\$ 89,836.78	\$ 55,673.10	\$ 50,409.68	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 63,000.00
	825	Telephones and Telephone System	\$ -	\$ 11,896.97	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	831	Leasehold Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	833	ARPA Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	834	PC Network	\$ 164,278.65	\$ 162,102.66	\$ 148,862.38	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 216,000.00
	840	Integrated Library Automation Sys.	\$ 11,229.91	\$ 6,726.02	\$ 8,329.60	\$ 16,000.00	\$ (16,000.00)	\$ -
	841	Cameras	\$ 2,140.00	\$ 5,958.00	\$ 773.91	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (3,000.00)	\$ -
	842	Audio/Visual Equipment	\$ -	\$ 102,849.90	\$ 27,628.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

		<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 428,519.67	\$ 558,180.81	\$ 430,883.52	\$ 483,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 507,000.00
		<b>LIBRARY RESOURCE ACQUISITIONS</b>						
	851	Adult Books	\$ 220,913.46	\$ 204,785.67	\$ 211,586.84	\$ 205,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ 200,000.00
	852	Lease/Purchase Books	\$ 18,203.89	\$ 10,966.20	\$ 10,966.20	\$ 11,400.00	\$ (257.40)	\$ 11,142.60
	853	Juvenile Books	\$ 98,074.59	\$ 104,999.40	\$ 107,587.07	\$ 105,000.00		\$ 105,000.00
	855	Young Adult	\$ 13,206.60	\$ 14,504.18	\$ 13,007.62	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 19,000.00
	858	Music Recordings	\$ 2,356.69	\$ 2,411.19	\$ 2,241.79	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (1,200.00)	\$ 800.00
	861	Adult Reference	\$ 110,390.92	\$ 110,632.40	\$ 114,810.16	\$ 111,000.00		\$ 111,000.00
	863	Juvenile Reference	\$ 44,314.69	\$ 44,720.57	\$ 42,458.52	\$ 45,000.00		\$ 45,000.00
	872	Periodicals	\$ 48,892.36	\$ 49,425.37	\$ 48,281.27	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 50,000.00
	883	Audio Recordings (Books)	\$ 12,098.64	\$ 9,871.58	\$ 13,759.51	\$ 16,100.00		\$ 16,100.00
	885	Video Recordings	\$ 62,285.35	\$ 56,244.78	\$ 56,958.96	\$ 54,000.00	\$ (9,000.00)	\$ 45,000.00
	886	Genealogy	\$ 4,999.65	\$ 6,944.89	\$ 6,455.56	\$ 7,000.00	\$ (4,000.00)	\$ 3,000.00
	887	Digital Microfilm	\$ 5,867.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,493.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ (2,500.00)	\$ -
	891	Electronic /Downloadable Media	\$ 440,068.42	\$ 419,688.21	\$ 466,092.14	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 455,000.00
	892	CDROM/Software	\$ 64,893.40	\$ 61,841.42	\$ 51,444.53	\$ 65,000.00	\$ (17,979.00)	\$ 47,021.00
	893	Internet Database Subscriptions	\$ 324,585.51	\$ 310,127.42	\$ 316,418.72	\$ 348,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 350,500.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 1,471,151.17	\$ 1,409,663.28	\$ 1,464,561.89	\$ 1,487,000.00	\$ (28,436.40)	\$ 1,458,563.60
		<b>LONG-TERM CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
	906	Capital Send to Parish	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 416,903.00	\$ -		\$ -
	895	Outreach FF & E	\$ -	\$ 15,966.26		\$ -		\$ -
	896	Outreach Vehicle	\$ -	\$ 120,393.00	\$ 64,966.50	\$ -		\$ -
	897	Outreach Opening Day Collection	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
	898	Causeway / Mandeville FF & E	\$ -	\$ 130,000.00	\$ -	\$ 270,000.00		\$ 270,000.00
	899	Covington FF&E and Acoustic work	\$ -	\$ 48,263.70	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
		<b>Total</b>	\$ -	\$ 374,600.71	\$ 481,869.50	\$ 270,000.00		\$ 270,000.00
		<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	\$ 12,281,832.89	\$ 12,542,336.21	\$ 13,374,826.11	\$ 13,588,872.00	\$ (912.96)	\$ 13,587,959.04
		<b>SAVINGS / (EXCESS EXPENDITURES)</b>	\$ 124,394.21	\$ 521,427.10	\$ 435,719.73	\$ (269,952.00)	\$ 912.96	\$ (269,039.04)

<b>Dedications</b>			
Prior Years' Operating Revenue (Savings) audited		<b>\$ 6,475,835</b>	

<b>Dedications</b>	<b>Original</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	<b>2026 Budget Spring Amend</b>
Dedicated for Operational Reserves	\$ 2,500,000.00		\$ 2,500,000.00
Dedicated for Disaster / Emergency Funds	\$ 1,475,000.00		\$ 1,475,000.00
Dedicated for Mandeville Furniture	\$ 270,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 340,000.00
Dedicated for Slidell Furniture	\$ 700,000.00		\$ 700,000.00
Dedication for Lacombe FF&E	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 269,000.00
Reserved to pay 4th Quarter accrued payroll liabilities	\$ 283,483.00	\$ (33,483.00)	\$ 250,000.00
Reserved to pay Health Claims from runout	\$ 249,919.00	\$ 81.00	\$ 250,000.00
Dedication to Capital Contingency	\$ 675,000.00		\$ 675,000.00
<b>Total Dedicated or Reserved</b>	<b>\$ 6,403,402.00</b>	<b>\$ 55,598.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,459,000.00</b>
Unassigned Savings			<b>\$ 16,835.00</b>

<b>Total Assets</b>	\$ 19,518,815.27
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	\$ 874,088.39
<b>Total Current Fund Balance</b>	\$ 18,644,726.88
<b>Beginning Fund Balance 1/1/2026</b>	\$ 18,681,202.00
<b>Estimated Ending Fund Balance 12/31/2026</b>	\$ 18,412,162.96



**St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control**

**Resolution No. 26-014**

**Fiscal Year 2026 Operational Budget – Spring Budget Amendment – Adoption Resolution**

May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

SPONSOR: Mr. Branton

**WHEREAS**, the St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control has been presented with the Spring Amendment for the Operational Budget for the 2026 fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of that Spring Budget Amendment for the Operational Budget was announced by publication of the May 18, 2026 Meeting Agenda; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Control has considered the proposed Spring Budget Amendment, and has heard and considered public comment on the proposed budget amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Control has determined that the proposed Spring Budget Amendment accurately represents the amount of money necessary for improving, maintaining, and operating the St. Tammany Parish Library for the 2026 fiscal year;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Control of the St. Tammany Parish Library hereby approves and adopts the Spring Budget Amendment, as proposed, and attached hereto, and hereby declares the total amount of the budget as reported, to be necessary for the operation, support, improvement, and maintenance of the Library for the fiscal year 2026.

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

Moved for adoption by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_,

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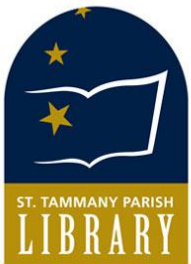
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YEAS:

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ABSTAIN:

AND THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED DULY ADOPTED ON THIS DAY, THE 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 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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Charles Branton, Board President

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