

St. Tammany Parish Library
Board of Control Meeting
October 19, 2026
Madisonville Branch Library
1123 Main St.
Madisonville, LA 70447
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, October 19, 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 held on September 28, 2026.

- Introduction
- Public Comment
- Discussion
- Vote

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. Financial Report – September 2026

- Introduction
- Public Comment
- Discussion
- Vote

B. Director's Report

C. Resolution #26-031 to Amend the St. Tammany Parish Library Employee Handbook Section 2-214 "Travel Compensation Policy" (Branton)

- Introduction
- Public Comment
- Discussion
- Vote

D. Resolution #26-032 Statement of Concern Appeal – *Da Vinci & His Times*

- Introduction
- Public Comment
- Discussion
- Vote

- E. Resolution #26-033 Statement of Concern Appeal – *Where Do Babies Come From?* (Girls' and Boys' Editions)
- Introduction
 - Public Comment
 - Discussion
 - Vote

3. Adjournment

St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control Meeting
September 28, 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. The roll was called and a quorum was established.

Present (7): Glenn Baham, Chuck Branton, Councilman Jeff Corbin (Parish President designee), Tamarah Myers, Pennie Petrie, Dinah Thanars, Travis Thompson

Absent (0): None

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

G. Baham led the Invocation. P. Petrie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Branton presented the Proclamation in Memory of Adele Frieda Salzer to two of Ms. Salzer's sisters.

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Library Board of Control that was held on August 24, 2026

MOTION: J. Corbin moved to approve the minutes. It was seconded by P. Petrie.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

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

RESULT: Motion carried. (Unanimous)

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Resolution #26-025 to Amend St. Tammany Parish Library Rules and Regulations Section 209(D) "Rules of Behavior" (Branton)

T. Collings explained that a committee of seven librarians worked on the revisions to Section 209(D) and the revisions were reviewed by legal counsel. He noted that the original rules were approximately 30 years old and were due for an update. T. Collings reviewed the policy and outlined each proposed revision.

MOTION: G. Baham moved to adopt Res. 26-025. It was seconded by D. Thanars.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Devin McGee – Madisonville, LA. He spoke in support of the resolution to amend the policy and expressed agreement with several of its aspects.

Lisa Rustemeyer – Mandeville, LA. She spoke favorably about the revisions to the resolution and the changes made to the original draft that had been postponed the previous month. She expressed agreement with some aspects of the resolution and concerns regarding others.

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

RESULT: Motion carried. (Unanimous)

B. Resolution #26-027 to Replace St. Tammany Parish Library Rules and Regulations Chapter 4 “Collection Development” Sections 401, 403, and 405 (Branton)

T. Collings reviewed the proposed revisions to Chapter 4, noting that J. Corbin's suggestion from the previous meeting had been incorporated to make the revisions more visible and provide clarification. T. Collings noted that much of the policy had remained unchanged for approximately 25 years. He stated that a committee of librarians spent more than three months developing the revisions and studying policies from neighboring library systems.

MOTION: C. Branton moved to adopt Res. 26-027. It was seconded by T. Thompson.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Devin McGee – He thanked the Board and expressed appreciation for its discernment in evaluating materials for inclusion in the collection.

Lisa Rustemeyer – She stated that the policy should reflect the Library’s mission, vision, and strategic plan. She expressed concerns regarding aspects of the policy, including restrictions on access to materials.

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

RESULT: Motion carried. (Unanimous)

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Financial Report – August 2026

T. Collings reported that two more Ad Valorem payments were received in August. He reviewed the General Fund Balance Sheet, revenues, and expenditures. He noted that fines and fee revenue is expected to level out over the next few months as a result of the Library’s new fine-free policy. He gave explanations for expenditure lines that were over or under budget. Notable lines referenced were Health Trust, Electricity, Gas, Postage, Voice Line, Small Tools, Network Utility Software, Solinet, Polaris, Financial, Security, Web Design Consultant, Insurance and Claims, Staff Travel-Local, Conventions, Summer Reading Program, Adult Programming, Office Equipment, and Lease/Purchase Books.

MOTION: C. Branton moved to approve the financial report. It was seconded by G. Baham.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

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 maintenance projects, capital projects (Mandeville Renovation – Preparation for construction will begin the week of October 5th; Lacombe Replacement – RCL Architecture continues to work on the detailed plans; Slidell Renovation – Administration met with Watermark Design to discuss electrical plans), marketing and outreach efforts, professional development opportunities, programming highlights (Author Vera Brosgol, Job Prep Expo, Garden Fest, and Friends of the Library Concert series), contracts, public records requests, and statements of concern. T. Collings reviewed the August 2026 and year-to-date service statistics.

C. Resolution #26-028 Fall Budget Amendment (Branton)

T. Collings reviewed the Fall Budget Amendment, providing explanations for the adjustments. Notable adjustments to revenue include an increase in Ad Valorem Revenue and a decrease in State Revenue Sharing (adjusted to actual fiscal year 2026 receipts), decreased Interest Income, and increased Donations. Notable expenditure adjustments included increases in Health Trust, Electricity and Gas, Physical Plant, Financial, Security, Adult Programming, Downloadable Media, and Office Equipment, Furniture, and Shelving. There were decreases in Movers, Library Property Insurance, Adult Books, Periodicals, and CDROM/Software. T. Collings explained that the proposed reductions to certain collection budgets were discussed with and requested by the Collection Development Librarians.

The overall effect on the budget is a net increase in revenue of \$299,768, a net increase in expenditures of \$30,642, and a net increase in projected savings of \$269,126 from (\$269,039.04) to \$86.96.

T. Collings noted a proposed change to dedicated funds, recommending that the remaining \$16,000 balance be dedicated to furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the Lacombe Branch.

MOTION: J. Corbin moved to adopt Res. 26-028. It was seconded by G. Baham.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

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

RESULT: Motion carried. (Unanimous)

D. Resolution #26-029 Health Insurance and Reinsurance Policy selection for 2027 – Leon Golemi – BCA Benefit Consultants and Administrators, Inc. (Branton)

Leon Golemi, group health insurance benefit consultant, reviewed reinsurance contract options and group Health Insurance quotes for 2027. He explained how stop-loss reinsurance works and its impact on the Library's health plan costs. He reviewed spreadsheets comparing reinsurance options with figures from prior years. L. Golemi recommended Gerber Life as the reinsurance carrier for 2027.

MOTION: C. Branton moved to adopt Res. 26-029. It was seconded by T. Thompson.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

J. Corbin inquired about the 20% variance in annual fixed costs. Discussion followed regarding variables, claims incurred, and cost trends affecting reinsurance expenses.

VOTE: Baham: Yes Burke: Yes Myers: Yes Petrie: Yes Thanars: Yes Thompson: Yes Branton: Yes
RESULT: Motion carried. (Unanimous)

E. Resolution #26-030 Community Input Form Decisions Evaluation (Baham)

T. Collings explained that these titles were evaluated and decided upon following receipt of Community Input Forms (CIF). He clarified that these were not Statement of Concern submissions. He explained that a patron submitted several CIFs, about half of which were moved back to their original collections following an Administrative committee review of the materials. The Administrative committee determined that the titles on the agenda should remain in their current collection location, in compliance with La R.S. 25:225. The patron asked for the Board to review the titles and G. Baham agreed to place the items on the agenda for review.

MOTION: A standing motion to affirm the administrative decisions for each title was made by C. Branton and was seconded by G. Baham.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rachel Rhodes – She spoke in favor of returning all challenged books to their original collections. She expressed her opinions and shared several examples from recent incidents.

Becky Bohm – The patron who submitted the CIFs, provided copies of the titles under review for Board members to examine and offered comments on each title.

Lisa Rustemeyer – She spoke in favor of returning the books back to their original collections. She expressed concerns regarding aspects of the Board's interpretation of state law and the review process.

There were two public comments from individuals who did not wish to speak and they were against restricting the books.

It was clarified that the decisions under review were made by the Library's administrative staff of MLIS-certified librarians.

VOTE:

1. *Who Has What? All about girls' bodies and boys' bodies*

G. Baham	<u>Affirm</u>
J. Corbin	<u>Modify – Return to original collection</u>
T. Myers	<u>Affirm</u>
P. Petrie	<u>Affirm</u>
D. Thanars	<u>Modify – Return to original collection</u>
T. Thompson	<u>Affirm</u>
C. Branton	<u>Affirm</u>

RESULT: Motion to Affirm carried. (Affirm – 5 | Modify – 2)

2. *Bunk 9's Guide to Growing Up*

G. Baham	<u>Affirm</u>
J. Corbin	<u>Abstained</u>
T. Myers	<u>Affirm</u>
P. Petrie	<u>Affirm</u>
D. Thanars	<u>Modify – Return to original collection</u>
T. Thompson	<u>Affirm</u>
C. Branton	<u>Affirm</u>

RESULT: Motion to Affirm carried. (Affirm – 5 | Abstained – 1 | Modify – 1)

3. *It's So Amazing*

G. Baham	<u>Affirm</u>
J. Corbin	<u>Modify – Return to original collection</u>
T. Myers	<u>Affirm</u>
P. Petrie	<u>Affirm</u>
D. Thanars	<u>Modify – Return to original collection</u>
T. Thompson	<u>Affirm</u>
C. Branton	<u>Affirm</u>

RESULT: Motion to Affirm carried. (Affirm – 5 | Modify – 2)

4. *It's Not the Stork*

G. Baham	<u>Affirm</u>
J. Corbin	<u>Modify – Return to original collection</u>
T. Myers	<u>Affirm</u>
P. Petrie	<u>Affirm</u>
D. Thanars	<u>Modify – Return to original collection</u>
T. Thompson	<u>Affirm</u>
C. Branton	<u>Affirm</u>

RESULT: Motion to Affirm carried. (Affirm – 5 | Modify – 2)

5. *She-Hulk 2: Jen of Hearts*

G. Baham	<u>Affirm</u>
J. Corbin	<u>Modify – Return to original collection</u>
T. Myers	<u>Affirm</u>
P. Petrie	<u>Affirm</u>
D. Thanars	<u>Modify – Return to original collection</u>
T. Thompson	<u>Affirm</u>
C. Branton	<u>Affirm</u>

RESULT: Motion to Affirm carried. (Affirm – 5 | Modify – 2)

6. *Insectopolis*

Discussion followed among Board members and T. Collings regarding the title under review, including consideration of La. R.S. 25:225, the Rules and Regulations of the Library Board of Control, and legal clarification provided by counsel.

G. Baham	<u>Affirm</u>
J. Corbin	<u>Modify – Return to original collection</u>
T. Myers	<u>Affirm</u>
P. Petrie	<u>Affirm</u>
D. Thanars	<u>Modify – Return to original collection</u>
T. Thompson	<u>Affirm</u>
C. Branton	<u>Affirm</u>

RESULT: Motion to Affirm carried. (Affirm – 5 | Modify – 2)

7. *Spinning*

G. Baham	<u>Affirm</u>
J. Corbin	<u>Modify – Return to original collection</u>
T. Myers	<u>Affirm</u>
P. Petrie	<u>Affirm</u>
D. Thanars	<u>Modify – Return to original collection</u>
T. Thompson	<u>Affirm</u>
C. Branton	<u>Affirm</u>

RESULT: Motion to Affirm carried. (Affirm – 5 | Modify – 2)

T. Myers thanked B. Bohm for providing copies of the books as a refresher for the Board to review.

4. Adjournment

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

APPROVAL:

Tamarah Myers, Board Secretary/Treasurer

ST. TAMMANY PARISH LIBRARY		AD VALOREM AND REVENUE SHARING RECEIVED IN 2026							
AD VALOREM									
1/8/2026		1,366,828.13							
2/4/2026		9,025,718.00							
3/11/2026		1,928,722.41							
4/1/2026		307,460.72							
4/29/2026		103,764.27							
6/3/2026		81,910.47							
7/1/2026		68,680.28							
8/12/2026		45,257.18							
8/26/2026		128,830.69							
9/30/2026		4,370.48							
		13,061,542.63							
STATE REVENUE SHARING									
1/8/2026		75,076.17							
4/29/2026		75,076.18							
7/1/2026		75,076.17							
		225,228.52							

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

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ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash	\$ 9,829,244.41
Cash - Health Claims	(16,879.90)
Due from Paylocity	0.00
Due from Other	8,925.85
Returned Checks	0.00
Ad Valorem Receivable - 2026	9,792,879.75
Ad Valorem Receivable - 2025	2,084.61
Ad Valorem Receivable - 2023	0.00
Due from State of Louisiana	168,921.45
Prepaid Expenses	194,980.95

Total Current Assets	19,980,157.12
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Other Assets

Deposits	1,981.00
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Total Other Assets	1,981.00
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Total Assets	\$ 19,982,138.12
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LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Current Liabilities

Accrued Salaries	\$ 62,931.09
Deferred Inflows - Ad Valorem	382,837.00
Elective Benefits Payable-Met	19,296.91
Elective Benefits Payable-Colo	(22,166.24)
Retirement Payable	78,328.43
Health Claims Payable	362,703.55

Total Current Liabilities	883,930.74
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Fund Balance

Fund Balance	19,098,207.38
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Total Fund Balance	19,098,207.38
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Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$ 19,982,138.12
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St. Tammany Parish Library
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
For the Nine Months Ending September 30, 2026

Beginning Fund Balance	\$	18,680,096.46
Net Income		418,110.92
Ending Fund Balance	\$	<u><u>19,098,207.38</u></u>

St. Tammany Parish Library-General Fund
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Nine Months Ending September 30, 2026

	<u>Current</u> <u>Period</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>Year to</u> <u>Date Actual</u>	<u>Yearly</u> <u>Total</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>YTD Act</u> <u>to YTD</u> <u>Budget</u>
Revenues					
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 1,088,097.75	\$ 9,901,707.51	13,057,173.00	3,155,465.49	75.83
State Revenue Sharing	18,769.00	168,921.00	225,228.00	56,307.00	75.00
Fines/Fees	7,005.71	86,857.50	106,500.00	19,642.50	81.56
LA Library Grant - ARPA	0.00	0.00	3,162.00	3,162.00	0.00
Interest Income	14,724.57	119,197.14	172,370.00	53,172.86	69.15
Insurance Proceeds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations Received	950.33	10,406.74	29,216.00	18,809.26	35.62
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	24,466.73	24,466.00	(0.73)	100.00
Summer Reading Shirt Sales	0.00	574.72	574.00	(0.72)	100.13
Total Revenues	1,129,547.36	10,312,131.34	13,618,689.00	3,306,557.66	75.72
Expenditures					
Library Administration	459,866.68	4,398,063.46	6,090,000.00	1,691,936.54	72.22
Employee Benefits	162,237.08	1,835,601.30	2,369,380.00	533,778.70	77.47
Advertising,Dues & Subscriptio	1,143.49	19,586.14	45,500.00	25,913.86	43.05
Signage	170.88	596.42	2,000.00	1,403.58	29.82
Printing, Duplicating & Bindin	249.19	14,553.56	19,989.00	5,435.44	72.81
Promotional Production	2,781.50	15,702.51	18,000.00	2,297.49	87.24
Utilities	44,390.75	292,826.15	375,250.00	82,423.85	78.03
Communications	6,432.26	72,196.00	99,080.00	26,884.00	72.87
Leases	25,987.13	249,346.74	350,500.00	101,153.26	71.14
Maintenance of Property & Equi	32,746.13	511,871.23	632,119.44	120,248.21	80.98
Maintenance Services (Building	31,079.43	193,397.69	320,750.00	127,352.31	60.30
Professional Services	8,510.63	264,947.84	335,350.00	70,402.16	79.01
Insurance and Claims	0.00	280,032.05	280,033.00	0.95	100.00
Operating Supplies	20,604.71	188,902.96	256,970.00	68,067.04	73.51
Travel & Continuing Education	4,037.86	40,674.95	47,800.00	7,125.05	85.09
Public Relations/Programming	16,972.04	109,030.86	163,116.00	54,085.14	66.84
Capital Outlay-Non-Book Acq.	36,447.46	319,348.47	510,200.00	190,851.53	62.59
Capital Outlay-library Res. Ac	88,460.52	1,060,489.52	1,432,563.60	372,074.08	74.03
Causeway FF & E	2,040.00	26,852.57	270,000.00	243,147.43	9.95
Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditures	944,157.74	9,894,020.42	13,618,601.04	3,724,580.62	72.65
Excess of Revenues/(Expenditur	\$ 185,389.62	\$ 418,110.92	87.96	(418,022.96)	475,342.11

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

St. Tammany Parish Library-General Fund
Schedule of Expenditures
For the Nine Months Ending September 30, 2026

	<u>Current</u> <u>Period</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>Year to</u> <u>Date Actual</u>	<u>Yearly</u> <u>Total</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>Actual</u> <u>to YTD</u> <u>Budget</u>
Library Administration					
Library Salaries	\$ 459,866.68	\$ 4,398,063.46	\$ 6,090,000.00	1,691,936.54	72.22
Total	\$ 459,866.68	\$ 4,398,063.46	\$ 6,090,000.00	1,691,936.54	72.22
Employee Benefits					
FICA/ Supplemental Retirement	\$ 10,349.66	\$ 99,650.74	\$ 134,000.00	34,349.26	74.37
Retirement Contributions	43,575.27	419,820.34	577,480.00	157,659.66	72.70
Health Insurance Expense	30,342.28	261,892.39	390,000.00	128,107.61	67.15
Health Trust	75,225.07	1,036,789.05	1,249,400.00	212,610.95	82.98
Worker's Compensation Expense	2,744.80	17,448.78	17,500.00	51.22	99.71
Employee Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Total	\$ 162,237.08	\$ 1,835,601.30	\$ 2,369,380.00	533,778.70	77.47
Advertising, Dues & Subscriptions					
Publication of Legal Notices	\$ 534.51	\$ 3,373.53	\$ 11,500.00	8,126.47	29.34
Membership Dues	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
Advertising	608.98	16,212.61	28,000.00	11,787.39	57.90
Total	\$ 1,143.49	\$ 19,586.14	\$ 45,500.00	25,913.86	43.05
Signage					
Signage	\$ 170.88	\$ 596.42	\$ 2,000.00	1,403.58	29.82
Total	\$ 170.88	\$ 596.42	\$ 2,000.00	1,403.58	29.82
Printing, Duplicating & Binding					
Printing	\$ 249.19	\$ 10,064.96	\$ 15,500.00	5,435.04	64.94
Patron Cards	0.00	4,488.60	4,489.00	0.40	99.99
Total	\$ 249.19	\$ 14,553.56	\$ 19,989.00	5,435.44	72.81
Promotional Production					
Promotional Production	\$ 2,781.50	\$ 15,702.51	\$ 18,000.00	2,297.49	87.24
Total	\$ 2,781.50	\$ 15,702.51	\$ 18,000.00	2,297.49	87.24

St. Tammany Parish Library-General Fund
Schedule of Expenditures
For the Nine Months Ending September 30, 2026

	<u>Current</u> <u>Period</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>Year to</u> <u>Date Actual</u>	<u>Yearly</u> <u>Total</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>Actual</u> <u>to YTD</u> <u>Budget</u>
Utilities					
Electricity	\$ 34,449.27	\$ 255,529.60	\$ 328,500.00	72,970.40	77.79
Gas	158.66	2,910.10	3,750.00	839.90	77.60
Water	9,782.82	34,386.45	43,000.00	8,613.55	79.97
Total	\$ 44,390.75	\$ 292,826.15	\$ 375,250.00	82,423.85	78.03
Communications					
Postage	\$ 38.70	\$ 11,460.62	\$ 16,000.00	4,539.38	71.63
Voice Line	4,927.80	43,141.58	57,280.00	14,138.42	75.32
Data Lines (Internet)	1,465.76	17,571.38	24,800.00	7,228.62	70.85
Courier/Shipping	0.00	22.42	1,000.00	977.58	2.24
Total	\$ 6,432.26	\$ 72,196.00	\$ 99,080.00	26,884.00	72.87
Leases					
Building Lease Expense	\$ 25,289.00	\$ 244,586.33	\$ 343,000.00	98,413.67	71.31
Equipment Lease Expense	698.13	4,760.41	7,500.00	2,739.59	63.47
Total	\$ 25,987.13	\$ 249,346.74	\$ 350,500.00	101,153.26	71.14
Maintenance of Property & Equipment					
Custodial and Janitorial	\$ 19,530.92	\$ 166,220.83	\$ 220,000.00	53,779.17	75.55
Grounds/Lawn Maintenance	6,943.00	69,291.00	90,100.00	20,809.00	76.90
Maintenance Supplies	472.98	6,276.72	10,000.00	3,723.28	62.77
Fuel & Lube	3,353.65	25,319.55	33,000.00	7,680.45	76.73
Vehicle Repairs	641.82	5,115.98	10,000.00	4,884.02	51.16
Small Tools	0.00	2,396.10	3,000.00	603.90	79.87
Office Machine & Equip Repair	51.64	96.64	1,000.00	903.36	9.66
Network Utility Software	1,436.52	136,736.95	147,850.00	11,113.05	92.48
Solinet (OCLC) Cost	0.00	31,986.82	33,211.00	1,224.18	96.31
Polaris Maintenance	0.00	62,458.44	62,458.44	0.00	100.00
PC Network Maintenance & Repai	315.60	5,972.20	11,500.00	5,527.80	51.93
Hurricane Disaster Costs	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Total	\$ 32,746.13	\$ 511,871.23	\$ 632,119.44	120,248.21	80.98
Maintenance of Services (Buildings)					
Physical Plant	\$ 13,771.47	\$ 124,158.88	\$ 175,000.00	50,841.12	70.95
Plumbing, Heating and AC	8,778.64	45,840.06	91,500.00	45,659.94	50.10
Electrical	2,563.63	3,595.58	8,500.00	4,904.42	42.30
Sanitation	1,158.69	9,089.79	14,000.00	4,910.21	64.93
Pest Control	756.00	6,323.00	8,650.00	2,327.00	73.10

St. Tammany Parish Library-General Fund
Schedule of Expenditures
For the Nine Months Ending September 30, 2026

	<u>Current Period Actual</u>	<u>Year to Date Actual</u>	<u>Yearly Total Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>YTD Actual to YTD Budget</u>
Termite Contract	2,076.00	2,415.38	3,100.00	684.62	77.92
Carpet Cleaning	1,975.00	1,975.00	20,000.00	18,025.00	9.88
Total	\$ 31,079.43	\$ 193,397.69	\$ 320,750.00	127,352.31	60.30
Professional Services					
Payroll Service Fees	\$ 2,946.67	\$ 26,839.74	\$ 39,600.00	12,760.26	67.78
Financial	0.00	55,763.60	58,000.00	2,236.40	96.14
Consultants	0.00	50,394.89	80,000.00	29,605.11	62.99
Security	5,563.96	44,407.64	57,750.00	13,342.36	76.90
Web Design Consultant	0.00	87,541.97	100,000.00	12,458.03	87.54
Total	\$ 8,510.63	\$ 264,947.84	\$ 335,350.00	70,402.16	79.01
Insurance and Claims					
Library Property Insurance	\$ 0.00	\$ 153,736.05	\$ 153,737.00	0.95	100.00
Flood Insurance	0.00	36,329.00	36,329.00	0.00	100.00
Vehicle Insurance	0.00	54,660.00	54,660.00	0.00	100.00
LBOC Liability	0.00	4,574.00	4,574.00	0.00	100.00
General Liability	0.00	30,733.00	30,733.00	0.00	100.00
Total	\$ 0.00	\$ 280,032.05	\$ 280,033.00	0.95	100.00
Operating Supplies					
Office Supplies	\$ 3,571.63	\$ 27,811.69	\$ 38,000.00	10,188.31	73.19
Bank Service Charges	1,590.13	15,232.70	20,000.00	4,767.30	76.16
Book Preparation Supplies	2,520.95	28,555.61	46,000.00	17,444.39	62.08
Computer/Printer Supplies	12,600.50	111,585.08	142,000.00	30,414.92	78.58
Programming Supplies	321.50	5,717.88	10,970.00	5,252.12	52.12
Total	\$ 20,604.71	\$ 188,902.96	\$ 256,970.00	68,067.04	73.51
Travel and Continuing Education					
Staff Travel - Local	\$ 2,990.79	\$ 15,500.88	\$ 17,000.00	1,499.12	91.18
Library In-service Training	1,047.07	2,596.96	6,800.00	4,203.04	38.19
Conventions & Seminars	0.00	22,577.11	24,000.00	1,422.89	94.07
Total	\$ 4,037.86	\$ 40,674.95	\$ 47,800.00	7,125.05	85.09

Public Relations/Programming

St. Tammany Parish Library-General Fund
Schedule of Expenditures
For the Nine Months Ending September 30, 2026

	<u>Current Period Actual</u>	<u>Year to Date Actual</u>	<u>Yearly Total Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>YTD Actual to YTD Budget</u>
Summer Reading Program	\$ 211.34	\$ 42,975.93	\$ 55,000.00	12,024.07	78.14
Summer Reading T-shirts	0.00	3,099.83	6,454.00	3,354.17	48.03
Adult Programming	7,581.42	39,006.06	49,000.00	9,993.94	79.60
Young Adult Programming	329.29	11,821.15	17,000.00	5,178.85	69.54
Juvenile Programming	8,849.99	12,127.89	32,500.00	20,372.11	37.32
GIS Grant	0.00	0.00	3,162.00	3,162.00	0.00
Total	\$ 16,972.04	\$ 109,030.86	\$ 163,116.00	54,085.14	66.84
Capital Outlay-Non-Book Acq					
Landscape Additions	\$ 17,700.00	\$ 34,545.00	\$ 54,000.00	19,455.00	63.97
Imp Phys Plant	9,860.00	9,860.00	145,000.00	135,140.00	6.80
Vehicles	0.00	27,138.00	27,200.00	62.00	99.77
Office Equip, Furn & Shelving	2,865.65	49,841.85	73,000.00	23,158.15	68.28
PC Network	6,021.81	197,963.62	211,000.00	13,036.38	93.82
Total	\$ 36,447.46	\$ 319,348.47	\$ 510,200.00	190,851.53	62.59
Capital Outlay-Library Res. Acq.					
Adult Books	\$ 9,387.71	\$ 101,069.89	\$ 175,000.00	73,930.11	57.75
Lease/Purchase Books	0.00	11,142.60	11,142.60	0.00	100.00
Juvenile Books	11,059.54	70,369.76	105,000.00	34,630.24	67.02
Young Adults	1,119.41	17,574.80	24,000.00	6,425.20	73.23
Music Recordings	25.48	520.19	800.00	279.81	65.02
Adult Reference	5,513.75	82,772.31	105,000.00	22,227.69	78.83
Juvenile Reference	0.00	39,925.05	45,000.00	5,074.95	88.72
Periodicals	0.00	33,601.54	39,000.00	5,398.46	86.16
Audio Recordings	2,644.84	15,900.58	21,100.00	5,199.42	75.36
Video Recordings	3,391.04	28,464.05	45,000.00	16,535.95	63.25
Genealogy	0.00	1,525.64	3,000.00	1,474.36	50.85
Downloadable Media	55,318.75	404,049.64	470,000.00	65,950.36	85.97
CD/Software	0.00	33,097.94	37,021.00	3,923.06	89.40
Internet Database Subscription	0.00	220,475.53	351,500.00	131,024.47	62.72
Total	\$ 88,460.52	\$ 1,060,489.52	\$ 1,432,563.60	372,074.08	74.03
Capital Expenditures					
Causeway FF & E	\$ 2,040.00	\$ 26,852.57	\$ 270,000.00	243,147.43	9.95
Total	\$ 2,040.00	\$ 26,852.57	\$ 270,000.00	243,147.43	9.95

Director's Report

October 19, 2026

MAINTENANCE

The Maintenance department prepared the temporary side entrance to Mandeville Branch for renovation.

CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

Mandeville Renovation – ECO Builders began setting up for the renovation on October 9th, when patrons began using the side entrance. The renovation began on October 12th.

Lacombe Replacement - RCL Architecture and administration reviewed the latest plans and budget. The finishes and other details are being finalized.

Slidell Renovation – Watermark Architects are working on the final coordination with their consultants and will be issuing plans for review soon.

MARKETING AND OUTREACH

Jackie Riecke, Public Relations and Community Coordinator, and Jenny Mayer, Youth Services Coordinator, promoted TeenTober and other library events on the Lake 94.7 and the Highway 104.7 radio stations on October 2nd.

Maria Condatore, Youth Services Assistant, Kimberly Schwartz, Human Resources Manager, and Jackie Riecke promoted library services at the Covington Night Out Against Crime on October 6th.

Sydney Neeley, Mandeville Children's Librarian, held an Ozobots event for Cub Scout 119 on October 8th.

Barbara Vidacovich, Slidell Children's Librarian, Erika Dawson, South Slidell Children's Librarian, Jessica Troske, Covington Children's Librarian, and Charlene Barrett provided outreach at the Covington YMCA Fall Fest on October 10th.

Erika Dawson provided storytimes at Helping Hands on September 28th and October 19th, Children's College on September 29th, Charlotte's Web on October 5th, and St. Margaret Mary on October 16th. She also brought Ozobots to the Florida Ave Elementary STEAM Club on October 1st and promoted library services at the Bayou Woods Elementary DIBELS night on October 8th.

Abby Mayfield, Teen Librarian, and Pamela Hills, Library Associate, provided outreach at Slidell's Night Out Against Crime on October 6th.

Nichola Kleyle, Mobile Library Branch Manager, performed 14 lobby stops from September 24th to October 19th.

Eva Saladino, Public Relations Assistant, Emily Blackwell, Mobile Library Assistant, Sarah Aucoin, Reference Librarian, Jackie Riecke, and Nichola Kleyle promoted the library at the COAST Resource Festival on October 1st.

Trevor Collings, Library Director, and Tanya DiMaggio, Assistant Director of Support Services, presented an overview of the Mandeville renovation at the Mandeville City Council meeting on October 8th.

Byron Holdiman, Reference Coordinator, Sami Srenger, Charlene Barrett and Abby Mayfield, Teen Librarians, and Jenny Mayer provided outreach at the STPS College Expo on October 12th and 19th.

Byron Holdiman also attended the St. Tammany Commission on Families meeting on October 13th.

Tracey Angerdina, Causeway Children's Librarian, Cathy Badon, Slidell Children's Assistant, Sarah Mayer, Library Associate, Jenny Mayer, Barbara Vidacovich, and Jessica Troske provided outreach at Monster Mash on October 17th.

Eugenie Brignac, Madisonville Children's Librarian, Kellie Nelson, Library Associate, Pam Hills, and Sami Stenger provided outreach at the Wooden Boat Festival on October 17th and 18th.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Sarah Aucoin attended the webinar, "Refusal as Instruction: Talking to Patrons about AI," on September 30th.

Trevor Collings, Brent Geiger, Assistant Director of Public Services, and Tanya DiMaggio attended the State Library of Louisiana's Administrator's Conference on October 10th.

Jillian Boudreaux, Adult Programming Coordinator, attended two Leadership Northshore events, "Project Skills and Information Class" on October 6th and "Social Services Day" on October 14th.

PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS

The Friends of Slidell Library's second concert of their series was held at the Lacombe branch on September 30th. Johnny Sketch and the Dirty Notes performed with 120 people in attendance. The next concert will be held indoors in the South Slidell branch meeting room. Patrice Fisher and Arpa will perform on October 21st.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 2. The St. Tammany Parish Library will proactively reduce barriers to participation and involvement by increasing accessibility to all community members in its physical facilities and its digital presence.

The Library is partnering with the local nonprofit Northshore Neurodiversity Network to improve our services and programs for patrons of all ages with autism and other neurodiversities. The first step in the partnership is to conduct a survey of the neurodiversity community about library services and programs and a focus group with new adults on the neurodiverse spectrum.

Goal 5. The St. Tammany Parish Library will be more creative with resourcing and funding by maximizing mutually beneficial partnership opportunities with the public and private sectors.

The Library is continuing its partnership with the STPG GIS District and received another grant from the GIS-Mapping Exchange program at the Institute of Museum and Library Services to provide a workshop series for both teens aged 16 and up and adults to learn about and how to use GIS software (Geographic Information Systems, which is a system for creating, editing, analyzing, storing, and mapping geospatial data.) The grant also allows us to renew the subscription to the software.

Goal 7. The St. Tammany Parish Library will ensure that its staff has the resources and professional development opportunities needed to underpin the Library's goals for the future and maintain its reputation for excellence in customer services.

The Library is implementing an Employee Engagement Initiative. A committee of staff leadership worked for several months to define core values and develop a framework for staff to maintain our organization's expectations of values, congenial work environment, and reputation of excellence in customer service. The program is called SPARK and covers: Stewardship- taking pride in caring for our library, resources, and community, People- putting people in the center of what we do, Approach- bring a positive, professional, and adaptable attitude to every situation, Reliability- being dependable and accountable, and Key Connections- building relationships that strengthen our communities.

CONTRACTS

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
EBSCO	MyHeritage	\$25,676.28	MyHeritage is a genealogy database that contains a lot of European records including several from the French archives.
Value Line	Value Line	\$5,215	Investment research

PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS

We have received no new public records request since the September meeting. One is pending.

STATEMENTS OF CONCERN

We received one new Statements of Concern since the September meeting.

September 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	373	27	55	0	23	133	0	0	0	24	1		636				
Abita	727	38	189	2	11	507	2			38			1,514	159	1,288	115	158
Bush	184	32	156		7	184	25			12			600	75	458	49	86
Causeway	2312	146	959		31	3650	69		4	143	15		7,329	507	5,775	980	811
Covington	4367	252	2729	2	24	6288	102	27	13	308	67		14,179	1,106	9,230	2816	1051
Folsom	349	26	347	1	6	613	58			19			1,419	204	1,352	146	177
Lacombe	286	21	211	2	1	462		3	4	29	28		1,047	226	1,356	143	147
Lee Road	355	30	245	1		511	1	11		16			1,170	38	715	40	126
Madisonville	1443	119	623	3	32	3617	37		1	121	11		6,007	504	5,241	1147	426
Mandeville	2949	162	1199	4	31	5365	84	2	8	231	13		10,048	832	6,853	833	430
Mobile	580	1	16			6				5			608				
Pearl River	439	9	261	0	26	324	15	5	3	9			1,091	280	1,397	143	198
Slidell	4630	328	1947	2	40	5724	289	46	7	503	132		13,648	1,850	15,947	1781	2054
South Slidell	868	42	600	1	18	1334	28	19		106	14		3,030	1,338	5,062	971	1028
Virtual ¹				18								39791	39,809				
Total	19862	1233	9537	36	250	28718	710	113	40	1564	281	39791	102,135	7,119	54,674	9,164	6,692

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

CD=CompactDisc; DVD=DigitalVersatileDisc; ILL=InterLibraryLoan; Mag=Magazines

Ppks=Paperbacks; YA=Young Adult

Patrons Registered: 766

Number of Program: 236

Program Attendance: 5,335

Items Catalogued/Processed

Children's 1,064

Teen 177

Adult 862

Total 2,103

YTD January-September 2026 Service Statistics

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Admin/Annex	2,872	403	585		205	951	2	2	7	2,953	18	0	7,998	0	0	0	0
Abita	5,422	271	1,336	5	142	4,452	19	0	2	267	21	0	11,937	996	10,623	848	1,362
Bush	1,579	135	1,685		30	1,914	56	0	0	62	2	0	5,463	603	4,484	382	736
Causeway	18,391	970	6,180		318	27,443	393	0	12	1,373	65	0	55,145	4,041	46,014	6,679	6,365
Covington	32,303	1,880	16,449	11	200	43,718	784	772	40	2,679	376	0	99,210	8,096	67,077	17,629	7,488
Folsom	3,349	206	2,743	8	55	4,108	466	0	0	192	14	0	11,141	1,695	10,872	907	1,170
Lacombe	2,318	193	1,152	10	34	3,818	11	93	13	206	57	0	7,903	1,927	10,269	1,011	1,062
Lee Road	2,845	139	1,564	5	29	3,944	47	42	0	82	9	0	8,706	329	6,196	393	1,087
Madisonville	11,917	740	4,449	12	308	25,451	242	0	15	1,284	86	0	44,504	3,757	44,201	8,082	3,205
Mandeville	24,538	1,494	7,373	15	295	37,632	664	45	69	2,059	47	0	74,231	7,072	52,285	6,029	3,755
Mobile	4,062	8	51		1	26	10	0	1	6	0	0	4,165	0	0	0	0
Pearl River	3,512	88	1,478	0	176	2,513	103	318	5	90	15	0	8,298	1,876	10,633	961	1,593
Slidell	35,139	2,101	10,841	12	336	40,133	1,339	1,213	65	4,000	666	0	95,845	14,771	120,907	12,723	18,192
South Slidell	6,688	305	3,780	6	151	9,253	86	68	2	959	88	0	21,385	10,506	41,038	7,798	9,410
Virtual ¹	0	0	0	174	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	350,670	350,844	0	0	0	0
Total	154,935	8,933	59,666	258	2,280	205,356	4,222	2,553	231	16,212	1,464	350,670	806,775	55,669	424,599	63,442	55,425

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Pbks=Paperbacks; YA=Young Adult

Patrons Registered: 7,426



St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control

Resolution No. 26-031

Resolution to Amend Employee Handbook Policy 2-214 “Travel Compensation Policy”

October 19th, 2026

SPONSOR: Mr. Branton

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Library Employee Handbook Policy 2-214, “Travel Compensation Policy,” establishes reimbursement provisions for employees traveling on official Library business; and

WHEREAS, the current policy establishes fixed meal reimbursement amounts for conference and workshop travel; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana establishes meal and incidental expense reimbursement standards through Policy and Procedure Memorandum No. 49 (PPM 49), including rates based upon the applicable travel location; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Control finds it appropriate to align the Library’s meal reimbursement provisions with the applicable State of Louisiana standards as they may be amended from time to time;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control that the meal reimbursement provisions of Employee Handbook Policy 2-214, “Travel Compensation Policy,” are hereby amended as reflected below; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that meal reimbursement under Policy 2-214 shall be determined in accordance with the applicable meal and incidental expense provisions of PPM 49, as amended from time to time; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other provisions of Employee Handbook Policy 2-214 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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St. Tammany Parish Library	Code: 2-214 Section: II. Your Employment at St. Tammany Parish Library
Approved:	Subject: Travel Compensation Policy

B. CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP TRAVEL

The Library shall reimburse employees of the St. Tammany Parish Library for meal expenses when traveling in an official capacity outside of the scope of their normal work travel. All reimbursement rates are subject to review and adjustment.

MEALS

- ~~• Meal reimbursement will be determined by documented leave and return times~~
- ~~• Meals will be reimbursed as follows:~~
 - ~~○ Breakfast — \$7.00~~
 - ~~○ Lunch — \$13.00~~
 - ~~○ Dinner — \$25.00~~
- Meal reimbursement shall be made in accordance with the meal and incidental expense (M&IE) rates and applicable meal reimbursement provisions established by the State of Louisiana in Policy and Procedure Memorandum No. 49 (PPM 49), as amended from time to time.
- Reimbursement rates shall be based upon the applicable travel location.
- ~~• Receipts are not required for meals, but the Meal Reimbursement form must be completed and returned to Branch Services within 10 days of the employee's return~~
- Receipts and documentation shall be required for meal reimbursement per Library administrative procedure. The Meal Reimbursement form must be completed and returned to Branch Services within 10 days of the employee's return.
- Meals are not reimbursed when included in a function already paid for by the Library.

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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 19th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERSHIP BEING PRESENT.

Charles Branton, Board President

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St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control

Resolution No. 26-032

Resolution Regarding Statement of Concern Appeal – *Da Vinci & His Times*

October 19th, 2026

SPONSOR: Mr. Branton

WHEREAS, a Statement of Concern was submitted regarding *Da Vinci & His Times* pursuant to Section 407 of the St. Tammany Parish Library Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, following review of the material, a determination was issued concerning the challenged material; and

WHEREAS, an appeal of that determination was timely submitted and is now before the St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control for consideration;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, following consideration of the appeal and public comment, the St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control hereby takes the following action concerning the determination regarding *Da Vinci & His Times*:

☐ Affirm ☐ Modify ☐ Reject ☐ Take Under Advisement

If modified or rejected, Board action:

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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Statement of Concern This form is to be used ONLY for concerns alleging that a library material contains sexually explicit material as defined in 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. All other concerns regarding placement, displays, programming, general content, or viewpoint disagreements must be submitted using the Community Input Form. Processing this form requires significant time and resources. You are encouraged to discuss your concern with library staff prior to submission.

REQUIRED: This submission alleges that the material contains sexual conduct as defined by La. R.S. 25:225: Yes XX No (If No, this form will not be processed under Section 407)

REQUIRED: This submission pertains to an item that is located within the Children's, Juvenile, Teen, or Young Adult Collection. Yes X No (If No, this form will not be processed under Section 407)

Date 08/27/2026 Library Card Number

Name

Residence Address

City Mandeville State LA Zip 70448

Telephone Email

1. Resource Type: Book XX Audiobook eBook Graphic Novel Other:

2. Title: DaVinci & His Times

3. Author/Producer: Andrew Langley

4. Where did you encounter this material? Mandeville branch- J 940.2Lan

5. REQUIRED: Identify specific pages, scenes, or sections that depict sexual conduct (Please attach additional pages as required. Forms without specific citations will not be considered):

Please see additional pages which contain visual depictions of nude human figures, including female breast nipples and male genitals. Cited pages: 9, 10, 11, 35, 42 and 56

6. Have you reviewed the material in its entirety? Yes X No

7. What action are you requesting?

Please review the aforementioned images to determine if these art pieces depict 'sexual conduct' as described in La R.S. 25:225. Is it 'lewd exhibition' as defined by law? If it meets this definition, it is important to the integrity of the library process of cataloging materials to shelve it where other challenged materials with similar pictures are placed. From recent challenges, locating this book in adult non-fiction or behind the desk may well be in keeping with recently established LBOC standards.

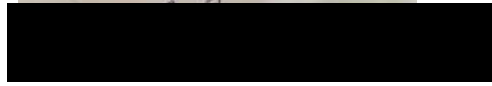
8. Explain your concern. You must reference the cited sections above:

It is important that consistent standards are applied in a viewpoint-neutral manner for the integrity of our collection. I request the board determine through discussion and comparison with other materials featuring similar visual depictions whether this book should remain in children's non-fiction or be reshelfed based on 25:225 and consistent collection standards.

I request that this book be shelved where other challenged visual works depicting equivalent images are shelved.

CERTIFICATION: I certify that this request is based on my review of the material and alleges sexual content as defined by law.

Signature __

A black rectangular box redacting the signature.

Date 08/27/26

NOTE: This request will be reviewed pursuant to Section 407 and La. R.S. 25:225. Incomplete forms or forms that do not meet statutory requirements will not be processed. Submitted information may be subject to public records requests under Louisiana Public Records Law.



NO DISSENT

The Catholic Church of the Middle Ages was intolerant of anyone who contradicted its beliefs. People who belonged to extreme sects, like these Cathars, were often tortured, killed, or exiled. After the 1400s, humanist thinkers tried to encourage a more tolerant attitude.



The human body

FOR 1,000 YEARS, the science of the body – anatomy – had remained virtually unchanged. Medieval doctors relied on textbooks and tradition. In the 16th century, a revolution in anatomy took place, led by artists (most notably Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo) as well as doctors. This revolution, inspired by the rediscovery of the writings of the great classical physicians, and encouraged by a new spirit of inquiry and observation, changed everything. Both doctors and artists began to dissect bodies and to describe the results with unheard-of accuracy. Consequently, the work of artists and anatomists during the Renaissance is sometimes remarkably similar.

The Renaissance in the north

"IMMORTAL GOD, what a world I see dawning!" wrote the Dutch humanist Erasmus in 1517. Like other northern scholars and scientists, he was thrilled by the new horizons opened up by the Renaissance in Italy. Artists such as Dürer and Holbein, too were inspired by Italian masters. Many traveled to Italy to study the rediscovered classical texts, absorb new ideas, and acquire new techniques. At the same time, patrons such as Francis I of France encouraged Italian artists,

and promoted the use of printed books and manuscripts.



FRUITFUL LANDSCAPE
The Flemish artist Pieter Bruegel the Elder (c. 1525-69) traveled from Flanders to Italy, although he was more inspired by the Alps than by Italian art. His detailed landscapes, such as this one, illustrate the lively realism of much northern painting.



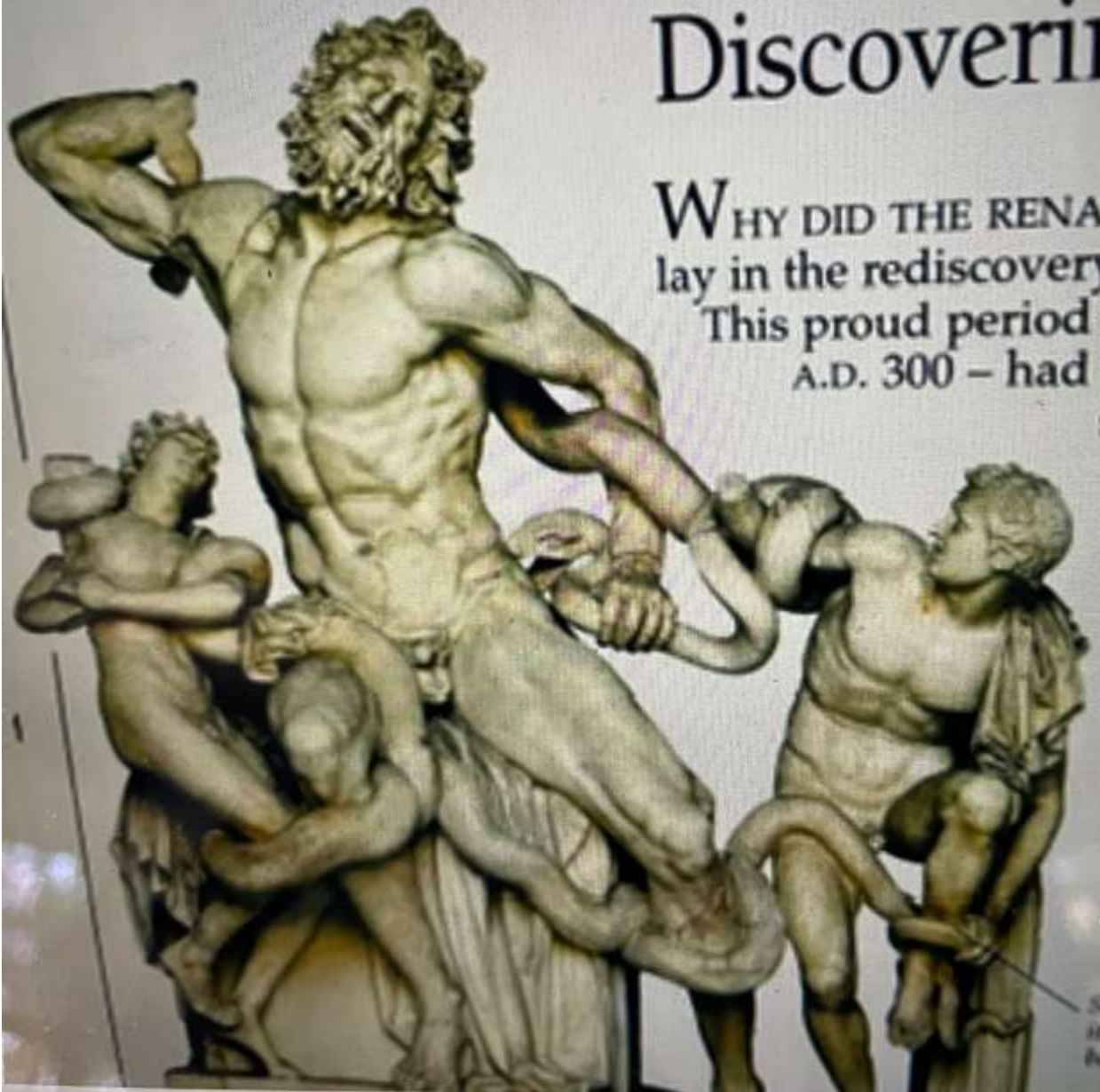


GRACES FROM GREECE

This sculpture, called *The Three Graces*, dates from Greece's Hellenistic period (323–30 B.C.), and depicts three attendants to the goddess Venus. For Italian scholars, the world of ancient Greece was far more remote than that of ancient Rome. However, after the fall of Byzantium in 1453, many Greek scholars took refuge in Italy. Interest in Greek culture grew rapidly, and the Graces became familiar figures in the sculpture and painting of Renaissance Italy.

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WHY DID THE RENAISSANCE
lay in the rediscovery
This proud period
A.D. 300 – had



***DA VINCI & HIS TIMES* by Andrew Langley**

DK Publishing, 2006

PUBLISHER'S SUMMARY

*First published in the United States in 1999 under the title *Leonardo & his times.*; Includes bibliographical references (p. 64) and index.; Illustrated biography of artist Leonardo da Vinci introduces his work and the world in which he lived.

In glorious photographic spreads, *Eyewitness Renaissance* will take you back in time, to our emergence from the Dark Ages into an era of enlightenment and creativity. Written by the author of the tremendously popular *Eyewitness Medieval Life* (over 30,000 copies sold). You will read about:

- Renaissance Men: Leonardo, Michelangelo, Medici -- and more
- Politics & Government: the city-states and the powerful families of Italy and the rest of Renaissance Europe; Machiavelli's *The Prince*
- Trade: its rapid growth and explosion, and how it spurred cultural exchange and technological innovation
- Rediscovery of everything Classical -- architecture, texts, humanism, government -- and new incarnations in Renaissance Europe
- Daily Life and workings of a Renaissance Town
- The Explorers
- Technology, Education, Medicine how the invention of the printing press produced a reading public, a more literate underclass the plague, dissection of human bodies for education, the first microscope, hospitals in Florence
- The growth of democratic, public art forms like theater and music
- Religion, sponsorship, the power of the Vatican
- The Legacy of the Renaissance and what it means to us, today, in the almost-21st century

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS SUBJECT HEADINGS

Leonardo

Italy

Civilization

History

Social life and customs

Artists

Renaissance

1268-1559

15th century

HOLDINGS AND CIRCULATION

- 2 print copies at Covington and Slidell/ Shelved in Juvenile Non-fiction/ Call number J 940.2 Lan

Purchased in August 2006. Available on shelf August 2006.

Total circulation on all print copies: 110

OTHER LIBRARY HOLDINGS

Held in 758 libraries.

Lafayette Public Library System – Juvenile Non-fiction

Livingston Parish Library – Juvenile Non-fiction

Hancock County Public Library (Mississippi) – Juvenile Non-fiction

REVIEWS

N/A

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Andrew Langley was born in 1949 in Britain. He has dedicated his career to penning educational books that meet the needs of young readers. Langley's first books were primarily straightforward works designed to explain day-to-day facts; in his "Behind the Scenes" series, for example, he explores what goes on at various familiar locations, such as a hotel and police station. As his career has progressed, Langley has increasingly focused on the subject that most interests him - history. He has produced biographies of a broad range of people from history as well as historic overviews such as The Roman News, Medieval Life, Renaissance, and Ancient Egypt.

AWARDS & LISTS

N/A

RESOURCES

Ingram Content Group, LLC

Worldcat

Individual library websites (for holdings info)

Google Books

Statement of Concern Recommendation

Da Vinci & his times by Langley, Andrew.

Statement of Concern submitted on: July 13, 2026

Date Committee met: July 16, 2026

Committee: Director, Assistant Directors, Youth Services Coordinator, Youth Services Collection Development Manager

Demographics of committee: three women, two men, four parents, five MLIS

Complainant's recommended course of action and reason:

I request that the Library review this material pursuant to Section 407 and La. R.S. 25:225 to determine whether the visual depictions on pages 9, 10, 11, 35, 42, and 56 constitute "sexual conduct," specifically "lewd exhibition" as defined by law.

If the material is determined to meet the statutory definition, I request that it be handled in a manner consistent with the Library Board's current policies and prior decisions regarding visual material accessible to minors.

If the material is determined not to meet the statutory definition because of its artistic, historical, or educational context, I request that the written determination clearly explain how that context affects the definition of "lewd exhibition" and that the same standard be applied consistently to other challenged visual works.

Report

This title is classified and shelved in Juvenile Non-Fiction. Staff reviewed the images for sexual content as defined by La. R.S. 25:225 and as directed by the Board in the Rules and Regulations. There are images on the pages cited that depict adult nudity. The committee did not find the images to be sexual or lewd as defined by law: Obscene or indecent; tending to moral impurity or wantonness. ("Lewd." *Black's Law Dictionary*, edited by Bryan A. Garner, 12th ed., Thomson Reuters, 2024, p. 1089.) The publisher includes descriptions for each image that explains the context of the artwork that is not sexual.

Options:

This book is shelved in the Juvenile Non-Fiction section. The Library could choose to:

- Keep the book in the Juvenile Non-Fiction section
- Move the book to the Adult Non-Fiction section
- Remove the book from the collection

Committee's Recommendation: The title should remain in Juvenile Non-Fiction.



August 28, 2026

VIA EMAIL ONLY [REDACTED]

Ms. Lisa Rustemeyer
[REDACTED]
Mandeville, Louisiana 70448

Re: Statement of Concern Submission dated August 26, 2026

Dear Ms. Rustemeyer:

Pursuant to Section 407 of the St. Tammany Parish Library Rules and Regulations, the Library has completed its review of your Statement of Concern regarding *Da Vinci & His Times*.

The Library determined that the cited material does not meet the statutory definition of “sexual conduct,” including “lewd exhibition,” under La. R.S. 25:225. Accordingly, the material is not governed by La. R.S. 25:225.

This letter serves as notice of that determination. You may appeal this determination to the Library Board of Control in accordance with Section 407 within thirty (30) days of correspondence.

Sincerely,

Trevor Collings
Director

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St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control

Resolution No. 26-033

Resolution Regarding Statement of Concern Appeal – *Where Do Babies Come From?* (Girls' and Boys' Editions) October 19th, 2026

SPONSOR: Mr. Branton

WHEREAS, Statements of Concern were submitted regarding the girls' and boys' editions of *Where Do Babies Come From?* pursuant to Section 407 of the St. Tammany Parish Library Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, following review of the materials, determinations were issued concerning both editions; and

WHEREAS, appeals of those determinations were timely submitted; and

WHEREAS, the appeals concerning the two editions involve substantially the same language and subject matter, and the complainant has agreed that the appeals may be considered together by the St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, following consideration of the appeals and public comment, the St. Tammany Parish Library Board of Control hereby takes the following action concerning the determinations regarding the girls' and boys' editions of *Where Do Babies Come From?*:

☐ Affirm ☐ Modify ☐ Reject ☐ Take Under Advisement

If modified or rejected, Board action:

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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 19th DAY OF OCTOBER 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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Statement of Concern

This form is to be used ONLY for concerns alleging that a library material contains sexually explicit material as defined in 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. All other concerns regarding placement, displays, programming, general content, or viewpoint disagreements must be submitted using the Community Input Form.

Processing this form requires significant time and resources. You are encouraged to discuss your concern with library staff prior to submission.

REQUIRED: This submission alleges that the material contains sexual conduct as defined by La. R.S. 25:225:

Yes ☒ No ☐ (If No, this form will not be processed under Section 407)

REQUIRED: This submission pertains to an item that is located within the Children's, Juvenile, Teen, or Young Adult Collection.

Yes ☒ No ☐ (If No, this form will not be processed under Section 407)

Date 8/9/26 Library Card Number [REDACTED]

Name [REDACTED]

Residence Address [REDACTED]

City Mandeville State LA Zip 70471

Telephone [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

1. Resource Type:

Book ☒ Audiobook ☐ eBook ☐ Graphic Novel ☐ Other: _____

2. Title: Where Do Babies Come From? For Boys ages 7-9

3. Author/Producer: Ruth Hummel

4. Where did you encounter this material?
Juvenile NF section Causeway Branch

5. REQUIRED: Identify specific pages, scenes, or sections that depict sexual conduct:

(Please attach additional pages as required. Forms without specific citations will not be considered)

The book does not have page numbers but its the page with the bride and groom on it. There is a written description of the ultimate sex act. And there are pictures of genitalia that may go against professional opinion those illustrations should be in the children's section.

6. Have you reviewed the material in its entirety?

Yes ☒ No ☐

7. What action are you requesting?

Remove to Adult Non Fiction Section since violates LA25:225 B3c.

8. Explain your concern. You must reference the cited sections above:

There is "simulation" of the ultimate sex act in written form in the book. See page with bride and groom on it in paragraphs 5 and 6.
And some pictures of genitalia

CERTIFICATION: I certify that this request is based on my review of the material and alleges sexual content as defined by law.

Signature  Date 9/29/26

NOTE: This request will be reviewed pursuant to Section 407 and La. R.S. 25:225. Incomplete forms or forms that do not meet statutory requirements will not be processed. Submitted information may be subject to public records requests under Louisiana Public Records Law.

WHERE DO BABIES COME FROM?: FOR BOYS AGES 7-9 AND PARENTS by Ruth S. Hummel

Concordia Publishing House, 2008

PUBLISHER'S SUMMARY

This book, the second in the Learning About Sex series for boys, aids parents in the often difficult task of introducing and explaining human sexuality. *Where do Babies Come From?* helps boys ages 7 to 9 better understand how a new baby develops using simple and accurate language.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS SUBJECT HEADINGS

Sex instruction for children

Religious aspects

Christian life

Sex

Christianity

HOLDINGS AND CIRCULATION

- 2 print copies at Mandeville and Slidell/ Shelved in Juvenile Non-fiction/ Call number J 649.65 Hum

Purchased in May 2010. Available on shelf June 2010.

Total circulation on all print copies: 57

OTHER LIBRARY HOLDINGS

Worldcat identifies 436 libraries with holdings. However, the majority of these libraries hold the 1998 edition, which combined information for boys and girls.

Tangipahoa Parish Public Library – Juvenile Non-fiction (1998 edition)

Baldwin County Libraries (Alabama) – Juvenile Non-fiction (1998 edition)

REVIEWS

N/A

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

N/A

AWARDS & LISTS

N/A

RESOURCES

Ingram Content Group, LLC

Worldcat

Individual library websites (for holdings info)

Statement of Concern Recommendation

Where Do Babies Come From?: For Boys by Ruth Hummel.

Statement of Concern submitted on: September 29, 2026

Date Committee met: October 1, 2026

Committee: Assistant Director, Youth Services Coordinator, Youth Services Collection Development Manager

Demographics of committee: three women, two parents, three MLIS

Complainant's recommended course of action and reason:

There is "simulation" of the ultimate sex act in written form in the book. See page with bride and groom on it in paragraphs 5 and 6.

Remove to Adult Non Fiction Section since violates LA25:225 B3c

Report

This title is classified and shelved in Juvenile Non-Fiction. Staff reviewed the text for sexual content as defined by La. R.S. 25:225 and as directed by the Board in the Rules and Regulations. The committee did not find the text to be descriptive of the ultimate sex act. The text is neither sexual or lewd as defined by law: Obscene or indecent; tending to moral impurity or wantonness. ("Lewd." *Black's Law Dictionary*, edited by Bryan A. Garner, 12th ed., Thomson Reuters, 2024, p. 1089.) The image of genitalia are simple drawings and serve an education purpose. They are not sexual or lewd.

Options:

This book is shelved in the Juvenile Non-Fiction section. The Library could choose to:

- Keep the book in the Juvenile Non-Fiction section
- Move the book to the Adult Non-Fiction section
- Remove the book from the collection

Committee's Recommendation: The title should remain in Juvenile Non-Fiction.



Discover what's inside

October 01, 2026

VIA EMAIL ONLY [REDACTED]

Dr. Rebecca Bohm
[REDACTED]
Mandeville, Louisiana 70471

Re: Statement of Concern Submission dated September 29, 2026

Dear Dr. Bohm:

Pursuant to Section 407 of the St. Tammany Parish Library Rules and Regulations, the Library has completed its review of your Statement of Concern regarding *Where Do Babies Come From? For Boys Ages 7-9 and Parents*.

The Library determined that the cited material does not meet the statutory definition of “ultimate sexual act” under La. R.S. 25:225. Accordingly, the material is not governed by La. R.S. 25:225.

This letter serves as notice of that determination. You may appeal this determination to the Library Board of Control in accordance with Section 407 within thirty (30) days of correspondence.

Sincerely,

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REQUIRED: This submission alleges that the material contains sexual conduct as defined by La. R.S. 25:225:

Yes ☒ No ☐ (If No, this form will not be processed under Section 407)

REQUIRED: This submission pertains to an item that is located within the Children's, Juvenile, Teen, or Young Adult Collection.

Yes ☒ No ☐ (If No, this form will not be processed under Section 407)

Date 8/9/20 Library Card Number [REDACTED]

Name [REDACTED]

Residence Address [REDACTED]

City Mandeville State LA Zip 70471

Telephone [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

1. Resource Type:

Book ☒ Audiobook ☐ eBook ☐ Graphic Novel ☐ Other: _____

2. Title: Where Do Babies Come From?

3. Author/Producer: Ruth Hummel

4. Where did you encounter this material?
Juvenile NF section Causeway Branch maybe

5. REQUIRED: Identify specific pages, scenes, or sections that depict sexual conduct:

(Please attach additional pages as required. Forms without specific citations will not be considered)

The book does not have page numbers but its the page with the bride and groom on it.

6. Have you reviewed the material in its entirety?

Yes ☒ No ☐

7. What action are you requesting?

Remove to Adult Non Fiction Section since violates LA25:225 B3c.

8. Explain your concern. You must reference the cited sections above:

There is "simulation" of the ultimate sex act in written form in the book. See page with bride and groom on it in paragraphs 5 and 6.

CERTIFICATION: I certify that this request is based on my review of the material and alleges sexual content as defined by law.

Signature _____ Date 8/16/26

NOTE: This request will be reviewed pursuant to Section 407 and La. R.S. 25:225. Incomplete forms or forms that do not meet statutory requirements will not be processed. Submitted information may be subject to public records requests under Louisiana Public Records Law.

WHERE DO BABIES COME FROM?: FOR GIRLS AGES 7-9 AND PARENTS by Ruth S. Hummel

Concordia Publishing House, 2008

PUBLISHER'S SUMMARY

This book, the second in the Learning About Sex series for girls, aids parents in the often difficult task of introducing and explaining human sexuality. *Where do Babies Come From?* helps girls ages 7 to 9 better understand how a new baby develops using simple and accurate language.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS SUBJECT HEADINGS

Sex instruction for children

Christianity

Christian life

Religious aspects

Sex

HOLDINGS AND CIRCULATION

- 2 print copies at Covington and Slidell/ Shelves in Juvenile Non-fiction/ Call number J 649.65 Hum

Purchased in May 2010. Available on shelf June 2010.

Total circulation on all print copies: 56

OTHER LIBRARY HOLDINGS

Worldcat identifies 436 libraries with holdings. However, the majority of these libraries hold the 1998 edition, which combined information for boys and girls.

Tangipahoa Parish Public Library – Juvenile Non-fiction (1998 edition)

Birmingham Public Library (Alabama) – Juvenile Non-fiction (2015 edition)

Harrison County Public Library (Mississippi) – Juvenile Non-fiction (2008 edition)

REVIEWS

N/A

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

N/A

AWARDS & LISTS

N/A

RESOURCES

Ingram Content Group, LLC

Worldcat

Individual library websites (for holdings info)

Statement of Concern Recommendation

Where Do Babies Come From?: For Girls by Ruth Hummel.

Statement of Concern submitted on: August 9, 2026

Date Committee met: August 21, 2026

Committee: Assistant Director, Youth Services Coordinator, Youth Services Collection Development Manager

Demographics of committee: three women, two parents, three MLIS

Complainant's recommended course of action and reason:

There is "simulation" of the ultimate sex act in written form in the book. See page with bride and groom on it in paragraphs 5 and 6.

Remove to Adult Non Fiction Section since violates LA25:225 B3c

Report

This title is classified and shelved in Juvenile Non-Fiction. Staff reviewed the text for sexual content as defined by La. R.S. 25:225 and as directed by the Board in the Rules and Regulations. The committee did not find the text to be descriptive of the ultimate sex act. The text is neither sexual or lewd as defined by law: Obscene or indecent; tending to moral impurity or wantonness. ("Lewd." *Black's Law Dictionary*, edited by Bryan A. Garner, 12th ed., Thomson Reuters, 2024, p. 1089.)

Options:

This book is shelved in the Juvenile Non-Fiction section. The Library could choose to:

- Keep the book in the Juvenile Non-Fiction section
- Move the book to the Adult Non-Fiction section
- Remove the book from the collection

Committee's Recommendation: The title should remain in Juvenile Non-Fiction.



August 27, 2026

VIA EMAIL ONLY [REDACTED]

Dr. Rebecca Bohm
[REDACTED]
Mandeville, Louisiana 70471

Re: Statement of Concern Submission dated August 09, 2026

Dear Dr. Bohm:

Pursuant to Section 407 of the St. Tammany Parish Library Rules and Regulations, the Library has completed its review of your Statement of Concern regarding *Where Do Babies Come From?*

The Library determined that the cited material does not meet the statutory definition of “ultimate sexual act” under La. R.S. 25:225. Accordingly, the material is not governed by La. R.S. 25:225.

This letter serves as notice of that determination. You may appeal this determination to the Library Board of Control in accordance with Section 407 within thirty (30) days of correspondence.

Sincerely,

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