

**Saline County Library
Board of Trustees
Agenda**

Date: 11 May 2026 | Time: 4:00 PM

1800 Smithers Dr., Benton, AR

1. Call to Order
2. Announcements

*Public Comment - Speakers must sign in with the agenda topic they wish to speak on before the Board meeting begins. Speakers will be allowed to speak on the requested agenda item when the Board reaches that item. Public comments are limited to 3 minutes per person for a total of 30 minutes.

3. Minutes from the 09 March 2026 board meeting
4. Financial Reports
 - a. 2026 Income and Expense Reports
5. Discussion Items
 - a. Director's Report
 - b. Library Management Team Reports
6. New Business
 - a. East End Lease Renewal
 - b. Flooring Replacement

Adjourn

Next regular board meeting 13 July 2026 at the East End Branch Library.

Saline County Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

09 March 2026

Attendees:

Allison Nolley, Chair
Kara Conrad, Board Member
Jamie Clemmer, Board Member
Richard McKeown, Board Member
James Hunt, Board Member
Matt Brumley, Saline County Judge

Leigh Espey, Library Director
Tonia Breckenridge, HR Manager
Kari Lapp, PR Manager
Amanda Mesas, Assistant Library Director
Keith Kellum, Quorum Court Liaison

1. Call to Order

2. Announcements

No announcements; no public comments

3. Minutes from the 12 January 2026 board meetings

Clemmer motioned to approve the minutes. Conrad seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

4. Financial Reports

a. 2025 Budget v. Actuals

Clemmer motioned to accept the budget v. actuals as presented. McKeown seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

b. 2025 Budget Modifications

Discussion about the modifications to make each line for 2025 balanced. Conrad motioned to approve the budget modifications. Clemmer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

c. 2026 Income and Expense Reports

Clemmer motioned to approve the reports as presented. Conrad seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

5. Discussion Items

a. Director's Report

b. Library Management Team Reports

6. New Business

a. CD

Clemmer motioned to renew the current CD funds for another six months. Hunt seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

b. Credit Card Resolution

Hunt motioned to approve the credit card resolution. McKeown seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

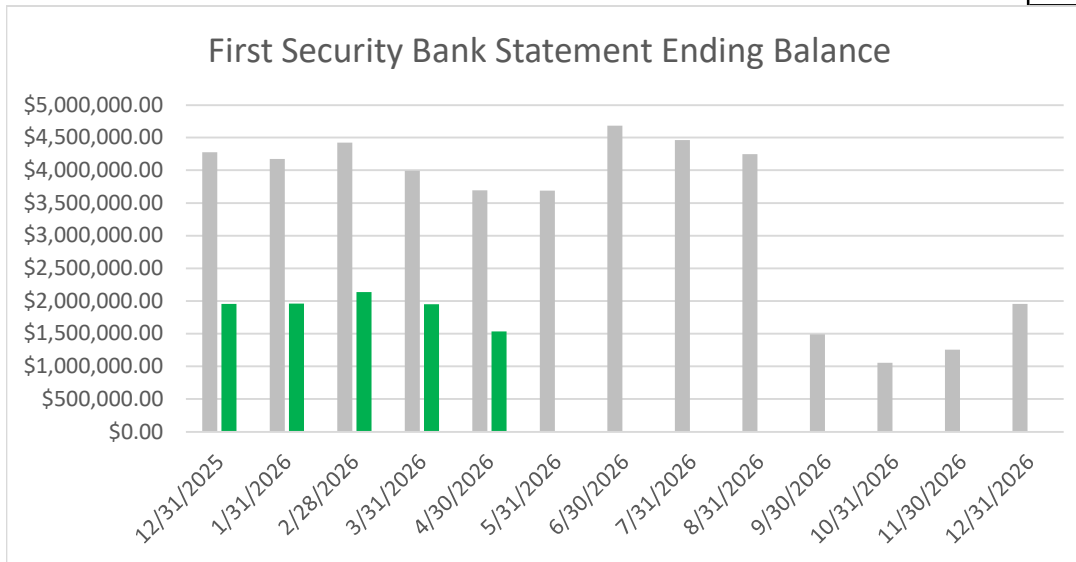
Adjourn: 5:10 PM

Conrad motioned to adjourn the meeting. McKeown seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Next regular board meeting 11 May 2026 at the Bryant Branch Library.

First Security Bank Statement Ending Balance	
Date	Amount
12/31/2025	\$1,953,819.07
1/31/2026	\$1,959,028.73
2/28/2026	\$2,137,180.21
3/31/2026	\$1,948,917.46
4/30/2026	\$1,536,572.09
5/31/2026	
6/30/2026	
7/31/2026	
8/31/2026	
9/30/2026	
10/31/2026	
11/30/2026	
12/31/2026	

First Security Checking 2026 Payments		Interest
Date	Amount	
12/31/2025	\$5,227.13	
1/31/2026	\$5,611.70	
2/28/2026	\$6,224.75	
3/31/2026	\$6,469.17	
4/30/2026	\$5,291.66	
5/31/2026		
6/30/2026		
7/31/2026		
8/31/2026		
9/30/2026		
10/31/2026		
11/30/2026		
12/31/2026		
TOTAL:		\$28,824.41



\$2,500,000 pulled on 9/12/2025 and placed into CD.



Saline County Library
Budget vs. Actuals: Budget_FY26
 January - December 2026

	Total					
	Actual	Budget	Amendment	Current Budget	Remaining	% of Budget
Revenue						
4150 Tax Receipts	900,692.00	4,193,050.61			3,292,358.61	21.48%
4200 State Aid	21,467.52	85,000.00			63,532.48	25.26%
4210 State Scholarship					0.00	
4255 Advertising Income	2,502.13					
4310 Book Sale	6,984.65	18,000.00			11,015.35	38.80%
4330 Copies/Printing	4,078.33	5,000.00			921.67	81.57%
4350 Fines/Fees	2,457.82	5,000.00			2,542.18	49.16%
4365 Fundraising	1,118.47	5,500.00			4,381.53	20.34%
4370 Gifts/Memorials	104.55					
4410 Interest Income	18,305.62	185,000.00			166,694.38	9.89%
4455 Passport Fee	25,274.50	52,000.00			26,725.50	48.60%
Total Revenue	\$ 982,985.59	\$ 4,548,550.61			\$ 3,565,565.02	21.61%
Expenditures						
3070 Rents, Land, & Buildings	27,048.30	55,000.00		55,000.00	27,951.70	49.18%
5000 Advertising					0.00	
5500 Advertising	11,057.54	35,000.00		35,000.00	23,942.46	31.59%
5600 Community Engagement	682.57	10,000.00		10,000.00	9,317.43	6.83%
Total 5000 Advertising	\$ 11,740.11	\$ 45,000.00		\$ 45,000.00	\$ 33,259.89	26.09%
6560 Payroll Expenses					0.00	
0100 Wages	799,089.99	2,402,176.12		2,402,176.12	1,603,086.13	33.27%
0600 Taxes (Fed, AR, SUTA)	60,357.79	165,000.00		165,000.00	104,642.21	36.58%
0800 Retirement	120,590.44	341,000.00		341,000.00	220,409.56	35.36%
0900 Insurance Benefits	89,613.92	299,436.00		299,436.00	209,822.08	29.93%
1000 Worker's Compensation	6,024.64	3,404.00		3,404.00	-2,620.64	176.99%
1200 Other Fringe Benefits		2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00%
Total 6560 Payroll Expenses	\$ 1,075,676.78	\$ 3,213,016.12		\$ 3,213,016.12	\$ 2,137,339.34	33.48%
6700 Supplies					0.00	
6701 Printing	1,291.41	10,000.00		10,000.00	8,708.59	12.91%
6750 General Supplies	6,459.10	30,000.00		30,000.00	23,540.90	21.53%
6760 Janitorial Supplies	6,740.46	25,000.00		25,000.00	18,259.54	26.96%
6770 Service Contracts	26,986.10	150,650.00		150,650.00	123,663.90	17.91%
Total 6700 Supplies	\$ 41,477.07	\$ 215,650.00		\$ 215,650.00	\$ 174,172.93	19.23%
6800 Professional Services					0.00	
6810 Postage	5,430.55	13,000.00		13,000.00	7,569.45	41.77%
6820 Communications*	6,122.01	40,000.00		40,000.00	33,877.99	15.31%
6830 Other Professional Services	9,335.10	20,000.00		20,000.00	10,664.90	46.68%
Total 6800 Professional Services	\$ 20,887.66	\$ 73,000.00		\$ 73,000.00	\$ 52,112.34	28.61%
7000 Transportation					0.00	
70-2500 Fuel for Library Vehicle Use	390.76	6,500.00		6,500.00	6,109.24	6.01%
70-5200 Fuel for Personal Vehicle Use	762.94	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,237.06	25.43%
70-5300 Airline and Rental Car	3,170.22	5,000.00		5,000.00	1,829.78	63.40%
Total 7000 Transportation	\$ 4,323.92	\$ 14,500.00		\$ 14,500.00	\$ 10,176.08	29.82%
7100 Insurance					0.00	
71-5800 Fire and Extended Coverage		50,000.00		50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00%
71-5900 Vehicle Insurance	3,472.71	10,000.00		10,000.00	6,527.29	34.73%
Total 7100 Insurance	\$ 3,472.71	\$ 60,000.00		\$ 60,000.00	\$ 56,527.29	5.79%
7200 Utilities					0.00	
7210 Electricity	17,540.15	85,000.00		85,000.00	67,459.85	20.64%
7220 Gas	6,192.61	20,000.00		20,000.00	13,807.39	30.96%
7230 Water	1,582.97	7,500.00		7,500.00	5,917.03	21.11%
7240 Waste Disposal	1,338.75	5,500.00		5,500.00	4,161.25	24.34%
Total 7200 Utilities	\$ 26,654.48	\$ 118,000.00		\$ 118,000.00	\$ 91,345.52	22.59%
7300 Building Operations					0.00	
7340 Building and Furnishings-New	723.94	640,000.00		640,000.00	639,276.06	0.11%
7350 Machinery and Equipment-New	657.35	85,450.00		85,450.00	84,792.65	0.77%
7360 R&M-Machinery and Equipment	14,520.23	20,000.00		20,000.00	5,479.77	72.60%
7370 R&M-Building Improvements	3,616.37	20,000.00		20,000.00	16,383.63	18.08%
Total 7300 Building Operations	\$ 19,517.89	\$ 765,450.00		\$ 765,450.00	\$ 745,932.11	2.55%
7400 Miscellaneous		0.00		0.00	0.00	
7500 Dues and Memberships	2,460.00	7,500.00		7,500.00	5,040.00	32.80%
7900 Meals and Lodging	712.16	5,000.00		5,000.00	4,287.84	14.24%

8200 Refund	92.30	1,000.00		1,000.00	907.70	9.23%
8400 Software	26,097.73	110,000.00		110,000.00	83,902.27	23.73%
Total 7400 Miscellaneous	\$ 29,362.19	\$ 123,500.00		\$ 123,500.00	\$ 94,137.81	23.78%
8500-1 All Programming					0.00	
8500 Youth Programming	9,042.84	32,000.00		32,000.00	22,957.16	28.26%
8550 Adult Programming	7,001.32	28,000.00		28,000.00	20,998.68	25.00%
8570 Makerspace	2,462.27	20,000.00		20,000.00	17,537.73	12.31%
Total 8500-1 All Programming	\$ 18,506.43	\$ 80,000.00		\$ 80,000.00	\$ 61,493.57	23.13%
8700 Staff Development	4,093.73	10,000.00		10,000.00	5,906.27	40.94%
8750 Fundraising Expenses	163.57	1,000.00		1,000.00	836.43	16.36%
8800 Books/Magazines/Video/Audio	147,706.30	550,000.00		550,000.00	402,293.70	26.86%
9500 Other Miscellaneous Expenditure		75,000.00		75,000.00	75,000.00	0.00%
9600 Friends Expenses	242.38	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,757.62	8.08%
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,430,873.52	\$ 5,402,116.12		\$ 5,402,116.12	\$ 3,971,242.60	26.49%

* E-Rate reimbursement \$7,318.08 received March 2026

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

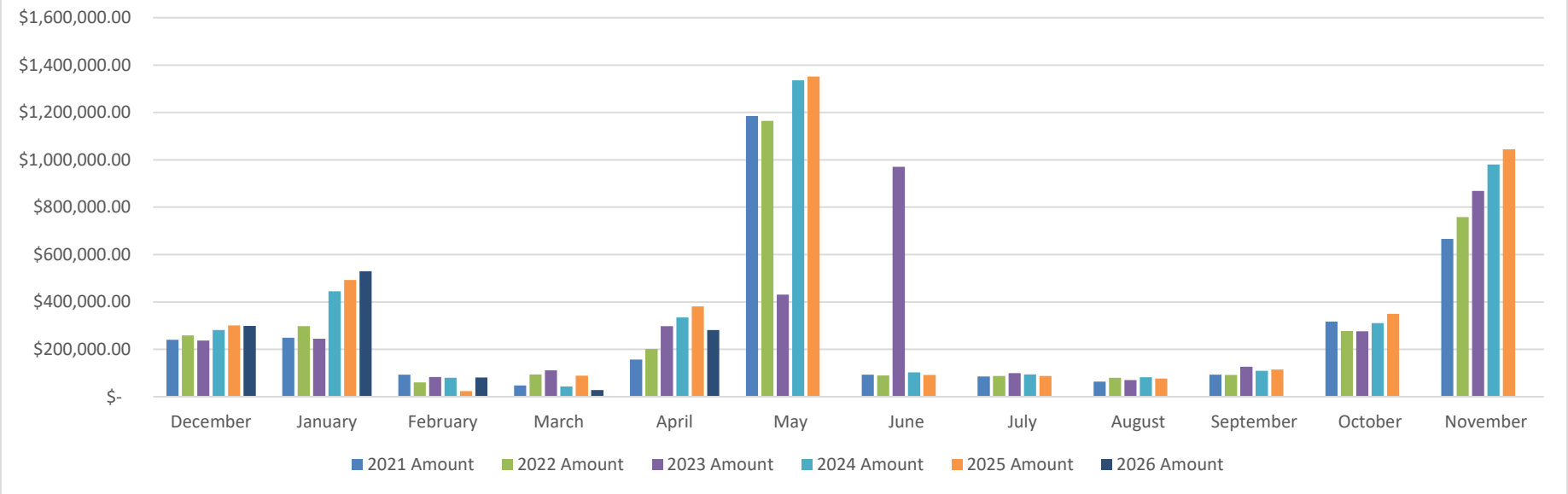
Saline County Library Board
Budget Modification Form for EOY 2025

Prepared by: Leigh Espey

Date: 5-Feb-2026

1)	TRANSFER FROM		CURRENT	AMOUNT	ORIGINAL BUDGET	NEW APPROPRIATION	Remaining Budget
	LINE ITEM	9500 Other Miscellaneous 6750	\$ -	\$ 2,620.64	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 72,379.36	\$72,379.36
TRANSFER TO		CURRENT	AMOUNT	ORIGINAL BUDGET	NEW APPROPRIATION	Remaining Budget	
	LINE ITEM	1000 Woker's Compensation	\$ 6,027.00	\$ 2,620.64	\$ 3,404.00	\$ 6,024.64	\$0.00

TAX RECEIPTS							
Date County Received	2021 Amount	2022 Amount	2023 Amount	2024 Amount	2025 Amount	2026 Amount	Difference from previous year
December	\$ 240,643.86	\$ 259,054.60	\$ 236,663.60	\$ 281,506.20	\$ 300,982.79	\$ 298,647.77	\$ (2,335.02)
January	\$ 248,875.25	\$ 297,724.41	\$ 244,107.88	\$ 444,981.53	\$ 492,849.66	\$ 529,654.14	\$ 36,804.48
February	\$ 92,793.73	\$ 60,717.21	\$ 82,586.40	\$ 80,329.09	\$ 23,599.35	\$ 80,823.11	\$ 57,223.76
March	\$ 47,554.84	\$ 93,532.72	\$ 111,487.75	\$ 42,763.71	\$ 88,216.06	\$ 27,609.66	\$ (60,606.40)
April	\$ 156,340.43	\$ 201,091.45	\$ 297,178.59	\$ 334,571.00	\$ 380,707.82	\$ 281,241.21	\$ (99,466.61)
May	\$ 1,185,278.48	\$ 1,164,224.26	\$ 430,942.96	\$ 1,335,255.50	\$ 1,351,470.87		\$ (1,351,470.87)
June	\$ 92,488.78	\$ 89,291.29	\$ 970,451.41	\$ 102,423.53	\$ 92,178.14		\$ (92,178.14)
July	\$ 85,193.59	\$ 87,308.16	\$ 98,906.02	\$ 94,044.59	\$ 87,568.42		\$ (87,568.42)
August	\$ 63,259.14	\$ 80,324.03	\$ 70,538.64	\$ 82,464.89	\$ 76,519.01		\$ (76,519.01)
September	\$ 93,021.74	\$ 91,590.17	\$ 126,267.33	\$ 109,242.37	\$ 114,696.28		\$ (114,696.28)
October	\$ 316,655.67	\$ 277,262.72	\$ 275,584.60	\$ 310,411.13	\$ 350,116.98		\$ (350,116.98)
November	\$ 666,438.79	\$ 757,940.44	\$ 868,873.55	\$ 980,160.72	\$ 1,044,031.08		\$ (1,044,031.08)
	\$ 3,288,544.30	\$ 3,460,061.46	\$ 3,813,588.73	\$ 4,198,154.26	\$ 4,402,936.46		\$ (3,184,960.57)



Library Director's Report

May 2026

East End Lease Renewal

The East End Lease will be up for renewal at the end of October. I reached out to the property manager, and she provided the attached addendum for your review. With the current lease, there is a 3% increase each year for the lease and common area maintenance (CAM) fee. For the 36 month renewal, they are proposing a one-time 3% increase on the lease amount and a 5% increase in the CAM fee. This would increase the lease from \$4,455 to \$4,589, and the CAM from \$53.05 to \$56.00, bringing the total lease payment each month beginning November 1, 2026 to \$4,645.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library volunteered 73.08 hours in March and 77 hours in April to keep the bookstore in tip-top shape.

RFQ for Flooring

We had two quotes submitted for the flooring replacement project in Benton.

Elevator

The hydraulic power unit for the elevator needs to be replaced. We are hoping to have the work completed at the beginning of June. There is an estimated down time of three days for the elevator while this replacement is being completed.

MidArkansas Regional Board Meeting

MidArk board will meet on Friday, May 15, at the Bob Herzfeld Memorial Library in Benton.

Submitted by,
Leigh Espey
Library Director

Library Management Team Report

Human Resources

May 2026

2026 Statistics through April 30

Headcount: 53: 38 FT, 12 PT, and 3 Seasonal

Additions since last report:

Ragan Langrell – Adult Programmer

Celebrating our team's expertise:

70% of all SCL employees have college degrees

37% of FT employees hold a Master's degree

22% of FT employees hold a Bachelor's degree

21% of FT employees hold an Associate's degree

22% of PT employees hold Bachelor, Master or Doctorate degrees

Promotion/Reassignments since last report:

Promoted Billy Osborne to Assistant Building Operations Manager, 3/10/2026

Promoted Caitlin Little to FT Library Assistant, Benton, 3/16/2026

Promoted Cecil Grant to PT Library Assistant. Benton. 3/23/2026

Moved Whitney Gibson to FT Library Assistant, Bryant 4/13/2026

Departures since last report:

Tatiana Ortega, Housekeeper, Bryant, departed 4/10/2026

Turnover:

2025: 29.9%

2026: 14.1%

Recognitions

6 employees recognized with High Five Awards in March & April

Worker's Comp Claims

2024: 2

2025: 2

2026: 2

Submitted by,

Tonia Breckenridge

Human Resources & Finance Manager

Library Management Team Report

Building Operations Department

May 2026

Building Operations Department

The Building Operations department has been very busy the last few months. On the maintenance side we had the following completed:

- The sliding doors at the main entrance in Benton were serviced
- The downstairs men's restroom sink had been leaking and that was fixed
- Work was done on our HVAC system in Bryant to prepare for the coming summer and winter
- The outdoor lights in Benton are all operational
- One of the outdoor windows at the Gann was repaired
- We are working with Harrison Energy Partners (the HVAC company that services and maintains the system at the main location in Benton) to create a plan for updating the remaining original equipment that is now reaching end of life status.
- We are also working on a plan to upgrade our lighting system in Benton, with the goal of transitioning to LED lighting throughout the building. This will potentially be a significant cost-savings over the long term.

On the IT side:

- ESCO came and picked up all of our old and unused electronics for safe disposal
- We had our new printing equipment installed and set up at all of our branches
- Faxing was enabled at all of our branches

Beyond this, my staff have done an amazing job with the daily maintenance of our properties and our IT systems and equipment. We did lose Tatiana on April 10, and I would like to recognize that Billy and Britton have done a superb job in filling the space that Tatiana left.

Submitted by,
Rob Walton
Building Operations Manager

Library Management Team Report Public Relations Department May 2026

Social Media Stats (March 2 – May 3)

Facebook Reach: 373,075	2026 YTD: 604,516
Facebook Clicks: 29,518	2026 YTD: 47,371
Facebook New Followers: 392	2026 YTD: 580
Instagram Reach: 12,420	2026 YTD: 32,279
Instagram New Followers: 46	2026 YTD: 106

Website Stats (March 2 – May 3)

Active Users: 15,000	2026 YTD: 31,000
New Users: 14,000	2026 YTD: 30,000

Public Attendance and Outreach Stats (March 2 – May 3)

Networking/Community Meetings: 37	2026 YTD: 37
Outreach Events: 20	2026 YTD: 24
Outreach Attendance: 1377	2026 YTD: 1651

National Library Week was a great success!

Our department held an outreach event every night from Sunday, April 19th through Saturday, April 25th. Four of those events were fundraisers, raising \$675 so far. In total, the events resulted in 431 interactions and 21 card sign-ups. We also held a survey for patrons to share their library joy. This resulted in 75 responses, a series of patron focused videos (one video alone had 135 likes), and an increase of 68 followers in one week! Several staff members were mentioned by name in the surveys for their services such as "painless notary," "friendly demeanor," "planning fun events with a sunny attitude," and "knows my kids by name and makes us feel welcomed."

Current Promotions and Campaigns

We are on track to meet our social media goal of a 12% growth in followers as well as our goals for reach, likes, and comments. We have partnered with 12 businesses so far this year! Summer magazines are now in distribution, so we are working on our Fall campaigns and printing schedule. Library Card Sign Up Month: Power of the Card will continue as a partnership in September and Battle of the Businesses will happen in November.

Submitted by,

Kari Lapp

Public Relations Manager

Library Management Team Report

Bryant Branch

May 2026

Statistics

During March, the adult computers were used 431 times for 341.63 hours with an average of 47.56 minutes for each session. The children's computers were used 168 times for 179.02 hours with an average of 63.93 minutes. We had 4,922 patrons visit with a daily average of 205 visitors. We notarized 66 documents and submitted 86 passport applications. We circulated 5,746 items and made 84 new library cards.

During April, the adult computers were used 419 times for 304.22 hours with an average of 43.56 minutes for each session. The children's computers were used 174 times for 184.25 hours with an average of 63.53 minutes for each session. We had 4,979 patrons visit with a daily average of 199 visitors. We notarized 57 documents and submitted 59 passport applications. We circulated 4,387 items and made 117 new library cards.

Reference Question Statistics

During March, we helped answer 67 basic reference questions, 93 general questions, 80 streaming or digital questions, 144 computer questions, and 106 passport questions.

During April, we helped answer 106 basic reference questions, 110 general questions, 105 streaming or digital questions, 170 computer questions, and 99 passport questions.

General Report

On Tuesday, April 21, the Bryant Branch closed at 12:00p due to a ruptured water main. Fortunately, the damage was repaired by that evening and we reopened for normal business hours the next day.

Submitted by,
Laura Austin
Bryant Branch Manager

Library Management Team Report

East End Branch

Staffing & Updates

East End Branch Library has experienced staffing changes. I, Shakeelah Rahmaan, am the new East End Branch Manager. Cheyenne Guffy moved into the role of Assistant Manager. We currently have 3 full time employees, 1 part time employee, and seasonal help.

We are working on trying to rework some areas of our branch. One being dedicating an area as a teen space in hopes of increasing that demographic at the East End Branch Library.

Statistics

In March, computers were used 80 times for 94 hours and 40 minutes, 199 questions were asked, and 1,665 patrons visited. We had 25 new library cards signups. Questions asked and library card signups are a bit lower than last year, however, computer usage and patron visits are higher than March of 2025.

In April, computers were used 89 times for 108 hours and 46 minutes, 147 questions were asked, and 1,493 patrons visited. We had 44 new library cards signups. Our reference questions numbers are lower, but computer usage is higher than April of 2025.

Programming at East End

Our youth storytimes are popular at East End. They are held on Wednesdays and Thursdays. In March, we had 45 patrons attend throughout our Wednesday storytime and we had 20 patrons attend throughout our Thursday storytime. In April, we had 42 for our Wednesday storytime throughout the month, and we had 28 for our Thursday storytime. We did outreach at Sheridan High School and signup 22 students and had 84 students interact with our table and learn about our library system. For all programming at East End, we had 363 in attendance in March and 438 in April.

Submitted by,
Shakeelah Rahmaan
East End Branch Manager

Library Management Team Report

Adult Services

May 2026

Professional Development & Training

In April, three Adult Services team members attended the Public Library Association Conference in Minneapolis. The conference provided valuable insights into emerging library trends and programming strategies. To ensure this knowledge benefits the entire organization, the team will host a Lunch & Learn in May for all staff to share key takeaways that will improve our service to the community.

Summer Reading Preparation

Adult Services has been actively preparing for Summer Reading, with programming plans well underway. A total of **207 adult programs and events** are scheduled across all three branches for June and July. These offerings span a wide range of interests-- line dancing, mahjong, 3D printing classes, arts and crafts classes, gardening workshops, first aid classes, trivia nights, movie nights, an open mic event, and a fantasy-themed ball, just to name a few. In addition to programming, staff have been creating custom tote bags that will serve as completion prizes for adult participants.

Outreach & Services

Adult Services continues to prioritize outreach and accessibility. During March and April, staff connected with **113 community members** through outreach visits to nursing homes, senior centers and adult care facilities throughout the county. At these visits, the library provides arts and crafts, technology assistance, and books from our Nomad Collection. The department is also in the process of refreshing its homebound delivery service. New programmer Ragan Langrell is reviewing and updating the current patron list to ensure the service is accurate, efficient, and reaching those who need it most.

Collections, Displays & Partnerships

A recent collaboration with Benton High School highlights the department's commitment to community partnerships. Two graduating seniors compiled a collection of Saline County veterans' stories, complemented by original artwork from high school art students. This work will be added to the Arkansas Collection, and a display at the Benton branch showcases both the veterans honored and the creativity of local students.

Staff have also been working to improve the upstairs public spaces, focusing on organization, cleanliness, and consistent branding to create a more welcoming experience for patrons.

The Arkansas Collection is getting a refresh. New call numbers are being created to "genrify" the collection, making it easier for patrons to browse the books and access what they are looking for. This is a long-term project, but we are making headway.

Programs, Events & Community Engagement

The department hosted several successful events this spring:

- **Used Book Sale (March):** Adult Services hosted a book sale for the Friends of the Library. Nearly 400 shoppers attended.

- **Free Tree Giveaway (April, in partnership with the Department of Agriculture):** 154 attendees; hundreds of trees distributed.
- **Local Artist Showcase:** Programmer, Tierney Earnest, organized this popular annual event. 23 artists shared their work and engaged with the community.
- **Saline Symphony Orchestra- Stories in Sound:** Members of the SSO performed sections of classical pieces as director Dr. Alex Polyakov discussed how music helps tell stories.
- **Tiny Art Show (Makerspace):** Our Makerspace Coordinator, Anna Bivens reached out to patrons and local schools to solicit 84 entries for this year's annual contest. 452 votes cast!
- **Puzzle Tournament:** 32 participants vied to be the fastest puzzler. We had overwhelmingly positive feedback. Due to patron interest, we will organize another tournament in the fall.

The Makerspace also continues to see strong engagement, with **623 visitors during Open Hours** in March and April and **82 completed 3D printing projects**.

The Gann Museum welcomed **81 visitors in April**.

Garden Committee is currently working on plans to spruce up the landscaping at the Gann Museum, Benton branch, and areas at the Bryant branch.

Adult Services offers **five active book clubs** across the system with a sixth one being added this summer, each with a unique focus, ensuring there is an option for a wide range of reading interests.

Department Impact

Between March and April, Adult Services served a total of **2,721 patrons** through programming and outreach, reflecting strong community engagement efforts.

Submitted by,

Becca Griffin

Adult Services Manager

Library Management Team Report
Youth Services
May 2026

Programming Attendance & Outreach in March & April

In March & April, 1,474 people came to storytime and preschool programs, 161 came to afterschool programming, and 297 came to teen programs. We also had 735 people come to homeschool programs. Each month this school year, we visited 14 different schools, preschools, and daycares. In March & April we saw 549 children and teens on these visits. In March & April, we attended 6 school outreach events where we spoke to 304 people. We also hosted 4 school field trips at our libraries with a total of 428 visitors. 207 people participated in Reading Dragons this year.

May Programs and Outreach

Library Prom was a big success this year. Our prom dress closet gave out almost 150 dresses this year. We also had some men's dress clothes donated and given out. Thirty-eight teens attended. This year, our prom snacks were provided by The Space Coworking & Event Venue. We are attending community events with other library staff this month to promote summer reading. Rising Stars will perform Oliver! JR on May 23 at 7:00 PM at the Bryant High School Auditorium. The program had about 35 children and teens participate this year.

Summer Reading

Our Summer Reading Challenge runs from Monday, June 1 to Friday, July 31. The youth services calendar is packed with programs for children and teens of all ages. We will have 8 storytimes each week this summer, performers on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and multiple programs for each age group of children every week at all three branches, including 2 cooking programs, 5 D&D programs, a fossil club, and a teen volunteer program each week.

This summer we are continuing our goal from last year of growing the home libraries of our community. To that end, we are giving everyone 18 and under who registers for summer reading a book and another after 40 days of reading. Participants who complete 20 days of reading will receive a summer reading t-shirt. We will be registering people at all library locations. This year we will be using Beanstack to track our summer reading statistics. The software includes an app that patrons can use to track their reading, or patrons can track their reading on the Beanstack website as well. Staff training is being held the first week of May and includes a staff reading challenge to get us all ready for the summer.

Submitted by,
Wendy Christy
Youth Services Manager

Library Management Team Report

Public Services Department

May 2026

Staffing and General Updates

We are super excited to share some team updates. Caitlin Little has moved from her part-time role into a full-time position as a Library Assistant. She has been streamlining our online registrations. Cecil Grant, one of our former shelvers, has stepped into Caitlin's previous role, and Mitch Daniels is our newest part-time shelver.

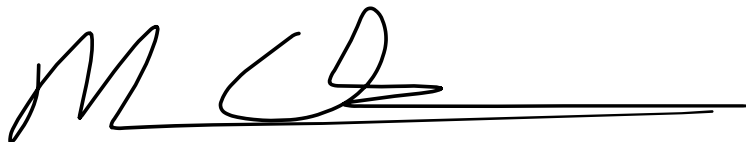
We are currently working on improving the condition and appeal of our collection by revitalizing the way we look at damage and dealing with books that have this damage or wear-and-tear from regular use. We identify books that are worn or damaged and replace those that need replacements with newer copies. We do this in hopes of keeping our collection visually inviting as well as providing our community with the best materials possible.

Statistics

In March, computers were used 636 times for 516 hours and 56 minutes. A total of 2005 questions were asked, and 11,363 patrons visited. We had 300 new library cards. In passive programming, we had 219 interactions. Overall, at Benton, we circulated 16,214 items to our patrons.

In April, computers were used 699 times for 547 hours and 10 minutes. A total of 1901 questions were asked, and 11,640 patrons visited. We had 211 new library cards. In passive programming, we had 260 interactions. Overall, at Benton, we circulated 18,118 items to our patrons.

Submitted by,

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Madison Oden
Public Services Manager

Library Management Team Report

Special Collections

May 2026

Statistics

The Gann Museum received 45 visitors in March and 86 visitors in April totaling 131. We had visitors ranging from locals to those from surrounding states and even from states such as Idaho, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, and Oregon.

Arkansas Collection

The Arkansas Collection is getting a refresh. New call numbers are being created to “genre-fy” the collection, making it easier for patrons to browse the books and access what they are looking for. This is a long-term project, but we are making headway.

Exhibits

The Spring exhibit “Saline Courier, 1876-2026: 150 Years of Journalism” was well received and was even mentioned in a proclamation by Governor Sanders celebrating the Courier’s 150 years of service to Saline County signed March 9, 2026.

Cody Berry is currently gathering art from local artists to create the Gann’s next exhibit “Salty Art” which will run from June 4 through August 21, 2026. Some featured artists are Jo Helen Fletcher, Dianne Roberts, and Kara Dougan. Works by library staff members Shakeelah Rahman, East End Branch Manager, and Vanessa Scott, Benton Library Assistant, will also be a part of the exhibition.

The Fall exhibit will be called “First In: A Tribute to Our First Responders” in honor of the 25th anniversary of 9/11.

Submitted by,
Laura Austin
Bryant Branch Manager



Circulation reports for March - April

Category	2025	2026
Adult Collections	14,296	11,779
Books	13,996	11,489
Audiobooks	300	290
Children's Collections	13,635	11,746
Books	12,412	10,617
Audiobooks	1,223	1,129
Juvenile Collections	9,705	10,477
Books	9,601	10,324
Audiobooks	104	153
Teen Collections	2,973	2,963
Books	2,936	2,930
Audiobooks	37	33
New Adult Collections	600	526
Books	596	519
Audiobooks	4	7
Videogames	1,162	1,133
Library of Things	1,602	1,319



Circulation reports for March - April

Category	2025	2026
Video	8,384	7,316
Adult DVD	4,089	3,448
Adult Blu-ray	330	216
Adult TV	1,486	1,369
Children's DVD	2,298	2,107
Children's Blu-ray	181	176
Physical Resources Total	48,644	47,259
E-Resources	46,451	47,204
Libby e-Books	15,864	14,897
Libby e-Audiobooks	14,378	16,027
Libby e-Magazines	2,664	2,878
Hoopla	12,274	12,321
Kanopy	1,271	1,081
Grand Total	95,095	94,463

ADDENDUM TO LEASE AGREEMENT

This Addendum to Lease Agreement (the "Addendum") amends the Shopping Center Lease Agreement dated November 8, 2023 (the "Lease"). The Lease shall remain in full force and effect except as specifically modified herein as follows:

1. The term shall be November 1, 2026 through October 31, 2029.
2. The rent shall be \$4,589.00 per month during the thirty-six (36) month term.
3. The Common Area Maintenance charge shall be \$56.00 per month during the thirty-six (36) month term.

Entered into this _____ day of _____ 2026.

LANDLORD: 24005 Arch LLC

TENANT: Saline County Library

By: _____
Traci Allen, Agent for Landlord

By: _____
Authorized Signer

Printed Name

Printed Title

Date Signed