Saline County Library
Board of Trustees
Agenda

Date: 13 July 2026 | Time: 4:00 PM

24005 Arch Street Pike, Hensley, AR 72065

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 11 May 2026 board meeting
4. Financial Reports
   a. 2026 Income and Expense Reports
   b. Budget Modifications
5. Discussion Items
   a. Director's Report
   b. Library Management Team Reports
6. New Business
   a. Library Deletions

Adjourn

Next regular board meeting 14 September 2026 at the Mabel Boswell Memorial Bryant Branch Library.

Saline County Library
Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes

11 May 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
Pat Bisbee, Quorum Court Liaison

1. **Call to Order**
   Nolley called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

2. **Announcements**
   Nolley shared her perspective on the proposed ordinance concerning the library millage.

3. **Minutes from the 09 March 2026 board meetings**
   Clemmer motioned to approve the minutes. Conrad seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

4. **Financial Reports**

   a. **2026 Income and Expense Report**
      Hunt motioned to accept the budget v. actuals as presented. Clemmer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

5. **Discussion Items**

   a. **Director's Report**

   b. **Library Management Team Reports**

6. **New Business**

   a. **East End Lease Renewal**
      Clemmer motioned to recommend the lease renewal as presented to Judge Brumley for final approval. McKeown seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

   b. **Flooring Replacement**
      The board discussed the two quotes received for the flooring replacement project for the main library in Benton. Hunt moved to accept the project proposal received from Continental Flooring. Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with four yeas and one nay. It was also recommended that one board member

attend the initial meeting with the company, and the member chosen was Clemmer.

Adjourn: 5:37 PM

Clemmer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Hunt seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Next regular board meeting 13 July 2026 at the East End 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
5/30/2026	$1,525,891.81
6/30/2026	$2,671,348.82
7/31/2026	
8/31/2026	
9/30/2026	
10/31/2026	
11/30/2026	
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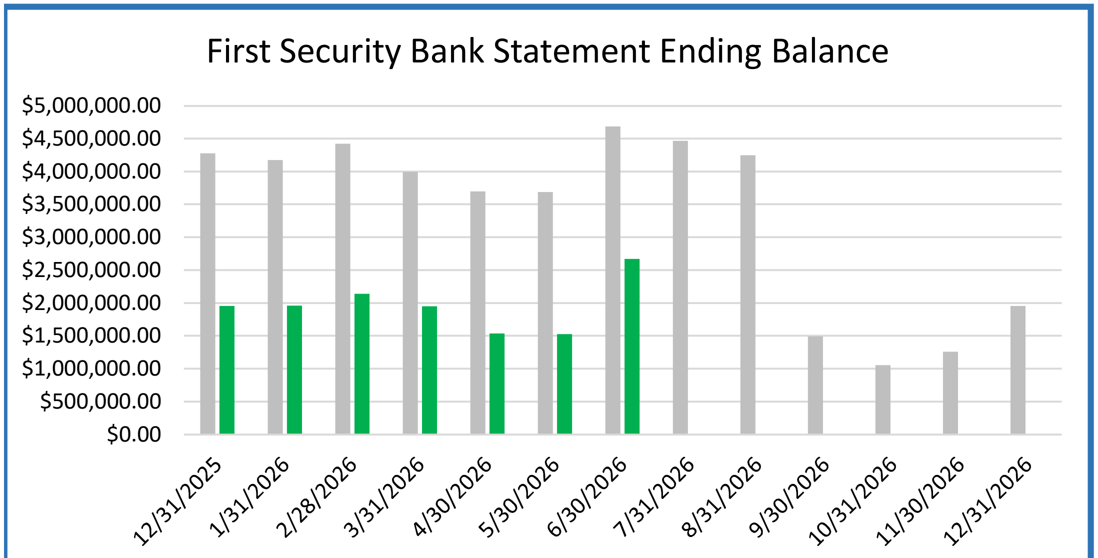

$2,500,000 pulled on 9/12/2025 and placed into CD.

First Security Checking Interest

Date	Amount
12/31/2025	$5,227.13
1/30/2026	$5,611.70
2/27/2026	$6,224.75
3/31/2026	$6,469.17
4/30/2026	$5,291.66
5/29/2026	$4,638.56
6/30/2026	$7,356.12
7/31/2026	
8/31/2026	
9/30/2026	
10/31/2026	
11/30/2026	
12/31/2026	
TOTAL:	**$40,819.09**

First Security CD Earned Interest

Date	Amount
12/12/2025	$9,003.45
1/12/2026	$9,336.83
2/12/2026	$9,371.33
3/13/2026	$8,799.12
4/13/2026	$8,527.16
5/13/2026	$8,279.63
6/12/2026	$8,583.26
7/12/2026	
8/12/2026	
9/12/2026	
TOTAL:	**$61,900.78**

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

	Total					
	Actual	Budget	Amendment	Current Budget	Remaining	% of Budget
Revenue						
4150 Tax Receipts	2,714,330.70	4,193,050.61			1,478,719.91	64.73%
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	8,500.31	18,000.00			9,499.69	47.22%
4330 Copies/Printing	6,373.93	5,000.00			-1,373.93	127.48%
4350 Fines/Fees	2,532.81	5,000.00			2,467.19	50.66%
4365 Fundraising	1,419.20	5,500.00			4,080.80	25.80%
4370 Gifts/Memorials	410.10					
4410 Interest Income	88,489.29	185,000.00	*52,897.33		96,510.71	47.83%
4455 Passport Fee	28,329.50	52,000.00			23,670.50	54.48%
Total Revenue	**$ 2,874,355.49**	**$ 4,548,550.61**			**$ 1,674,195.12**	**63.19%**
Expenditures						
3070 Rents, Land, & Buildings	45,080.46	55,000.00		55,000.00	9,919.54	81.96%
5000 Advertising					0.00	
5500 Advertising	18,849.32	35,000.00		35,000.00	16,150.68	53.86%
5600 Community Engagement	1,564.03	10,000.00		10,000.00	8,435.97	15.64%
Total 5000 Advertising	**$ 20,413.35**	**$ 45,000.00**		**$ 45,000.00**	**$ 24,586.65**	**45.36%**
6560 Payroll Expenses					0.00	
0100 Wages	1,250,330.35	2,402,176.12		2,402,176.12	1,151,845.77	52.05%
0600 Taxes (Fed, AR, SUTA)	100,640.67	165,000.00		165,000.00	64,359.33	60.99%
0800 Retirement	188,158.69	341,000.00		341,000.00	152,841.31	55.18%
0900 Insurance Benefits	147,716.87	299,436.00		299,436.00	151,719.13	49.33%
1000 Worker's Compensation	6,024.64	6,024.64	2,620.64	3,404.00	0.00	100.00%
1200 Other Fringe Benefits		2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00%
Total 6560 Payroll Expenses	**$ 1,692,871.22**	**$ 3,215,636.76**		**$ 3,213,016.12**	**$ 1,522,765.54**	**52.64%**
6700 Supplies					0.00	
6701 Printing	3,443.51	10,000.00		10,000.00	6,556.49	34.44%
6750 General Supplies	7,921.14	30,000.00		30,000.00	22,078.86	26.40%
6760 Janitorial Supplies	9,910.45	25,000.00		25,000.00	15,089.55	39.64%
6770 Service Contracts	41,811.03	150,650.00		150,650.00	108,838.97	27.75%
Total 6700 Supplies	**$ 63,086.13**	**$ 215,650.00**		**$ 215,650.00**	**$ 152,563.87**	**29.25%**
6800 Professional Services					0.00	
6810 Postage	6,650.51	13,000.00		13,000.00	6,349.49	51.16%
6820 Communications	12,281.49	40,000.00		40,000.00	27,718.51	30.70%
6830 Other Professional Services	14,425.15	20,000.00		20,000.00	5,574.85	72.13%
Total 6800 Professional Services	**$ 33,357.15**	**$ 73,000.00**		**$ 73,000.00**	**$ 39,642.85**	**45.69%**
7000 Transportation					0.00	
70-2500 Fuel for Library Vehicle Use	502.74	6,500.00		6,500.00	5,997.26	7.73%
70-5200 Fuel for Personal Vehicle Use	1,379.99	3,000.00		3,000.00	1,620.01	46.00%
70-5300 Airline and Rental Car	3,303.16	5,000.00		5,000.00	1,696.84	66.06%
Total 7000 Transportation	**$ 5,185.89**	**$ 14,500.00**		**$ 14,500.00**	**$ 9,314.11**	**35.76%**
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	4,600.77	10,000.00		10,000.00	5,399.23	46.01%
Total 7100 Insurance	**$ 4,600.77**	**$ 60,000.00**		**$ 60,000.00**	**$ 55,399.23**	**7.67%**
7200 Utilities					0.00	
7210 Electricity	27,771.64	85,000.00		85,000.00	57,228.36	32.67%
7220 Gas	6,810.92	20,000.00		20,000.00	13,189.08	34.05%
7230 Water	2,589.99	7,500.00		7,500.00	4,910.01	34.53%
7240 Waste Disposal	1,918.23	5,500.00		5,500.00	3,581.77	34.88%
Total 7200 Utilities	**$ 39,090.78**	**$ 118,000.00**		**$ 118,000.00**	**$ 78,909.22**	**33.13%**
7300 Building Operations					0.00	
7340 Building and Furnishings-New	869.41	640,000.00		640,000.00	639,130.59	0.14%
7350 Machinery and Equipment-New	57,393.26	85,450.00		85,450.00	28,056.74	67.17%
7360 R&M-Machinery and Equipment	42,357.59	20,000.00		20,000.00	-22,357.59	211.79%
7370 R&M-Building Improvements	10,445.03	20,000.00		20,000.00	9,554.97	52.23%
Total 7300 Building Operations	**$ 111,065.29**	**$ 765,450.00**		**$ 765,450.00**	**$ 654,384.71**	**14.51%**
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	3,209.95	5,000.00		5,000.00	1,790.05	64.20%

8200 Refund	486.08	1,000.00		1,000.00	513.92	48.61%
8400 Software	28,430.94	110,000.00		110,000.00	81,569.06	25.85%
Total 7400 Miscellaneous	**$ 34,586.97**	**$ 123,500.00**		**$ 123,500.00**	**$ 88,913.03**	**28.01%**
8500-1 All Programming					0.00	
8500 Youth Programming	17,349.38	32,000.00		32,000.00	14,650.62	54.22%
8550 Adult Programming	13,201.80	28,000.00		28,000.00	14,798.20	47.15%
8570 Makerspace	3,018.01	20,000.00		20,000.00	16,981.99	15.09%
Total 8500-1 All Programming	**$ 33,569.19**	**$ 80,000.00**		**$ 80,000.00**	**$ 46,430.81**	**41.96%**
8700 Staff Development	4,133.73	10,000.00		10,000.00	5,866.27	41.34%
8750 Fundraising Expenses	208.27	1,000.00		1,000.00	791.73	20.83%
8800 Books/Magazines/Video/Audio	261,242.08	550,000.00		550,000.00	288,757.92	47.50%
9500 Other Miscellaneous Expenditure		75,000.00	2,620.64	72,379.36	72,379.36	0.00%
9600 Friends Expenses	326.37	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,673.63	10.88%
Total Expenditures	**$ 2,348,817.65**	**$ 5,404,736.76**		**$ 5,399,495.48**	**$ 3,055,919.11**	**43.46%**

***Interest income from CD account.**

Saline County Library Board
Budget Modification Form

Prepared by: Leigh Espey **Date: 13-Jul-2026**

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TRANSFER FROM		CURRENT	AMOUNT	ORIGINAL BUDGET	NEW APPROPRIATION	Remaining Budget
LINE ITEM	7340 Building & Furnishings New	$ 869.41	$ 150,000.00	$ 640,000.00	$ 490,000.00	$489,130.59

TRANSFER TO		CURRENT	AMOUNT	ORIGINAL BUDGET	NEW APPROPRIATION	Remaining Budget
LINE ITEM	7360 R&M Machinery and Equip.	$ 42,357.59	$ 150,000.00	$ 20,000.00	$ 170,000.00	$127,642.41

Library Director’s Report

July 2026

Flooring Project

We had an initial meeting with Continental Flooring on June 9. We met with Shaw Contracts for free design assistance. They are working up three different options to start figuring out colors, textures, and space design.

Elevator

The hydraulic pump was replaced June 15. There was a delay in getting the necessary parts for the project which pushed it into the heart of summer reading. The state inspector has to come out and approve the work before we can start using the elevator again. Staff have been willing to assist patrons who may not be able to get downstairs with finding any material requests and bringing them up for the patron.

2027 Budget

We are currently working on the 2027 budget. I anticipate several projects at the Benton and Bryant branches due to the age of the buildings. One project that I think is of utmost importance is updating the lighting to LED for efficiency and cost savings. We are currently working on getting quotes to update the lighting fixtures at both locations as well as the lighting controls at the Benton branch.

New Vehicle

At the beginning of June, I was able to purchase a vehicle for the library to replace the Traverse that the library has had since 2013.

Audits

The legislative audit is in full swing. Rasco Winter Thomas group is scheduled to begin the annual third party audit the week of July 27.

Submitted by,

Leigh Espey

Library Director

Circulation reports for May-June

Category	2025	2026
Adult Collections	**14,559**	**13,332**
Books	14,304	13,011
Audiobooks	255	321
Children's Collections	**15,667**	**14,698**
Books	14,245	13,122
Audiobooks	1,422	1,576
Juvenile Collections	**12,972**	**13,421**
Books	12,780	13,203
Audiobooks	192	218
Teen Collections	**3,431**	**3,655**
Books	3,398	3,605
Audiobooks	33	50
New Adult Collections	**651**	**778**
Books	634	764
Audiobooks	17	14
Videogames	**1,480**	**1,268**
Library of Things	**1,641**	**1,330**

Circulation reports for March - April

Category	2025	2026
Video	**9,285**	**7,744**
Adult DVD	4,268	3,448
Adult Blu-ray	293	229
Adult TV	1,490	1,216
Children's DVD	3,019	2,634
Children's Blu-ray	215	217
Physical Resources Total	**59,686**	**56,226**
E-Resources	**45,480**	**44,812**
Libby e-Books	14,613	13,354
Libby e-Audiobooks	14,173	15,638
Libby e-Magazines	2,768	3,239
Hoopla	12,895	11,446
Kanopy	1,031	1,135
Grand Total	**105,166**	**101,038**

Library Management Team Report
Human Resources
July 2026

2026 Statistics through July 1, 2026

Headcount: 54: 38 FT, 11 PT, and 5 Seasonal

Open Positions:

Adult Programmer, Bryant

Additions since last report:

Kaylee Saling – Seasonal

Savannah Price-Beck – Seasonal

Jeremy South – PT Building Ops Assistant

Promotion/Reassignments since last report:

Promoted Cheyenne Guffy to Branch Manager, East End, 6/1/2026

Moved Joel Beck to FT Library Assistant. Bryant, 7/1/2026

Departures since last report:

East End, 6/1/2026

Bryant, 7/1/2026

Turnover:

2025: 17.9%

2026: 14.1%

Recognitions

5 employees recognized with High Five Awards in May & June

Amanda Ball completed her Certificate in Archival Studies from LSU

Worker's Comp Claims

2024: 2

2025: 2

2026: 1 (Urgent Care required)

Submitted by,

Tonia Breckenridge

Human Resources & Finance Manager

Library Management Team Report

Finance

July 2026

Cost Savings

I reviewed our budget and evaluated several vendor contracts to identify opportunities to reduce operating expenses and increase cost savings.

One significant opportunity was our bottled water service through **Primo (Crystal Springs)**. In 2025, the cost to provide drinking water for all three library branches and the Gann Museum totaled **$3,415.20** annually. After evaluating alternative solutions, I implemented a new arrangement that will reduce this expense to approximately **$190 per year** going forward. This change results in annual savings of approximately **$3,225.20**, representing a **94.4% reduction** in drinking water costs while continuing to provide drinking water at all locations.

Republic Services (Trash & Recycling for Benton and Bryant)

The monthly cost for trash and recycling services through Republic Services was **$3,241.08**. After reviewing our service agreement, I successfully negotiated a new rate that reduced our monthly charges to approximately **$2,959.92**. This represents a monthly savings of **$281.16**, or approximately **8.67%**. The negotiated rate is in effect for the next **three years**, providing predictable costs and ongoing savings for the waste pickup budget.

Postage Costs

In 2025, the library spent **$10,295.79** on postage for passport services, patron notices, invoice payments, and interlibrary loan (ILL) materials. In September 2025, I researched more cost-effective mailing options and implemented changes to help reduce postage expenses.

As of **January 1, 2026**, our year-to-date postage expenditures are **$6,650.51**. Based on current spending trends, I project our total postage costs for 2026 to be approximately **$7,980.00** by year-end. Compared to 2025, this represents an estimated annual savings of **$2,315.79**, or approximately **22.5%**, while continuing to support all essential mailing services

Summary

Through a comprehensive review of our operating budget and vendor contracts, I identified opportunities to reduce expenses while maintaining service levels. These efforts resulted in significant ongoing savings, including more than **$13,000** in documented savings through vendor negotiations and service changes, with additional savings expected in future years. These cost reductions help ensure responsible stewardship of library resources while supporting long-term budget stability.

Amazon Purchasing Controls and Approval Process

We have strengthened and restructured our Amazon purchasing procedures to ensure responsible stewardship of organizational funds. Each department now operates under a designated purchasing group, with access limited to authorized purchasers only.

A two-tier approval process has been implemented.

All approvers have received training on key criteria to evaluate prior to approving orders. Clear guidelines and spending boundaries have been established for staff placing orders, including the understanding that orders may be declined when they do not meet established requirements. In addition, program staff have been encouraged to prioritize purchases that can be repurposed, reused, or recycled, supporting cost efficiency and sustainability.

Submitted by,

Roxann Heath

Financial Coordinator

Library Management Team Report
Building Operations Department
July 2026

Building Operations Department

Since the last board meeting, we have received and installed our new printing equipment from SBS, our new print provider. We also have fax capability at each of our branches. I would like to thank Geoff for all of his hard work seeing this project through.

Billy was promoted to Assistant Building Operations Manager in March and has done a wonderful job stepping into his new role. He has been working with Harrison Energy Partners to get all of our HVAC issues corrected in Benton. He has also been working with Middlebrooks Electric on a plan to convert our lighting to LED in the near future.

Brittion has been given expanded responsibilities and has really gone above and beyond with the addition of her new duties.

We have also hired a part-time Building Operations Assistant, Jeremy South, who assists with maintenance and housekeeping in Bryant and East End.

The hydraulic power unit for the elevator was replaced, and we are awaiting certification of the work that was performed. The elevator is currently out of service until the inspection has been completed and the performed work certified. At the time of this writing, the anticipated inspection date is July 9.

My team has done their absolute best to ensure that all of our buildings are well-connected, safe, clean, and presentable to staff and patrons. They all deserve every bit of praise that they receive.

Submitted by,
Rob Walton
Building Operations Manager

Library Management Team Report
Public Relations Department
July 2026

Social Media Stats (May 4 – July 5)

Facebook Reach: 264, 722	YTD: 869,238
Facebook Clicks: 25,644	YTD: 12,491
Facebook New Followers: 290	YTD: 870
Instagram Reach: 40,710	YTD: 72,898
Instagram New Followers: 181	YTD: 333

Website Stats (May 4 – July 5)

Active Users: 16k	YTD: 47k
New Users: 15k	YTD: 45k

Public Event Attendance and Outreach Stats (May 4 – July 5)

Networking/Community Meetings: 38	YTD: 75
Outreach Events: 10	YTD: 34
Outreach Attendance: 1544	YTD: 3554

Quarter Two Goals Report

We reached all of our Q2 goals for Facebook and was just an average of 2 comments to reach all of our Instagram goals. This means our Facebook is growing at a rate of 12% so we are going to increase the rate for Q3. Our Instagram hit the follower account goal for the whole year thanks to one video about socks that gained 1,400 likes and many comments. We also posted on Facebook a sweet note from one of our patrons who returned a late book that received over 1,000 likes in just a few days. We held our first combined Movie in the Park and Family Fun Fest with the City of Bryant to promote Summer Reading and had 797 people attend. It was a huge success and we are already in talks to do this again next year. Donations for our Summer Reading Challenge brought in $4,600 along with several donations of food and prizes. We also had our Library's 95th birthday party that was a huge success. Due to the large number of people coming and going in the meeting room, we lost count around 68 but since people kept popping in, we estimate just over 100 attended.

Current Promotions and Campaigns

We are in the process of contacting businesses to participate in our 10th annual Library Card Sign Up Month promotion. This includes offering a discount to patrons who show their library card in September, offering donations for supplies, materials, food, and prizes, as well as places to host public events so we can reach non-users where they are in our community and share the wonderful powers their library card can get them!

Submitted by,

Kari Lapp

Public Relations Manager

Library Management Team Report
Bryant Branch
July 2026

Statistics

During May, the adult computers were used 341 times for 251.60 hours with an average of 44.27 minutes for each session. The children's computers were used 181 times for 153.15 hours with an average of 50.77 minutes. We had 4,884 patrons visit with a daily average of 196 visitors. We notarized 53 documents and submitted 56 passport applications. We circulated 5,980 items and made 148 new library cards.

During June, the adult computers were used 441 times for 365.55 hours with an average of 49.73 minutes for each session. The children's computers were used 195 times for 205.05 hours with an average of 63.09 minutes for each session. We had 6,446 patrons visit with a daily average of 248 visitors. We notarized 64 documents and submitted 41 passport applications. We circulated 7,691 items and made 163 new library cards.

Reference Question Statistics

During May, we helped answer 97 basic reference questions, 104 general questions, 87 streaming or digital questions, 155 computer questions, and 87 passport questions.

During June, we helped answer 101 basic reference questions, 94 general questions, 70 streaming or digital questions, 152 computer questions, and 102 passport questions.

General Report

Summer Reading has shown a marked increase in traffic within the Bryant Branch. There has been a noticeable increase in new patrons and families learning about the library and its resources and participating in the Summer Reading Program. Our Youth Services librarians report that attendance at specific programs increased and remained steady throughout June and we hope this will hold out through July.

Submitted by,
Laura Austin
Bryant Branch Manager

Library Management Team Report
East End Branch
July 2026

Staffing Updates

The East End Branch has experienced several staffing changes throughout 2026. I, Cheyenne Guffy, am pleased to now serve as the Branch Manager. I bring previous experience as the Teen Librarian in Benton and have managed the Baptist Health College Library.

We are also pleased to announce that our Library Assistant, Rayanna Galloway, has been promoted to Full-Time Branch Programmer. She brings an enthusiastic approach to creating engaging and innovative programs for the branch. Additionally, our seasonal employee, Jay Henry, has joined us as a Part-Time Library Assistant. Jay is eager to develop new teen-focused programs this fall to enhance our community engagement.

We are excited about these developments and believe they will continue to contribute positively to the success of the branch.

Statistics

As of 2026, a total of 10,057 individuals have visited our facility. Our programs continue to perform well this year, with particular success in our Storytime sessions, which have averaged 13 attendees per session.

This year, we have responded to 324 general inquiries, 160 reference questions, and 289 technical support requests. Our Creative Space has served a total of 383 users, while the Study Room has been used by 117 patrons. Additionally, we have issued 194 new library cards so far in 2026.

Our Summer Reading Program is also progressing successfully. Our weekly performer programs on Wednesdays have attracted an average audience of 90 participants. The reading challenge initiative has also seen strong engagement, with 158 patrons choosing East End as their home library for the Summer Reading Challenge.

Submitted by,
Cheyenne Guffy
East End Branch Manager

Library Management Team Report
Adult Services
July 2026

Arkansas Collection

Work continues on reorganizing the Arkansas Collection and genrefying it to match the format used throughout our other nonfiction collections. This ongoing project will improve consistency across the collection and make materials easier for patrons to discover and browse.

Adult Programming

Our Adult Programming team has continued to knock it out of the park, providing engaging and creative opportunities for our community this summer. The highlight of has been the Moss and Moonlight Ball, which was a tremendous success. The event drew an enthusiastic crowd, and many attendees have already asked that we do it again.

Programming Impact

Since May, Adult Services programming has engaged **2,454 patrons** through classes, events, outreach, and other programming opportunities. These numbers reflect the department's continued commitment to providing meaningful educational, creative, and social experiences for adults throughout the library system.

Makerspaces

Included in those engagement numbers are **820 visits to the Bryant and Benton Makerspaces**. This level of participation is particularly noteworthy given that the two Makerspaces are open for a combined **22 hours per week**, compared to the library system's **104 total operating hours each week**. The continued demand demonstrates the value these spaces provide to our community.

Looking Ahead

Adult Services will continue expanding programming opportunities, supporting the growth of our Makerspaces, and completing the Arkansas Collection reorganization. We remain focused on creating engaging experiences and maintaining collections that are welcoming, accessible, and easy for patrons to use.

Submitted by,
Rebecca Griffin
Adult Services Manager

Library Management Team Report

Public Services Department

July 2026

Staffing and General Updates

I have been working on getting labels updated for our Library of Things kits, and I am pleased to announce that Benton is done! Soon, I will move on fully to Bryant. From there, I'll move on to East End and make the collection look excellent.

As for staff, we have updated our process for examining damaged items, and it's going great. Our workroom has been full to the brim with books from Summer Reading, and I couldn't be happier. We are keeping on top of check-ins a lot better than previous years, so I'm happy.

We are consistently having monthly meetings that are productive every time. I will be setting up one on one meetings with individual staff that I hope will continue to make our circulation and shelving team better!

Statistics

In May, computers were used 654 times for 536 hours and 18 minutes. A total of 1,657 questions were asked, and 10,892 patrons visited. We had 283 new library cards. In passive programming, we had 387 interactions.

In June, computers were used 711 times for 617 hours and 12 minutes. A total of 2,359 questions were asked, and 15,650 patrons visited. We had 412 new library cards. In passive programming, we had 897 interactions.

Submitted by,

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Youth Services
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Programming in May

We attended several school events this month to promote summer reading. We saw 1,193 at 5 different schools. Our regular outreach visits also continued in May with us seeing 548 children at 8 locations. In May, 886 people came to storytime and our other early childhood programs. Most of our tween and teen programs take a break in May so we have time to prep for Summer Reading, but we still had 171 tweens and 140 teens attend programs. Rising Stars held their performance of Oliver! JR on May 23 at 7:00 PM at the Bryant High School Auditorium. Around 500 people from the community came to watch the show. Around 35 children and teens participated in Rising Stars this year.

Programming in June

Summer Reading has been a huge success so far. Our programs have great attendance across all age groups. So far this summer, we have had over 1,000 people attend storytime; over 400 attended programs for school-aged children; and 348 attended teen programs. Our weekly performers have also had amazing attendance this summer so far with over 1,000 attending. We also have several passive programs for patrons of all ages to participate in while they are in the library. These have hundreds of participants each week and are enjoyed by everyone.

Summer Reading Registration & Prizes

The age groups for the summer reading program this summer are 0-5, 6-12, 13-18, and 19+. Our kick-off programs were a huge success this year with nearly 600 people attending a program at one of our 3 locations. So far, just over 2,200 people have registered for summer reading. About 800 people have read for 20 days and earned their t-shirts. Of that number, 638 have come to the library to pick up their shirts.

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Statistics
The Gann Museum received 75 visitors in May and 72 visitors in June totaling 117.

Cody Berry was able to assist a local architectural firm trace the history of a local house they have been tasked with restoring for future local government use.

Exhibits
The current exhibit “Salty Art” will run through August 21, 2026.

The Fall exhibit will be called “First In: A Tribute to Our First Responders” in honor of the 25th anniversary of 9/11. Cody Berry has been working with local agencies to acquire interesting artifacts showing the history of police, fire, and other emergency services. It is sure to be a fascinating look at our local service agencies and how they have worked to put themselves between us and danger throughout history.

Events

The annual Saline County Museum Day will be held September 12, 2026. There will be 9 museums participating, including the Gann Museum. It will be a great way to see more of Saline County history for yourself.

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