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**Wichita Public Library Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, January 18, 2022 – 12:00 p.m.
Conference Room B & C
Advanced Learning Library, First Floor
711 W 2nd, Wichita KS 67203**

1. Call to Order/Introductions
 - a) Staff Presentation: 2021 Library Workplan Accomplishments
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Public Comment
4. Minutes of the December 21, 2021 Meeting
5. Unfinished Business
6. New Business
 - a) December 2021 Finance Report and Bills

General Fund Bills	\$789,892.19
Grant Fund Bills	\$55,107.65
Gift & Memorial Fund Bills	\$162,796.60
<u>Total</u>	\$1,007,796.44

- a) Semi-Annual Accounting of Gift & Memorial Fund
 - b) Semi-Annual Report of Travel
 - c) 2015-2020 Budget Expenditures
 - d) Overdrive Magazines
 - e) Kanopy Streaming Video Service Capped Master Agreement
 - f) Gale Analytics and Engage Agreement
 - g) Wichita Public Library Statement: Every Customer's Right to Read
7. Special Committee Reports
8. Support Organization Reports
9. Director of Libraries Report
10. Announcements
11. Adjournment



Monthly Activity Report

December 2021

Service Highlights

The AV Studio at the Advanced Learning Library reopened in mid-December after closing in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It will take time for customers to feel comfortable using the room again; however, five customers used the room in the December. Staff see an increase in usage of the collaboration rooms, with 316 reservations in November and 292 reservations in December.

The Youth Services work group received three sets of Finch robots that will soon be used for programming and for customers to borrow and take home. The Finch is a robot that inspires and delights students learning computer science by providing them tangible representation of their code. The Finch responds to light, temperature and obstacles, among other things.

On Wednesday, December 1, the Library launched Kanopy streaming video service. Kanopy provides a collection of high quality award-winning, classic and independent movies, foreign films, documentaries and select TV shows. Customers are able to stream seven movies or TV series each month, access two courses from The Great Courses (college-level videos designed for lifelong learners), and stream unlimited educational and engaging video content through Kanopy Kids. In the first month, 831 users created accounts, with 496 actually watching titles. These 496 users watched a total of 84,745 minutes of video on Kanopy in December – the equivalent of 1,412 hours.

Staff created an online submission form to receive stories from Wichita residents about their experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic. Wichita Public Library received an ARPA grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to document the effect of COVID-19 in Wichita. Staff is collecting a variety of oral and written experiences, photographs and other remembrances from the pandemic to gain a better understanding of the impacts COVID-19. The Library is collaborating with small businesses and other agencies to promote this initiative, including work with Reverie Coffee Roasters and other local coffee shops to promote story submissions on coffee sleeves, and window clings to give to businesses with QR codes to the submission forms for easy resident access.

The 2022 #ReadICT categories were announced on Sunday, December 26. This reading challenge is popular with adult readers who are challenged to read 12 books from 12 different categories in 12 months. The Library partners with Suzanne Perez, KMUW and The Wichita Eagle. There is an active Facebook page where participants share reading recommendations and lists with each other. One participant posted: *"I'm excited for 2022's list! Thanks to the Wichita Public Library for compiling books for each category on the website. I am happy to see some of my 'to be read' list can be counted!"*

Other News

Technology trainers completed 206 Book-A-Librarian appointments in December. Customers received assistance with unemployment filing, resume posting and printing, passport applications, printing court documents, phone assistance, tax forms and online security issues.

Youth Services hosted a booth at the Park and Recreation department's "Winter Wonderland" event at Naftzger Park. Families wrote letters to Santa and Library staff handed out make-at-home holiday book ornaments and candy, and provided information about virtual family story times this winter. The event was a success with more than 300 people stopping by the booth to write letters and learn about the Library.

Customers are able to see how much money they save during each visit and also a yearly total on their receipt each time they borrow materials from the Library. A customer shared on Twitter this week that she has saved more than \$13,000 this year by using the Library. This is a great reminder of the financial benefit public libraries offer for customers.

John Cleary (Advanced Learning Library) met with several small business clients in December. He worked with them on business planning, market research and demographic information. Areas researched were franchises, cleaning services, beauty supply, concrete construction, home remodeling services and nonprofit organizations.

New shelving was installed at the Evergreen Community Center and Library December 21-22. This was a critical step in ensuring the facility would open as scheduled.



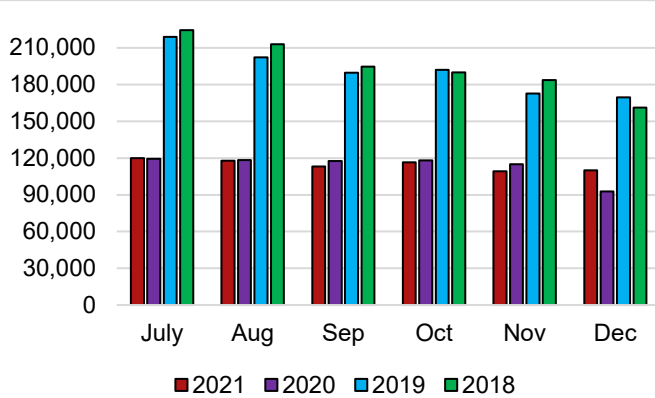
Customers are enjoying the internet bundle service. One customer said they usually have to take the bus to come to the library and use computers. With the internet bundles, they are able to cut out the transportation issue and have access to the internet at home.

Wichita E-Reads hit a new circulation record, checking out a total of 304,922 e-materials in 2021. This was a 41,000 (15.5%) increase in checkouts over 2020's record-breaking year.

Service Dashboard

From November 25, 2020-March 7, 2021, all locations were limited to curbside and drive-up services. Some services remain reduced from pre-COVID levels. The Evergreen Branch closed on November 30, 2020 for renovations and a temporary outlet opened on December 21, 2020 at the Evergreen Recreation Center.

LIBRARY VISITS (door count, catalog sessions, and website visits)

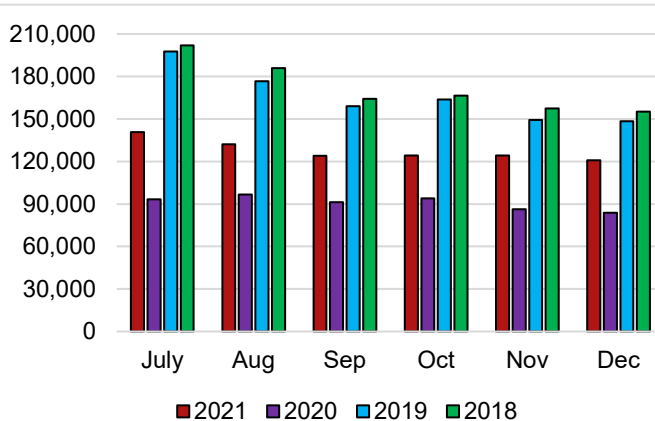


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	2021	2020	% change
Door Counts	35,464	12,021	195.02%
Catalog Log-ins	31,938	38,592	-17.24%
Website Visits	42,528	42,097	1.02%
Total	109,930	92,710	18.57%

November 2021 door counts were artificially low due to equipment failure. December 2020 door counts were mainly from activity related to curbside materials delivery.

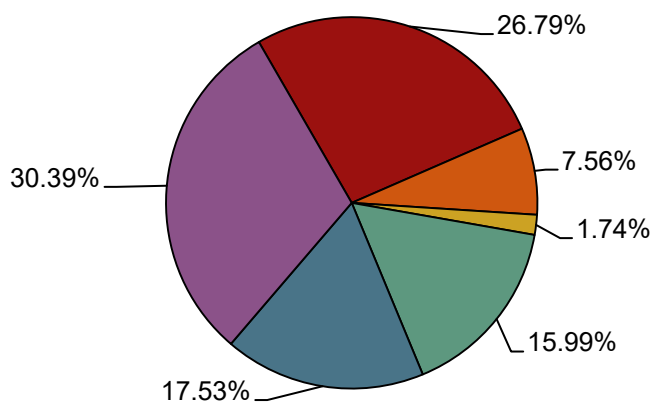
CHECKOUTS



DECEMBER

	2021	2020	% change
Physical Circ	84,056	51,566	63.01%
Virtual Circ	36,699	32,352	13.44%
WPL	29,984	25,542	17.39%
State	6,715	6,813	-1.44%
Total	120,755	83,918	43.90%

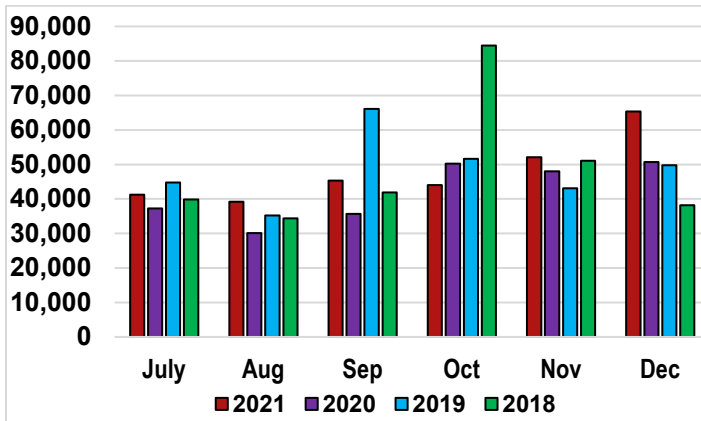
State Library checkouts from prior to 2021 have been revised, resulting in a small increase.



Circulation by Location

- Advanced Learning Library
- South branches
- North branches
- East branches
- West branches
- Virtual branch

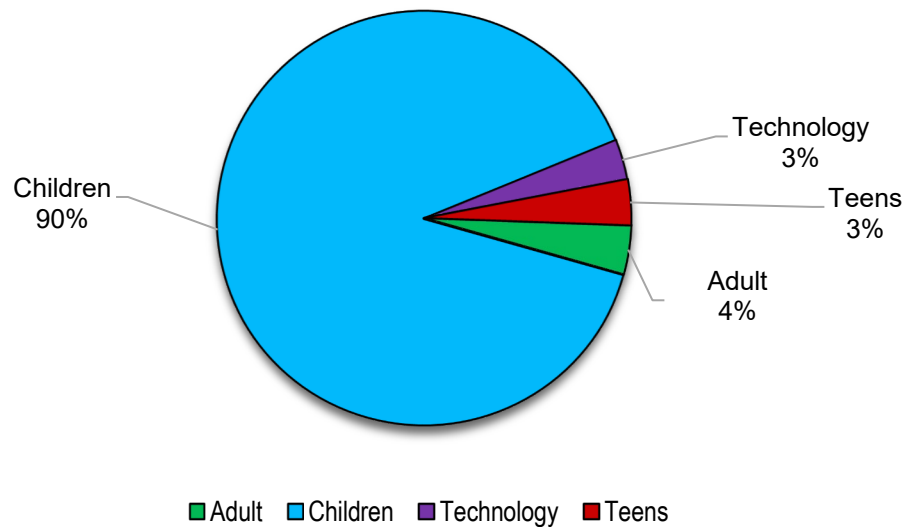
QUESTIONS ANSWERED (by staff in person/phone and through online services)



DECEMBER			
	2021	2020	% change
Reference Questions	5,611	456	1130.48%
Database Searches	56,681	49,904	13.58%
Technology Assistance	2,839	292	872.26%
Book-A-Librarian Appointments	206	49	320.41%
Total	65,337	50,701	28.87%

Some locations did not report the number of reference questions answered or technology assistance provided between June-December 2020.

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

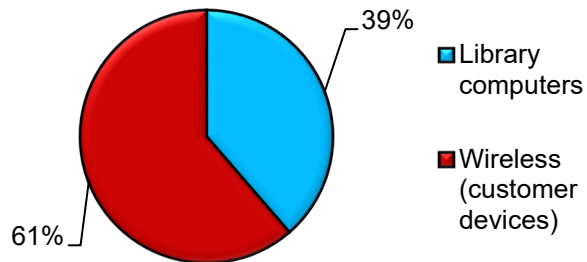


DECEMBER ATTENDANCE

	2021	2020	% change
Adult events	55	116	-52.59%
Children's events	1301	0	N/A
Technology training	46	0	N/A
Teen events	51	0	N/A
TOTAL	1453	116	1152.59%

PUBLIC COMPUTING

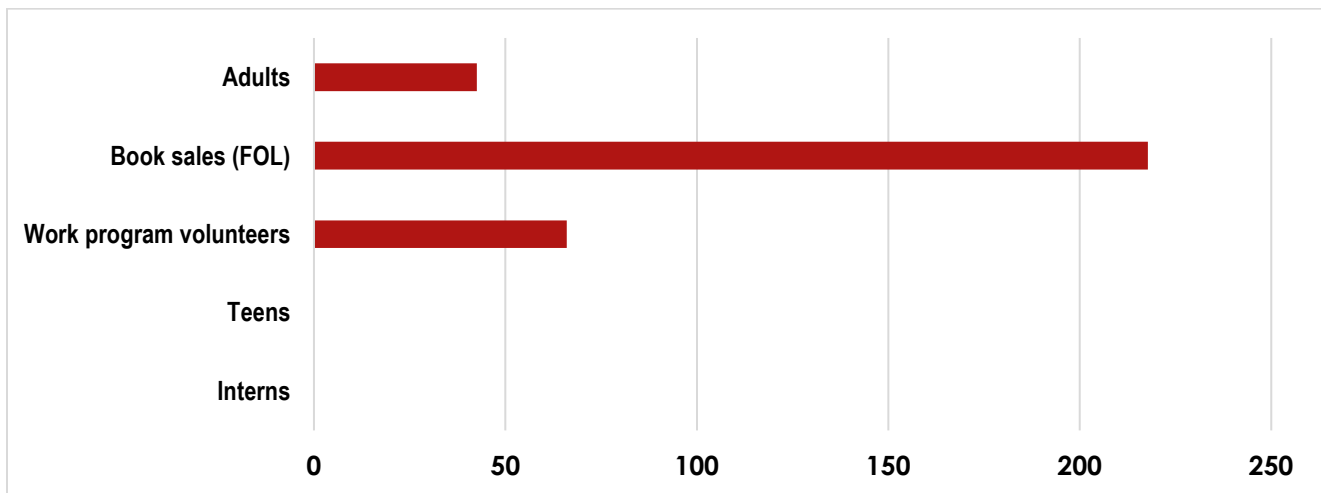
**Method of Computing Access
(by session)**



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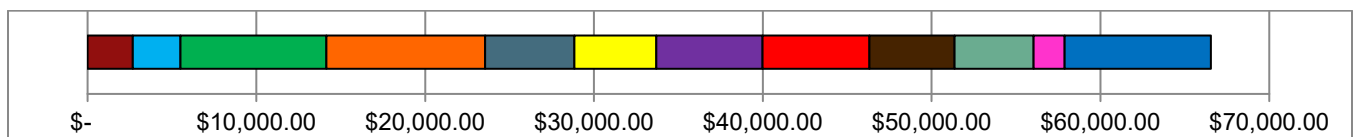
	2021	2020	% change
Workstation Sessions	4,225	0	N/A
Wi-Fi Sessions	6,700	3,384	97.99%
Number of Users	938	156	501.28%
Hours of Access	7,396	4,132	78.99%

VOLUNTEERS (hours of service)



Number of volunteers YTD = 56 Hours of service YTD = 2,920

MATERIALS DONATIONS (value if purchased)



Year to date total = \$66,546.03 Items added to Library collections YTD = 3,849

Service Snapshot: Recent Raving Fans Stories

Charles Hankins (Advanced Learning Library) received thank you / Christmas cards from the book clubs he assists. The messages read: *“Charles – Merry Christmas! Thank you for always taking care of our Book Club reads. You always have our books ready and available!”* and *“Charles – thank you for all that you do to keep the Library a treasure for the Wichita community! We appreciate your work!”*

A customer came into the Children’s Pavilion at the Advanced Learning Library wanting to find books for her grandson. She wanted to check out some books and preview them before purchasing for holiday gifts. After some discussion, Jeni Lehecka was able to find several adventure series that fit her needs. The customer was pleased to have some ideas to work with for holiday shopping.

While receiving a COVID-19 booster shot at the former Central Library, a staff member told one of the nurses about how she worked for the Library and the nurse told her how much she loved the library and librarians. She is currently in medical school and they are always a wealth of information and can find stuff for her that would take her 10 times as long to find on her own. She said the Library is one of her favorite places in Wichita!

A customer came to the Advanced Learning Library wanting information about a call she received from a pharmaceutical company regarding mailed prescriptions. Michelle Smith (Library Assistant) searched the internet and realized it was a fraud. She then searched for the company name from the call and found a legitimate company but a different phone number. Michelle advised the customer to call her insurance company and tell them about the call, and used this opportunity to talk with the customer about scammers and robocalls that try to trick people into paying for non-existent products. The customer was thankful for this interaction.

Wynter Myers (Rockwell Branch) helped a customer fill out and submit resume details early in December. Within 15 minutes of the submission, the customer was talking to a potential employer on the phone. The customer came back later to let Rockwell staff know they received the job.

Recently, the Science Fiction and Mysteries collections at Angelou saw an increase in titles that float. Staff member Pamela Clarkson noticed several new titles, and contacted a regular patron who often inquires about mystery titles. Pamela informed the customer about the new books and was able to confirm the customer’s reading history to discover that there were titles that the customer had not read yet at the branch. The customer was excited to hear this and browse the refreshed mystery section at her next visit.

WICHITA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of the Library Board of Directors
December 21, 2021.

The hybrid meeting of the Library Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at the Advanced Learning Library with the following present in person: Ms. Erinn Bock, Ms. Donna Douglas, Mr. Kevin McWhorter, Ms. Shelby Petersen, Mr. Chuck Schmidt, and Mr. Jonathan Winkler. The following attended virtually: Ms. Lauren Hirsh, Mr. Randall Johnston, and Ms. Shannon Littlejohn.

Call to Order

President Kevin McWhorter called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m., a quorum being present.

Staff Presentation

Director Prothro reviewed the 2022 Library work plan and initiatives. Influences that affected the work plan include new leadership, COVID-19 service recovery, the Branch Master Plan, City Council and Library Board priorities, community feedback, the budget, and more. The process for developing the work plan included brainstorming sessions, leadership team workshops, SOAR assessment, division and workgroup conversations, opportunities and commitments, prioritization, and transparency. All tasks under the 2022 work plan will support the four pillars of Library service: supporting a literate community, ensuring digital inclusion, providing equitable access to information, and delivering administrative activities with efficiency and effectiveness. In addition, three initiatives have been established to provide multi-year focus in deepening service impacts. Centering decisions around these initiatives, the Library's work will: embody equity, diversity, and inclusion in service, staff, programming, and collections; grow cardholders and reconnect with the community outside of the Library; and foster a culture that engages, develops, and inspires staff in service to the community. Progress updates will be provided monthly.

Randall Johnston arrived.

Approval of the Agenda

Chuck Schmidt moved (Petersen) to approve the agenda as published. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting held on November 16, 2021 were presented. Chuck Schmidt moved (Douglas) to approve the minutes as included in board packets. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Kevin McWhorter moved (Douglas) to approve the October 2021 finance report and supplemental bills in the following amounts: General Fund bills of \$800,699.68; Grant Fund Bills of \$10,502.28; and Gift and Memorial Fund bills of \$217,933.95 for a total of \$1,029,135.91. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Director Prothro reviewed a series of policy updates recommended by staff. These included:

- REF-009 Meeting Room Facilities
- REF-013 Library Programming
- REF-015 Program Presenter Background Screenings

On behalf of the Operations Committee, Chair Jonathan Winkler moved to adopt the policy changes as recommended by staff. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Jonathan Winkler moved (Bock) to authorize staff to transfer the remaining balance of the 2020 SCKLS grant into the SCKLS Facilities Improvement Fund. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Finance Committee Report

No report.

Operations Committee Report

No report.

Planning & Facilities Committee Report

No report.

Public Affairs Committee Report

No report.

Special Committee Reports

Friends of the Library – Kensley Pottebaum reported that the Membership Committee continues to work on changes to membership benefits and hope to have something in place by January. Plans are being made to hold an in-person used book sale in April.

Library Foundation – Kristi Oberg reported that at the December Foundation Board meeting members approved updates to multiple policies and procedures. Ms. Oberg shared that the

Foundation has received an estate gift commitment. Currently, the Library is at approximately 80% gift giving.

Wichita Genealogical Society (WGS) – Julie Crawford reported that there were no meetings in December. The January meeting will feature Marcia Crawford Philbrick who will be providing information on the benefits and new features of RootsMagic 8, genealogy software that makes researching, organizing, and sharing your family history easy.

Director of Libraries Report

Director Prothro reported that work is continuing on the new Evergreen Community Center and Library with carpet and desks installed. Shelving is currently being installed and we are readying for moving day. A soft-open is tentatively planned for mid-February. Like many projects globally, supply chain disruptions have been part of the planning realities.

Staff is currently working with the Sedgwick County Health Department to provide COVID-19 vaccine clinics at the Alford, Angelou, and Walters branches. Staff continues to work on gathering COVID stories from staff and the community.

The short story dispenser at Wichita State University will be moved to the Airport in January.

Visits to Alford, Angelou, Rockwell and Westlink branches were conducted with the city's architects to determine enhancements to the Capital Improvement Project and the branch plan. Changes in needs due to the pandemic and pricing increases need to be taken into account when moving forward with improvements.

Announcements

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be January 18, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Prothro

REVENUE REPORT - PRELIMINARY DECEMBER 2021

OBJECT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	REVISED BUDGET	MONTHLY REVENUE TARGET	RECEIVED IN MONTH	RECEIVED YTD	% RECEIVED YTD
422110	Library Desk Receipts (Fines)	\$ 123,595.00	\$ 6,179.75	\$ 16,900.15	\$ 185,153.99	149.81%
423030	Meeting Room Rentals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (250.00)	0.00%
424011	Copy Charges	\$ 6,270.00	\$ 376.20	\$ 846.00	\$ 9,501.09	151.53%
424101	Public Computing Charges	\$ 11,285.00	\$ 677.10	\$ 1,214.10	\$ 14,493.83	128.43%
646981	State Setoff Collections	\$ 75,345.00	\$ 4,520.70	\$ 2,272.93	\$ 66,114.59	87.75%
646990	Other Non-Operating Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 87.47	0.00%
646998	Cash Over/Short	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (0.05)	0.00%
	TOTAL	\$ 216,495.00	\$ 11,753.75	\$ 21,233.18	\$ 275,100.92	127.07%

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY REPORT
PRELIMINARY DECEMBER 2021

OBJECT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	REVISED APPROPRIATION	CURRENT MONTH EXPENDITURES	CURRENT MONTH ENCUMBRANCES	YTD EXPENDITURES	BALANCE	PERCENT EXPENDED
511000	Base Compensation	\$ 5,293,802.00	\$ 375,079.88	\$ -	\$ 4,730,777.51	\$ 563,024.49	89%
511950	Year-end Payroll Accrual	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (85,303.98)	\$ 85,303.98	#DIV/0!
511999	Planned Savings	\$ (149,688.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (149,688.00)	0%
512000	Special Compensation	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 375.00	\$ -	\$ 9,167.21	\$ (7,367.21)	509%
512051	Mileage Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 86.33	\$ -	\$ 1,428.13	\$ (1,428.13)	#DIV/0!
513020	Premium Overtime	\$ -	\$ 390.04	\$ -	\$ 5,597.27	\$ (5,597.27)	#DIV/0!
518200	Employer Wage Taxes & WC	\$ 464,902.00	\$ 32,130.96	\$ -	\$ 398,449.08	\$ 66,452.92	86%
518300	Employer Share EE Insurance	\$ 1,007,785.00	\$ 37,220.95	\$ -	\$ 876,975.41	\$ 130,809.59	87%
518400	Employer Share Pension/Retire	\$ 599,071.00	\$ 42,196.63	\$ -	\$ 527,136.46	\$ 71,934.54	88%
521011	Electricity	\$ 448,449.00	\$ 16,405.89	\$ -	\$ 383,391.42	\$ 65,057.58	85%
521021	Natural Gas	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 9,214.24	\$ -	\$ 80,403.59	\$ (34,403.59)	175%
521030	Water Service	\$ 18,853.00	\$ 2,326.53	\$ -	\$ 26,793.87	\$ (7,940.87)	142%
521050	Trash Service	\$ 5,404.00	\$ 778.00	\$ -	\$ 4,631.27	\$ 772.73	86%
521060	Local Telephone Service	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 21.40	\$ -	\$ 6,975.44	\$ 9,024.56	44%
522010	PBX Line Charges	\$ 11,172.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,336.63	\$ 835.37	93%
522020	PBX Instrument Charges	\$ 18,915.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,333.54	\$ 1,581.46	92%
522030	IT Moves & Changes	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	0%
522040	Long Distance & Teleconference	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 442.70	\$ 1,557.30	22%
522070	Voicemail	\$ 3,912.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,586.00	\$ 326.00	92%
522080	Automatic Call Distribution	\$ 786.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 720.50	\$ 65.50	92%
522990	Other Communications Charges	\$ 1,275.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 640.00	\$ 635.00	50%
523010	Building & Contents Insurance	\$ 88,971.00	\$ 21,327.54	\$ -	\$ 88,971.00	\$ -	100%
523020	Vehicle Liability Premiums	\$ 870.00	\$ 217.50	\$ -	\$ 870.00	\$ -	100%
524010	Recruitment & Hiring	\$ 3,140.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 784.99	\$ 2,355.01	25%
524020	Employee Travel & Training	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 899.00	\$ 701.00	56%
525013	Drug Screening	\$ -	\$ 567.00	\$ -	\$ 2,734.00	\$ (2,734.00)	#DIV/0!
525070	Background Checks	\$ -	\$ 160.00	\$ -	\$ 619.50	\$ (619.50)	#DIV/0!
525083	Textile Rental & Laundry Svcs	\$ 2,925.00	\$ 189.70	\$ -	\$ 1,608.09	\$ 1,316.91	55%
525990	Other Professional Services	\$ 22,970.00	\$ 2,582.45	\$ -	\$ 37,685.75	\$ (14,715.75)	164%
526010	Motor Pool Scheduled Charges	\$ 3,720.00	\$ 310.00	\$ -	\$ 3,720.00	\$ -	100%
526020	Building Repair & Maint	\$ 13,630.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 365.00	\$ 13,265.00	3%
526042	Pest Control Services	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 2,913.64	\$ -	\$ 9,956.48	\$ 3,043.52	77%
526044	Bldg Security & Fire Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 420.00	\$ (420.00)	#DIV/0!
526070	Equipment Repair & Maint	\$ 5,421.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 2,920.50	\$ 2,500.50	54%
526080	Grounds Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,710.00	\$ (4,710.00)	#DIV/0!

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PRELIMINARY DECEMBER 2021

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526092	Facility Rental	\$ 52,060.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 49,970.64	\$ 2,089.36	96%
529010	Bank Charges	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 509.17	\$ -	\$ 5,783.56	\$ (783.56)	116%
529020	Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43.21	\$ (43.21)	#DIV/0!
529021	Express Mail	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	0%
529030	Shipping & Freight	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!
529040	Subscriptions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 480.00	\$ (480.00)	#DIV/0!
529061	Organizational Memberships	\$ 3,195.00	\$ 1,599.00	\$ -	\$ 1,599.00	\$ 1,596.00	50%
529070	Printing & Copying	\$ 23,472.00	\$ 831.59	\$ -	\$ 10,804.34	\$ 12,667.66	46%
529110	Advertising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42.00	\$ (42.00)	#DIV/0!
529141	Software License & Maint Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 547.70	\$ (547.70)	#DIV/0!
529150	Data Center Charges	\$ 1,226,529.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 961,671.36	\$ 264,857.64	78%
529990	Other Contractuals	\$ 92,583.00	\$ 28,688.69	\$ -	\$ 95,311.06	\$ (2,728.06)	103%
531010	Computing Supplies	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 356.13	\$ 543.87	40%
531020	Office Supplies	\$ 48,575.00	\$ 17,859.61	\$ -	\$ 47,962.10	\$ 612.90	99%
531030	Custodial Supplies	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 431.84	\$ -	\$ 3,258.02	\$ 2,741.98	54%
532020	Automotive Parts & Supplies	\$ -	\$ 11.94	\$ -	\$ 915.08	\$ (915.08)	#DIV/0!
532990	Other Equip Parts & Supplies	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23.88	\$ 426.12	5%
539012	Gasoline	\$ 2,996.00	\$ 218.37	\$ -	\$ 3,020.64	\$ (24.64)	101%
549010	Furniture & Fixtures <\$5k	\$ 9,990.00	\$ (42.30)	\$ -	\$ 9,517.66	\$ 472.34	95%
549020	Data Processing Equip <\$5k	\$ 9,665.00	\$ 4,338.04	\$ -	\$ 9,241.85	\$ 423.15	96%
549030	Communication Equip < \$5K	\$ -	\$ 206.50		\$ 907.58	\$ (907.58)	#DIV/0!
549100	Laboratory Equip <\$5K	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 99.05	\$ (99.05)	#DIV/0!
549110	Library Materials	\$ 727,530.00	\$ 187,646.06	\$ -	\$ 598,192.20	\$ 129,337.80	82%
	Expense Total	\$ 10,159,730.00	\$ 789,892.19	\$ -	\$ 8,955,493.42	\$ 1,204,236.58	88%

**Grant Fund Summary Report
PRELIMINARY DECEMBER 2021**

Grant	Beginning Balance 12/01/2021	Revenue Received	Admin Charges	Contractuals	Materials	Supplies & Petty Cash	Equipment	Total Expenditures	Encumbrances	Remaining Balance 12/31/2021
SCKLS 2020	\$ 68,090.74	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 68,090.74	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 68,090.74	\$ -	\$ -
SCKLS 2021	\$ 182,051.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,851.08	\$ (12,324.05)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,472.97)	\$ -	\$ 185,523.97
State Aid 2021	\$ 20,721.38	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (9,510.12)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (9,510.12)	\$ -	\$ 30,231.50
Totals	\$ 270,863.12	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76,941.82	\$ (21,834.17)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,107.65	\$ -	\$ 215,755.47

Wichita Public Library General Fund Bills

Preliminary 2021
December

Org: 10000080

10001 - Library - Personnel

1B - Base Compensation

511000 _Base Compensation

Payroll, ADJ122421	\$187,379.01
Payroll, PP12.10.21	\$187,573.61
Payroll, RTR121021	\$127.26

Total 511000 _Base Compensation	\$375,079.88
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Total 1B - Base Compensation	\$375,079.88
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1F - Special Compensation

512000 _Special Compensation

Payroll, ADJ122421	\$187.50
Payroll, PP12.10.21	\$187.50

Total 512000 _Special Compensation	\$375.00
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512051 Mileage Reimbursement

Payroll, 5732	\$42.47
Payroll, 6456	\$43.86

Total 512051 Mileage Reimbursement	\$86.33
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Total 1F - Special Compensation	\$461.33
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1J - OT Compensation

513000 _Overtime Compensation

Payroll, ADJ122421	\$155.15
Payroll, PP12.10.21	\$234.89

Total 513000 _Overtime Compensation	\$390.04
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Total 1J - OT Compensation	\$390.04
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1N - Employee Benefits

518200 Employer Wage Taxes & WC

Payroll, ADJ122421	\$16,360.37
Payroll, PP12.10.21	\$15,760.72
Payroll, RTR121021	\$9.87

Total 518200 Employer Wage Taxes & WC	\$32,130.96
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518300 Employer Share EE Insurance

Payroll, PP12.10.21	\$37,220.95
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Total 518300 Employer Share EE Insurance	\$37,220.95
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518400 Employer Share Pension/Retire

Payroll, ADJ122421	\$21,164.59
Payroll, PP12.10.21	\$21,014.35

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Payroll, RTR121021	\$17.69
Total 518400 Employer Share Pension/Retire	\$42,196.63
Total 1N - Employee Benefits	\$111,548.54
Total 10001 - Library - Personnel	\$487,479.79

10002 - Library - Contractuals

2B - Utilities

521011 Electricity - EDI

EVERGY KANSAS CENTRAL INC \$16,405.89

Total 521011 Electricity - EDI	\$16,405.89
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521021 Natural Gas - EDI

BLACK HILLS UTILITY HOLDING INC \$612.11

ONE GAS INC \$5,394.12

SYMMETRY ENERGY SOLUTIONS LLC \$3,208.01

Total 521021 Natural Gas - EDI	\$9,214.24
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521030 Water Service

City of Wichita \$2,326.53

Total 521030 Water Service	\$2,326.53
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521050 Trash Service

BEST VALUE SERVICES LLC \$778.00

Total 521050 Trash Service	\$778.00
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Total 2B - Utilities	\$28,724.66
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2F - Technology Charges

522040 Long Distance & Teleconference

City of Wichita \$21.40

Total 522040 Long Distance & Teleconference	\$21.40
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Total 2F - Technology Charges	\$21.40
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2J - Insurance Premiums

523010 Building & Contents Insurance

City of Wichita \$21,327.54

Total 523010 Building & Contents Insurance	\$21,327.54
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523020 Vehicle Liability Premiums

City of Wichita \$217.50

Total 523020 Vehicle Liability Premiums	\$217.50
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Total 2J - Insurance Premiums	\$21,545.04
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2R - Professional Svcs

525013 Drug Screening

KELLY COMPLIANCE INC \$567.00

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Total 525013 Drug Screening	\$567.00
525070 Background Checks	
TRUVIEW BSI LLC	\$160.00
Total 525070 Background Checks	\$160.00
525083 Textile Rental & Laundry Svcs	
ARAMARK UNIFORM & CAREER APPAREL GRP INC	\$183.47
CINTAS CORPORATION	\$6.23
Total 525083 Textile Rental & Laundry Svcs	\$189.70
525990 Other Professional Services	
LIQUID ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS LLC	\$530.00
SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING SERVICES	\$168.00
UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC	\$1,884.45
Total 525990 Other Professional Services	\$2,582.45
Total 2R - Professional Svcs	\$3,499.15
2V - Bldg & Equip Charges	
526010 Motor Pool Scheduled Charges	
City of Wichita	\$310.00
Total 526010 Motor Pool Scheduled Charges	\$310.00
526042 Pest Control Services	
TERMINIX	\$2,913.64
Total 526042 Pest Control Services	\$2,913.64
526070 Equipment Repair & Maint	
P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY	\$600.00
Total 526070 Equipment Repair & Maint	\$600.00
526092 Rent-Real Property	
CITY OF WICHITA	\$2,500.00
Total 526092 Rent-Real Property	\$2,500.00
Total 2V - Bldg & Equip Charges	\$6,323.64
2Z - Other Contractuals	
529010 Bank Charges	
City of Wichita	\$509.17
Total 529010 Bank Charges	\$509.17
529061 Organizational Memberships	
P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY	\$1,599.00
Total 529061 Organizational Memberships	\$1,599.00
529070 Printing & Copying	

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City of Wichita \$831.59

Total 529070 Printing & Copying	\$831.59
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529990 Other Contractuals

ARAMARK UNIFORM & CAREER \$110.45

APPAREL GRP INC

P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY \$11,932.24

SPANGENBERG PHILLIPS TICE LLC \$16,528.00

UNDERGROUND VAULTS & STORAGE
INC \$18.00

UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC \$100.00

Total 529990 Other Contractuals	\$28,688.69
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Total 2Z - Other Contractuals	\$31,628.45
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Total 10002 - Library - Contractuals	\$91,742.34
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10003 - Library - Commodities

3B - Supplies

531020 Office Supplies

City of Wichita \$4,332.24

P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY \$13,527.37

Total 531020 Office Supplies	\$17,859.61
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531030 Custodial Supplies

P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY \$431.84

Total 531030 Custodial Supplies	\$431.84
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Total 3B - Supplies	\$18,291.45
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3F - Components & Parts

532020 Automotive Parts & Supplies

City of Wichita \$11.94

Total 532020 Automotive Parts & Supplies	\$11.94
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Total 3F - Components & Parts	\$11.94
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3N - Fuel

539012 Gasoline

City of Wichita \$218.37

Total 539012 Gasoline	\$218.37
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Total 3N - Fuel	\$218.37
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4Z - Non-Capital Outlay

549010 Furniture & Fixtures <\$5k

P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY (\$42.30)

Total 549010 Furniture & Fixtures <\$5k	(\$42.30)
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549020 Data Processing Equip <\$5k

City of Wichita \$4,150.08

P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY \$187.96

Total 549020 Data Processing Equip <\$5k	\$4,338.04
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549030 Communication Equip <\$5k

P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY \$206.50

Total 549030 Communication Equip <\$5k	\$206.50
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549110 Library Materials

BRODART CO \$6,166.37

City of Wichita \$52,832.56

HOUCHEN BINDERY LTD \$777.90

INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES INC \$5,656.62

KANOPY INC \$6,255.00

MIDWEST TAPE LLC \$2,260.62

OVERDRIVE INC \$137.50

P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY \$113,234.24

TREASURED WORKS LLC \$325.25

Total 549110 Library Materials	\$187,646.06
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Total 4Z - Non-Capital Outlay	\$192,148.30
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Total 10003 - Library - Commodities	\$210,670.06
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Grand Total

\$789,892.19

Wichita Public Library Grant Bills

Preliminary
December

2021

Y0801 - South Central Kansas Library Sys 20		
2 - Contractuals		
2Z - Other Contractuals		
529990 Other Contractuals		
WICHITA PUBLIC LIBRARY		\$68,090.74
FOUNDATION INC		
Total 529990 Other Contractuals		\$68,090.74
Total 2Z - Other Contractuals		\$68,090.74
Total 2 - Contractuals		\$68,090.74
Total Y0801 - South Central Kansas Library Sys 20		\$68,090.74

Y1800 - Library-State Grant-in-Aid 2021		
3 - Commodities		
4Z - Non-Capital Outlay		
549110 Library Materials		
BRODART CO	\$303.90	
City of Wichita	(\$9,814.02)	
Total 549110 Library Materials	(\$9,510.12)	
Total 4Z - Non-Capital Outlay	(\$9,510.12)	
Total 3 - Commodities	(\$9,510.12)	
Total Y1800 - Library-State Grant-in-Aid 2021		(\$9,510.12)

Y1801 - South Central Kansas Library Sys 21

2 - Contractuals

2F - Technology Charges

521070 Internet Service

COX COMMUNICATIONS INC \$8,021.08

Total 521070 Internet Service	\$8,021.08
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Total 2F - Technology Charges	\$8,021.08
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2N - Employee Development

524020 Employee Travel & Training

(\$390.00)

P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY \$1,220.00

Total 524020 Employee Travel & Training	\$830.00
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Total 2N - Employee Development	\$830.00
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Total 2 - Contractuals	\$8,851.08
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3 - Commodities

4Z - Non-Capital Outlay

549110 Library Materials

City of Wichita (\$43,018.54)

P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY \$30,694.49

Total 549110 Library Materials	(\$12,324.05)
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Total 4Z - Non-Capital Outlay	(\$12,324.05)
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Total 3 - Commodities	(\$12,324.05)
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Total Y1801 - South Central Kansas Library Sys 21	(\$3,472.97)
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Grand Total	\$55,107.65
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GIFT AND MEMORIAL FUND

RECEIPTS/REIMBURSEMENTS

Baird (interest)	\$13.66
Flower Fund (Staff Donations)	\$150.00
Friends Monthly Pledge	\$477.55
Memorials	\$117.26

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$758.47
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EXPENDITURES

Conference Technologies, Inc (Inservice Day)	\$4,300.00
EnvisionWare, Inc (Coin/Bill Acceptor for Evergreen)	\$2,956.63
H2I Group (Evergreen Shelving)	\$152,971.00
Ingram Library Services (Memorials)*	\$903.68
Hobby Lobby (To be Reimbursed by Foundation-21 FID)*	\$143.22
Kroger (Staff Flower Fund)	\$47.28
Kroger (To be Reimbursed by Foundation-21 FID)*	\$13.45
Wichita Public Library Foundation/Amazon (Evergreen Receipt Printer/Scanner/Barcode Reader)	\$567.99
Wichita Public Library Foundation/Brodart (Evergreen Puppet Theater-Wishlist)	\$358.00
Wichita Public Library Foundation/MakerBot (Smart Extruder)	\$535.35

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$162,796.60
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*Reimbursed expenses

Gift and Memorials Account
Report of Activity (July - December 2021)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Beginning/ Ending Balance</u>
GENERAL LEDGER STARTING BALANCE July 1, 2021			<u>\$621,667.14</u>
110 - Levand			<u>\$80,000.00</u>
Expenditures:			
Conference Technologies (Inservice Day Camcorders/Mics)	(4,300.00)		
Findaway World (Wishlist)	(6,809.57)		
Overdrive (Instant Digital Card)	(163.00)		
Short Edition (3 Short Story Dispensers annual renewal)	(9,720.00)		
Wichita Business Journal (Luncheon in honor of Kristi Dowell)	(1,800.00)		
Wichita Public Library Foundation /Amazon (250 Chromebook Cases for Internet Bundles)	(3,197.50)		
Wichita Public Library Foundation /Amazon (Wishlist)	(325.62)		
Wichita Public Library Foundation/Brodart (Wishlist Puppet Theater)	(358.00)		
Wichita Public Library Foundation/Cricut (Wishlist)	(356.89)		
Wichita Public Library Foundation/Demco (Book Carts)	(5,415.92)		
Wichita Public Library Foundation/Elmo (MX- P3)	(619.47)		
Wichita Public Library Foundation /Gaylord Archival (Liftgate)	(130.00)		
Wichita Public Library Foundation/ Namecheap (FOL Domain Renewals)	(86.46)		
Wichita Public Library Foundation/Panera (Inservice Day Lunches)	(1,636.32)		
Ending Balance:			<u>\$45,081.25</u>
130 - Local History Fund			<u>\$5,695.91</u>
Expenditures:			
City of Wichita (Reimbursement for ContentDM)	(5,695.91)		
Ending Balance:			<u>\$0.00</u>

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140 - E-Books	\$1,000.00
Expenditures:	
OverDrive (Materials)	(999.90)
Ending Balance:	\$0.10
150 - Technology Fund	\$69,807.41
Receipts:	
CD Sold	\$50,000.00
Expenditures:	
CD Purchased	(50,000.00)
CDW Government (250 Chrome Books)	(14,057.50)
City of Wichita (Reimbursement for ContentDM)	(849.69)
EnvisionWare (Coin/Bill Acceptor - Eve)	(2,956.63)
Transferred to 151.1	(2,000.00)
Wichita Public Library Foundation/PocetSights (Renewal)	(499.00)
Ending Balance:	\$49,444.59
150.1 3D Printing	\$200.00
Receipts:	
Transferred from 150	\$2,000.00
Expenditures:	
Wichita Public Library/MakerBot (Smart Extruder)	(535.35)
	\$1,664.65
160 - SCKLS Facilities Improvement Fund	\$292,986.33
Receipts:	
Transferred from 340 (CD Redeemed)	\$121,000.00
Expenditures:	
H2I Group (Eve Shelving)	(152,971.00)
CD Purchased	(50,000.00)
Wichita Public Library Foundation/Amazon (Receipt Printer/Scanner/Barcode Reader for Eve)	(567.99)
Wichita Public Library Foundation/Demco (Book Trucks for Walters)	(1,826.06)
Wichita Public Library Foundation/Kinglsey (Carts for Evergreen Bookdrops)	(2,900.00)
Ending Balance:	\$205,721.28

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210 - Staff Association Fund	\$2,391.77
Receipts:	
Friends Monthly Donations	\$2,139.32
Premier Food Service	\$379.67
Staff Honorariums	\$635.00
State of Kansas (KRTP Video Reimbursement)	\$1,488.00
Expenditures:	
Kroger (InService Day Drinks)	(907.37)
Wichita Public Library Foundation /House of Imprints (Staff InService Day Gifts)	(260.00)
Wichita :Public Library Foundation /Uprinting (Staff InService Day Gifts)	(109.06)
Ending Balance:	\$5,757.33
220 - Employee Training	\$5,201.99
Expenditures:	
Wichita Public Library Foundation/Empac, Inc (InService Day Training)	(450.00)
Ending Balance:	\$4,751.99
240 - Staff Flower Fund	\$175.61
Receipts:	
Staff Donations	\$375.00
Expenditures:	
Kroger (Plant - Family Death/Balloons - Employee Illness)	(419.06)
Ending Balance:	\$131.55
320 - WGS	\$2.08
Ending Balance:	\$2.08
330 - Friends of the Library	\$9,019.98
Ending Balance:	\$9,019.98
330.1 Big Read (Friends)	\$1,597.82
Ending Balance:	\$1,597.82
330.2 - SR Wed (Friends)	\$1,056.81
Ending Balance:	\$1,056.81
330.3 - 1000Books (Friends)	\$300.00
Ending Balance:	\$300.00

Gift and Memorials Account
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340 - Miscellaneous Fund	\$144,881.29
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Receipts:

Baird (Interest)	\$380.01
CD Redeemed	\$150,000.00
South Central Library System (Summer Reading Grant)	\$100.00
Transferred from 412	\$364.55
Transferred from 417 Grant)	\$3.95
	\$1,500.00

Expenditures:

CD Purchased	(100,000.00)
CDW Government (250 Chrome Books)	(14,057.50)
Hobby Lobby (To be reimbursed by Foundation)	(143.22)
Kroger (To be Reimbursed by Foundation)	(13.45)
Transferred to 160 (CD Redeemed)	(121,000.00)
Wichita Genealogical Society Annual Conference (Staff Rgistration)	(80.00)
Wichita Public Library Foundation/Amazon (Microwaves for Staff Rooms)	(281.75)
Wichita Public Library Foundation/Demco (Elemental Table with Casters)	(213.22)

Ending Balance:	\$61,440.66
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355- FOL Holds	\$3,677.00
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Receipts:

Friends of the Library - Membership Proceeds	\$365.00
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Ending Balance:	\$4,042.00
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412 - Outreach	\$364.55
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Expenditures:

Transferred to 340	(364.55)
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Ending Balance:	\$0.00
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417 - Wulfmeyer Special Collections	\$3.95
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Expenditures:

Transferred to 340	(\$3.95)
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Ending Balance:	\$0.00
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Memorials (500; 502-535)	\$3,304.84
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Receipts:

Miscellaneous Donors	\$1,777.26
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Expenditures:

Brodart	
Ingram	(1,938.93)
Wichita Public Library Foundation/Amazon	(468.98)
Wichita Public Library Foundation/Demco (Elemental Table with Casters)	(206.02)

Ending Balance:	\$2,468.17
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Balances:	July 1, 2021	December 31, 2021
Levand (110)	\$80,000.00	\$45,081.25
Local History Fund (130)	\$5,695.91	\$0.00
E-Books (140)	\$1,000.00	\$0.10
Technology Fund (150)	\$69,807.41	\$49,444.59
3D Printing (151.1)	\$200.00	\$1,664.65
SCKLS Facilities Improvement Fund (160)	\$292,986.33	\$205,721.28
Staff Association Fund (210)	\$2,391.77	\$5,757.33
Employee Training (220)	\$5,201.99	\$4,751.99
Staff Flower Fund (240)	\$175.61	\$131.55
WGS (320)	\$2.08	\$2.08
Friends of the Library (330)	\$9,019.98	\$9,019.98
Big Read (Friends) (330.1)	\$1,597.82	\$1,597.82
SR Wed (Friends) (330.2)	\$1,056.81	\$1,056.81
1000Books (Friends) (330.3)	\$300.00	\$300.00
Miscellaneous (340)	\$144,881.29	\$61,440.66
FOL Holds (355)	\$3,677.00	\$4,042.00
Outreach (412)	\$364.55	\$0.00
Wulfmeyer Special Collections (417)	\$3.95	\$0.00
Memorials (500; 502-506)	\$3,304.84	\$2,468.17
<u>MONEY MARKET LEDGER BALANCE</u>	\$621,667.34	\$392,480.26

<u>CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT</u>	<u>Invested Amount</u>	<u>Coupon Rate</u>	<u>Market Value (12/31/2021)</u>
BMW Bank of North Amer Salt Lake City UT Matures 9/19/22 (150)	\$100,000.00	0.20%	\$99,938.40
Synchorony Bank Draper UT Matures 11/3/22 (340- \$100/150-\$50/160-\$50)	\$200,000.00	0.20%	\$200,000.00
<u>SECURITIES MARKET VALUE</u>	<u>300,000.00</u>		<u>\$299,938.40</u>
<u>TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE</u>			<u>\$692,418.66</u>

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF STAFF TRAVEL
July – December 2021

Name	Job Title	Date(s)	Place	Purpose	Cost	Funding Source
Zoe Burgess	Clerk	10/9	WSU Metroplex	Wichita Genealogical Society Annual Conference	80.00	Foundation
Sara Dixon	Librarian	10/27	Virtual	Kansas State Library Conference	245.00	SCKLS
Carla Heideman	Librarian	8/3-5	Virtual	Overdrive Digipalooza 2021	39.00	SCKLS
Erin Howerton	Librarian	11/4-5	Virtual	REFORMA National Conference	150.00	SCKLS
Sean Jones	Communications Specialist	11/2-3	Virtual	Library Marketing and Communications Virtual Conference	230.00	SCKLS
Sarah Kittrell	Library Manager	8/3-5	Virtual	Overdrive Digipalooza 2021	39.00	SCKLS
Katie Menon	Librarian	8/3-5	Virtual	Overdrive Digipalooza 2021	39.00	SCKLS
Janelle Mercer	Librarian	8/3-5	Virtual	Overdrive Digipalooza 2021	39.00	SCKLS
		10/28	Virtual	Kansas State Library Conference	145.00	SCKLS
Julie Pacino	Librarian	8/3-5	Virtual	Overdrive Digipalooza 2021	39.00	SCKLS
Daniel Pewewardy	Librarian	10/27-29	Virtual	Kansas State Library Conference	375.00	SCKLS
Racine Zackula	Librarian	8/3-5	Virtual	Overdrive Digipalooza 2021	39.00	SCKLS



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Library Board of Directors
FROM: Jaime Prothro, Director of Libraries
SUBJECT: 2015-2021 Budget Expenditures
DATE: January 10, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J Prothro", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Background: The Library Board of Directors requested a five-year overview of the Library budget that included expenditures as well as planned savings.

Analysis: In reviewing the 2015-2020 information, the Library's main budget categories include Salaries and Benefits (all part-time and full time positions, in addition to overtime and additional hours), Contractuals (ex. custodial, utilities, technology, vendor support, etc.) and Commodities (operating supplies, fuel, and library materials).

City Departments have a targeted amount of planned savings that is reflected in each year's revised budget calculation for salaries and benefits. The Library strives to expend all funds in a metered and planned manner, however there are some years when unique circumstances that have influenced this work. Specific impacts and/or areas of more than 3% of unexpended dollars includes:

2015: Contractuals were under-expended by 10.2% in categories technology maintenance, professional services, and utilities; Commodities were under-expended by 9% in categories of data processing equipment, library equipment, and custodial supplies.

2016: Contractuals were under-expended by 6.88% in categories of professional services, membership dues, and travel/training.

2017: Contractuals were under-expended by 5.2% in categories of telephone services, postage, travel/training, data and equipment maintenance, grounds/building maintenance, and other contractuals.

2018: Salaries were under-expended by 5.43% as a result of personnel adjustments needed to open the Advanced Learning Library; Contractuals were under-expended by 5.38% in categories of utilities, postage, equipment maintenance and transportation; and Commodities were under-expended by 3.93% in categories of data processing equipment and furniture and equipment.

2019: Funds were expended with less than 3% variance.

2020: Salaries were under-expended by 7.2% as a result of COVID-19 and required furloughs from March – May 2020; Contractuals were under-expended by 7.1% in categories of utilities, pest control, and professional services; and Commodities were under-expended by 6.9% in categories of printing and copying, legal advertising, custodial supplies, and data processing equipment.

Financial Considerations: The Library continues to manage its budget to ensure it does not budget fail.

Legal Considerations: None.

Recommendations or Actions: Dependent on the Board's insights.

Attachments: Table of Wichita Public Library budget and expenditures from 2015-2020.

	2015 REVISED BUDGET	2015 EXPENDITURES	2016 REVISED BUDGET	2016 EXPENDITURES	2017 REVISED BUDGET	2017 EXPENDITURES
SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$ 6,071,324.00	\$ 5,969,300.34	\$ 6,385,029.00	\$ 6,379,343.81	\$ 6,523,277.00	\$ 6,408,275.77
CONTRACTUALS	\$ 1,259,610.00	\$ 1,142,667.14	\$ 1,294,076.00	\$ 1,205,007.57	\$ 1,264,920.00	\$ 1,199,986.88
COMMODITIES	\$ 786,345.00	\$ 718,323.07	\$ 767,977.00	\$ 767,024.78	\$ 785,785.00	\$ 781,957.34
TOTAL	\$ 8,117,279.00	\$ 7,830,290.55	\$ 8,447,082.00	\$ 8,351,376.16	\$ 8,573,982.00	\$ 8,390,219.99
AMOUNT BACK TO General Fund		\$ 286,988.45		\$ 95,705.84		\$ 183,762.01
PLANNED SAVINGS--- REFLECTED IN REVISED SALARIES & BENEFITS BUDGET	\$ (123,613.00)		\$ (142,298.00)		\$ (142,298.00)	

	2018 REVISED BUDGET	2018 EXPENDITURES	2019 REVISED BUDGET	2019 EXPENDITURES	2020 REVISED BUDGET	2020 EXPENDITURES
SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$ 7,207,237.00	\$ 6,815,995.16	\$ 6,941,199.00	\$ 6,968,763.42	\$ 7,098,089.37	\$ 6,586,452.53
CONTRACTUALS	\$ 1,458,278.00	\$ 1,379,865.92	\$ 1,765,416.00	\$ 1,750,567.31	\$ 1,618,854.85	\$ 1,504,230.87
COMMODITIES	\$ 801,627.00	\$ 770,141.24	\$ 755,710.00	\$ 734,333.56	\$ 704,700.00	\$ 689,016.43
TOTAL	\$ 9,467,142.00	\$ 8,966,002.32	\$ 9,462,325.00	\$ 9,453,664.29	\$ 9,421,644.22	\$ 8,779,699.83
AMOUNT BACK TO General Fund		\$ 501,139.68		\$ 8,660.71		\$ 641,944.39
PLANNED SAVINGS--- REFLECTED IN REVISED SALARIES & BENEFITS BUDGET	\$ (144,170.00)		\$ (143,313.00)		\$ (183,316.00)	



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Library Board of Directors
FROM: Sarah Kittrell
SUBJECT: Approval of Invoices Exceeding \$10,000 – Overdrive Magazines
DATE: January 6, 2022

Background: In March 2020, shortly after the Library closed its facilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in an effort to quickly increase access to digital resources, Wichita Public Library initiated a subscription to Flipster digital magazines. At the time, Flipster appeared to be the best digital magazine option; the service is costly, however, with \$17,000 only providing access to approximately 50 magazines.

In 2021, Overdrive, Inc. the company through which the Library currently offers e-books and e-audiobooks, changed their e-magazine model and now offers simultaneous use access to all 3,896 of their magazines for a flat \$17,500 fee. Available titles include *The Economist*, *The New Yorker*, *HGTV Magazine*, *Food Network Magazine*, and *National Geographic Magazine*, among thousands of others. The magazine offerings also include over 200 titles in Spanish. Unlike with Flipster, accessing these magazines will not require Library customers to use a separate and specific e-magazine app; e-magazines will be available to customers through the existing Libby app, which customers currently use to access e-books and e-audiobooks, and the Wichita E-Reads website.

Financial Considerations: The cost for a 1 year subscription to Overdrive Magazines is \$17,500.

Legal Considerations: Subscribing to Overdrive Magazines does not impact the Library's current terms of use with Overdrive, Inc.

Recommendations/Actions: It is recommended that the Board approve paying an invoice of up to \$17,500, based off of the attached quote, for a one-year subscription to Overdrive magazines.

Attachments:

Overdrive Magazine quote



One OverDrive Way
Cleveland, OH 44125
Phone: +1 216 573 6886 Fax: +1 216 672 0087
Website: <http://www.overdrive.com>
Email: invoicing@overdrive.com

Quote Number	Q-3224-0001-2022
Date	1/6/2022

Quoted To

Wichita Public Library (KS)

Note: All prices for titles listed on this quote are accurate as of 1/6/2022. Please remember that all title pricing is subject to change and your final purchase price may vary if the titles are not purchased on the same day the quote is created.

Please note that titles in this plan can be added and removed from your collection at any time.

Total Titles

3896

Total Quote

\$17,500.00

Customer ID	Customer Email	Purchase Order No.	Payment Terms		
3224-0001	skittrell@wichita.gov		N/A		
Title		Publisher	Frequency	Format	Lending model
Us Weekly		A360 Media, LLC	Weekly		SU
The Economist		The Economist Newspaper Limited	Weekly		SU
The New Yorker		Conde Nast US	Weekly		SU
HELLO! magazine		Hello! Limited	Weekly		SU
New Scientist		New Scientist Ltd	Weekly		SU
Woman's World		Heinrich Bauer NA	Weekly		SU
HGTV Magazine		Hearst	Monthly		SU
Cook's Illustrated		Boston Common Press, LP	Every other month		SU
Radio Times		Immediate Media Company London Limited	Weekly		SU
OK! Magazine		A360 Media, LLC	Weekly		SU
Minecraft World Magazine		Dennis Publishing UK	Monthly		SU
Prevention		Hearst	Monthly		SU
Food Network Magazine		Hearst	Monthly		SU
National Geographic Magazine		National Geographic Society	Monthly		SU
New Idea		Are Media Pty Limited	Weekly		SU
Good Housekeeping		Hearst	Monthly		SU
Star Magazine		A360 Media, LLC	Weekly		SU
Kiplinger's Personal Finance		Kiplinger	Monthly		SU
BBC Good Food Magazine		Immediate Media Company London Limited	Monthly		SU
In Touch Weekly		A360 Media, LLC	Weekly		SU
The Week Magazine		The Week Publications, Inc.	Weekly		SU
Reader's Digest		Trusted Media Brands Inc.	Monthly		SU
Newsweek		The Newsweek/Daily Beast Company LLC	Weekly		SU
Woman's Weekly		Future Publishing Ltd	Weekly		SU
Country Living UK		Hearst Magazines UK	Monthly		SU



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Library Board of Directors
FROM: Sarah Kittrell, Collection Development Division Manager
SUBJECT: Kanopy Streaming Video Service Capped Master Agreement
DATE: January 10, 2022

Background: Wichita Public Library launched the Kanopy streaming video service on December 1, 2021. Kanopy offers library card holders access to thousands of films, including award winning independent and classic films and documentaries with pay-per-use “play credits.” The catalog also includes access to *Great Courses* and *Kanopy Kids*, a collection of quality movies and TV shows for children. The Library launched the service providing customers monthly access of up to 7 play credits, 2 Great Courses, and Kanopy Kids.

Kanopy offers two service models for pricing: a pay-per-credit model (PPC) and a capped payment model, where Kanopy estimates what the Library would spend in a year and the Library pays that up front. Under the capped model, any unused funds would roll over to the next year; any overages would be absorbed by Kanopy. The quote for the capped model is intended to be overly generous, as Kanopy wants to minimize overages above the initial quote. Based off of usage by libraries of similar size, the Library estimated it would spend approximately \$15,000 in the first year under the PPC model; the initial (now expired) quote for the capped model was \$28,000.

While the Library anticipated that Kanopy would be popular, staff underestimated just how popular the service would be: PPC costs for December 2021 were just over \$3,200. As staff anticipate a steady increase in use during year one, the Library requested an updated capped payment quote. This new quote of \$40,000, for the same 7 play credits, 2 Great Courses, and Kanopy Kids access currently being offered, is good until February 14, 2022.

Analysis: While e-material offerings have been an increasingly important part of Library collections for the past decade, the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on customer usage patterns – and the significant number of customers who have gone “digital only” since March 2020 – have made e-materials more integral to Library collections than ever before.

One reason Wichita Public Library had not previously ventured into the streaming video market was excessive – and in other libraries’ experiences, oftentimes runaway – potential cost. Conversations with other libraries, predictive estimates of usage in a new format, and discussions with Kanopy staff indicated the approach we are taking would be able to support the cost to introduce Kanopy. Based on the rapid success and desire from customers, the Library would like to put a ceiling on the cost for 2022, however, and switch from the PPC service model to the capped service model.

Financial Considerations: Wichita Public Library put approximately \$21,000 on account with Kanopy at the start of December 2021. When switching to the capped service model, the Library will pay the difference between

\$40,000 and the remaining money on account (anticipated to be around \$14,000), the exact amount of which will be known when the switchover happens.

Legal Consideration: Wichita Public Library has submitted the Kanopy Capped Master Agreement to the Law Department for review.

Recommendations or Actions: It is requested that the Library Board approve up to \$30,000 to switch the Library from the PPC model to the capped service model.

Attachments:

Kanopy Capped Quote

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Subject: FW: Wichita Public Library/Kanopy Capped Quote

From: Laura Swanson <laura.swanson@kanopy.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 3:16 PM
To: Kittrell, Sarah <SKITTRELL@wichita.gov>
Subject: RE: Wichita Public Library/Kanopy Capped Quote

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Hi Sarah,

I hope all is well, and thank you for your patience. Below is the capped price for the following 60days.

Capped Price:
\$40,000 = 7 play credits, \$4 content, Kanopy Kids, and 2 Great Courses

Any funds in your deposit account can be transferred into the capped model, meaning your invoice may vary pending your start date. In addition, any usage during the capped model period will factor into your price if you decide to move forward with another 12-month capped model. I'm more than happy to connect with you via zoom or phone to discuss pricing or the details of the capped model if you'd find that helpful.

Please let me know the best way to proceed.

Happy Holidays!
Laura



Laura Swanson
Account Executive, Kanopy
719-271-8840 | laura.swanson@kanopy.com



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Library Board of Directors
FROM: Jaime Prothro *JProthro*
SUBJECT: Approval of Invoices Exceeding \$10,000 – Gale Analytics and Gale Engage
DATE: January 10, 2022

Background: Wichita Public Library conducted market segmentation and demographics research as part of the Branch Master Plan. This was concluded prior to relocating the Linwood Branch to its new location as the Dr. Ronald W. Walters Branch, and the Wichita community continues to change as the city grows. The Wichita Public Library Technology Plan identifies a collection and community analysis tool to make better-informed, data-driven decisions that increase efficiencies. As identified in the 2022 Workplan and Goals, and in alignment with the Library's initiative to increase connections with cardholders, staff evaluated multiple third-party products were assessed to learn how the Library can best gather demographics and usage data and recommend contracting with two new tools for a minimum of three years: Gale Analytics and Gale Engage.

Gale Analytics will have three functionality modules – Community Insights, Physical Collections and Digital Collections – that will allow the Library to upload customer usage data from Polaris ILS and 3rd Party Digital Collection vendors. The confidential output will provide real-time demographics and market segmentation analysis to help the library gather perspective regarding active cardholders and potential cardholders. The analysis derives from over 700 information and survey tools (ex. Census, American Citizen Survey, and Mosaic) and will help the library in its decision-making for programs and services. After integrating the tool into library operations, the Library will work with other City departments to provide analysis reports for their own services – the product requires an address only to be able to derive insights.

Gale Engage offers the library deep insights by centralizing data metrics, and turns it into meaningful visualizations. This information will assist in Library communications as well as identifying specific areas for outreach. At present, this information is manually received and entered into multiple spreadsheets. The time savings and streamlined workflows aligns with library priorities. The data will be maintained with confidentiality that aligns with library policies.

Financial Considerations: Enter a three-year commitment with Gale Analytics and Gale Engage. The subscription cost each year will be \$23,438.87.

Legal Considerations: Wichita Public Library has submitted the Gale contract to the Law Department for review.

Recommendations/Actions: It is recommended that the Board approve paying an invoice of up to \$23,438.87, based off of the attached quote, for a one-year subscription to Gale Analytics and Gale Engage.

Attachments:

Gale Analytics and Gale Engage quote

200 Pier 4 Blvd.
Boston, MA 02210
www.cengage.com



January 10, 2022

Wichita Public Library
Advanced Learning Library
711 W 2nd St N
Wichita, KS 67203

This quote confirms your intent to purchase and/or license the following Digital Collection(s) subject to the terms and conditions set forth in your current license agreement.

Gale Analytics: Community Insights \$10,580.00 (Subscription Dates 2/15/2022-3/1/2023)
Gale Analytics: Digital Collections \$2,500.00 (Subscription Dates 2/15/2022-3/1/2023)
Gale Analytics: Physical Collections \$2,500.00 (Subscription Dates 2/15/2022-3/1/2023)
Gale Engage: \$7858.87 (Subscription Dates: (3/15/2022 – 6/14/2023)

Payment Terms: Net 30

Thank you for your interest in Gale, a Cengage Company.

Signature


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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Library Board of Directors
FROM: Jaime Prothro, Director of Libraries 
SUBJECT: Wichita Public Library Statement on Every Customer's Right To Read
DATE: January 10, 2022

Background: The Library Board of Directors inquired about customer requests for reconsideration due to the growing number of public concerns regarding library materials.

Analysis: The Leadership Team has developed some supportive tools for library staff to engage customers in conversations regarding materials they believe should not be included in library collections. In addition to reviewing operational practices to ensure that selection and reconsiderations are aligned with policy language, the Leadership Team has developed a public statement that, if endorsed by the Library Board, can be issued as advocacy and awareness.

Financial Considerations: None.

Legal Considerations: The Law Department has indicated having a public statement is responsible advocacy of library mission and operations.

Recommendations or Actions: Endorse the Wichita Public Library Statement on Every Customer's Right to Read

Attachments: Wichita Public Library Statement on Every Customer's Right to Read

Wichita Public Library Statement on Every Customer's Right to Read

Think back to the books that made a strong impression on how you view the world. What titles come to mind? Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* likely stands out. Or *The Lord of the Flies* by William Golding. And who could forget John Steinbeck's novel about the Dust Bowl in *The Grapes of Wrath*?

These three books, among many others, at one point in history, have been challenged or banned.

Your Wichita Public Library subscribes to the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights, which outlines the responsibility to represent all members of the community; in particular, the Library respects the following entry:

"Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval."

Recently, libraries have made national headlines for the removal of reading materials deemed "controversial." Removing books from public libraries indoctrinates society, forcing the removal of books that teach thoughtful lessons about humanity. It suppresses the freedom to read and develop one's original thoughts.

Reading is one of our greatest freedoms. So is freedom of expression.

The public library is a unique institution in communities. Public libraries provide free access to literature, technology and other essential services. Public libraries house free communication that preserves a free society and creative culture. Reading and writing engender creative thoughts and new ideas. These thoughts and ideas are always welcome at the library.

We value each customer's right to access materials that best align with their interests and beliefs. The public library is supported by the public and supports the public – all members of the public, not just some. This means that potentially controversial thoughts and ideas must be represented in the its collection.

The Library recognizes its responsibility to make available a representative selection of materials on subjects of interest to its users, including materials that represent a multitude of perspectives. Individuals always have the opportunity are both added to or reconsidered from the collection. The decisions for both processes are guided by policies and based on space, current and factual information, and interests of customers.

Censorship divides us. Reading unites us.

Media Report: December 2021

Television:

- December 1, 2021: KSN / Internet Bundles & Kanopy
https://www.ksn.com/news/wichita-public-library-announces-new-streaming-service-and-28-day-internet-bundle-access-checkouts/?utm_campaign=socialflow&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=t.co
- December 2, 2021: KWCH / Kanopy
<https://www.kwch.com/video/2021/12/02/wichita-public-library-adds-streaming/>
- December 6, 2021: KWCH / Internet Bundles
- December 23, 2021: KSN / COVID Stories
<https://www.ksn.com/news/local/the-wichita-library-invites-everyone-to-submit-their-covid-story/>

Radio:

- December 13, 2021: KMUW / Kanopy
<https://www.kmuw.org/podcast/movie-review/2021-12-13/the-kanopy-movie-streaming-service-is-now-available-through-the-wichita-public-library>
- December 27, 2021: KFDI / COVID Stories
<https://www.kfdi.com/2021/12/27/wichita-public-library-to-archive-citys-pandemic-era-experiences/>

Print:

- December 1, 2021: The Wichita Eagle / Kanopy
<https://www.kansas.com/entertainment/article256255922.html>
- December 13, 2021: The Wichita Eagle / Programming
<https://www.kansas.com/entertainment/holidays/article256487851.html>

The Wichita Genealogical Society now has just under 200 members. They continue to hold monthly Special Interest Group meetings on Zoom for DNA, Technology, and Genealogy Talk. The monthly meeting scheduled for Jan 15 has been cancelled. The speaker for Feb 19 is Beverley Olson Buller, who will discuss "William Allen White and the KKK in Kansas: A Real American Goes Hunting". Recordings of most of the previous monthly meetings are available to members who log in to the website.

Julie Crawford
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Gazing Into the Crystal Ball

by [Douglas Crane](#) on December 29, 2021

Library Directors Look Ahead to 2022

The one thing we can all predict about the future is that it will be unpredictable. That being said, we also know that certain themes carry forward like clockwork. After two crazy years, what does the future hold for public libraries?

In a recent survey to the Urban Library Council Directors listserv, sixteen library directors weighed in on their top concerns for 2022. The respondents touched on many topics; however, the top concern by far was the continued fallout from COVID-19. The pandemic upended the library's relationship with patrons. Between limited hours, uncertain access to buildings and safety concerns about virus spread, patterns

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of use changed dramatically. Libraries have seen a drop in visitors that has not reverted back to pre-pandemic levels. A Canadian library director listed a number of possible reasons including:

“The continued effects of the pandemic including changing customer behaviors, hesitancy to frequent public spaces, mental health issues, impact on loss of learning due to school closures, and the shift to online.”

A California library director wondered if short term building closures permanently shifted people’s behavior.

“Will customers return to libraries that were not available (or had limited availability) during the pandemic. Did those customer find substitute activities, did they change their habits in such a way as to forego library attendance? Our circulation has returned to 50% of normal so far, but will it plateau before 100%, will it exceed that level?”

Being closed to the public made a Maryland library director worried that this unintentionally supported a problematic viewpoint of non-relevance.

“The first issue facing public libraries is that we are still not thought of essential/critical to our communities. There is still a notion of nice to have and that we are book centric and of course this relates to funding, staffing, facilities etc...”

A Texas library director shared similar concerns about the perception of libraries.

“I believe libraries will be challenged defining our new normal as we ease out of COVID. The way we do business has changed because of COVID. Many libraries are struggling to fill positions because employees have other options. Libraries learned that we can effectively serve patrons virtually. The attitudes of some users about what the library has to offer have changed.”

A Canadian library director was also concerned that the great work we do was completely drowned out by our citizens.

“Public libraries are struggling to get heard and people have an outdated view of what we offer. But it’s hard to get heard above all the noise, especially in the information ecosystem we are in in which being heard means manipulating the attention of citizens. Ironically, we are more needed than ever, but people still say “no one knows you offer X”. ”

Public safety measures negatively impacted the customer experience according to another California library director.

“It’s not so much the actual COVID infection but everything that has resulted from the pandemic such as the pushback on mask mandates and vaccine requirements. We are facing an increased frustration from both staff

and the public, increased tensions and for those cities with vaccine mandates, a potential staffing problem.”

With government budgets thrown into turmoil from business shutdowns, funding for libraries took a hit in many parts of North America. As one Canadian director noted:

“Budgets are tight both provincially and municipally.”

Several directors commented that their infrastructure is in need of repair and upgrading. However, funding for capital projects is running up against tight operating margins. For example, a California library director shared the following about their system.

“This may not be the case for every library system but over half of our branches are too small and well beyond their normal useful life. There is a high amount of deferred maintenance and insufficient funding resulting in increased deterioration of buildings.”

On the theme of infrastructure, broadband access was an issue across the spectrum. A Californian director observed that:

“Even in Silicon Valley, there are households without good broadband. What is our role in this? It really is an infrastructure issue for cities, counties, and our country. Libraries have stepped up to “fill the gap” with hot spots, parking lot Wi-Fi and other creative access but it is not enough.”

An Arizona library director worried that libraries will continue to bear the burden of providing high speed access.

“As communities scramble to provide equitable access to all they are looking to libraries and library budgets to support and lead the process. While we are poised to provide with many resources, we cannot be expected to carry the financial burden without substantial support from jurisdictions.”

A huge line item in the public library budget is electronic material. While the tensions that existed between publishers and libraries prior to the pandemic over digital access moved to the back burner, they were never resolved. A Canadian library director noted:

“It is an issue that has not yet been resolved and we’ve experienced an increase in demand due to the pandemic and fewer and larger players (Penguin purchasing Simon & Schuster, Amazon factor, Overdrive M&A’s).”

A California library director observed this topic was recently discussed in the US Senate and legislation passed in Maryland requiring reasonable eBook pricing for libraries.

“The pandemic actually helped our cause on this and we are all keeping an eye on this access point”

In the face of a growing labor shortage due to retirements and attractive private sector salaries, many directors were concerned about recruitment. With libraries expected to be open back to full hours, a California library director worried that lack of staff made this daunting.

“We need full – or nearly – full employee rosters to open and operate our facilities safely and effectively while providing outstanding customer service.”

An Arizona library director noted that the expectations of candidates has changed.

“Due to the pandemic a great many people retired or decided to move out of public service. Those who are remaining are expecting more flexible work environments and schedules.”

Pay gaps and pressure to increase wages is pushing up against traditionally lower library salaries. A Colorado library director shared that:

“We are correcting wages against market forces bringing up salaries at the lower end with the requisite cascade through other pay grades. We have sought to correct wages against market data for 4 years, but the market is moving at the lower end more quickly than we forecasted.”

Directors also worried about staff morale and wellbeing after two years of COVID uncertainty. An Ohio library director noted that it had a detrimental effect on employee relations.

“Our relationship with staff has fractured over the issues safety, pay, expectations, and approaches to DEI issues beyond those who have left for better opportunities.”

For those employees who have stayed throughout the pandemic, job satisfaction was impacted according to a Minnesota library director.

“Many no longer enjoy the public service work; it’s all they can do to come in each day. They are burnt-out and struggling. I believe the top issue we’ll face in 2022 will be to help staff heal and get back to a place in which they feel positive about the work.”

Also on the radar is an increase in book and activity challenges, often targeting the subjects of racial equity and LGBTQ+. A Michigan library director who dealt with challenges first hand shared:

“More and more of these challenges are political and heated. It is a tough time for intellectual freedom. We need to step up and be astute to preserve it.”

At the same time, an Ohio library director was concerned that library workers have to deal with people who cause disruptions while claiming they are there to protect freedom.

“We have 1st and 2nd Amendment auditors filming in our locations trying to get a reaction from staff that can be posted on social media.”

In the midst of the many concerns, another Ohio library director believed that the public library could be a source of community healing.

“We are one of the last open community spaces with a tradition of universal access. This means we can help bridge the seemingly impassible gulfs in the community. We still have the trust of the people. Opening our doors every day is an act of social justice.”

Finally, there was also a general consensus we are near the end of the COVID emergency. However, libraries must be ready to act. As a Virginia library director said:

“It has consumed our agenda over the last two years. We have to move past the fear, uncertainty and doubt or accept and deal with this being our new normal.”

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An abundance of new and newly renovated libraries have opened their doors in the past two years. In addition to being breathtakingly beautiful, many are exemplars of what great community spaces can and should be.

Indoors, they are filled with natural light. Books once packed together in dark corners are now on display on bright, welcoming shelves that could rival those in an Apple store. Some libraries have added outdoor patios and roof decks.

Though printed volumes remain their focal point, the best new libraries offer so much more: computer labs, conference rooms of different sizes, studios for recording podcasts and editing videos; event spaces, hands-on experiences for kids, a cafe and kitchens where people can learn to cook foods from different cultures.

Call it a new golden era for public libraries worldwide. Some of what are already being dubbed "cultural masterpieces" include:

The "Wormhole Library" in Haikou, China, which has made numerous top architectural design lists. Overlooking a river, its stunning mix of windows and concrete resemble a wormhole or cloud.

The Stanley A. Milner Library in Edmonton, Alberta, which has 3-D printers, a sewing center, recording studios, and vinyl and laser cutters for special projects. The bright new interior of stairs and ramps beckons visitors to explore.

The Deichman Bjorvika in Oslo, which won public library of the year in 2021. In addition to stunning reading rooms, it has a cinema, a 200-seat auditorium, cafes, recording studios, rehearsal spaces and game rooms.

The United States also has plenty of laudatory new libraries, including the recently expanded Fayetteville Public Library in Arkansas, which offers an "art and movement" room, an event center and a teaching kitchen, among other amenities. In the heart of Manhattan, the renovated Stavros Niarchos Foundation

Library provides not only ample places to read but also a business center, a podcasting studio, a floor dedicated to children and teens, and a rooftop terrace.

D.C.'s newly transformed Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library includes a large auditorium, conference center, rooftop terrace, cafe and music production facilities. A colorful ceiling with hanging mobiles adds to the delight.

Branch libraries are also getting makeovers. The new Southwest D.C. library aims to become a neighborhood gathering place, with a meeting room that can fit 100 people and an outdoor porch area.

Many notable renovations in recent years were funded by a combination of taxpayer money and private donations. Now is an ideal time for local governments in the United States to tap into American Rescue Plan funding to jumpstart a library project.

Libraries are the heart of communities. Even at times in the pandemic when physical libraries were closed, libraries loaned e-books and digital movies. More recently, computer labs at public libraries have become a lifeline for people applying for jobs and doing their first Zoom interviews. Some are even lending out laptops and WiFi devices.

As then-American Library Association President Julius C. Jefferson Jr. put it last April, "Buildings may not have been open, but libraries were never closed."

Communities that invest in libraries are well prepared for whatever the next chapter brings.

Source: Washington Post, The, 01/01/2022

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