

A G E N D A

**Wichita Public Library Board of Directors Meeting
 Tuesday, February 17 – 12:00 p.m.
 Board Room
 Advanced Learning Library, Second Floor
 711 W 2nd, Wichita KS 67203**

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1. Call to Order/Introductions
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Public Comment
4. Staff Presentation: Library Logo, Gardner Designs
5. Minutes of the January 20, 2026 meeting
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
 - a. 2027 Budget Request
 - b. Nominating Committee
8. Finance Committee Report
 - a. Review of December Bills and Finance Reports
 - i. Revenue and General Fund Reports
 - ii. Grant Fund Summary Reports
 - iii. WPL Gift Report

General Fund Bills	\$1,284,951.94
Grant Fund Bills	\$32,822.22
Gift & Memorial Fund Bills	\$122,730.19
Total	\$1,440,504.35

- b. Review of January Bills and Finance Reports
 - i. Revenue and General Fund Reports
 - ii. Grant Fund Summary Reports
 - iii. WPL Gift Report

General Fund Bills	\$933,349.42
Grant Fund Bills	\$506.00
Gift & Memorial Fund Bills	\$18,894.59
Total	\$ 952,750.01

9. Operations Committee Report
10. Advocacy Committee Report
11. Support Organization Reports
12. Director of Libraries Report
13. Announcements
14. Adjournment



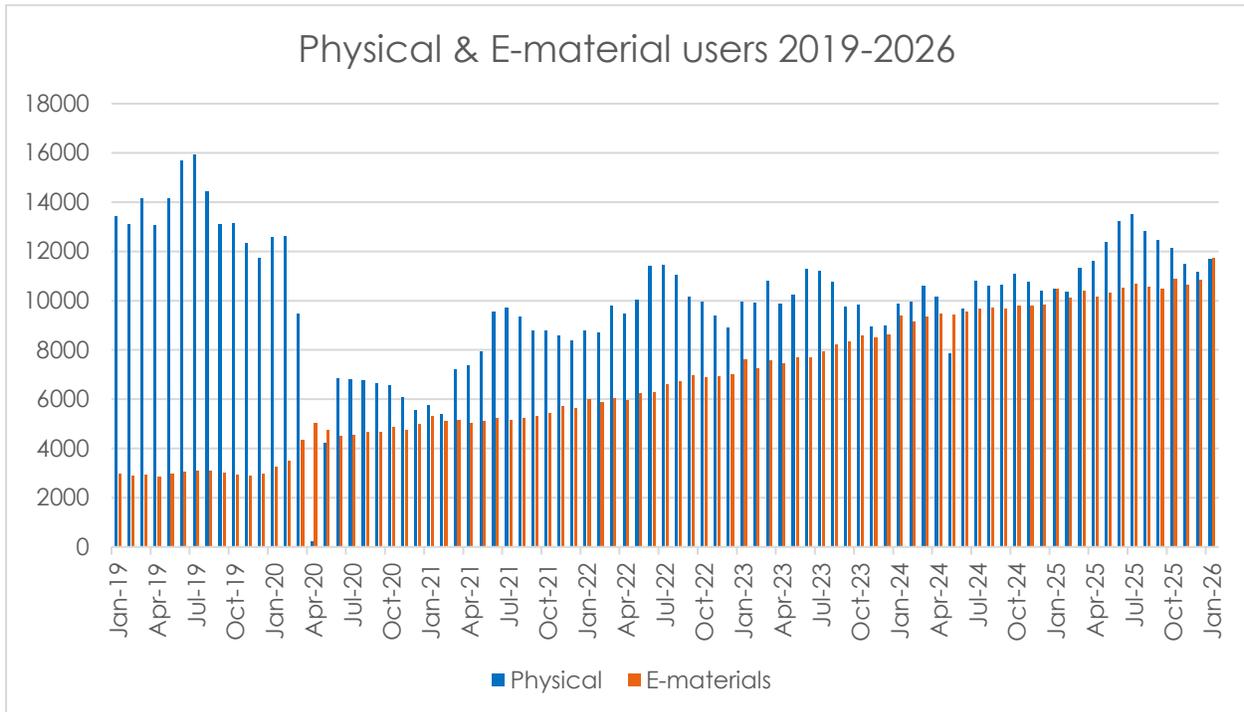
Monthly Activity Report

January 2026

Service Highlights

With all locations now open, and a record-breaking month of Wichita E-Reads usage, the Wichita Public Library had its highest monthly combined circulation since August 2019, up 14.7% from January 2025, with a total of 162,983 checkouts and renewals of physical and e-materials. It was also the highest combined January circulation number since January 2015.

For the first time since library facilities were closed due to COVID-19 in March and April 2020, more unique customers used Wichita E-Reads/Libby during a month than borrowed physical items. 11,696 unique card numbers borrowed physical materials; 11,712 borrowed Wichita E-Reads materials (+16 customers).



Digital Services launched a new internal ticketing system to better manage Digital Services related technology issues, give staff visibility into the status of issues, and improve how Digital Services handles incoming requests. It will also allow the Library to better track technology issues across the system and improve internal communication. The system itself is a variation of the IT ticketing platform staff use to report City IT related technology issues. Library staff have been quick to adopt the new system with many positive comments about the process. Already the system is giving both the Division and the Library a better sense of how much work is done each month, as we now know that over 100 tickets were submitted in January alone!

January traditionally requires an above average time spent on monthly stats due to the creation of files to support the new year's data collection. Work this year also included the compilation of 25 years' worth of data into new datasets: physical circulation, virtual circulation, holds and interlibrary loans, meeting and collaboration rooms, and programming/tours/outreach. Some of this data was previously believed lost and other datasets were only available in print. All datasets have been put into a Power BI report.

Literacy Services Manager Savannah Ball, Adult Literacies Manager Steven Kelly, and Library Director Jaime Nix met with leaders from Read Redefined to discuss developing customized adult literacy classes and learning modules for low-literacy adults. Read Redefined shared sample lessons designed to help adults strengthen foundational reading, writing, and comprehension skills through small-group instruction and practical, real-world activities. The Library is exploring an Institute of Museum and Library Services grant to fund the development and delivery of this new adult literacy training series.



Family Literacy Coordinator Racine Zackula partnered with Sandy Kimball from the YMCA at Spaght Elementary to support a student incentive initiative. Students earn "din dollars" for positive behavior, which they may enter into drawings for special experiences. Three winners and a guest each were selected to attend a pizza party on the Book Bus, creating a fun and memorable literacy-centered reward.

Enrichment Librarian Jenny Durham delivered a statewide virtual presentation for the Friends of Kansas Libraries on misinformation and media literacy, equipping participants with tools to evaluate sources, interpret data, and access credible information through library resources.

Empowerment Librarian Kelly Fabrizius and Adult Literacies Manager Steven Kelly hosted a program titled "Get SMARTER: Goal Setting with a Boost from AI" at the Advanced Learning Library. Kelly and Steven shared a popular framework that helps people take broad, vague goals and transform them into something concrete by taking advantage of a helpful and memorable acronym: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relatable, Time-Bound, Evaluated, and Revised/Rewarded. They also incorporated live demonstrations of AI tools like ChatGPT and Microsoft Copilot to help attendees use the SMARTER framework to give them novel, outside-the-box ideas for goal setting. With the start of 2026 and New Year's resolutions still fresh on people's minds, the program was well-received and people were excited to see librarians demo the tools and give them practical guidance about how to use them effectively, critically, and responsibly. At the end of the program, several people expressed how thankful they were that the Library adapts to new technologies and is willing and ready to give them guidance and direction about using them in an increasingly complex information landscape.

The nominees for the Academy Award Shorts were announced on January 22, kicking off prep work for Inspiration Librarian Daniel Pewewardy ahead of the screening the Academy Award Shorts at Wichita Public Library. This year, the Library's all-day screening will take place at Boulevard Theatres Oldtown, and in celebration of recent branch renovations there will also be screenings at the several branches.

January saw the return of the Library's teen-led Read to a Teen program, which offers children in grades K–3 the opportunity to read with one of our Teen Advisory Board members in a welcoming and supportive environment. Volunteers encouraged their reading buddies and provided a safe space for participants to practice fluency and build confidence. The program was a great success, with teens leading 17 reading sessions - some children even returned multiple times to read with their buddy. In addition to supporting young readers, teen volunteers gained valuable leadership and mentoring experience, strengthening their communication skills and sense of community. The group is excited to continue this program into the spring and keep fostering a love of reading in young learners.

Literacy Services Manager Savannah Ball is working with Wichita Public Schools USD 259, Wichita Park & Recreation, United Way of the Plains, and Wichita Collective Impact to organize a Summer Resource Fair for families. Because USD 259 will offer very limited summer school options this year, many parents are looking for safe, affordable activities and learning opportunities for their children. The fair will be held in March at the Alford Branch Library and will bring together approximately 30 to 40 local organizations to share information about summer camps, childcare, enrichment programs, meals, and other supports. The Library will also promote its Summer Reading Program and free library activities. By hosting the event at the library, families can learn about many options in one place and connect early to programs that help keep kids engaged and learning over the summer.

Walters Branch Library staff recently became aware of a distressed customer in the building after she told someone in the restroom that she was concerned she may be overdosing. The patron emerged from the restroom lucid and alert and asked Community Outreach Librarian Robin Dauster if she could place a phone call. Robin helped her dial while keeping a close eye on her well-being and notified staff of the situation so they could gather the Narcan and prepare to call 9-1-1 if needed. However, during the patron's phone call, Robin noticed her saying a number of concerning things about her emotional state. After the call was over, Robin offered the Comcare Crisis Line as an option, and the customer agreed that she would like to speak with someone as soon as possible. Library Assistant Allan Saylor contacted the hotline staff and got the patron set up on the phone with the Comcare MHP in a private area. Comcare staff dispatched EMTs to medically clear the patron as a precaution and spoke with her at length. They did not end up sending one of the Integrated Care Teams in this instance, but they did seem to get the patron to a calmer place emotionally. Afterwards, Library Assistant Krystal Poindexter helped her contact various shelters, and Krystal and Allan eventually got her on her way to Second Light with a bus map and directions after MAC staff confirmed they had space for her. The entire process took about three hours to resolve in the background of an already busy day, but the patron genuinely appreciated staff efforts.

Other News

Physical circulation (checkouts and renewals) increased 15% (+13,696 circulations) over January 2025. Percent increases and decreases at individual branches ranged from -13% (Advanced Learning Library) to +11,528% (Angelou).

Initial checkouts of physical items were up 15.9% (+8,985 items) compared to January 2025, with 65,418 items checked out vs. 56,433 items checked out last year. Renewals were also up 4,711, or 14%. Westlink was a significant contributor to the monthly increase, as they checked out 8,314 additional items (+89%) and had an additional 4,645 renewals (+102%).

11,712 customers borrowed e-materials in January, marking the 13th straight month that the number of unique monthly users has surpassed 10,000. 169 student e-cards were used to borrow Wichita E-Reads material in January. This is up from the 144 e-cards that were used in January 2025.

To better serve our non-English speaking community, the library is experimenting with ways to increase access to non-English language materials without a large funding investment. On January 20, staff purchased 50 anticipated higher use titles based off of customer requests and enabled cost-per-circ opportunities on another 181 titles. The Library additionally has 297 Spanish language magazines available through the library's subscription to Overdrive magazines. 125 Spanish language titles were checked out in January 2026, a new record; 42 of these titles were added to the collection in January 2026. Prior to this recent investment, the library had 208 non-magazine Spanish language materials.

Literacy Services Manager Savannah Ball joined Community Service Representatives from the City Manager's Office to plan the second Neighborhood Leadership Conference, which will be hosted at the Advanced Learning Library. As part of the conference, Savannah is coordinating a session with the Library's Teen Advisory Board focused on how to involve young people in civic and neighborhood groups. Teen participants will share their experiences with leadership, volunteering, and advocacy, and offer practical ideas to help organizations better engage youth.

Literacy Services Manager Savannah Ball hosted an all-staff training for Pando Initiative at the Advanced Learning Library. Pando staff, who work directly with students in schools across Wichita and surrounding communities, gathered at the Library for professional development. Savannah presented an overview of library resources and services available to support students and educators, including research tools and youth programs. Following the presentation, participants completed a guided scavenger hunt throughout the building to become more familiar with spaces and services. This partnership helps ensure that the educators and mentors working most closely with local students can confidently connect families to library support throughout the year.

Literacy Services Manager Savannah Ball worked with Communication Specialist David Garcia to publicly announce the 2026 Big Read Wichita title, *Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude* for the first time. An announcement video was shared explaining the themes of the book and why it was selected for Wichita, highlighting its focus on community, gratitude, resilience, and connection. The video was shared to build early awareness and excitement, with the program launching in late March.

January's Senior Wednesday program featured vintage clothing collector and reseller Autumn Ransom of Autumn's Basement Vintage. In 2024, Autumn discovered several fashion illustrations by local artist Della Riley, who created advertising artwork for Wichita retailers such as Henry's and Shepler's. Autumn brought several of the original illustrations, along with dresses from the same era, which she displayed on tables for attendees to browse. She gave a presentation about her discovery and the artist—about whom relatively little is known—then answered audience questions and spent over an hour talking with participants about the artwork. More than 50 people attended the Senior Wednesday program, and feedback was overwhelmingly positive with the interactive displays and Autumn's enthusiasm and passion for the subject cited as highlights. A portion of Autumn's collection is currently being housed in display cases in the Research Pavilion at the Advanced Learning Library.

On January 31, Empowerment Librarian Kelly Fabrizius partnered with Cindy Miles of the Kansas Alliance for Nonprofits to facilitate a free Grant Writing 101 program at the Advanced Learning Library. Even though it was a frigid Saturday morning, the room was energized with twenty-eight people representing a variety of nonprofits and grant writers from throughout the Wichita community. There were people just starting nonprofits as well as representatives of established nonprofits that had been in the community for decades. Their passion and enthusiasm was evident, as everyone was eager to learn how to better seek funding opportunities to support various needs in the community

In support of the Library's 150th anniversary, Digital Librarian Julie Pacino uploaded four historic library newsletters and continued processing additional materials, increasing digital access to the institutional history of the Wichita Public Library and supporting the 150th anniversary celebration. Library Assistant Zoe Burgess digitized seven additional newsletters and a historic staff list spanning the 1940s through the 1970s. These materials document the institutions growth, how services evolved, and how community needs changed over time. Digitizing fragile paper originals is important work as it protects them from handling damage while expanding public access.

119 people attended the January Wichita Genealogical Society program, "German Immigrants to Kansas and Their Settlements," the highest attendance since before the pandemic, demonstrating strong and growing community interest in local and family history research. To extend the impact beyond the in-person event, Special Collections Manager Michelle Enke created two curated bibliographies of relevant library holdings and uploaded them to ContentDM so patrons could continue their research remotely.

Special Collections Manager Michelle Enke supported multiple media outlets this month by providing historical resources and background materials for local news coverage, reinforcing the Library's role as a trusted source of community history and increasing public visibility of Special Collections.

Evergreen Community Center and Library hosted the first ReadICT Book-Swap event at a branch, and it was a big success. Thirty-nine attendees braved the cold winter weather to visit, swap books, chat with fellow readers, and get ideas for books that fit this year's ReadICT challenge prompts. Several customers commented that they were very pleased to attend a book-swap at a branch as it gave them the opportunity to visit a library they hadn't been to before.

At the remodeled and expanded Westlink Branch Library, there are three places to return library materials: a drive-thru return, a walk-up return, and an inside return. The engraved lettering, Returns, on the inside return was hard to see though. Library staff asked the architect who constructed the building for economical suggestions on making the signage more visible. He suggested painting it, so Library Assistant Jessica Nordyke, a talented artist, researched the best way to do it. She ended up marking the letters off with painter's tape, applying primer to them, and then painting them. The lettering is now significantly more visible, improving the customers' experience when they visit the branch.



The Westlink Branch Library held its first after-hour event on January 31. The event was a cozy, interactive mystery where teen participants investigated suspects, played by teen actors; one of whom may have stolen a painting. The Library's Teen Advisory Board and the board's director, Teen Services Librarian Lexi Ternes, led the event. The teen participants were given evidence including a newspaper article, suspects' statements, and physical evidence to help them solve the crime. The suspects were seated throughout the branch to allow the participants to disperse and take turns asking them questions, and the event ended with the participants sharing who they suspected stole the painting. While none of them had the correct answer, they were all enthusiastic and enjoyed the unique opportunity of having the entire building to use without interfering with other public services and uses.

The Book Bus reached new adult audiences by visiting White Crow Cider Company's Quiet, Cozy Reading Party, issuing library cards on-site and introducing attendees to library services; similar visits are being planned with additional local businesses to broaden awareness of library resources.

Family Literacy Coordinator Racine Zackula was operating the Book Bus at Gordon Parks Elementary School during the STEALTH program when she noticed neighborhood children riding their bikes over to explore the bus. At the kids' request, she made an additional stop on their block, resulting in outreach to 48 additional children. The majority were immigrant youth with limited English, who expressed great excitement about the Book Bus, the books, and the puppets. Going forward, each time Racine stops at Gordon Parks Elementary, she will stop at the park as well.

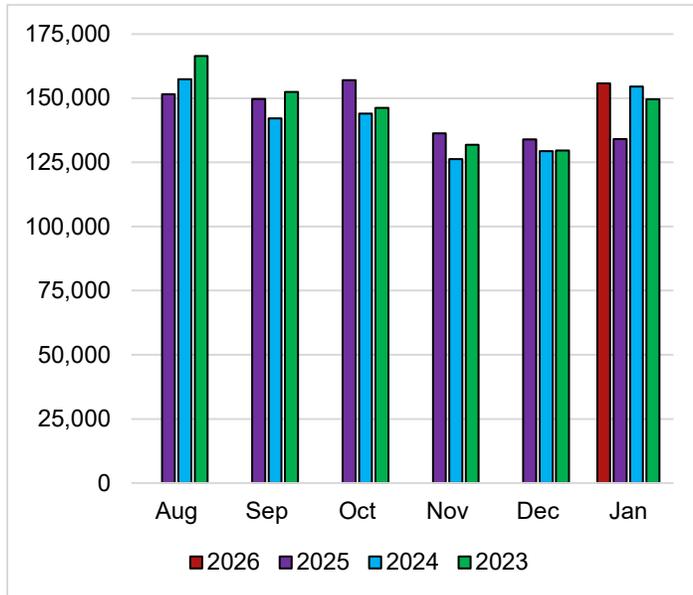
Family Literacy Coordinator Racine Zackula and Collections Manager Sarah Kittrell presented at the Junior League's Wit and Wisdom Luncheon to share information about the library's unique collections, early literacy services and the Book Bus, increasing visibility with civic leaders and potential donors while positioning the Library as a key community partner.

Outreach this month included lots of research support. Teen Librarian Lexi Ternes and Youth Services Manager Erin Howerton visited Heights High School to assist a class of 12th graders conducting research for their AP Seminar class. They were taught tips and tricks for finding information and the resources that may yield the best results for them. Also, two classes of 8th graders from Magdalen Catholic School visited the Advanced Learning Library to find sources for their culminating projects. They were able to use library computers to search databases, as well as use their library searching skills to find print materials.

At the end of the month, Community Services Librarians Parker Daniel (Angelou) & Robin Dauster (Walters) attended the WSU Tech Spring Resource Fair. They connected with community partners, including WSU Tech Library Director Noelle Barrick and financial literacy instructor Matt Lucas from WSU Tech's City Center Campus, and reconnected with Student Success Coach Alexia Whitley. Lucas has agreed to partner with Parker to offer financial literacy classes at the Maya Angelou Branch in the fall, and Barrick is interested in partnering on that program as well. Robin and Parker shared information about library resources with 40 students and signed 6 people up for library cards.

Service Dashboard

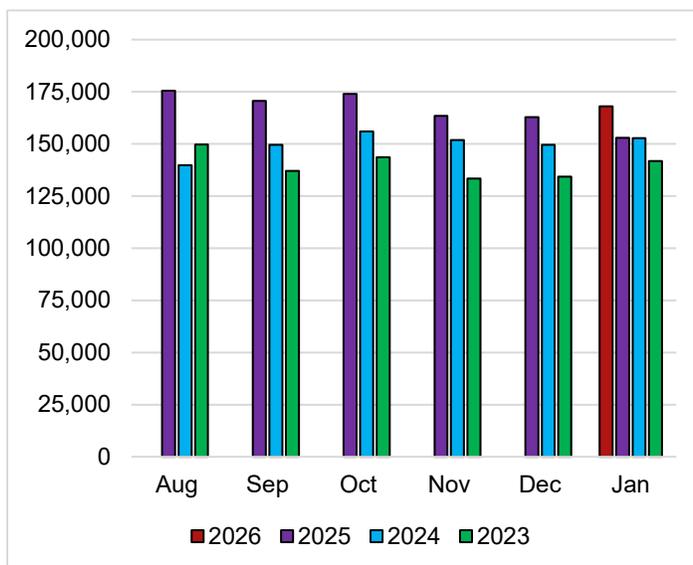
LIBRARY VISITS (door count, catalog sessions, and website visits)



JANUARY

	2026	2025	% change
Door Counts	53,104	40,759	30.29%
Catalog Log-ins	35,818	34,372	4.21%
Website Visits	66,617	58,561	13.76%
CONTENTdm Users	305	432	-29.40%
Total	155,844	134,124	16.19%

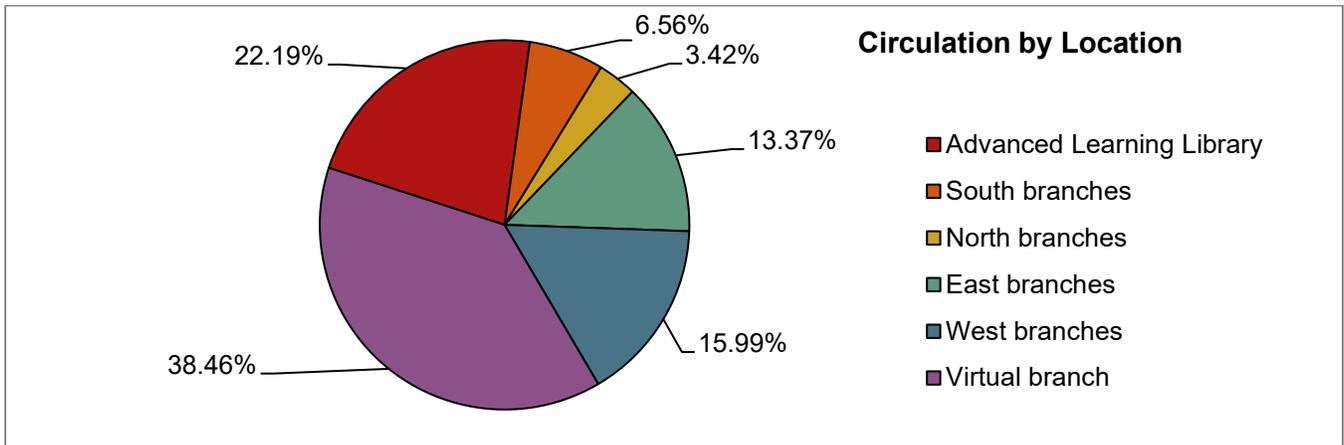
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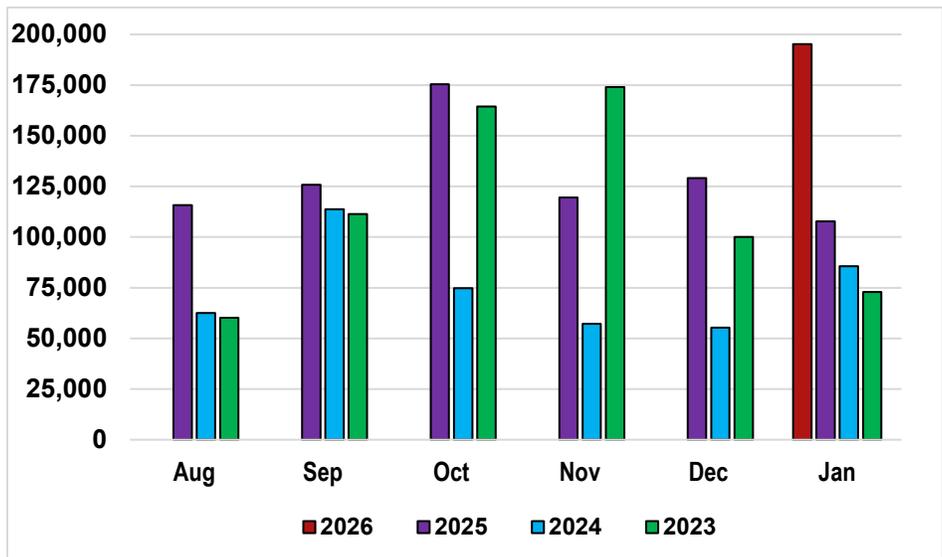
JANUARY

	2026	2025	% change
Physical Circulation	103,393	89,697	15.27%
Virtual Circulation	64,628	63,305	2.09%
WPL	64,628	56,165	15.07%
State	-	7,140	N/A
Total	168,021	153,002	9.82%

State Library circulation data were not available by this report's publishing date.



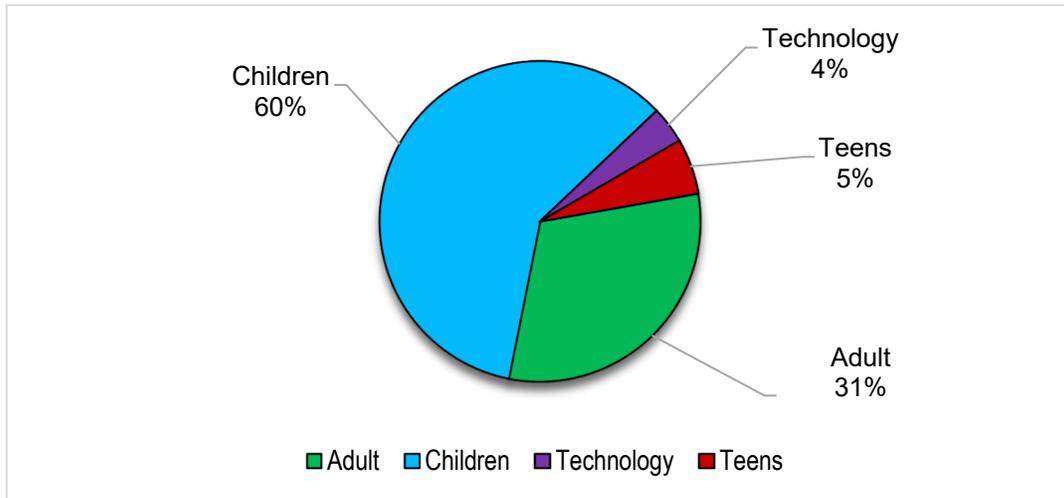
QUESTIONS ANSWERED (by staff in person/phone and through online services)



JANUARY

	2026	2025	% change
Reference Questions	6,787	5,917	14.70%
Database Searches	183,946	99,649	84.59%
Technology Assistance	4,193	1,975	112.30%
Book-A-Librarian Appointments	278	282	-1.42%
Total	195,204	107,823	81.04%

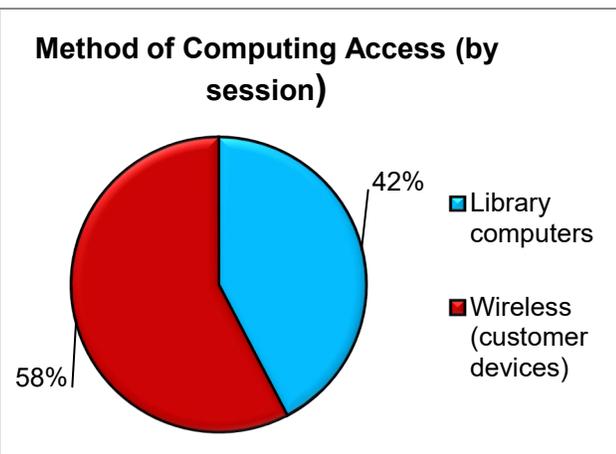
PROGRAM ATTENDANCE



JANUARY ATTENDANCE

	2026	2025	% change
Adult events	1,015	530	91.51%
Children's events	1,963	1,560	25.83%
Technology training	124	151	-17.88%
Teen events	183	111	64.86%
TOTAL	3,285	2,352	39.67%

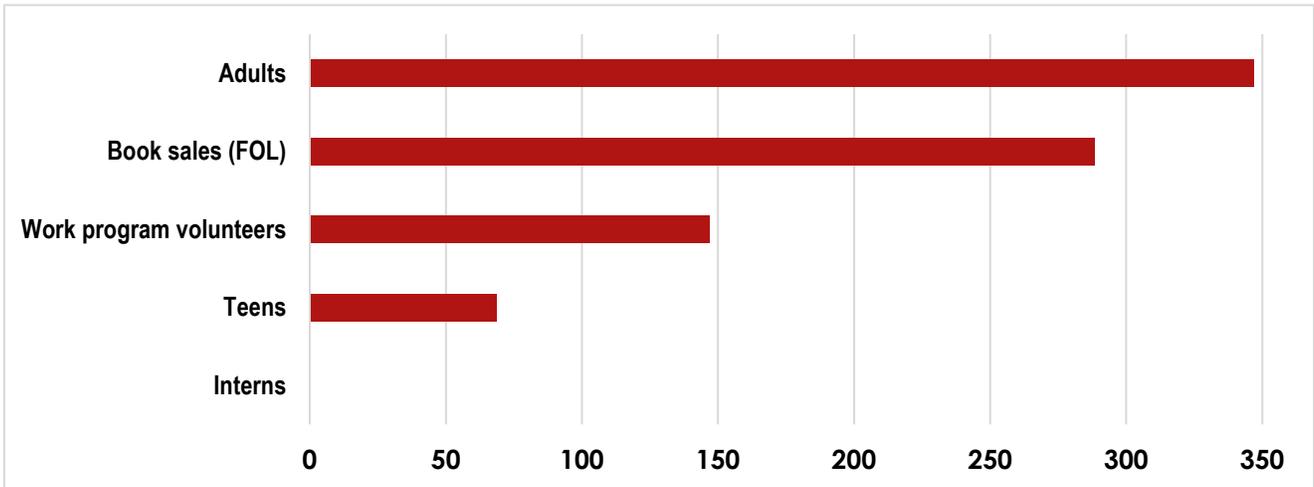
PUBLIC COMPUTING



JANUARY

	2026	2025	% change
Workstation Sessions	6,117	4,986	22.68%
Wireless Sessions	8,333	8,163	2.08%
Number Users	1,441	1,564	-7.86%
Hours of Access	14,106	10,384	35.84%

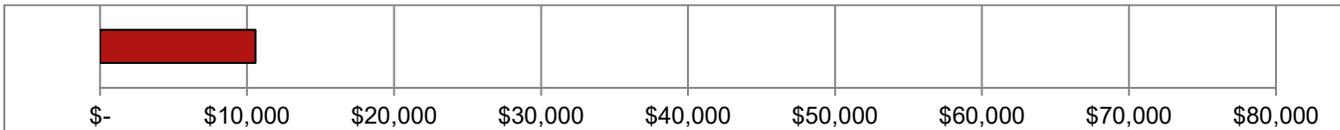
VOLUNTEERS (hours of service)



Number of volunteers YTD = 94

Hours of service YTD = 850

MATERIALS DONATIONS (value if purchased)



Year to date total = \$10,572.59

Items added to Library collections YTD = 573

Service Snapshot: Recent Raving Fans Stories

One of the things that staff were passionate about when the Westlink Branch reopened at its permanent site was having dog treats at the drive-thru for canine visitors. When one of the branch's customers came through the drive-thru with two dogs rather than her normal three, Senior Library Assistant Eileen Ball noticed and asked the customer about her absent canine companion. The customer shared that her dog had recently passed away and was understandably very distraught. Eileen expressed her sympathy to the customer, and after she left, Eileen shared with the other staff what had happened. Senior Library Assistant Bill Rohde got everyone working to sign a sympathy card for the customer, which they gladly did as they also felt the loss. When the customer received the sympathy card in the mail, she called and thanked the staff, sharing how much it had meant to her and how surprised she was to receive a card from the Library when her veterinarian had not sent one. Eileen's and Bill's empathy made the Library more welcoming for this customer.

Library Assistant Alicia Jefferson provided valuable small business assistance to a customer at the Maya Angelou Branch recently. A regular customer came into the library wanting help getting Zoom set up on her tablet so that she could connect with customers of her small business. She said she felt "left behind" when it comes to technology and compared the feeling to someone 30 years ago not being able to read. Alicia engaged with empathy and was able to provide a seamless experience by offering an in-the-moment Book-A-Librarian appointment. Alicia sat beside the customer and used her knowledge of Zoom to get the customer set up and provide an overview of how to use the technology. She then took the time to write step-by-step instructions for the customer to take home and use any time she needed a reference, improving her access outside of the library. The customer was extremely grateful for the help and said she felt confident afterwards using this new tool.

Youth Services Librarian Sara McNeil provided in-depth technology help to a customer who had experienced a loss. The customer, who is a regular at both the Evergreen and Angelou branches, came into Evergreen to work on a PowerPoint she was creating for the funeral of a loved one who had recently passed away. She requested help transferring photos from her phone to a USB, and also with placing those photos into a slideshow. Sara walked her through the process of saving her photos and then showed her how to create new slides, insert photos, and re-size them to her preferred specifications. After leaving Evergreen she later visited the Angelou branch and ran into Sara again, expressing how helpful Sara was and how grateful she was for staff's assistance, especially since this was the second person close to her who had recently passed.

Senior Library Assistant Michael Apinyakul helped a customer print out documents that she needed to sign, scan, and email to her insurance company to make progress on filing a complicated claim. She couldn't remember her email login and password, preventing her from being able to directly upload the documents from a library computer station, so Michael patiently guided her through the process of transferring the scanned files to her mobile phone. Within 10 minutes the customer had already received verification from her insurance provider and she expressed her gratitude for Michael's help. She said it would have taken her ages to do this alone, which would have delayed her claim payout, and knowing that library staff are there to help gave her tremendous peace of mind.

A customer recently called to thank Adult Literacies Manager Steven Kelly. The customer is a regular participant in the Library's Community Writing Workshop program, where a group of avid and aspiring writers meet twice a month to get tips to improve their writing, share their original work with others, and engage in a community of like-minded Wichitans. To kick off a new year of writing, the Adult Literacies Department gave the program facilitators a set of new writing journals, pens, and mechanical pencils to distribute at their first meeting in 2026. The customer Steven spoke with was blown away by the gesture and expressed his sincere gratitude that the library would help support their writing community. Steven said it was a pleasure to give everyone some fresh tools for a fresh start in 2026 and was appreciative of the customer's regular attendance and support for the Library's programs. He repeated his thanks and said that others in the workshop felt the same and they're excited to use the journals together in their next session and beyond.

Recently at the Advanced Learning Library, a Spanish speaking couple who had been sitting at a public PC working on something for over an hour asked Library Assistant Pamela Clarkson for help with releasing a print job. Once the document was printed, they asked for a pencil and then help with making copies of their signed documents. While assisting, they shared with Pamela that they were preparing for an immigration hearing. Knowing how stressful this might be for them, Pamela used empowerment and provided them with a few extra copies when needed and used the little bit Spanish she knew. The man was visibly delighted by Pamela's "de nada" at the end of their interaction and both he and his wife took her hand and gave her a heartfelt thanks for her assistance before they left.

A customer at the Advanced Learning Library who was filing for divorce and had initially used ChatGPT to determine which forms were required requested additional assistance finding those forms. Since there are several forms needed for divorce in the state of Kansas, Inspiration Librarian Daniel Pewewardy located some free official resources from the state, including a step-by-step guide that included a comprehensive list of required forms, which contained three additional forms beyond those recommended by ChatGPT. Daniel also helped the patron locate a fee waiver form, as they qualified for waived filing fees. Daniel then assisted the customer with printing the necessary documents and organizing them with sticky notes so they could easily reference them alongside the state guide. The customer was appreciative of the assistance and expressed relief at discovering how many free resources were available. Daniel also suggested the customer contact Kansas Legal Services for more in-depth legal support. The customer was previously unaware of both the state resources and Kansas Legal Services and was grateful for the guidance. After receiving the documents, the customer thanked Daniel for taking the time to help them navigate the legal process.

A customer at the Advanced Learning Library needed a copy of their US Passport ID card and wanted help making sure the front and back of the card were captured. Inspiration Librarian Daniel Pewewardy showed the customer how to do a "card shot" with the copier, a feature that allows a user to place both the front and back of an identification card on the same sheet of paper. Daniel noticed an increase in the prior few weeks of customers printing US citizenship documents as well as immigration forms and applications. Given the increase in demand, Daniel has taken extra time to provide customers with legible and complete copies of their documents. This customer in particular thanked Daniel for showing them how to use the card shot feature and for assisting them with their printing and copying needs.

WICHITA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Minutes of a Meeting of the Library Board of Directors
January 20, 2026.

The hybrid meeting of the Library Board of Directors was held on Tuesday January 20, 2026 at the Advanced Learning Library with the following present in person: Ms. Sarah Balderas, Ms. Lauren Hirsh, Mr. Kurt Oswald, Mr. Chuck Schmidt, and Mr. Jonathan Winkler. The following attended virtually: Ms. TaDonne Neal, Ms. Brandi Newry, Ms. Karyn Shorter, and Ms. Susie Ternes.

Call to Order

Lauren Hirsh called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., a quorum being present.

Approval of the Agenda

Kurt Oswald moved (Schmidt) to approve the agenda as published. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Staff Presentation

Bill Gardner of Gardner Designs presented a prototype of a branding scheme for the library, complete with new logo.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting held December 16, 2025 were presented. Kurt Oswald moved (Schmidt) to approve the minutes as included in board packets. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Director Nix presented the 2026 WPL Action Plan, which has been developed to assist in achieving the yearly strategic goals as presented to the board. This document will guide allocation of financial resources as well as assist staff in accomplishing work focused on early literacy, volunteering, celebrating the library's 150th birthday, and integrating City-level process revisions that include a new method for submitting timesheets.

Jonathan Winkler moved (Balderas) to endorse the 2026 Action Plan as presented by staff. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Director Nix presented updates to policy REF-009 Meeting Rooms that require a library card in good standing to make reservations and also de-designate the outdoor reading terrace as well as the Children's Gallery and Theater as rentable spaces.

Jonathan Winkler moved (Schmidt) to accept the updates as presented by staff. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Advocacy Committee Report

No quorum.

Special Committee Reports

Friends of the Library – No report.

Library Foundation - Kourtney Carson reported that the Foundation is wrapping up its 2025 fundraising efforts and planning for 2026. The Neighborhood Library campaign stands just \$300,000 shy of its goal. Fundraising for the Family Place project continues.

The Foundation is partnering with WPL and Watermark Books to bring Kate Quinn to the library for an author event and book signing.

Wichita Genealogical Society (WGS) – WGS reported that 119 people attended the January monthly meeting.

Director of Libraries Report

Director Nix reported that circulation increased by almost 11% in 2025 in spite of branch closures and remodels.

Public communication is being prepared to inform library users about upcoming changes in cash handling at library locations.

Brandi Newry left.

Staff is still waiting for the financial reports from end of year 2025 and for December to be finalized. These will be included in the February agenda packet.

The Memory Lab is finalizing setup and will be promoted at the February 3 150th Birthday event at the Advanced Learning Library.

Board members were reminded of their retreat on Saturday, January 24 at the Evergreen branch.

Announcements

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be February 17, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Nix

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Library Board of Directors
FROM: Jaime Nix, Director of Libraries 
SUBJECT: 2027 Draft Budget Request
DATE: February 10, 2026

Background: The City of Wichita proposes the annual budget for City Council approval for the Library’s general fund budget. This represents the largest financial contributions that allow the Library to operate its program.

Each year, departments provide updates, accomplishments, and work collaboratively with the City Manager’s Office to adjust services to best meet community needs. These budget documents not only show the budget details for the department but also serve a strategic purpose for City Council.

The attached document provides the Library Board with a draft 2027 Budget Request which is targeted to be adopted by City Council on August 25, 2026.

Library Board members are annually asked to endorse the proposed draft budget request as part of its responsibilities to identify the department’s funding requirements and provide key measures related to the department’s performance.

Analysis: Library leadership has assessed the multiple plans that have established how Wichita Public Library will make an impact on the community through its library program. At present, staffing levels after the Branch Master Plan are inadequate to fulfill daily operational work and diminishes the strategic impact the library can have on informal education.

The 2027 Budget Request identifies three funding scenarios for staff investment: Maintain, Transform, or Right-size.

Scenario 1: Maintain Existing Hours

This scenario restores 12 hours of operations to the Research Pavilion at ALL, maintains existing hours of operation at branches, and provides the personnel needed to cover basic operations and provides minimal strategic impact for Wichita’s literacy rates.

Scenario 2: Maintain Existing Hours and Improve Capacity for Strategic Impact

This scenario provides the professional-level staff necessary to improve literacy in Wichita, establishes an outreach section, introduces on-site management at neighborhood branches, increases services hours at Maya Angelou to match hours of the Walters branch to provide equitable neighborhood access. Literacy programming and partnerships grow substantially to improve economic outcomes for residents.

Scenario 3: Reduce Hours to Match Current Staffing Levels

This scenario represents the current number of hours the library can provide with existing staff and further budget reductions would further decrease hours of operations and diminish access to resources, programs, and skilled-staff assistance.

Financial Considerations:

SCENARIO	FTE ADDED	INVESTMENT	KEY OUTCOMES
1. Stabilization	22.5	\$1.45M	Maintains current hours; moderate literacy gains; restores most hours to Research Pavilion; preserves ROI; leverages private funds to strengthen Kindergarten readiness
2. Transformational	48	\$3.44M	Fully implement Strategic Plans; Full USD259 support capacity, improved 3 rd grade reading, economic mobility, crime prevention impact
3. Right Sized	0	\$0	Reduced hours and access; reduced literacy; reduced staff strain; improved public and staff safety; reduced ROI

Attachment: 2027 Draft Budget Request



WICHITA PUBLIC LIBRARY BUDGET REQUEST EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mission: Connect. Discover. Learn. Thrive.

Context:

- 7 Branches + 1 Book Bus, serving ~ 400,991 residents
- 2025 Service Metrics:
 - Visitors: 658,974
 - Circulation: 1,996,381 items
 - Programs: 1,771 events; 54,035 attendees
 - Tech Assistance: 46,344 interactions

Urban Library Core Services and Activities:

- **Collections and Resources:**
 - Varied formats to serve information and entertainment needs of all residents of all ages
- **Community Engagement and Outreach:**
 - Relationship-building and service delivery that extend library access to low-access areas of the community
- **Programs:**
 - Free programs for all ages, with emphasis on literacies
- **Spaces:**
 - Welcoming environments that serve as a third place
- **Specialized Services:**
 - Adaptable responses to serve immediate community needs with an emphasis on literacies (e.g. Circulating hotspots to help pandemic-impacted residents, WiFi benches, Family Place Libraries, etc.)
- **Staff Expertise:**
 - Quality service provision from skilled & helpful employees
- **Technology:**

- Full access to equipment, software & skill development for basic to advanced technology users
- **Support Services:**
 - Internal support necessary for staff, spaces, and project management

Challenges:

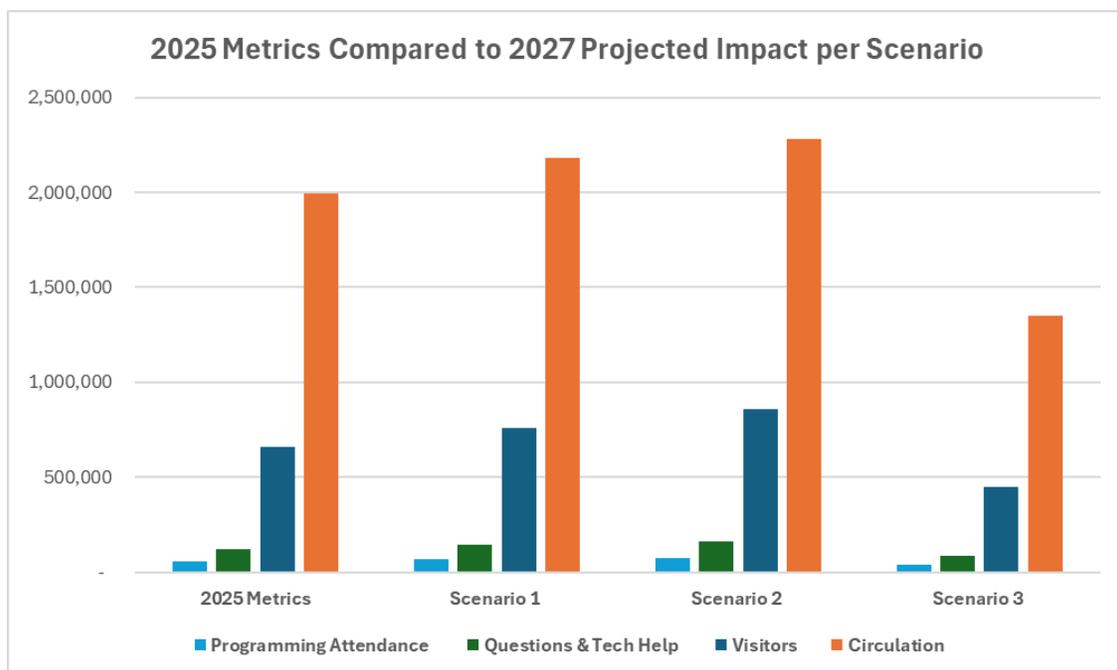
- Facilities have changed in size and service emphasis but are unable to fully enact strategic plans
- Staff work in a deficit capacity to provide core operations with limited capacity to advance strategic endeavors
- District 2 does not have a library presence and distributes more than 60,000 residents to be served by libraries that are not in the geographic area
- Limited capacity to reach underserved residents and non-users
- Unprecedented customer service challenges (mental illness, substance abuse, violence) leading to safety and security issues
- Staff burnout due to existing staffing levels
- Access gaps in under-resourced neighborhoods
- Donor funds for a Kindergarten Readiness vehicle have been secured without staff to run the program

Scenarios & Staffing Investments

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Projected Impact by 2027

Metric	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3
Visitors	757,613 (+15%)	856,666 (+30%)	448,102 (-32%)
Circulation	2,180,138 (+10%)	2,279,236 (+15%)	1,347,722 (-32%)
Questions & Tech Help	143,992 (+15%)	162,774 (+30%)	85,143 (-32%)
Programming Attendance	70,000 (+30%)	75,649 (+40%)	37,824 (-32%)
Partnerships	253 (+30%)	292 (+50%)	175 (-10%)

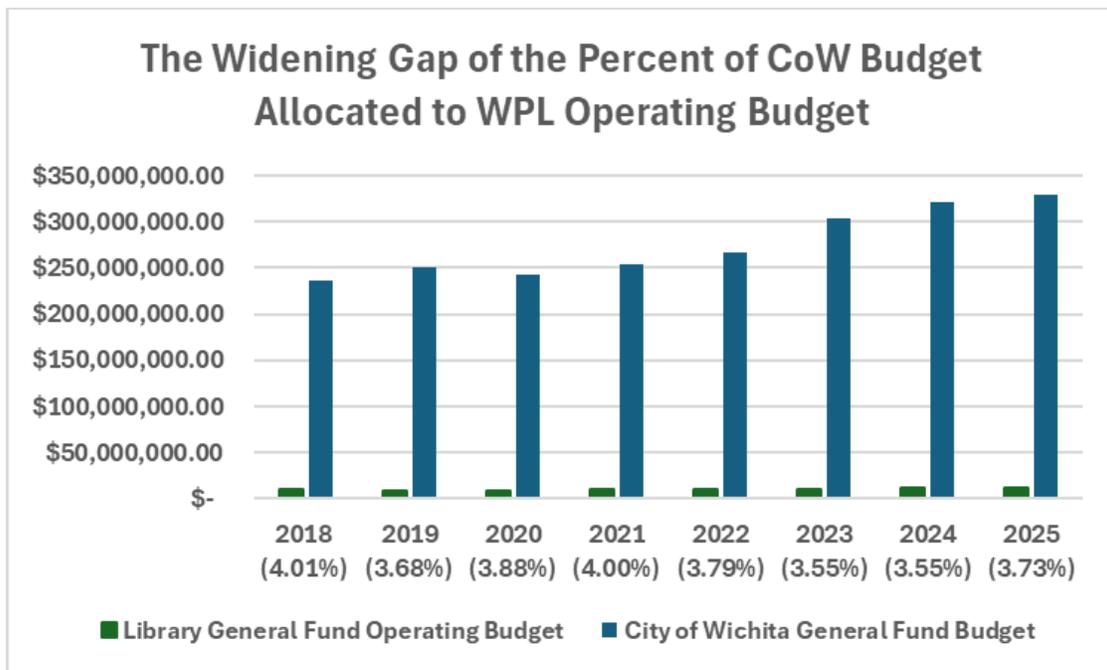


Strategic Benefits of Investment

- **Equity & Access:** More consistent hours, outreach, and multilingual services
- **Literacy & Education:** Expanded early learning & youth programs
- **Economic Mobility:** Job readiness, digital skills, and workforce partnerships
- **Staff Sustainability:** Reduced burnout, optimized professional deployment
- **ROI:** Maximizes use of remodeled facilities, technology, and community planning

YEAR	WPL GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET	CITY OF WICHITA GENERAL FUND BUDGET	PERCENT OF COW GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUPPORTING LIBRARY OPERATIONS

2018	\$9,467,142	\$235,928,232	4.01%
2019	\$9,240,500	\$250,499,683	3.68%
2020	\$9,421,644	\$242,477,804	3.88%
2021	\$10,159,730	\$253,699,419	4.00%
2022	\$10,134,055	\$267,079,013	3.79%
2023	\$10,782,849	\$303,338,888	3.55%
2024	\$11,404,244	\$320,386,952	3.55%
2025	\$12,265,121	\$328,416,373	3.73%



Key Takeaway:

Investing in staffing (22.5–48 FTE) is critical to sustain services, fully implement strategic plans, and deliver measurable outcomes in literacy, access, and community wellbeing. Without investment, the Wichita Public Library risks service reduction, increased staff turnover, and lost value on prior infrastructure improvements.

BACKGROUND:

Mission, System Design, and Community Impact

The Wichita Public Library (WPL) supports the City of Wichita's mission to keep Wichita safe, grow the economy, and provide conditions for living well. WPL delivers lifelong learning through seven physical locations, a Book Bus, partnerships, and outreach, with particular emphasis on early literacy and kindergarten readiness, adult literacy, technology literacy, and community engagement.

Since 2016, both the City of Wichita and WPL support organizations have invested significant time, resources, and money in gathering community and stakeholder feedback to understand the needs and wants for the library system.

This feedback has been gathered in several published reports endorsed by the City of Wichita and the Library Board of Directors: the *Branch Study (2016-2017)*, *Focused on Community: A Master Plan for the City of Wichita's Branch Library System (2019-2023)*, and the *Strategic Agenda (2024)*.

The conclusions featured in these reports, as well as in feedback received as part of the 2026 budget simulator, were remarkably consistent: focus on facility improvement, expand access including increased hours at neighborhood locations, and more services, particularly for children and underserved populations.

According to a report by CivicTechnologies that engaged Wichita's community in development of library service plans, Wichita contains over 47 individual market segments – more than Denver. These market segments are defined by the unique priorities and interests of residents and have been and continue to be a key component to library considerations for service delivery. For comparison, Denver's library system reaches almost 50% of their market segments, while Wichita's library system market penetration is less than 30% due to its inability to reach non-users.

While the library serves the entire community, it cannot meet every need for every resident in Wichita. The Strategic Agenda (2024) therefore directs the library to focus on underserved or under-resourced populations, particularly people who do not currently use the library.

Guided by this Agenda, the library has identified target audiences and initiative-based strategies to help staff prioritize the use of time, financial, and human resources. This strategic focus emphasizes outreach and partnerships with community organizations, meeting people where they are. It also aligns with the City of Wichita Strategic Plan outcomes to reduce crime, improve economic mobility, expand access for non-English speakers, strengthen family supports, and support under-resourced residents.

Branch services are guided by *Focused on Community: A Master Plan for the City of Wichita's Branch Library System*. While all planned facility improvements are complete, the staffing investments needed to fully realize programmatic and service delivery goals have not yet been implemented.

As of 2026, the system includes one main library, three regional branches, one district branch, two neighborhood branches, and a Book Bus. A proposed Kindergarten Readiness Bus from a community donor is dependent on City staffing commitments. Private funding will allow WPL to install hold pick-up lockers at the new Planeview Recreation and Community Center, ensuring continued access restore access to library services in an area the library has not had a presence in for twenty years.

The WPL system operates on a hub-and-spoke model, which allows consolidation of operational functions and ensures that all libraries operate leanly and efficiently, are quickly able to adapt to neighborhood needs, and are resilient and sustainable given current resources. The model is collaborative and is reliant on generalist staff as well as subject matter experts to ensure efficient use of personnel. The library annually convenes cross-functional teams to move forward service, policy, and technology changes.

The Advanced Learning Library serves both as a full-service public library and as the system's central service hub. In this role, it manages all library materials, including receiving, cataloging, and preparing items for circulation. It also provides systemwide support in areas such as human resources and finance, technology, communications and marketing, daily deliveries to branches, and other essential operational functions.

All library branches offer skilled staff to assist with customer needs, collections, meeting rooms, spaces for individual use and community connection, technology assistance, and community-informed programming for all ages.

Based on the community needs of each library's individual service area, service emphases were identified for each library location during the creation of the aforementioned master plans and strategic agenda. The ability to implement these service focuses requires full activation of the hub-and-spoke model, with library generalists and specialists working together to accomplish operational and strategic initiatives. WPL strategic plans identify service emphasis for each library location:

- **Advanced Learning Library:**
 - early literacy and school readiness, K-12 student achievement, workforce development, digital inclusion, lifelong learning and leisure services, literacy, and research
- **Lionel Alford Regional Library:**

- early literacy and school readiness, K-12 student achievement and workforce development
- **Maya Angelou Northeast Branch:**
 - literacy and school readiness, digital inclusion and African American culture
- **Evergreen Branch:**
 - literacy, digital inclusion and Hispanic education
- **Rockwell and Westlink Branches:**
 - services for children and families, digital inclusion, lifelong learning and leisure services
- **Dr. Ronald Walters Branch:**
 - literacy, digital inclusion, and workforce development
- **Book Bus:**
 - literacy, raising awareness of library offerings and resources, strategic partnerships

Funding Context, Return on Investment, and Workforce Capacity

The City of Wichita oversees budget responsibilities for core library operations, which include collections, facilities, staff, technology, and some aspects of initiative-based service support like early learning, family engagement, and digital inclusion. WPL is reliant on grants, fundraising through its three support organizations, and private philanthropy to fund free public programs, provide support for collections gaps, and to support the department's initiative-based efforts.

In 2025, the system completed a comprehensive, multi-year effort to remodel and/or expand all library locations, leveraging lean workflows, technology, and philanthropic contributions to create more sustainable business operations. The facility and technology improvements have provided opportunities to significantly streamline library operations.

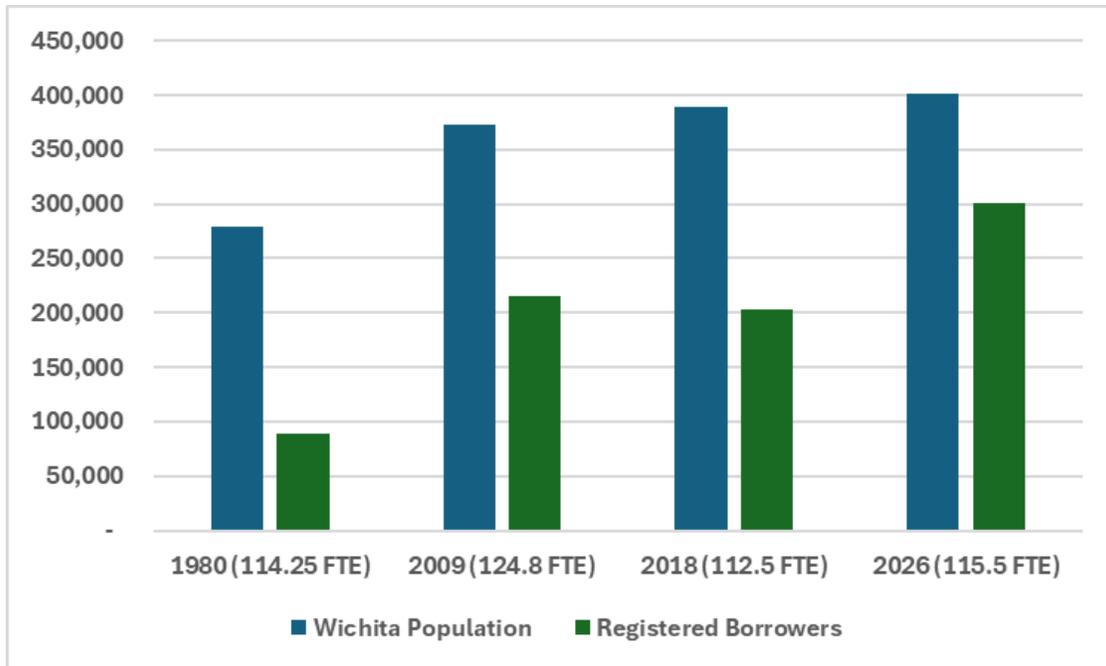
However, expanded access, enhanced programming, improved customer experience, and increased community outreach – all foundational tenets of the Branch Master Plans, the Strategic Agenda, and are essential to advancing the City of Wichita's Strategic Agenda – cannot be achieved through streamlined processes, modernized facilities, increased emphasis on partnerships, expanding volunteer programs, or implementing current technological advancements alone. Delivering these complex, high-impact services require skilled, trained library staff.

Staff adjustments have been made over the past 50 years to meet budget constraints and to adapt to changes in how residents access information. As positions at every level

of the library organization have become vacant over the last several decades, these positions have been evaluated to see if they are in the appropriate location or section, doing the most needed work. As the library and the community have evolved, positions have been relocated from one location or section to another – meeting the most immediate need, potentially leaving a section or branch with a less pressing need understaffed.

The following shows how WPL's staffing has changed over time:

YEAR	WICHITA POPULATION	WPL STAFFING	Registered Borrowers
1980	279,352	114.25 FTE (94 FT, 41 PT)	89,070
2009	373,102 (+33% from 1980)	124.8 FTE (94 FT, 61 PT 13 positions (9.95 FTE funded through grant funds) = 114.85 FTE general fund	215,203 (+141.6% over 1980)
2018	389,529	116 FTE (84 FT, 64 PT)	203,410
2019	390,335	112.5 FTE (82 FT, 61 PT)	205,803
2026	400,911 (+43.5% over 1980, +7.4% over 2009)	115.5 FTE (84 FT, 63 PT)	300,726 (+237% over 1980, +40% over 2009)



While Wichita's population grew a respectable 43.5% between 1980 and 2026, the number of registered library card holders has increased 237%. Circulation has increased approximately 77% from 1981 numbers. 2025 program attendance has increased between 5% and 147% of the attendance numbers recorded from 1985-1995. Staffing has increased 0.75 FTE overall during this same timeframe.

In the 1980s, library staff worked primarily with books and programming: providing access to not-easily-accessible information through reference and research services, manual circulation of materials, maintaining a physical card catalog, and programs of community interest. The average price of a hardback book in the 1980s was \$24.64 whereas today an electronic book can cost \$60 for a licensing period of only 24 months.

While technology has changed how library staff complete much of this work, in 2026, library staff continue to provide accurate information requested through reference and research services, assist with circulation transactions, maintain collections, and offer programs of interest to the community. In addition to this operational work, however, modern library staff are also expected to:

- lead the advancement of kindergarten readiness in Wichita through an in-depth knowledge of early childhood development and early literacy education principles;
- answer walk-in-related questions ranging from the most basic needs (how to use a computer) to advanced queries (how to use specialized software). At some locations, staff need to be able to answer these questions in both English and Spanish;

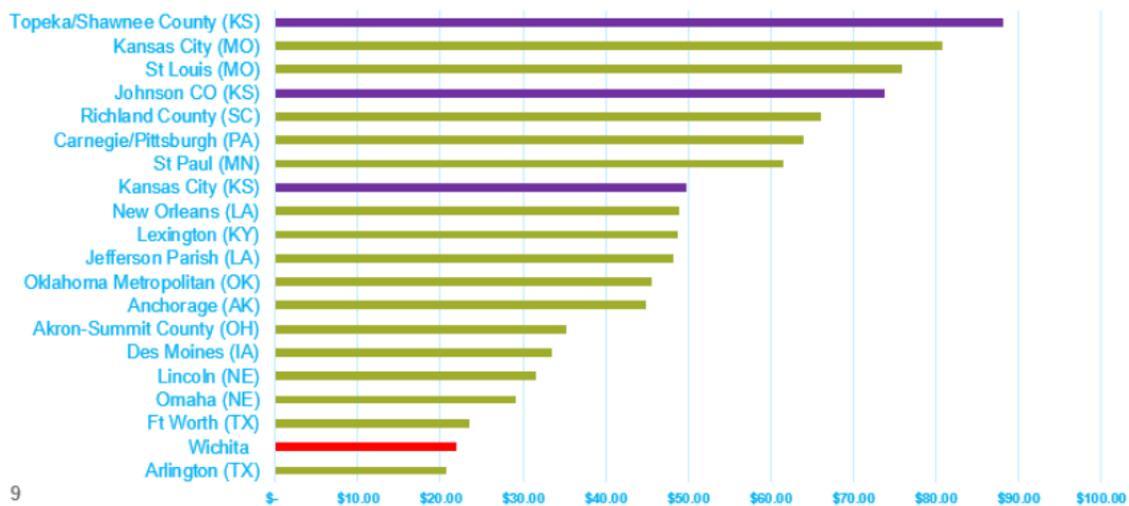
- know enough about a vast number of technological devices, software, and database offerings to be able to answer questions from customers and educate them on how to use the resources;
- manage customer incidents proactively and safely, using training on working with homeless and mentally ill customers to deescalate situations;
- develop and care for partnerships to help advance the Library and City of Wichita’s Strategic Agendas;
- have strong knowledge of social services partners to refer customers daily to food stability, healthcare, mental health support, and housing services.

No longer focused on quiet study spaces, the library has become a community meeting space, offering free room rentals to organizations that align with our strategic agenda.

Spending for Library Service



Per Capita Spending on Libraries



Wichita operating budget as compared to peer municipal cities is ranked among the lowest. In the peer cities of Des Moines and Omaha, 3.79-4% of the city budget is allocated to support library operations. Comparatively, Wichita allocates 3.73% of the general fund for libraries in 2025.

According to a survey conducted by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in 2023, specifically limited to data pertaining to libraries serving community populations between 375,000 and 425,000 people, the average local government spending per capita was \$44.78; WPL’s spending was \$27.33. When limiting to the 323 Kansas libraries listed in the report, the average per capita spending was \$49.57.

Per Capita Spending on Collections



The Library's collections budget has been reduced twice by \$100,000 and reinstated once in the past four years. The City's contribution of annual materials is under \$1 million, which provides collections support at \$2.32 per capita, a decrease of \$.91 (28%) in spending power. The 2025 children's and teen collections investment with city funds totaled \$154,000 for children's and teen materials. This represents 12% of the total City collection budget and cannot meet the diverse needs of young readers. However, nearly 52% of the entire annual budget in 2025 was spent on digital products due to the cost for this format. WPL is also unable to meet the growing demand for electronic content due to the overall costs of purchasing this format.

According to the 2023 IMLS report, libraries serving communities between 375,000 and 425,000 people spent an average of \$6.15 per capita.

The library spent approximately \$0.77 per citizen on materials from the general fund in 1980 (\$3.25 in 2026 dollars); in 2026, the library is projected to spend \$2.34 per citizen on materials from the general fund, a decrease of \$0.91 (28%) in spending power, despite being asked to support not just books, limited media offerings, periodicals, but multiple material formats (physical, e-book, e-audiobook, e-magazine, streaming video, Library of Things) and online research databases.

A [2016 funding report](#) was provided to council to answer budget questions they had about library funding. While this data is older, it still shows how the industry is funding

core services of public libraries. On the other side of the funding spectrum is Cuyahoga County Public Library (OH), who in 2025 provides \$167.00 per capita spending.

The one commonality across public libraries despite their funding model and budget is that for every one dollar invested, approximately \$5.00 is returned. Peer cities invest in their public libraries see higher rates of graduation and education and lower crime rates. Additional resources that outline the smart return on investment from public libraries can be found at:

- **International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA): *Libraries and Return on Investment***
https://www.ifla.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/assets/hq/library_roi.pdf
- **Johnson County Library: *Return on Investment Study (2015)***
[2015-JohnsonCountyLibrary-ROI-Report.pdf](https://www.johnsoncountylibrary.org/2015-JohnsonCountyLibrary-ROI-Report.pdf)
- **The Guardian: “Palaces for the People: At the Library, Everyone Is Welcome”**
<https://www.theguardian.com/cities/2018/sep/24/palaces-for-the-people-at-the-library-everyone-is-welcome>

Genealogical and cultural heritage research from the Advanced Learning Library is an economic driver. A study in 2012 indicated that approximately \$345,000 is spent by visitors who are coming to research (close to \$500,000 today). The Wichita Genealogical Society has launched Memory Lab to assist residents to transfer their family memories onto new technologies, bringing in even more visitors. Due to staff shortages, Research Pavilion service hours were reduced in 2025 from 60 to 34 hours per week.

A [case study](#) from the Urban Libraries Council measures library contributions to human development, but also how public libraries act “as catalysts for place-based economic development,” which is seen daily through the diversity of visitors at each branch of the Wichita Public Library who come to achieve countless goals. Library strategies that contribute to economic mobility includes programs like early literacy and [family engagement](#), workforce development, small business support as well as the libraries’ physical footprint that contributes to a feeling of safety, vibrancy and personal growth.

Volunteerism is a signal of civic engagement and can help build capacity for library services. In 1982, attempts to maintain services in the face of budget cuts began with an emphasis on volunteerism to supplant staff. Reliance on volunteers to perform core business operations creates operational risk, as volunteer availability and capacity are inherently variable and cannot provide the consistency, accountability, or sustainability required for essential services.

Before COVID, Wichita's community provided a total of 19,249 hours in volunteer time (\$644,649 in value and the equivalent of 9.25 FTE). While volunteer numbers and hours have begun rebounding after falling drastically in 2020, in 2025 WPL received 10,576 hours of volunteer service. National volunteer participation levels have rebounded to near pre-COVID levels (28.3% participation in 2023 vs. 30% in 2019), but WPL is still down 45% compared to pre-COVID levels. In order to help offset this shortfall, WPL has identified three new volunteer program areas that will improve reading confidence and job skills, and intergenerational learning.

WPL works with two senior workers whose salaries are paid by a partner location. Annually, WPL hosts Way to Work youth to expand reach as well as provide quality on-the-job training opportunities.

At present, staff capacity to manage volunteers is limited despite the benefits.

Digital Inclusion

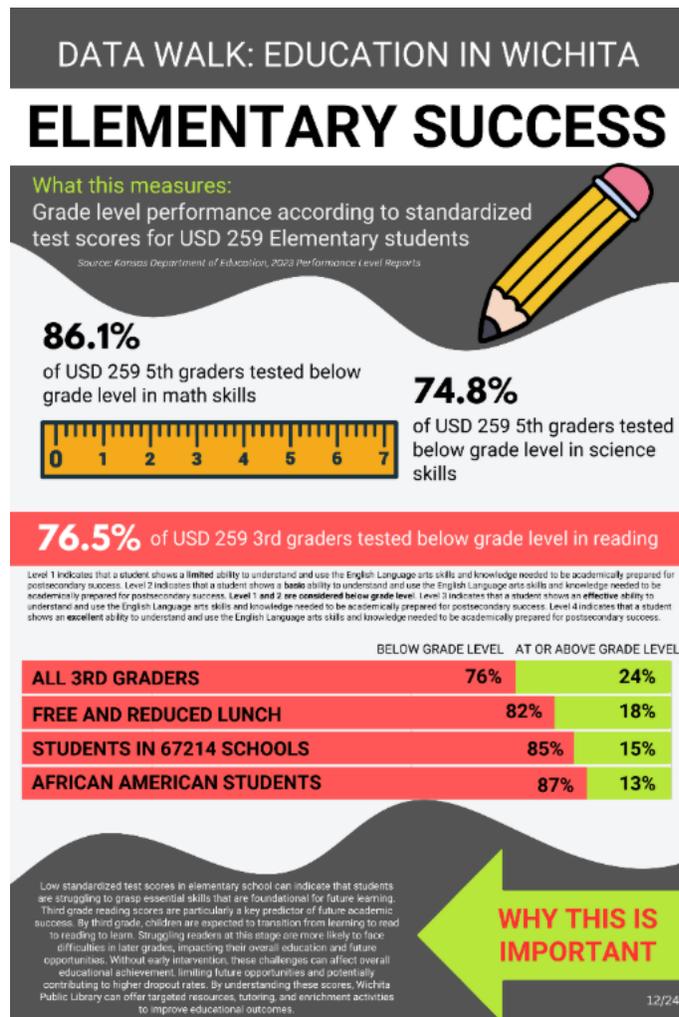
Over 40,000 households do not have home internet, and the library served 16,298 individuals in 2025. WPL provides access to public computers, WiFi, printing, copying, scanning, and faxing services with training to support technology users. Library training provides the spectrum of basic to advanced skills to get customers started, get them unstuck, and keep them interested in learning. Emphasis is placed on low-skilled technology users with classes and appointments, and library staff work deeply with service partners to extend the reach of digital training to branch locations.

Book Librarian sessions are the most effective delivery method, with one-to-one assistance from staff and WPL provided 3,769 appointments for individual assistance and 251 tech classes. Classes are offered, primarily at the Advanced Learning Library due to staffing constraints. Public computers were used 274,468 hours by the public with 118,308 WiFi sessions.

A 2024 Digital Equity Summit hosted by the City of Wichita identified strengths and gaps in access the digital education in the community. Participants at the summit recognized WPL as being the leader in the community for this education and access and look to the library to fill this community need.

The department is challenged to meet technological needs at branch locations due to current staffing levels. Volunteers and partners help as possible, but customer expectations are unable to be changed – they come to the library and expect to be helped to the degree necessary to accomplish their task.

Literacy, Family Engagement and Early Learning Strategies



When the community thrives, Wichita’s economic conditions improve, however Wichitans will not thrive if they cannot read. Currently, 76.5% of USD 259 3rd graders test below grade level in reading, with higher percentages among children in poverty (82%), specific neighborhoods (67214: 85%), and certain racial groups (87% African American). Education is where the City of Wichita can significantly improve the quality of life of its residents.

Although 17% of the WPL materials collection supports young readers, youth materials represent 44% of the library’s 2025 circulation.

The most effective way to improve reading skills is through time spent reading and access to an array of books in a variety of formats. Not every book is for every reader, and Wichita’s diverse population requires

both a depth and breadth of materials in multiple formats to serve reading interests of the whole community. WPL is reliant on grants and donations to supplement a City collection budget that is \$2.42 per resident.

WPL received a grant in 2025 to add contracted staff support for summer reading efforts. The one-time \$15,000 investment paid dividends to support overall participation, programs, and supported a literacy volunteer partnership with the United Way called Summer Literacy League.

Overall Summer Reading participation (enrollment and finishing the program) improved with this additional staff capacity.

SRP Participation	2024 Enrolled	2024 Finishers	2025 Enrolled	2025 Finishers	% Difference
Pre-readers	1463	695	1039	913	+32%
Kids Read	2826	1242	1796	1577	+27%

Teens Read	1350	754	962	794	+5%
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Summer Literacy League was an intensive mentorship program with 162 reading sessions offered with more than 3000 minutes of reading among 35 participants and 25 volunteers. First year survey results from parents show a strong need to continue this approach:

Parent Survey Result Highlights

Since starting the program, have you noticed any changes in your child's reading?	Improved confidence	Asking to visit library more	Better understanding of what they read	More interest in reading at home
	50%	100%	25%	50%

How would you describe your child's attitude toward reading during the program?	More excited about reading	About the same as before
	87.5%	22.5%

How valuable was this program for your child?	Extremely Valuable	Valuable
	75%	25%

What suggestions do you have for improving this program?

- “More library locations”
- “Don't put an age limit on it”
- “We were not able to attend the daytime session. The evening time was a little late in the evening, but it ended up working out perfectly. We were grateful to have it at a time that was after work hours.”
- “More session availability”

To support WPL's evolution of literacy strategies, Library staff is working with *Read Redefined* to partner to develop modern resources that helps adults improve their reading abilities – resources that are not currently available at the public library. The resources will need to be funded through private or grant funds but require staff support to coordinate volunteer reading mentors.

Family engagement has been a successful strategy for the library, providing opportunities to connect with over 40,000 residents in 2025. The Library continued to pilot a book home-delivery service for families receiving intervention services at Rainbows United and Family Place Parent/Educator workshops are bringing in new caregivers. Storywalk installations across the city have created healthy reading opportunities where families gather. Little Free Libraries have broadened access to books in District 3, where library service and access to books is limited.

Family engagement is a matter of equity. Low-income families often do not have access to enrichment activities; however, they are more likely to visit a public library. Low-income families often have barriers and stressors that may prevent them from using a library facility. This requires a multi-faceted approach that reaches beyond library buildings and works in collaboration with partners and providers.

Wichita Public Library has purposefully shifted its early learning focus to design programs and services to center on family engagement to assist caregivers in being confident teachers and guide their child's reading readiness.

Based on research about the importance of early brain development, the [Family Place Library](#) model and family engagement strategies support the essential role of parents as a child's first teachers. It addresses the physical, social, emotional and cognitive aspects of child development. Investments in family engagement and early literacy efforts help new parents learn about the library and the multitude of ways the library and community partners collaborate to help them raise a reader.

All branches will be certified as Robert Layton Family Place Libraries by 2027 to achieve the City's strategic goals in partnership with necessary fundraising by Wichita Library Foundation.

To achieve strategic goals to reach non-users, the Book Bus, a small but mighty outreach tactic, has been achieving strong outcomes. In 2025, the Book Bus operated for 586 hours, circulated 3203 items, and made 293 stops that reached 20,853 individuals.

Evidence of Family Engagement as a critical strategy to improve childhood success and health can be found at:

- **American Library Association / HFRP-PLA (2016): *Public Libraries – A Vital Space for Family Engagement***
https://www.ala.org/sites/default/files/pla/content/initiatives/familyengagement/Public-Libraries-A-Vital-Space-for-Family-Engagement_HFRP-PLA_August-2-2016.pdf
- **Family Place Libraries: *Family Place Libraries Organization***
<https://www.familyplacelibraries.org/>
- **Pew Research Center (2013): *Children, Libraries, and Reading***
<https://www.pewresearch.org/internet/2013/05/16/children-libraries-and-reading/>
- **Carnegie Corporation of New York: *Family and School Engagement Playbook***
https://media.carnegie.org/filer_public/1b/cd/1bcdb48b-083a-4277-a2df-2a7a670c29b5/family_school_engagement_playbook_final.pdf

- **The Heckman Equation (2019): Perry Preschool Papers**
<https://heckmanequation.org/resource/perry-preschool-papers-2019/>

Staffing Capacity, Workforce Challenges, and Service Delivery

Libraries are a helping profession. As such, staff care deeply and experience a wide range of negative impacts from challenging customer transactions that include compassion fatigue, secondary trauma stress, burnout, and increasing turnover. The stressors present in libraries cannot be mitigated through lean process improvements.

Impacts identified from a *2022 Urban Library Trauma Study* – the first of its kind to track the impact growing societal challenges have on library employees - indicates the challenges to public library staffs' wellbeing includes excessive workload and societal issues like homelessness, mental illness, violence, racism, and homophobia. Today's libraries are asked to step into the work of social workers but without the training and support to have a workplace that allows for success.

The intersections of illiteracy, illness, social isolation, homelessness, hunger, and discrimination often hamper the effectiveness of traditional public library service. A recent incident at Walters Branch Library describes the multi-faceted manner staff are called to assist individuals who are in crisis:

Walters staff became aware of a distressed customer after she reported concern that she might be overdosing. The customer was alert but requested assistance placing a phone call. Staff supported the call while monitoring her condition and alerted additional staff to prepare emergency response resources, including Narcan, if needed.

During the call, staff observed signs of emotional distress and offered the Comcare Crisis Line as an immediate support option. The customer agreed, and staff facilitated a private call with a mental health professional. As a precaution, EMTs were dispatched to medically clear the customer and provide crisis support.

Following the assessment, staff assisted the customer—who had recently become unhoused—with contacting local shelters. After confirming availability, staff provided transportation directions and helped the customer connect with Second Light.

The situation required approximately three hours to manage alongside regular operations. Throughout the interaction, library staff demonstrated empathy, situational awareness, crisis response skills, and knowledge of community

resources, consistent with the Wichita Public Library's Customer Experience Model.

WPL has conducted two anonymous Staff Engagement Surveys since 2023. Ten questions were asked to assess employee connection to the department's mission, the developmental support they receive to deliver quality work, and to understand how to improve staff's impact on the community. Scores are assessed using a 7-point Likert scale. While WPL's overall engagement score is respectable (5.76 overall in 2025, down .5% from 2023), staff comments included themes of burnout, staffing shortages, lack of time to seek training and development, impacts from complex and at times fearful customer incidents, and a desire to move from part-time to full-time positions to receive City benefits.

Current staffing levels are fully allocated to maintain core operations, leaving limited capacity to implement new or expanded services identified in the City of Wichita Strategic Plan, the WPL Strategic Agenda and the Branch Master Plan. Without additional staffing, implementation of these plans are at best constrained, at worst impossible, resulting in small-scale efforts, reduced service levels, or the reallocation of staff from existing already stretched services. This approach risks eroding service quality, increasing staff turnover, and diminishes the overall return on the City's investment in planning, infrastructure, and public expectations.

Investing in staffing allows the City to maximize the value of existing assets, meet performance goals, and avoid the higher long-term costs associated with service degradation, employee burnout, and unmet community needs. In fact, since the 2018-2019 Adopted Budget, the Library has lost 0.5 FTE in staffing overall, despite the addition of 2 FTE Community Services Officers and 3 FTE Librarians.

Since 2024, WPL has completed multiple projects to build staff capacity and ensure staffing levels are able to keep up with increased usage. The department also assessed ninety-four services and resources for alignment with the Strategic Agenda to maintain, improve or sunset the service. Outcomes from these projects and evaluations include:

- Implementation of RFID technology
- Contract services with Unique Management Call Center for incoming calls, which is funded from grants and has gained approximately 2 FTE in staff time
- Installation of an automatic material handler at Westlink
- Elimination of passport application services at Alford and Evergreen to focus on literacy and core library services
- Implementation of automatic renewals for customer service
- Elimination of test proctoring service at the Advanced Learning Library

- Implementation of a Customer Experience Model to create a seamless front-line service experience for customers
- Elimination of fees that create both a barrier to customer service and have a large staff time overhead:
 - Faxing
 - Meeting Rooms
 - Unclaimed Holds
 - Lost/Damaged Materials Processing
 - Advanced Computer Reservations
 - Interlibrary Loan
- Removal of uncollectable old debt from accounts
- Reorganization of two sections at the Advanced Learning Library to improve customer experience and materials handling
- Reduction of public assistance hours in both the Research and Teen Pavilions at the Advanced Learning Library due to staffing shortages
- Continuation of Sunday closures at branches during the summer
- A commitment to reduce staff-led public programming in 2026 by 30%

Despite these changes, the library system is challenged by routine staff shortages due to turnover, illness and vacancies, and the department's part-time staff has not accepted the full range of additional hours needed to cover absences. This requires non-exempt staff to step in for basic operations and diminishes their capacity to fulfill their full job responsibilities.

The limited flexibility and capacity place added strain on other employees, who must provide both direct public service and complete core duties to meet basic operational needs. A few examples of how skilled and confident staff make an impact:

- Every day, staff assist customers who experience medical and mental health concerns, domestic violence, and require other interventions regularly.
- Public libraries are destinations for community members who do not have access to emergency shelters.
- In 2023, loneliness was declared a national epidemic. The library serves as third place, a refuge and safe space for residents who need social connections.
- One employee may oversee a 10,000-20,000 square foot space, while helping customers of all ages and with a wide range of questions.
- At the Walters branch, Library Resource Officers have been deployed from the Advanced Learning Library to assist with incident management, and the library has invested approximately \$30,000 in grant funds to improve the physical layout to improve site lines, added security cameras, added a secondary workroom exit

for employee safety, and has installed Halo detectors in public restrooms to address illegal behaviors.

Crime Prevention, Community Outreach, and “Third Place” Role

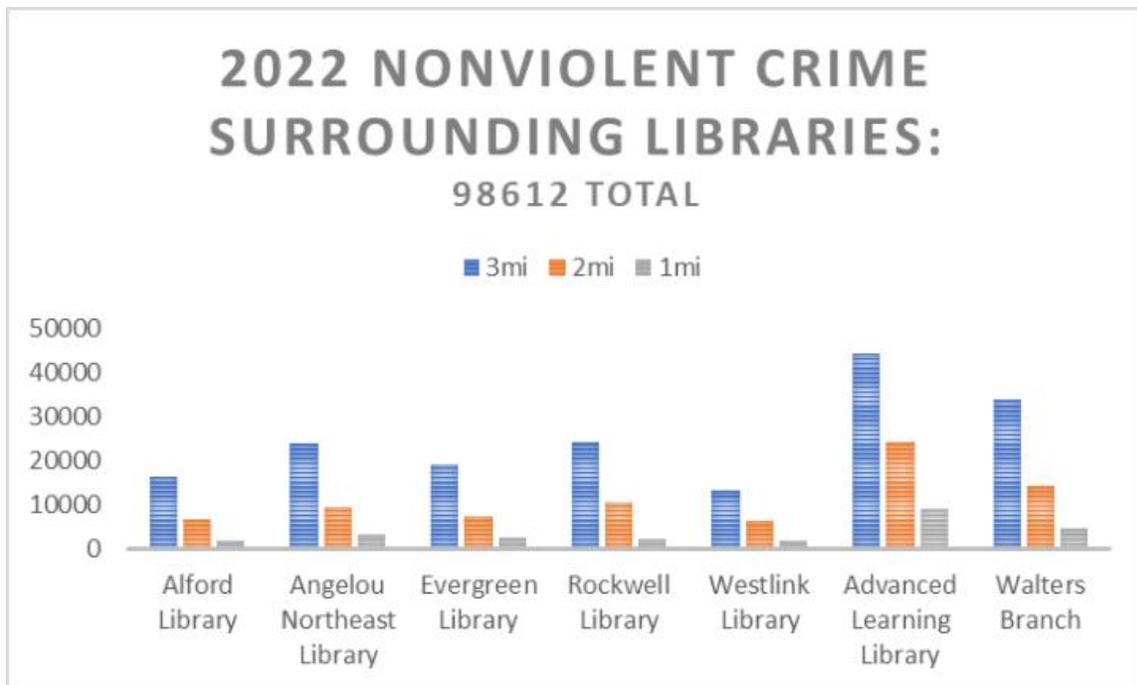
Complex customer behaviors that include mental illness and substance abuse, customer needs for extended technology assistance, and growth in operations have depleted staff capacity. Staff were reassigned throughout 2024-25 during branch remodels and were able to address some of these concerns during that timeframe. Staff have since returned to their assigned location and the library continues to see growth in all areas of its service. As a result, essential tasks related to stewarding collections, conducting community engagement and outreach, and partnership development are paused or left unfinished to prioritize direct public service.

The [Department of Justice](#) identifies positive opportunities that “build youth skills, mentorship, conflict resolution, and community service can work to prevent juvenile delinquency and serious juvenile violence, especially when coordinated with broader communitywide efforts.” WPL offers tours and research support during school hours and provides outreach and Book Bus delivery during non-school hours.

With additional funding, WPL could annually offer up to 9000 hours of free quality after-school reading programs at its facilities.

[Geographic proximity](#) to public libraries significantly impacts property values and crime rates. In 1955, [City Council](#) requested a library branch to be put in an underprivileged area of the city to prevent crime and improve the overall health of residents. In Wichita, violent crime and property values worsen the farther one lives from a library.

Nationwide, property values are higher near libraries. The influence of libraries is undeniable, and Wichita’s library footprint has decreased from 11 locations to 7 over the last decade. East Wichita residents in District 2, do not have close access to a library facility.



Social infrastructure is a critical element for community well-being. There is no place in Wichita where an individual can use services without the expectation of purchasing anything or paying a registration fee other than the public library. And likely no other place where everyone – including Wichita’s most marginalized community members – are welcomed, supported, and not judged for asking for resources that meet their individual needs. The library’s business is to help build community and build stronger communities.

WPL offers a Teen Advisory Board who is actively designing programs and projects to benefit their peers. A Teen Volunteer Program supports Summer Reading across the city. A partnership with Sedgwick County Juvenile Detention Center provides book discussion kits to help with reading and sharing the experiences in the book together.

WPL has been a decades long partner with the Work Release Program and regularly assists residents with employment skills, housing, and basic needs upon [re-entry](#). WPL has recently reorganized its adult services division to become a Literacies section to align programs with lifelong learning and introduce new social programs.

Further evidence-based research regarding the library’s role and service influence crime prevention can be found at:

- **Brookings Institution:** *How Public Libraries Help Build Healthy Communities*
<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/how-public-libraries-help-build-healthy-communities/>

- **Community Psychology:** *Libraries as Third Places*
<https://www.communitypsychology.com/third-places/>
- **The Trace (2023):** *Libraries and Reducing Gun Violence in Maryland*
<https://www.thetrace.org/2023/09/library-reduce-gun-violence-maryland/>
- **Urban Librarians Unite:** *Urban Libraries Unite – Resources for Public Libraries*
<https://urbanlibrariansunite.org/ults/>
- **Urban Libraries Council:** *Libraries as Spaces for Innovation and Productivity*
https://www.urbanlibraries.org/files/Libraries-as-spaces-for-innovation-and-productivity_5.25.2.pdf

ANALYSIS

Library leadership conducted a staffing level assessment across peer libraries and researched industry standards. Funding models for public libraries vary significantly, with no unilateral model for staffing levels. Library leadership annually evaluates service outputs and inputs to determine where staffing changes are necessary. Staff are reassigned to other sections to fulfill unmet needs whenever possible. However, the number of transfers over time has resulted in a lack of maneuverability because most sections operate with deficient staffing levels.

Each facility has fixed service desks that direct how customers and staff engage together in using the library. Branch facility projects resulted in an increased number of service points at Rockwell and Westlink to accommodate drive-up services that customers expect without increasing staffing levels.

Personnel reductions have primarily come from reductions in paraprofessional staff and have resulted in uneven deployment of professional staff. At present, public service librarians and supervisors spend most of their shifts on the public floor providing routine library support that could be performed by paraprofessional staff. This limits the ability to develop partnerships, implement programs, and expand literacy initiatives – all work that falls within professional staffs' job classifications.

As a result, the City of Wichita is paying higher salaries for work that does not fully utilize professional expertise, while reducing the potential impact that highly skilled staff could have on improving literacy, advancing economic mobility, and engaging teens in crime prevention efforts.

In 2025, Wichita Public Library was open 17,674 hours across its 7 locations and the Book Bus, slightly lower than in 2024 because of branch remodels; hours at each branch are scaled based on the geographic service area and population.

On average across the system, staff served approximately 39 visitors per hour the library was open for business throughout the year. Staff answered 78,867 customer questions, assisted with 46,344 technology questions, issued 20,559 new library cards, circulated 1,981,944 physical and digital items, provided technology assistance across 274,468 hours of computer use (188,007 computer and WiFi sessions), and facilitated 1,771 free programs that helped build social connections and provide lifelong learning to 54,035 attendees. WPL checked out or renewed more than 74 physical items per open hour in 2025. In 2025, Wichita Public Library offered:

- 559 literacy programs
- 251 technology classes with an additional 3,546 book-a-librarian appointments for one-on-one assistance
- 22 programs that support creative writers
- 46 health education programs
- 101 events intended for social connections
- 39 civic engagement programs and are polling sites at Evergreen and Alford branches

To better understand staff capacity constraints as well as both operational and strategic work needs, Library leadership developed a staffing analysis tool to establish a service model framework that aligns department work to the appropriate job classifications. The framework standardizes the expected number of hours each job classification will spend staffing public service points each shift, with some flexibility based from the work of the specific section.

Using this calculation and the anticipated number of shifts each employee will work each year, taking employee tenure and benefits earnings into account, Library leadership was able to determine the total number of public operating hours each section could cover and to comprehensively identify where operational gaps exist. Library leadership worked with managers and used all planning documents and identified organizational goals to guide the staffing model.

Standard desk shift for library positions has been revised to reflect the body of work within job descriptions, current and future business needs, and support for the required skills to complete the work of the library. The department aims at the following desk shift allocations to meet operational and strategic goals:

- Senior Librarian: 2 hours on desk
- Librarian: 2 hours on desk
- Senior Library Assistant: 4 hours on desk
- Library Assistant (FT): 4 hours on desk

- Library Assistant (PT): 3 hours on desk
- Clerk: 1 hour on desk
- Clerk (Materials Handling): 2 hours on desk

The remaining staff will be allocated to multiple tasks to support materials management, programming, partnerships, volunteer support, managing and developing a highly skilled workforce.

The result of this assessment shows current staffing levels at WPL supporting the following public operating hours:

Advanced Learning Library (Main):	Alford, Rockwell, & Westlink (Regional):	Evergreen (District):	Angelou and Walters (Neighborhood):
53 hours per week	41 hours per week	31 hours per week	31 hours per week
<i>currently 60 hours</i>	<i>currently 60 hours</i>	<i>currently 60 hours</i>	<i>currently 31 hours (ANG) and 40 hours (WAL)</i>

Three financial scenarios have been identified to solve the staffing gap. Each scenario addresses the staffing deficits and work that is not being completed due to current limitations (inventory and materials management, outreach, community engagement and school relationships, volunteer deployment, as examples).

The three scenarios are:

- Scenario 1: Maintain Existing Hours of Operation (Stabilization)
- Scenario 2: Maintain Existing Hours + Improved Capacity for Strategic Impact (Transformational)
- Scenario 3: Reduce Hours to Match Current Staffing Levels (Right Sized)

For the first two proposed scenarios, salaries are calculated at midpoint and benefits have been included for full-time positions. Adjustments may be necessary based on modifications to the salary ordinance.

Approving the requested staffing in scenarios 1 and 2 is not an expansion beyond the Branch Master Plan—it is the operational requirement to implement it. Without this investment, the services outlined in the Plan cannot be fully realized, limiting the effectiveness and fiscal value of the Plan itself.

Scenario 1: Maintain Existing Hours of Operation (Stabilization)

What it achieves: This scenario highlights the critical role staff play to fulfill WPL operations and advancing strategic priorities. Adequate staffing enables safer and more effective branch operations, outreach, volunteer coordination, and literacy programming for all ages, not just children.

This scenario restores 12 hours of operations to the Research Pavilion at ALL, maintains existing hours of operation at branches, and provides the personnel needed to cover basic operations and provides minimal strategic impact for Wichita’s literacy rates.

<i>Key Performance Indicators and Projected Impact</i>				
Visitors 15% increase	Circulation 10% increase	Questions answered & Tech Assistance 15 % increase	Programming 0% increase	Partnerships 0% increase
2025: 646,814 2027: 743,836	2025: 1,981,944 2027: 2,180,138	2025: 125,211 2027: 143,992	2025: 1,771 with 54,035 attendees 2027: 1,771 with 54,000 attendees	2025: 195 2027: 195

Evidence-Based Outcomes

Literacy & Education

- School–public library partnerships remain limited in scale, emphasizing Summer Reading.
- Collections management struggles to balance wait times for high-demand materials, increasing circulation and reading frequency.
- Leverages private donor dollars to expand mobile services that will emphasize kindergarten readiness and prevent summer reading loss.

Economic Mobility

- Maintain technology assistance to improve job search success; public library studies consistently show job seekers rely on one-on-one staff help rather than self-service tools.

- Maintain “Book a Librarian” capacity supports customer assistance with resume development, completion of online applications, research and information literacy, and digital skill building.

Equity & Access

- Reduces service interruptions and ensures consistent and adequate coverage at neighborhood branches serving under-resourced populations.
- Maintaining outreach and partnerships improve access for non-users, particularly families with transportation and language barriers.
- Slow progress to digitize uncatalogued, rare archives to improve access for researchers across the world.

Workforce Sustainability

- Reduced burnout and turnover risk by decreasing excessive workload and improving staff-to-customer ratios.
- Staff skill development improves service quality and responsiveness, enabling staff to effectively support literacy, technology use, and complex customer needs.
- Rebalances professional staff time toward higher-impact work.

Risk Mitigation

- Prevents further reductions in hours, programming, and customer service.
- Protects prior investments in remodeled facilities and technology by ensuring they are fully utilized.

LOCATION	POSITION CHANGES	BUDGET
Collections Services (ALL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reclassify 2 FTE Clerk positions • Add 2.5 FTE Library Assistant • Add 1 Librarian 	\$165,112.79
Customer Experience (ALL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add .5 FTE Library Assistant 	\$27,286.66
Digital Services (ALL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add 1 FTE Library Assistant • Add 3 FTE Sr. Library Assistant 	\$267,683.76
Literacies (ALL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add 1 FTE Clerk • Add 1 FTE Library Assistant • Add 1 FTE Sr. Library Assistant • Add 1 FTE Librarian • Add 1.5 FTE Sr Librarian 	\$414,470.35
Alford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reclassify 1 FTE Clerk • Reclassify 1 FTE Library Assistant • Add 1.5 FTE Library Assistant 	\$106,612.78
Angelou	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add .5 FTE Clerk • Add 1 FTE Sr. Library Assistant 	\$89,534.06
Evergreen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add 1 FTE Library Assistant 	\$54,573.32
Rockwell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add 1.5 FTE Clerk • Add 2 FTE Library Assistant 	\$171,812.35
Walters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add 1 FTE Clerk • Add 2 FTE Senior Library Assistant 	\$179,068.12
Westlink	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add 2 FTE Clerk • Add .5 FTE Library Assistant 	\$101,275.65
<p>TOTAL INVESTMENT: Personnel: \$1,390,367.55 (22.5 FTE) Tech/Equip: \$55,840 TOTAL: \$1,446,207.55</p>		

Scenario 2: Maintain Existing Hours + Improve Capacity for Strategic Impact (Transformational)

What this achieves:

Fully enables the City of Wichita Strategic Plan, WPL Strategic Agenda, and Branch Master Plan. All outcomes from Scenario 1 maintain and additional outcomes include those listed below.

This scenario provides the professional-level staff necessary to improve literacy in Wichita, establishes an outreach section, introduces on-site management at neighborhood branches, increases services hours at Maya Angelou to match hours of the Walters branch to provide equitable neighborhood access. Literacy programming and partnerships grow substantially to improve economic outcomes for residents.

<i>Key Performance Indicators and Projected Impact</i>				
Visitors 20% increase	Circulation 15% increase	Questions answered & Tech Assistance 40 % increase	Programming 40% increase	Partnerships 60% increase
2025: 646,814	2025: 1,981,944	2025: 125,211	2025: 1,771 with 54,035 attendees	2025: 195
2027: 776,177	2027: 2,279,236	2027: 175,295	2027: 2,479 with 75,649 attendees	2027: 312

Evidence-Based Outcomes

Early Literacy & Youth Development

- School–public library partnerships expand student access to aligned learning resources, increasing reading engagement and academic support beyond the classroom.
- Increased professional staff trained in adult and early-literacy programming enables consistent early literacy programming, which research shows improves school readiness and caregiver confidence.
- Increased tours and library activities to enrich educational outcomes.
- Expanded early learning and after-school programming with capacity to deliver up to **9,000 additional hours of free after-school literacy programming annually**, strengthening school readiness and academic achievement.

Economic Mobility & Workforce Development

- Dedicated professional staff time supports workforce partnerships, targeted job-seeker programming, and digital skills training.
- Increased number of highly trained professional staff allows the City to realize higher returns on existing economic development initiatives through resident skill-building.

Public Safety & Community Wellbeing

- More consistent staffing improves incident response and de-escalation, contributing to safer library environments.
- Expanded youth engagement, family support, and community connection activities align with crime-prevention research emphasizing mentorship and positive social spaces.

Equity, Inclusion & Access

- Significantly increases outreach to non-users and underserved populations, including non-English speakers and families experiencing housing instability.
- Enables multilingual, culturally responsive programming at branches serving diverse communities.

Organizational Efficiency

- Realigns work to appropriate classifications, ensuring professional staff focus on strategy, partnerships, and program development rather than routine transactions and adds needed paraprofessional staff to do this work.
- Reduces long-term costs associated with turnover, retraining, and service degradation.

Return on Investment

- Maximizes the City’s capital investments in facilities, technology, and planning by activating the full-service model envisioned in adopted plans.
- Positions WPL as a scalable service capable of adapting to future community needs.

LOCATION	POSITIONS	BUDGET
Collections Services (ALL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reclassify 2 FTE Clerk • Add 3.5 FTE Library Assistant • Add 1 FTE Sr. Library Assistant • Add 1 FTE Librarian 	\$297,896.89
Customer Experience (ALL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add .5 FTE Library Assistant • Add 1 FTE Sr. Library Assistant 	\$98,323.47
Digital Services (ALL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add 1 FTE Library Assistant • Add 2 FTE Librarian 	\$245,562.32
Literacies (ALL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add 1 FTE Clerk 	\$620,965.75

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add 1 FTE Library Assistant • Add 4 FTE Librarian • Add .5 FTE Sr. Library Assistant • Add 1 FTE Sr. Librarian 	
Support Services (ALL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add 1 FTE Library Resource Officer • Add 1 FTE Comms. Specialist 	\$128,397.31
Alford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add 1 FTE Clerk • Add 2.5 FTE Library Assistant • Add 2 FTE Sr. Library Assistant • Add 1 FTE Librarian 	\$418,169.89
Angelou <i>*increases hours from 31 to 44</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add 1 FTE Clerk • Add .5 FTE Library Assistant • Add 1 FTE Sr. Library Assistant • Add 1 Librarian 	\$230,812.46
Evergreen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add 1.5 FTE Library Assistant 	\$81,859.98
Rockwell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add 1.5 FTE Clerk • Add 1 FTE Library Assistant • Add 2 FTE Sr. Library Assistant • Add 1 Librarian 	\$347,633.18
Walters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add 2 FTE Clerk • Add 2 FTE Sr. Library Assistant • Add 1 FTE Librarian • Add 1 FTE Sr. Librarian 	\$439,070.85
Westlink	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add 3 FTE Clerk • Add 1.5 FTE Library Assistant • Add 2 FTE Sr. Library Assistant • Add 1 Librarian 	\$437,585.55
TOTAL INVESTMENT Personnel: \$3,346,547.66 (48 FTE) Tech/Equip: \$91,340 TOTAL: \$3,437,887.66		

Scenario 3: Reduce Hours to Match Current Staffing Levels (Right-sized)

What it achieves: Right-sizing the operations at WPL utilizing existing staff levels to support seven locations and a Book Bus. This scenario will not include donor funds for an Early Learning Vehicle. Further research is underway to identify the days and hours of operation most needed by the community and community focus groups will be gathered in advance of final decision-making.

This scenario represents the current number of hours the library can provide with existing staff and further budget reductions would further decrease hours of

operations and diminish access to resources, programs, and skilled-staff assistance.

<i>Key Performance Indicators and Impact</i>				
Visitors 32% decrease	Circulation 32% decrease	Questions answered & Tech Assistance 32% decrease	Programming 32% decrease	Partnerships 10% decrease
2025: 646,814	2025: 1,981,944	2025: 125,211	2025: 1771 with 54,035 attendees	2025: 195
2027: 439,833	2027: 1,347,722	2027: 85,143	2027: 1200 with 37,824 attendees	2027: 175

Evidence-Based Outcomes

Access & Equity

- Reduced hours disproportionately affect working families, students, seniors, and residents without reliable internet access and transportation.
- Increased wait time on high-demand e-content, with an increase of 20% wait time for popular material.
- Neighborhood branches experience the greatest access loss, widening service gaps for under-resourced communities.

Literacy & Learning

- Fewer open hours result in reduced reading engagement, program participation, and educational support.
- Declines in early literacy exposure undermine long-term educational outcomes, particularly for low-income families.

Economic Impact

- Reduced availability of technology and staff assistance limits job search activity, assistance with filling out government forms, and digital access.
- Fewer partnerships and programs weaken workforce pipeline efforts.

Public Safety & Community Trust

- Loss of supervised, safe public spaces for youth increases risk factors during after-school and evening hours.
- Reduced presence erodes trust in City services and diminishes the library’s role as a community stabilizer as heating and cooling centers and tornado shelters.
- Reduced facilitation of community conversations on tough topics.

- Staff coverage to manage customer incidents and complex customer engagements that involve mental health challenges.

Financial Efficiency

- Diminishes the return on recent capital investments in remodeled branches and technology.
- Savings achieved through reduced hours are offset by decreased service impact, lower utilization, and potential long-term social costs.

Workforce Impact

- Reduced strain on remaining staff increases burnout and turnover.
- Neutral to negative morale impact – staff can manage their workloads but will struggle with professional values due to the limited service to the public.

Advanced Learning Library (Main):	Alford, Rockwell, & Westlink (Regional):	Evergreen (District):	Angelou & Walters (Neighborhood):
53 hours per week (12% reduction)	41 hours per week (34% reduction)	31 hours per week (49% reduction)	31 hours per week (0% reduction for ANG; 32% reduction at WAL)
<i>currently 60 hours</i>	<i>currently 60 hours</i>	<i>currently 60 hours</i>	<i>currently 31 hours (ANG) and 45 hours (WAL)</i>



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Library Board of Directors
FROM: Jaime Nix, Director of Libraries
SUBJECT: 2026 Nominating Committee
DATE: February 10, 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jaime Nix", is written over the printed name in the "FROM:" field.

Background: Wichita Public Library Board Bylaws indicate that the slate of officers and committees are set in an annual meeting. This will occur at the April 21, 2026 meeting.

During the 2025 policy review process, the Board Bylaws were updated to reflect the number of officers needed to manage the work. These include President, Vice-President, First Vice-President, and Secretary. Library staff play an active liaison role related to meeting announcements and supportive documentation as well as preparation of the meeting minutes.

Board committees play a critical role in understanding the operational, strategic, and tactical work underway for the library system. Committee considerations ensure that the work is mission and resource aligned.

Analysis: The Board needs to establish a Nominating Committee who will meet once before the annual meeting to establish the committee membership and slate of officers.

Attachment: WPL Board Committee Assignments; Nomination Form

Wichita Public Library Board Nominating Committee

Slate to be submitted: The officers shall be a President, First Vice President, and Secretary who shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting which is in April to serve for one year and until their successors are elected and qualified.

President: _____

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board, authorize calls for any special meetings, appoint all committees and chairman and vice-chairman, appoint Board Representatives to other bodies as deemed necessary, execute all documents authorized by the Board, serve as an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee, serve on the Wichita Public Library Foundation Board, generally perform all duties associated with that office, including service as spokesperson for official board action.

1st Vice President: _____

The First Vice-President, in the event of the absence or disability of the President, or vacancy in that office, shall assume and perform the duties and functions of the President. If the office of the First Vice-President is vacated, these duties shall be performed by another board member

Secretary: _____

The Secretary shall keep a true and accurate record of all meetings of the Board which shall be transmitted to Board members following such meetings. (Library employees take notes and prepare a draft of all committee and board meeting minutes. The Secretary receives the first draft and offers recommended revisions prior to the final draft being available for release and review.)

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Advocacy Committee: _____

The Advocacy Committee promotes the library's public image, strengthens its brand, and increases community and governmental awareness of library programs, services, and impact. The Committee develops and maintains strategic relationships with the Kansas Legislature, Sedgwick County Commission, Wichita City Council, Wichita School Board, Library Support Organizations, and other Boards of Trustees. It advances messaging that supports educational achievement and positions the library as a vital community resource.

Finance Committee : _____

The Finance Committee oversees the financial health and sustainability of the library system. It reviews monthly financial reports, supports preparation of the annual operating and capital budgets, and ensures the integrity of the audit process. The Committee evaluates funding sources and develops strategies to secure adequate and diversified financing from both tax-based and non-tax revenue streams.

Operations Committee : _____

The Operations Committee evaluates and strengthens the library's policies, services, partnerships, and system performance. Its work ensures that library operations advance the Library's strategic goals and meet standards of excellence, equity, and accountability.

WICHITA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Finance Committee Agenda
Wednesday, February 4, 2026

Green Collaboration Room 203, 2nd Floor
Advanced Learning Library, 711 W 2nd St, Wichita, KS 67203

To participate virtually:
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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of December 16, 2025 Minutes
3. Review of December 2025 Bills and Finance Reports
 - Grant Fund Summary Report
 - Report of Expenditures and Revenue
 - Gift and Memorial Fund Report

General Fund Bills	\$1,284,951.94
Grant Fund Bills	\$32,822.22
Gift & Memorial Fund Bills	\$ -
Total	\$1,317,774.16

4. 2027 Budget Request Discussion
5. Other items from the Committee
6. Adjourn

WICHITA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Finance Committee Minutes
Tuesday, December 16, 2025, 11:30am
 Green Collaboration Room 203, 2nd Floor
 Advanced Learning Library, 711 W 2nd St, Wichita, KS 67203

1. Call to Order at 11:36 am
2. Review of November Bills and Finance Reports
 - Revenue and General Fund Reports
 - Grant Fund Summary Reports
 - WPL Gift Report

General Fund Bills	\$1,003,772.46
Grant Fund Bills	\$14,598.04
WPL Gift Fund Bills	\$103,862.47
Total	\$1,122,232.97

Schneider (Scarpelli) moved to approve. Motion carried.

3. Wichita Public Library Funding Plan Discussion
 Director Nix discussed the New Business Memo that outlines the unbudgeted items for furniture, fixtures, technology, security, and A/V equipment. This plan has been approved by the City Manager and will be brought forward to the planning process for the City’s Capital Improvement Plan budget.
4. January Board Retreat Discussion
 Director Nix provided updates about the upcoming board education retreat. There will be six funding presentations that explores how funding is calculated, as well as any identified risks and opportunities for the Board to consider.
5. Adjourned at 11:53 am.

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ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	MTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
100 General Fund							
10000080 wichita Public Library							
422110 Library Desk Receipts (Fines)	-95,000	-65,000	-58,442.01	-2,463.79	.00	-6,557.99	89.9%
422111 Library Desk - Faxes	-10,000	-10,000	-9,904.50	-449.00	.00	-95.50	99.0%
422112 Library Desk - Passports	-25,000	-25,000	-29,962.00	-1,850.00	.00	4,962.00	119.8%
423030 Meeting Room Rentals	-30,000	-25,000	-25,455.60	.00	.00	455.60	101.8%
424011 Copy Charges	-11,000	-11,000	-14,010.40	-1,365.45	.00	3,010.40	127.4%
424101 Public Computing Charges	-20,000	-20,000	-19,413.92	-1,247.60	.00	-586.08	97.1%
645980 Sale of Scrap	0	0	-1,281.15	.00	.00	1,281.15	100.0%
646981 State Setoff Collections	-68,000	-50,000	-16,790.39	-429.17	.00	-33,209.61	33.6%
646990 Other Non-Operating Revenue	0	0	-79.24	.00	.00	79.24	100.0%
TOTAL UNDEFINED ROLLUP CODE	-259,000	-206,000	-175,339.21	-7,805.01	.00	-30,660.79	85.1%
10001 Library - Personnel							
511000 Base Compensation	6,281,058	6,665,839	6,613,299.63	519,532.67	.00	52,539.37	99.2%
511950 Year-End Payroll Accrual	0	0	42,859.07	279,654.69	.00	-42,859.07	100.0%
511999 Planned Savings	-2,051,398	-59,980	.00	.00	.00	-59,980.00	.0%
512000 Special Compensation	1,800	8,211	22,818.40	833.02	.00	-14,607.40	277.9%
512051 Mileage Reimbursement	0	0	3,655.52	203.28	.00	-3,655.52	100.0%
513000 Overtime Compensation	0	0	9,723.59	970.86	.00	-9,723.59	100.0%
518200 Employer Wage Taxes & WC	543,275	576,334	553,730.72	42,593.93	.00	22,603.28	96.1%
518300 Employer Share EE Insurance	1,132,396	1,077,999	1,077,266.77	90,769.58	.00	732.23	99.9%
518400 Employer Share Pension/Retire	801,709	821,201	815,871.43	63,891.78	.00	5,329.57	99.4%
TOTAL Library - Personnel	6,708,840	9,089,604	9,139,225.13	998,449.81	.00	-49,621.13	100.5%
10002 Library - Contractuals							
521011 Electricity - EDI	305,438	275,000	279,500.11	26,131.43	.00	-4,500.11	101.6%
521021 Natural Gas - EDI	41,824	80,000	66,270.90	6,961.47	.00	13,729.10	82.8%
521030 Water Service	13,375	25,000	22,615.73	1,916.20	.00	2,384.27	90.5%
521050 Trash Service	5,404	0	602.80	.00	.00	-602.80	100.0%
521051 Recycling Service	3,600	2,840	.00	.00	.00	2,840.00	.0%
521055 Trash Service - EDI	0	9,132	17,485.59	1,780.13	.00	-8,353.59	191.5%
521060 Local Telephone Service	8,000	3,224	3,223.80	268.65	.00	.20	100.0%
521070 Internet Service	10,971	10,971	17,287.90	.00	.00	-6,316.90	157.6%

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522010 PBX Line Charges	11,806	12,540	12,540.00	1,045.00	.00	.00	100.0%
522020 PBX Instrument Charges	19,414	19,950	19,882.50	1,640.00	.00	67.50	99.7%
522040 Long Distance & Teleconferenc	1,000	1,000	467.90	30.65	.00	532.10	46.8%
522050 Pagers & Mobile Phones	0	4,200	207.20	.00	.00	3,992.80	4.9%
522060 Air Cards (Mobile Connect)	1,260	1,260	2,481.78	425.04	.00	-1,221.78	197.0%
522070 Voicemail	3,968	4,080	4,059.00	333.00	.00	21.00	99.5%
522080 Automatic Call Distribution	786	786	786.00	65.50	.00	.00	100.0%
523010 Building & Contents Insurance	172,088	172,088	172,088.00	.00	.00	.00	100.0%
523020 Vehicle Liability Premiums	870	870	870.00	.00	.00	.00	100.0%
524010 Recruitment & Hiring	3,140	3,140	.00	.00	.00	3,140.00	.0%
524020 Travel & Training	3,000	3,000	4,103.31	.00	.00	-1,103.31	136.8%
525012 Medical Treatment	480	480	756.00	158.00	.00	-276.00	157.5%
525013 Drug Screening	0	0	5,046.00	1,200.00	.00	-5,046.00	100.0%
525070 Background Checks	0	0	911.86	114.75	.00	-911.86	100.0%
525083 Textile Rental & Laundry Svcs	1,925	0	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0%
525086 Interpreter Services	2,000	3,000	3,306.00	1,084.00	.00	-306.00	110.2%
525094 Collection Agency Fees	21,500	21,500	17,664.70	3,673.50	.00	3,835.30	82.2%
525990 Other Professional Services	5,936	5,936	2,144.50	530.00	.00	3,791.50	36.1%
526010 Motor Pool Scheduled Charges	3,720	8,652	8,652.00	.00	.00	.00	100.0%
526020 Building Repair & Maint	7,240	7,240	1,235.65	.00	.00	6,004.35	17.1%
526041 Janitorial Services	0	0	685.00	.00	.00	-685.00	100.0%
526042 Pest Control Services	13,000	15,000	14,441.92	2,563.00	.00	558.08	96.3%
526044 Security & Fire Services	5,220	5,220	1,620.34	105.88	.00	3,599.66	31.0%
526070 Equipment Repair & Maint	5,421	5,421	7,196.82	305.50	.00	-1,775.82	132.8%
526092 Rent-Real Property	52,060	52,060	49,058.88	4,088.24	.00	3,001.12	94.2%
529010 Bank Charges	5,000	5,000	3,960.28	226.95	.00	1,039.72	79.2%
529020 Postage	6,000	6,000	3,532.27	351.27	.00	2,467.73	58.9%
529030 Shipping & Freight	1,000	1,000	808.91	80.89	.00	191.09	80.9%
529031 Delivery/Pick up	13,815	13,815	13,585.00	.00	.00	230.00	98.3%
529040 Subscriptions	84,000	84,000	91,758.53	842.13	.00	-7,758.53	109.2%
529051 Library Software/Licenses	159,233	161,270	49,179.48	20,000.00	16,791.00	95,299.52	40.9%
529052 Library Subs-Electronic Matls	337,487	341,722	434,587.25	83,241.84	.00	-92,865.25	127.2%
529053 Library Svcs-Leased Matls	22,380	22,380	.00	.00	.00	22,380.00	.0%
529054 Library Svcs-Memberships	0	0	16,350.00	.00	.00	-16,350.00	100.0%
529061 Organizational Memberships	0	0	129.00	129.00	.00	-129.00	100.0%
529070 Printing/Copying/Scanning	30,000	30,000	19,725.49	.00	.00	10,274.51	65.8%
529090 Shredding & Recycling Service	250	1,320	128.90	18.90	.00	1,191.10	9.8%
529141 Software License & Maint Fees	550	10,500	9,948.46	.00	518.92	32.62	99.7%
529142 Hardware Maint & Warranties	0	0	1,095.48	1,095.48	.00	-1,095.48	100.0%
529150 Data Center Charges	1,196,619	1,196,619	1,196,619.00	.00	.00	.00	100.0%
529160 Licenses & Permits	595	595	.00	.00	.00	595.00	.0%
529226 Tariff Charges	0	0	30.64	30.64	.00	-30.64	100.0%
529990 Other Contractuals	5,033	5,033	882.90	120.00	.00	4,150.10	17.5%
TOTAL Library - Contractuals	2,586,408	2,632,844	2,579,513.78	160,557.04	17,309.92	36,020.30	98.6%

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100 General Fund							
10003 Library - Commodities							
531010 Computing Supplies	0	0	910.15	.00	.00	-910.15	100.0%
531020 Office Supplies	64,339	64,339	67,341.22	4,996.61	.00	-3,002.22	104.7%
531030 Custodial Supplies	5,000	5,000	3,018.83	434.29	.00	1,981.17	60.4%
531100 Uniforms & Clothing	0	0	42.88	.00	.00	-42.88	100.0%
532020 Automotive Parts & Supplies	450	1,150	.00	.00	.00	1,150.00	.0%
532990 Other Equip Parts & Supplies	0	0	112.24	21.24	.00	-112.24	100.0%
539012 Gasoline	7,234	7,234	4,488.50	327.58	.00	2,745.50	62.0%
549010 Furniture & Fixtures <\$5k	9,490	9,490	4,377.13	.00	249.72	4,863.15	48.8%
549020 Data Processing Equip <\$5k	9,665	9,665	16,312.72	151.23	.00	-6,647.72	168.8%
549110 Library Materials	452,067	448,617	420,306.29	120,014.14	7,322.08	20,988.47	95.3%
TOTAL Library - Commodities	548,245	545,495	516,909.96	125,945.09	7,571.80	21,013.08	96.1%
TOTAL Wichita Public Library	9,584,493	12,061,943	12,060,309.66	1,277,146.93	24,881.72	-23,248.54	100.2%
TOTAL General Fund	9,584,493	12,061,943	12,060,309.66	1,277,146.93	24,881.72	-23,248.54	100.2%
TOTAL REVENUES	-259,000	-206,000	-175,339.21	-7,805.01	.00	-30,660.79	
TOTAL EXPENSES	9,843,493	12,267,943	12,235,648.87	1,284,951.94	24,881.72	7,412.25	

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GRAND TOTAL	9,584,493	12,061,943	12,060,309.66	1,277,146.93	24,881.72	-23,248.54	100.2%
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10001 - Library - Personnel

1B - Base Compensation

511000 Base Compensation

Payroll, PP12.05.25	\$259,442.28
Payroll, PP12.19.25	\$259,913.17
Payroll, PP12.31.25	\$50.42
Payroll, PP120525	\$126.80

Total 511000 Base Compensation	\$519,532.67
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511950 Year-End Payroll Accrual

Payroll, 25PRACC	\$279,654.69
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Total 511950 Year-End Payroll Accrual	\$279,654.69
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Total 1B - Base Compensation	\$799,187.36
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1F - Special Compensation

512000 Special Compensation

Payroll, PP12.05.25	\$491.51
Payroll, PP12.19.25	\$341.51

Total 512000 Special Compensation	\$833.02
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512051 Mileage Reimbursement

Payroll, 1385	\$29.75
Payroll, 1557	\$25.90
Payroll, 1877	\$97.23
Payroll, 1898	\$33.60
Payroll, 2553	\$16.80

Total 512051 Mileage Reimbursement	\$203.28
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Total 1F - Special Compensation	\$1,036.30
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1J - OT Compensation

513000 Overtime Compensation

Payroll, PP12.05.25	\$691.48
Payroll, PP12.19.25	\$278.21
Payroll, PP120525	\$1.17

Total 513000 Overtime Compensation	\$970.86
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Total 1J - OT Compensation	\$970.86
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1N - Employee Benefits

518200 Employer Wage Taxes & WC

Payroll, PP12.05.25	\$21,321.47
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Payroll, PP12.19.25	\$21,257.04
Payroll, PP12.31.25	\$4.36
Payroll, PP120525	\$11.06

Total 518200 Employer Wage Taxes & WC	\$42,593.93
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518300 Employer Share EE Insurance

Payroll, PP12.05.25	\$45,475.24
Payroll, PP12.19.25	\$45,294.34

Total 518300 Employer Share EE Insurance	\$90,769.58
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518400 Employer Share Pension/Retire

Payroll, PP12.05.25	\$31,956.15
Payroll, PP12.19.25	\$31,922.58
Payroll, PP120525	\$13.05

Total 518400 Employer Share Pension/Retire	\$63,891.78
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Total 1N - Employee Benefits	\$197,255.29
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Total 10001 - Library - Personnel	\$998,449.81
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10002 - Library - Contractuals

2B - Utilities

521011 Electricity - EDI

EVERGY KANSAS SOUTH INC	\$26,131.43
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Total 521011 Electricity - EDI	\$26,131.43
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521021 Natural Gas - EDI

BLACK HILLS UTILITY HOLDING INC	\$1,154.17
ENCORE ENERGY SERVICES	\$3,530.05
ONE GAS INC	\$2,277.25

Total 521021 Natural Gas - EDI	\$6,961.47
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521030 Water Service

City of Wichita	\$1,916.20
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Total 521030 Water Service	\$1,916.20
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521055 Trash Service - EDI

WASTE MANAGEMENT OF KANSAS INC	\$1,780.13
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Total 521055 Trash Service - EDI	\$1,780.13
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Total 2B - Utilities	\$36,789.23
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2F - Technology Charges

521060 Local Telephone Service

City of Wichita	\$244.00
T-MOBILE USA INC	\$24.65

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Total 521060 Local Telephone Service	\$268.65
522010 PBX Line Charges	
City of Wichita	\$1,045.00
Total 522010 PBX Line Charges	\$1,045.00
522020 PBX Instrument Charges	
City of Wichita	\$1,640.00
Total 522020 PBX Instrument Charges	\$1,640.00
522040 Long Distance & Teleconference	
City of Wichita	\$30.65
Total 522040 Long Distance & Teleconference	\$30.65
522060 Air Cards (Mobile Connect)	
City of Wichita	\$385.00
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	\$40.04
Total 522060 Air Cards (Mobile Connect)	\$425.04
522070 Voicemail	
City of Wichita	\$333.00
Total 522070 Voicemail	\$333.00
522080 Automatic Call Distribution	
City of Wichita	\$65.50
Total 522080 Automatic Call Distribution	\$65.50
Total 2F - Technology Charges	\$3,807.84
2R - Professional Svcs	
525012 Medical Treatment	
COUNTY OF SEDGWICK	\$158.00
Total 525012 Medical Treatment	\$158.00
525013 Drug Screening	
WORKSAFE PHYSICAL THERAPY	\$1,200.00
Total 525013 Drug Screening	\$1,200.00
525070 Background Checks	
TRUVIEW BSI LLC	\$114.75
Total 525070 Background Checks	\$114.75
525086 Interpreter Services	
P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY	\$886.00
SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING SERVICES INC	\$198.00
Total 525086 Interpreter Services	\$1,084.00
525094 Collection Agency Fees	
UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC	\$3,673.50

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Total 525094 Collection Agency Fees	\$3,673.50
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525990 Other Professional Services

LIQUID ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS LLC	\$530.00
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Total 525990 Other Professional Services	\$530.00
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Total 2R - Professional Srvcs	\$6,760.25
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2V - Bldg & Equip Charges

526042 Pest Control Services

PATTON TERMITE AND PEST CONTROL INC	\$310.00
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P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY	\$2,253.00
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Total 526042 Pest Control Services	\$2,563.00
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526044 Security & Fire Services

P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY	\$105.88
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Total 526044 Security & Fire Services	\$105.88
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526070 Equipment Repair & Maint

ENCOMPAS CORPORATION	\$115.00
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P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY	\$190.50
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Total 526070 Equipment Repair & Maint	\$305.50
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526092 Rent-Real Property

CO CO PROPERTIES LLC	\$4,088.24
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Total 526092 Rent-Real Property	\$4,088.24
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Total 2V - Bldg & Equip Charges	\$7,062.62
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2Z - Other Contractuals

529010 Bank Charges

City of Wichita	\$226.95
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Total 529010 Bank Charges	\$226.95
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529020 Postage

P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY	\$351.27
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Total 529020 Postage	\$351.27
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529030 Shipping & Freight

P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY	\$80.89
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Total 529030 Shipping & Freight	\$80.89
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529040 Subscriptions

INFORMATION TODAY INC	\$784.53
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P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY	\$57.60
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Total 529040 Subscriptions	\$842.13
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529051 Library Software/Licenses

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EBCO INDUSTRIES INC	\$16,791.00
LINKEDIN CORPORATION	\$3,209.00

Total 529051 Library Software/Licenses	\$20,000.00
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529052 Library Subs-Electronic Matls

NEWSBANK INC	\$38,485.00
OVERDRIVE INC	\$43,802.28
P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY	\$954.56

Total 529052 Library Subs-Electronic Matls	\$83,241.84
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529061 Organizational Memberships

P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY	\$129.00
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Total 529061 Organizational Memberships	\$129.00
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529090 Shredding & Recycling Service

UNDERGROUND VAULTS & STORAGE INC	\$18.90
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Total 529090 Shredding & Recycling Service	\$18.90
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529141 Software License & Maint Fees

TEAMDYNAMIX SOLUTIONS LLC	\$518.92
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Total 529141 Software License & Maint Fees	\$518.92
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529142 Hardware Maint & Warranties

TECH LOGIC CORPORATION	\$1,095.48
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Total 529142 Hardware Maint & Warranties	\$1,095.48
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529226 Tariff Charges

P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY	\$30.64
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Total 529226 Tariff Charges	\$30.64
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529990 Other Contractuals

ARAMARK UNIFORM & CAREER APPAREL GRP INC	\$24.00
P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY	\$96.00

Total 529990 Other Contractuals	\$120.00
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Total 2Z - Other Contractuals	\$106,137.10
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Total 10002 - Library - Contractuals	\$160,557.04
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10003 - Library - Commodities

3B - Supplies

531020 Office Supplies

City of Wichita	\$3,403.05
P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY	\$1,593.56

Total 531020 Office Supplies	\$4,996.61
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531030 Custodial Supplies

P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY \$434.29

Total 531030 Custodial Supplies	\$434.29
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Total 3B - Supplies	\$5,430.90
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3F - Components & Parts

532990 Other Equip Parts & Supplies

P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY \$21.24

Total 532990 Other Equip Parts & Supplies	\$21.24
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Total 3F - Components & Parts	\$21.24
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3N - Fuel

539012 Gasoline

City of Wichita \$327.58

Total 539012 Gasoline	\$327.58
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Total 3N - Fuel	\$327.58
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4Z - Non-Capital Outlay

549020 Data Processing Equip <\$5k

(\$50.00)

City of Wichita \$201.23

Total 549020 Data Processing Equip <\$5k	\$151.23
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549110 Library Materials

BRODART CO \$10,140.82

EBSCO INDUSTRIES INC \$92.77

ENCUMBRANCE FROM NOV \$9,340.98

INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES INC \$6,368.70

LIBRARY IDEAS LLC \$1,014.10

MIDWEST TAPE LLC \$3,109.97

P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY \$89,946.80

Total 549110 Library Materials	\$120,014.14
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Total 4Z - Non-Capital Outlay	\$111,074.11
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Total 10003 - Library - Commodities	\$125,945.09
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Grand Total

\$1,284,951.94

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290 Grants - Multi-year							
80100324 South Central KS Library Sys24							
415050 State Operating Grants	-237,682	-237,682	-237,682.00	.00	.00	.00	100.0%
TOTAL UNDEFINED ROLLUP CODE	-237,682	-237,682	-237,682.00	.00	.00	.00	100.0%
Y4806 SCKLS 24-South Central KS Libr							
521055 Trash Service - EDI	0	0	719.78	.00	.00	-719.78	100.0%
524020 Travel & Training	18,416	18,416	22,816.29	.00	.00	-4,400.29	123.9%
526070 Equipment Repair & Maint	9,000	9,000	1,238.00	1,125.00	.00	7,762.00	13.8%
529030 Shipping & Freight	0	0	3,723.39	1,242.00	.00	-3,723.39	100.0%
529040 Subscriptions	0	0	6,600.00	.00	.00	-6,600.00	100.0%
529051 Library Software/Licenses	0	0	3,500.00	.00	.00	-3,500.00	100.0%
529061 Organizational Memberships	0	0	9,667.00	165.00	.00	-9,667.00	100.0%
529990 Other Contractuals	25,000	25,000	117,174.38	18,037.01	41,370.00	-133,544.38	634.2%
531020 Office Supplies	20,000	20,000	1,820.61	79.76	.00	18,179.39	9.1%
532990 Other Equip Parts & Supplies	0	0	224.98	224.98	.00	-224.98	100.0%
533050 Concrete & Cement	0	0	2,200.00	.00	.00	-2,200.00	100.0%
533090 Building Parts & Materials	0	0	853.22	302.42	.00	-853.22	100.0%
549010 Furniture & Fixtures <\$5k	25,000	25,000	15,541.53	843.80	2,752.88	6,705.59	73.2%
549020 Data Processing Equip <\$5k	0	0	4,427.60	2,528.60	.00	-4,427.60	100.0%
549110 Library Materials	140,266	140,266	3,045.98	1,976.37	.00	137,220.02	2.2%
TOTAL SCKLS 24-South Central KS L	237,682	237,682	193,552.76	26,524.94	44,122.88	6.36	100.0%
TOTAL South Central KS Library Sy	0	0	-44,129.24	26,524.94	44,122.88	6.36	100.0%
TOTAL Grants - Multi-year	0	0	-44,129.24	26,524.94	44,122.88	6.36	100.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	-237,682	-237,682	-237,682.00	.00	.00	.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	237,682	237,682	193,552.76	26,524.94	44,122.88	6.36	

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GRAND TOTAL	0	0	-44,129.24	26,524.94	44,122.88	6.36	100.0%

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2 - Contractuals

2V - Bldg & Equip Charges

526070 Equipment Repair & Maint

TECH LOGIC CORPORATION \$1,125.00

Total 526070 Equipment Repair & Maint	\$1,125.00
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Total 2V - Bldg & Equip Charges	\$1,125.00
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2Z - Other Contractuals

529030 Shipping & Freight

P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY \$42.00

TECH LOGIC CORPORATION \$1,200.00

Total 529030 Shipping & Freight	\$1,242.00
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529061 Organizational Memberships

P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY \$165.00

Total 529061 Organizational Memberships	\$165.00
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529990 Other Contractuals

UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC \$18,037.01

Total 529990 Other Contractuals	\$19,444.01
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Total 2Z - Other Contractuals	\$19,444.01
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Total 2 - Contractuals	\$20,569.01
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3 - Commodities

3B - Supplies

531020 Office Supplies

P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY \$79.76

Total 531020 Office Supplies	\$79.76
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Total 3B - Supplies	\$79.76
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3F - Components & Parts

532990 Other Equip Parts & Supplies

P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY \$224.98

Total 532990 Other Equip Parts & Supplies	\$224.98
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Total 3F - Components & Parts	\$224.98
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3J - Materials

533090 Building Parts & Materials

TECH LOGIC CORPORATION \$302.42

Total 533090 Building Parts & Materials	\$302.42
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Total 3J - Materials	\$302.42
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4Z - Non-Capital Outlay

549010 Furniture & Fixtures <\$5k

P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY \$843.80

Total 549010 Furniture & Fixtures <\$5k	\$843.80
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549020 Data Processing Equip <\$5k

P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY \$2,528.60

Total 549020 Data Processing Equip <\$5k	\$2,528.60
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549110 Library Materials

City of Wichita \$1,976.37

Total 549110 Library Materials	\$1,976.37
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Total 4Z - Non-Capital Outlay	\$5,348.77
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Total 3 - Commodities	\$5,955.93
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Total Y4806 - SCKLS 24-South Central KS Library S	\$26,524.94
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ACCOUNTS FOR: 290 Grants - Multi-year	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	MTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
80100325 South Central KS Library Sys25							
415050 State operating Grants	-250,140	-250,140	-250,140.00	.00	.00	.00	100.0%
TOTAL UNDEFINED ROLLUP CODE	-250,140	-250,140	-250,140.00	.00	.00	.00	100.0%
Y5801 SCKLS 25-South Central KS LIbr							
524020 Travel & Training	12,000	12,000	.00	.00	.00	12,000.00	.0%
526070 Equipment Repair & Maint	9,000	9,000	.00	.00	.00	9,000.00	.0%
529052 Library Subs-Electronic Matls	0	0	51,428.05	.00	.00	-51,428.05	100.0%
529990 Other Contractuals	160,000	160,000	.00	.00	118,630.00	41,370.00	74.1%
531020 Office Supplies	7,000	7,000	.00	.00	.00	7,000.00	.0%
549010 Furniture & Fixtures <\$5k	3,000	3,000	.00	.00	.00	3,000.00	.0%
549110 Library Materials	59,140	59,140	5,368.45	2,706.49	.00	53,771.55	9.1%
TOTAL SCKLS 25-South Central KS L	250,140	250,140	56,796.50	2,706.49	118,630.00	74,713.50	70.1%
TOTAL South Central KS Library Sy	0	0	-193,343.50	2,706.49	118,630.00	74,713.50	100.0%
TOTAL Grants - Multi-year	0	0	-193,343.50	2,706.49	118,630.00	74,713.50	100.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	-250,140	-250,140	-250,140.00	.00	.00	.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	250,140	250,140	56,796.50	2,706.49	118,630.00	74,713.50	

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	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	MTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
GRAND TOTAL	0	0	-193,343.50	2,706.49	118,630.00	74,713.50	100.0%

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Y5801 - SCKLS 25-South Central KS Library S

3 - Commodities

4Z - Non-Capital Outlay

549110 Library Materials

City of Wichita (\$603.09)

P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY \$3,309.58

Total 549110 Library Materials	\$2,706.49
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Total 4Z - Non-Capital Outlay	\$2,706.49
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Total 3 - Commodities	\$2,706.49
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Total Y5801 - SCKLS 25-South Central KS Library S	\$2,706.49
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ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	MTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
290 Grants - Multi-year							
80100225 Library-State Grants-in-Aid 25							
415050 State operating Grants	-138,506	-138,506	-138,505.70	.00	.00	.00	100.0%
TOTAL UNDEFINED ROLLUP CODE	-138,506	-138,506	-138,505.70	.00	.00	.00	100.0%
Y5800 Library-State Grants-in-Aid 25							
524020 Travel & Training	4,484	4,484	4,389.76	1,028.76	.00	93.94	97.9%
525080 Service Contractors	0	0	1,242.84	.00	.00	-1,242.84	100.0%
526011 Trip Car Charges	0	0	92.79	.00	.00	-92.79	100.0%
526020 Building Repair & Maint	0	0	7,939.60	.00	.00	-7,939.60	100.0%
529040 Subscriptions	0	0	6,888.00	.00	.00	-6,888.00	100.0%
529052 Library Subs-Electronic Matls	0	0	29,999.67	.00	.00	-29,999.67	100.0%
529070 Printing/Copying/Scanning	20,000	20,000	13,063.00	1,023.72	.00	6,937.00	65.3%
529120 Ad Campaigns (Marketing)	30,000	30,000	6,443.00	400.00	.00	23,557.00	21.5%
529141 Software License & Maint Fees	0	0	2,159.00	.00	.00	-2,159.00	100.0%
529142 Hardware Maint & Warranties	0	0	2,245.50	.00	.00	-2,245.50	100.0%
531020 Office Supplies	0	0	1,345.07	1,138.31	.00	-1,345.07	100.0%
531100 Uniforms & Clothing	0	0	400.00	.00	.00	-400.00	100.0%
531150 Food Supplies	0	0	3,380.10	.00	.00	-3,380.10	100.0%
533090 Building Parts & Materials	0	0	11,909.40	.00	.00	-11,909.40	100.0%
544020 Data Processing Equipment >\$5	0	0	30,450.00	.00	.00	-30,450.00	100.0%
549010 Furniture & Fixtures <\$5k	22,000	22,000	1,104.34	.00	2,503.16	18,392.50	16.4%
549020 Data Processing Equip <\$5k	30,000	30,000	11,828.20	.00	.00	18,171.80	39.4%
549110 Library Materials	30,000	30,000	.00	.00	.00	30,000.00	.0%
551010 City Administrative Charges	2,022	2,022	898.44	.00	.00	1,123.56	44.4%
TOTAL Library-State Grants-in-Aid	138,506	138,506	135,778.71	3,590.79	2,503.16	223.83	99.8%
TOTAL Library-State Grants-in-Aid	0	0	-2,726.99	3,590.79	2,503.16	223.83	100.0%
TOTAL Grants - Multi-year	0	0	-2,726.99	3,590.79	2,503.16	223.83	100.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	-138,506	-138,506	-138,505.70	.00	.00	.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	138,506	138,506	135,778.71	3,590.79	2,503.16	223.83	

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GRAND TOTAL	0	0	-2,726.99	3,590.79	2,503.16	223.83	100.0%

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2 - Contractuals

2N - Employee Development

524020 Travel & Training

P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY \$1,028.76

Total 524020 Travel & Training	\$1,028.76
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Total 2N - Employee Development	\$1,028.76
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2Z - Other Contractuals

529070 Printing/Copying/Scanning

City of Wichita \$1,023.72

Total 529070 Printing/Copying/Scanning	\$1,023.72
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529120 Ad Campaigns (Marketing)

EL PERICO INFORMADOR LLC \$400.00

Total 529120 Ad Campaigns (Marketing)	\$400.00
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Total 2Z - Other Contractuals	\$1,423.72
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Total 2 - Contractuals	\$2,452.48
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3 - Commodities

3B - Supplies

531020 Office Supplies

P-CARD ONE-TIME PAY \$1,138.31

Total 531020 Office Supplies	\$1,138.31
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Total 3B - Supplies	\$1,138.31
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Total 3 - Commodities	\$1,138.31
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Total Y5800 - Library-State Grants-in-Aid 2025

\$3,590.79

	Type	Date	Name	Debit	Credit	Balance
WPL Gifts December 2025						731,178.37
Intrust						330.81
WPL						330.81
	Deposit	12/04/2025		1,000.00		1,330.81
	Deposit	12/16/2025		1,600.00		2,930.81
	General Journal	12/31/2025		61,504.57		64,435.38
Total WPL				64,104.57	0.00	64,435.38
Levand						0.00
	Check	12/10/2025	Standard Change Makers		432.00	-432.00
	Check	12/17/2025	Deluxe Web Hosting		155.13	-587.13
	Bill Pmt -Check	12/31/2025	Sandifer Engineering & Controls, Inc.		8,576.55	-9,163.68
	Check	12/31/2025	Wichita Public Library Foundation		571.70	-9,735.38
	General Journal	12/31/2025		16,412.75		6,677.37
Total Levand				16,412.75	9,735.38	6,677.37
FOL Holds						0.00
	General Journal	12/31/2025		690.41		690.41
Total FOL Holds				690.41	0.00	690.41
SCKLSSRG						0.00
	General Journal	12/31/2025		152.09		152.09
Total SCKLSSRG				152.09	0.00	152.09
FOL						0.00
	Deposit	12/16/2025		4,092.22		4,092.22
	Bill Pmt -Check	12/31/2025	Ameri-Graphics Special T's		299.93	3,792.29
	Bill Pmt -Check	12/31/2025	Ingram Library Services		230.68	3,561.61
	Check	12/31/2025	Amazon.com		53.80	3,507.81
	Check	12/31/2025	Amazon.com		36.30	3,471.51
	Deposit	12/31/2025		2,460.75		5,932.26
	General Journal	12/31/2025		20,883.02		26,815.28
	Check	12/31/2025	Wichita Public Library Foundation		10,000.00	16,815.28
Total FOL				27,435.99	10,620.71	16,815.28
WGS						0.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	12/31/2025	Ingram Library Services		267.46	-267.46
	General Journal	12/31/2025		357.16		89.70
Total WGS				357.16	267.46	89.70

Total Intrust			109,152.97	20,623.55	88,860.23
Baird Account					628,273.83
Baird Checking					92,803.83
Facility Improvements					88,002.39
Total Facility Improvements					88,002.39
Baird Checking - Other					4,801.44
	Deposit	12/31/2025	3,641.10		8,442.54
Total Baird Checking - Other			<u>3,641.10</u>	0.00	8,442.54
Total Baird Checking			3,641.10	0.00	96,444.93
Investments					535,470.00
	Transfer	12/31/2025		1,876.25	533,593.75
Total Investments			0.00	1,876.25	533,593.75
Total Baird Account			3,641.10	1,876.25	630,038.68
Emprise Checking					102,573.73
WGS					357.16
	General Journal	12/31/2025		357.16	0.00
Total WGS			0.00	357.16	0.00
FOL					20,883.02
	General Journal	12/31/2025		20,883.02	0.00
Total FOL			0.00	20,883.02	0.00
SCKLSSRG					152.09
	General Journal	12/31/2025		152.09	0.00
Total SCKLSSRG			0.00	152.09	0.00
FOL Holds					690.41
	General Journal	12/31/2025		690.41	0.00
Total FOL Holds			0.00	690.41	0.00
Levand					16,643.14
	Check	12/03/2025 Amazon.com		24.71	16,618.43
	Check	12/05/2025 Amazon.com		6.40	16,612.03
	Check	12/08/2025 Amazon.com		76.01	16,536.02
	Check	12/09/2025 Ultimate Office Freehold		99.80	16,436.22
	Check	12/09/2025 Dover Publications		23.47	16,412.75
	General Journal	12/31/2025		16,412.75	0.00
Total Levand			0.00	16,643.14	0.00
WPL					63,847.91

	Deposit	12/31/2025	5.91		63,853.82
	General Journal	12/31/2025		61,504.57	2,349.25
Total WPL			<u>5.91</u>	<u>61,504.57</u>	<u>2,349.25</u>
Total Emprise Checking			<u>5.91</u>	<u>100,230.39</u>	<u>2,349.25</u>
Total WPL Gifts			<u>112,799.98</u>	<u>122,730.19</u>	<u>721,248.16</u>
			<u>112,799.98</u>	<u>122,730.19</u>	<u>721,248.16</u>

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ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	MTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
100 General Fund							
10000080 wichita Public Library							
422110 Library Desk Receipts (Fines)	-65,000	-65,000	-2,510.58	-2,510.58	.00	-62,489.42	3.9%
422111 Library Desk - Faxes	-10,000	-10,000	-220.00	-220.00	.00	-9,780.00	2.2%
422112 Library Desk - Passports	-25,000	-25,000	-245.00	-245.00	.00	-24,755.00	1.0%
423030 Meeting Room Rentals	-26,250	-26,250	.00	.00	.00	-26,250.00	.0%
424011 Copy Charges	-11,000	-11,000	-1,923.60	-1,923.60	.00	-9,076.40	17.5%
424101 Public Computing Charges	-20,000	-20,000	-2,474.92	-2,474.92	.00	-17,525.08	12.4%
646981 State Setoff Collections	-50,000	-50,000	-196.55	-196.55	.00	-49,803.45	.4%
646990 Other Non-Operating Revenue	0	0	-14.69	-14.69	.00	14.69	100.0%
TOTAL UNDEFINED ROLLUP CODE	-207,250	-207,250	-7,585.34	-7,585.34	.00	-199,664.66	3.7%
10001 Library - Personnel							
511000 Base Compensation	6,746,419	6,746,419	803,810.13	803,810.13	.00	5,942,608.87	11.9%
511950 Year-End Payroll Accrual	0	0	-279,654.69	-279,654.69	.00	279,654.69	100.0%
511999 Planned Savings	-312,974	-312,974	.00	.00	.00	-312,974.00	.0%
512000 Special Compensation	8,211	8,211	1,600.33	1,600.33	.00	6,610.67	19.5%
512051 Mileage Reimbursement	0	0	177.32	177.32	.00	-177.32	100.0%
513000 Overtime Compensation	0	0	667.53	667.53	.00	-667.53	100.0%
518200 Employer Wage Taxes & WC	583,304	583,304	67,248.54	67,248.54	.00	516,055.46	11.5%
518300 Employer Share EE Insurance	1,110,152	1,110,152	139,149.55	139,149.55	.00	971,002.45	12.5%
518400 Employer Share Pension/Retire	902,274	902,274	108,016.87	108,016.87	.00	794,257.13	12.0%
TOTAL Library - Personnel	9,037,386	9,037,386	841,015.58	841,015.58	.00	8,196,370.42	9.3%
10002 Library - Contractuals							
521011 Electricity - EDI	280,500	280,500	15,761.22	15,761.22	.00	264,738.78	5.6%
521021 Natural Gas - EDI	81,600	81,600	8,274.32	8,274.32	.00	73,325.68	10.1%
521030 Water Service	25,500	25,500	1,876.98	1,876.98	.00	23,623.02	7.4%
521051 Recycling Service	2,900	2,900	.00	.00	.00	2,900.00	.0%
521055 Trash Service - EDI	9,315	9,315	1,788.73	1,788.73	.00	7,526.27	19.2%
521060 Local Telephone Service	3,224	3,224	244.00	244.00	.00	2,980.00	7.6%
521070 Internet Service	10,971	10,971	.00	.00	.00	10,971.00	.0%
522010 PBX Line Charges	12,540	12,540	1,045.00	1,045.00	.00	11,495.00	8.3%
522020 PBX Instrument Charges	19,950	19,950	1,640.00	1,640.00	.00	18,310.00	8.2%

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522040 Long Distance & Teleconferenc	1,000	1,000	38.75	38.75	.00	961.25	3.9%
522050 Pagers & Mobile Phones	4,200	4,200	.00	.00	.00	4,200.00	.0%
522060 Air Cards (Mobile Connect)	1,260	1,260	385.00	385.00	.00	875.00	30.6%
522070 Voicemail	1,580	1,580	333.00	333.00	.00	1,247.00	21.1%
522080 Automatic Call Distribution	786	786	65.50	65.50	.00	720.50	8.3%
523010 Building & Contents Insurance	174,669	174,669	.00	.00	.00	174,669.00	.0%
523020 Vehicle Liability Premiums	870	870	.00	.00	.00	870.00	.0%
524010 Recruitment & Hiring	3,140	3,140	.00	.00	.00	3,140.00	.0%
524020 Travel & Training	3,000	3,000	.00	.00	.00	3,000.00	.0%
525012 Medical Treatment	480	480	.00	.00	.00	480.00	.0%
525086 Interpreter Services	3,000	3,000	.00	.00	.00	3,000.00	.0%
525094 Collection Agency Fees	21,500	21,500	.00	.00	.00	21,500.00	.0%
525990 Other Professional Services	5,936	5,936	.00	.00	.00	5,936.00	.0%
526010 Motor Pool Scheduled Charges	8,651	8,651	721.00	721.00	.00	7,930.00	8.3%
526020 Building Repair & Maint	7,240	7,240	.00	.00	.00	7,240.00	.0%
526042 Pest Control Services	15,000	15,000	.00	.00	.00	15,000.00	.0%
526044 Security & Fire Services	5,220	5,220	.00	.00	.00	5,220.00	.0%
526051 Sign Production & Installatio	0	0	183.00	183.00	.00	-183.00	100.0%
526070 Equipment Repair & Maint	5,421	5,421	.00	.00	.00	5,421.00	.0%
526092 Rent-Real Property	52,060	52,060	4,088.24	4,088.24	.00	47,971.76	7.9%
529010 Bank Charges	5,000	5,000	219.33	219.33	.00	4,780.67	4.4%
529020 Postage	6,000	6,000	.00	.00	.00	6,000.00	.0%
529030 Shipping & Freight	1,000	1,000	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00	.0%
529031 Delivery/Pick up	13,815	13,815	.00	.00	.00	13,815.00	.0%
529040 Subscriptions	84,000	84,000	.00	.00	.00	84,000.00	.0%
529051 Library Software/Licenses	161,270	178,061	19,415.19	19,415.19	16,791.00	141,854.81	20.3%
529052 Library Subs-Electronic Matls	341,722	341,722	26,906.99	26,906.99	17,500.00	297,315.01	13.0%
529053 Library Svcs-Leased Matls	22,380	22,380	.00	.00	.00	22,380.00	.0%
529070 Printing/Copying/Scanning	30,000	30,000	1,016.26	1,016.26	.00	28,983.74	3.4%
529090 Shredding & Recycling Service	1,320	1,320	.00	.00	.00	1,320.00	.0%
529141 Software License & Maint Fees	10,500	11,019	.00	.00	518.92	10,500.00	4.7%
529150 Data Center Charges	1,292,894	1,292,894	.00	.00	.00	1,292,894.00	.0%
529160 Licenses & Permits	595	595	.00	.00	.00	595.00	.0%
529990 Other Contractuals	5,033	5,033	.00	.00	.00	5,033.00	.0%
TOTAL Library - Contractuals	2,737,042	2,754,352	84,002.51	84,002.51	34,809.92	2,635,539.49	4.3%
10003 Library - Commodities							
531020 Office Supplies	64,339	64,339	.00	.00	.00	64,339.00	.0%
531030 Custodial Supplies	5,000	5,000	.00	.00	.00	5,000.00	.0%
532020 Automotive Parts & Supplies	450	450	.00	.00	.00	450.00	.0%

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539012 Gasoline	7,234	7,234	278.47	278.47	.00	6,955.53	3.8%
549010 Furniture & Fixtures <\$5k	9,490	9,740	.00	.00	249.72	9,490.00	2.6%
549020 Data Processing Equip <\$5k	9,665	9,665	.00	.00	.00	9,665.00	.0%
549110 Library Materials	413,295	420,617	8,052.86	8,052.86	5,694.22	406,870.00	3.3%
TOTAL Library - Commodities	509,473	517,045	8,331.33	8,331.33	5,943.94	502,769.53	2.8%
TOTAL Wichita Public Library	12,076,651	12,101,533	925,764.08	925,764.08	40,753.86	11,135,014.78	8.0%
TOTAL General Fund	12,076,651	12,101,533	925,764.08	925,764.08	40,753.86	11,135,014.78	8.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	-207,250	-207,250	-7,585.34	-7,585.34	.00	-199,664.66	
TOTAL EXPENSES	12,283,901	12,308,783	933,349.42	933,349.42	40,753.86	11,334,679.44	

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	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	MTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
GRAND TOTAL	12,076,651	12,101,533	925,764.08	925,764.08	40,753.86	11,135,014.78	8.0%

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Wichita Public Library General Fund Bills

January 2026

Org: 10000080

10001 - Library - Personnel

1B - Base Compensation

511000 Base Compensation

Payroll, PP 1.30.26	\$268,483.46
Payroll, PP01.02.26	\$267,317.76
Payroll, PP01.16.26	\$267,767.56
Payroll, PP01.30.26	\$241.35

Total 511000 Base Compensation	\$803,810.13
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511950 Year-End Payroll Accrual

Payroll, 25PRACRV	(\$279,654.69)
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Total 511950 Year-End Payroll Accrual	(\$279,654.69)
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Total 1B - Base Compensation	\$524,155.44
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1F - Special Compensation

512000 Special Compensation

Payroll, PP 1.30.26	\$747.20
Payroll, PP01.02.26	\$491.51
Payroll, PP01.16.26	\$361.62

Total 512000 Special Compensation	\$1,600.33
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512051 Mileage Reimbursement

Payroll, 2436	\$49.07
Payroll, 3316	\$60.97
Payroll, 3433	\$31.89
Payroll, 3714	\$35.39

Total 512051 Mileage Reimbursement	\$177.32
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Total 1F - Special Compensation	\$1,777.65
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1J - OT Compensation

513000 Overtime Compensation

Payroll, PP 1.30.26	\$304.57
Payroll, PP01.02.26	\$258.02
Payroll, PP01.16.26	\$104.94

Total 513000 Overtime Compensation	\$667.53
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Total 1J - OT Compensation	\$667.53
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1N - Employee Benefits

518200 Employer Wage Taxes & WC

Payroll, PP 01.16.2	\$8.76
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Wichita Public Library General Fund Bills

January 2026

Payroll, PP 1.30.26	\$22,486.60
Payroll, PP01.02.26	\$22,358.86
Payroll, PP01.16.26	\$22,373.46
Payroll, PP01.30.26	\$20.86

Total 518200 Employer Wage Taxes & WC	\$67,248.54
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518300 Employer Share EE Insurance

Payroll, PP 1.30.26	\$46,452.60
Payroll, PP01.02.26	\$46,157.13
Payroll, PP01.16.26	\$46,539.82

Total 518300 Employer Share EE Insurance	\$139,149.55
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518400 Employer Share Pension/Retire

Payroll, PP 1.30.26	\$36,112.45
Payroll, PP01.02.26	\$35,837.66
Payroll, PP01.16.26	\$36,031.08
Payroll, PP01.30.26	\$35.68

Total 518400 Employer Share Pension/Retire	\$108,016.87
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Total 1N - Employee Benefits	\$314,414.96
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Total 10001 - Library - Personnel	\$841,015.58
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10002 - Library - Contractuals

2B - Utilities

521011 Electricity - EDI

EVERGY KANSAS SOUTH INC	\$15,761.22
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Total 521011 Electricity - EDI	\$15,761.22
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521021 Natural Gas - EDI

BLACK HILLS UTILITY HOLDING INC	\$1,623.72
ENCORE ENERGY SERVICES	\$3,531.47
ONE GAS INC	\$3,119.13

Total 521021 Natural Gas - EDI	\$8,274.32
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521030 Water Service

City of Wichita	\$1,876.98
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Total 521030 Water Service	\$1,876.98
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521055 Trash Service - EDI

WASTE MANAGEMENT OF KANSAS INC	\$1,788.73
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Total 521055 Trash Service - EDI	\$1,788.73
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Total 2B - Utilities	\$27,701.25
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2F - Technology Charges

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521060 Local Telephone Service

City of Wichita	\$244.00
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Total 521060 Local Telephone Service	\$244.00
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522010 PBX Line Charges

City of Wichita	\$1,045.00
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Total 522010 PBX Line Charges	\$1,045.00
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522020 PBX Instrument Charges

City of Wichita	\$1,640.00
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Total 522020 PBX Instrument Charges	\$1,640.00
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522040 Long Distance & Teleconference

City of Wichita	\$38.75
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Total 522040 Long Distance & Teleconference	\$38.75
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522060 Air Cards (Mobile Connect)

City of Wichita	\$385.00
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Total 522060 Air Cards (Mobile Connect)	\$385.00
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522070 Voicemail

City of Wichita	\$333.00
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Total 522070 Voicemail	\$333.00
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522080 Automatic Call Distribution

City of Wichita	\$65.50
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Total 522080 Automatic Call Distribution	\$65.50
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Total 2F - Technology Charges	\$3,751.25
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2V - Bldg & Equip Charges

526010 Motor Pool Scheduled Charges

City of Wichita	\$721.00
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Total 526010 Motor Pool Scheduled Charges	\$721.00
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526051 Sign Production & Installation

FASTSIGNS	\$183.00
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Total 526051 Sign Production & Installation	\$183.00
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526092 Rent-Real Property

CO CO PROPERTIES LLC	\$4,088.24
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Total 526092 Rent-Real Property	\$4,088.24
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Total 2V - Bldg & Equip Charges	\$4,992.24
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2z - Other Contractuals

529010 Bank Charges

City of Wichita	\$219.33
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Total 529010 Bank Charges	\$219.33
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Wichita Public Library General Fund Bills

January 2026

529051 Library Software/Licenses

CANDID	\$3,995.00
PROQUEST LP	\$9,575.19
VALUE LINE INC	\$5,845.00

Total 529051 Library Software/Licenses	\$19,415.19
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529052 Library Subs-Electronic Matls

OVERDRIVE INC	\$26,906.99
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Total 529052 Library Subs-Electronic Matls	\$26,906.99
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529070 Printing/Copying/Scanning

City of Wichita	\$1,016.26
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Total 529070 Printing/Copying/Scanning	\$1,016.26
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Total 2z - Other Contractuals	\$47,557.77
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Total 10002 - Library - Contractuals	\$84,002.51
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10003 - Library - Commodities

3N - Fuel

539012 Gasoline

City of Wichita	\$278.47
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Total 539012 Gasoline	\$278.47
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Total 3N - Fuel	\$278.47
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4Z - Non-Capital Outlay

549110 Library Materials

ACCOUNTING RESEARCH AND ANALYTICS LLC	\$6,425.00
BRODART CO	\$542.36
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES INC	\$870.25
MIDWEST TAPE LLC	\$215.25

Total 549110 Library Materials	\$8,052.86
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Total 4Z - Non-Capital Outlay	\$8,052.86
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Total 10003 - Library - Commodities	\$8,331.33
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Grand Total **\$933,349.42**

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ACCOUNTS FOR: 290 Grants - Multi-year	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	MTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
80100325 South Central KS Library Sys25							
415050 State operating Grants	-250,140	-250,140	-250,140.00	.00	.00	.00	100.0%
TOTAL UNDEFINED ROLLUP CODE	-250,140	-250,140	-250,140.00	.00	.00	.00	100.0%
Y5801 SCKLS 25-South Central KS LIbr							
524020 Travel & Training	12,000	12,000	506.00	506.00	.00	11,494.00	4.2%
526070 Equipment Repair & Maint	9,000	9,000	.00	.00	.00	9,000.00	.0%
529052 Library Subs-Electronic Matls	0	0	51,428.05	.00	.00	-51,428.05	100.0%
529990 Other Contractuals	160,000	160,000	.00	.00	118,630.00	41,370.00	74.1%
531020 Office Supplies	7,000	7,000	.00	.00	.00	7,000.00	.0%
549010 Furniture & Fixtures <\$5k	3,000	3,000	.00	.00	.00	3,000.00	.0%
549110 Library Materials	59,140	59,140	5,368.45	.00	.00	53,771.55	9.1%
TOTAL SCKLS 25-South Central KS L	250,140	250,140	57,302.50	506.00	118,630.00	74,207.50	70.3%
TOTAL South Central KS Library Sy	0	0	-192,837.50	506.00	118,630.00	74,207.50	100.0%
TOTAL Grants - Multi-year	0	0	-192,837.50	506.00	118,630.00	74,207.50	100.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	-250,140	-250,140	-250,140.00	.00	.00	.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	250,140	250,140	57,302.50	506.00	118,630.00	74,207.50	

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JOURNAL DETAIL 2020 1 TO 2020 1

	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	MTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
GRAND TOTAL	0	0	-192,837.50	506.00	118,630.00	74,207.50	100.0%

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Wichita Public Library Grant Bills

January 2026

Y5801 - SCKLS 25-South Central KS Library S

2 - Contractuals

2N - Employee Development

524020 Travel & Training

JEFFREY L TATE

\$506.00

Total 524020 Travel & Training

\$506.00

Total 2N - Employee Development

\$506.00

Total 2 - Contractuals

\$506.00

Total Y5801 - SCKLS 25-South Central KS Library S

\$506.00

Grand Total

\$506.00

	Type	Date	Name	Debit	Credit	Balance
WPL Gifts January 2026						721,248.16
Intrust						88,860.23
WPL						64,435.38
	Deposit	01/02/2026		11,623.89		76,059.27
	Check	01/02/2026	Wichita Public Library Foundation		11,623.89	64,435.38
	Check	01/08/2026	Tillies		48.56	64,386.82
	Check	01/18/2026	Tillies		52.79	64,334.03
	Check	01/30/2026	WPL Fnd Gift & Memorial Fund	2,349.25		66,683.28
Total WPL				13,973.14	11,725.24	66,683.28
Levand						6,677.37
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/09/2026	Jordan Marie Kirtley		150.00	6,527.37
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/09/2026	Kamilla Illustration		450.00	6,077.37
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/09/2026	Sontia Mason		450.00	5,627.37
	Check	01/18/2026	Lakeshore Learning		735.91	4,891.46
	Check	01/21/2026	Left on Red		1,350.00	3,541.46
Total Levand				0.00	3,135.91	3,541.46
FOL Holds						690.41
Total FOL Holds						690.41
SCKLSSRG						152.09
Total SCKLSSRG						152.09
FOL						16,815.28
	Check	01/13/2026	Amazon.com		292.25	16,523.03
	Check	01/13/2026	Amazon.com		10.74	16,512.29
	Check	01/15/2026	Panera Bread Co		297.26	16,215.03
Total FOL				0.00	600.25	16,215.03
WGS						89.70
Total WGS						89.70
Intrust - Other						0.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/16/2026	Ingram Library Services		354.74	-354.74
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/23/2026	Ingram Library Services		27.20	-381.94
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/23/2026	Jordan Marie Kirtley		600.00	-981.94
	Bill Pmt -Check	01/29/2026	Quik Print Inc		102.00	-1,083.94

Total Intrust - Other			0.00	1,083.94	-1,083.94
Total Intrust			13,973.14	16,545.34	86,288.03
Baird Account					630,038.68
Baird Checking					96,444.93
Facility Improvements					88,002.39
Total Facility Improvements					88,002.39
Baird Checking - Other					8,442.54
Total Baird Checking - Other					8,442.54
Total Baird Checking					96,444.93
Investments					533,593.75
Total Investments					533,593.75
Total Baird Account					630,038.68
Emprise Checking					2,349.25
WPL					2,349.25
	Check	01/30/2026 WPL Fnd Gift & Memorial Fund		2,349.25	0.00
Total WPL			0.00	2,349.25	0.00
Total Emprise Checking			0.00	2,349.25	0.00
Total WPL Gifts			13,973.14	18,894.59	716,326.71
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Wichita Public Library Board of Directors
Operations Committee
February 10, 2026
Keeney Stevens Board Room – Advanced Learning Library
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1. Call to Order
2. Review of the November 14, 2025 minutes
3. Walters Branch Update
4. Westlink Branch Update
5. 2027 Budget Request Discussion
6. Other Items from the Committee
7. Adjourn

WICHITA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Operations Committee Minutes
Friday, November 14, 2025
Board Room / MS Teams 3:30pm
Advanced Learning Library, 711 W 2nd St, Wichita, KS 67203

In attendance: TaDonne Neal, Jonathan Winkler, Kristi Dowell, and Jaime Nix

1. Call to Order at 3:34pm
2. November Policy Updates: continued conversation to proposed revisions to policies ORG-001 and ORG-001.1

The committee discussed information about the meeting frequency for other library boards as part of their discernment. With the goals to consolidate committees to better achieve quorums, and to maximize the time of the volunteer board members, a recommendation was made from Jonathan Winkler to maintain the monthly board meeting, but move the subcommittees to every-other month. The committee discussed pros/cons of this approach and determined it was an appropriate evolution for the meeting cadence. The policy language will be adjusted in advance of the Board meeting to reflect this change.

3. Research Pavilion Hours of Operations

Director Nix shared that due to staff shortages in the Research Pavilion and subsequently in all other sections, a service hour change has begun to reduce hours of operation of that section only at the Advanced Learning Library from 60 hours per week 39 to ensure it is managed.

4. Walters Branch Security Update

Director Nix provided an update regarding a security project that has been under study and is being implemented at the Walters branch. Site lines, public restroom misuse, and congested areas are problem areas that will be addressed. An emergency exit door to the staff workroom has been added, a bathroom monitoring system will be installed, and the branch shelving is being redesigned for improvements to seating, access, and safety.

5. Mostly Cashless Project and Faxing Update

Staff shared another project underway to adapt how customers pay fees, which takes significant staff time to process in alignment with cash-handling policies. As part of this project, fax fees were studied and will be eliminated as improved customer service and staff time capacity gains as part of the cost/benefit analysis conducted.

6. Integrated Library System (ILS) Update

Interviews are underway with multiple vendors and the selected vendor will be notified.

7. Other items from the Committee

8. Adjourned at 4:38pm

Wichita Public Library Board of Directors
Advocacy Committee
February 12, 2026
Keeney Stevens Board Room – Advanced Learning Library

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1. Call to Order
2. WPL Logo Update
3. 2027 Budget Request Discussion
4. 150th Celebration Updates
5. Other items from the Committee
6. Adjourn

Advocacy Activities 2026

January

Assess civic involvement of trustees and other aligned civic groups to begin scheduling presentations (ex. Rotary, Junior League, quality of life focused organizations)
Key messages: Raise awareness, value of libraries, and impact of dollars spent (Advocacy Staff)

1/27: State of Kansas Library Legislative Day, Key messages: State Aid, IMLS funding, literacy and crime prevention (Jaime, Kurt, Susie, Kourtney & Angie)

February

2/3: City of Wichita Proclamation for WPL 150th + Board, President Public Comment, Key messages: value of library, milestones for the community, crime prevention, future capabilities, Civic Action Passport (Leadership Team & Lauren)

March

Coffee with: Mayor Wu, Becky Tuttle, Mike Hoheisel, Joseph Shepherd Key messages: Crime prevention, program option, value and impact (Board Members & Jaime)

SPRING: Cultivate story/stories for Wichita Eagle and other media outlets, Key messages: 150 years, crime prevention, and budget

April

Board presentations at District Advisory Boards (NO WPL STAFF PRESENTATION during selected month), Key messages: budget, performance, crime prevention and ask about district library needs (Board members in pairs)

Coffee with: Councilmember Dalton Glasscock, JV Johnston and Maggie Ballard (Board Members & Jaime)

State of the Library during National Library Week (find your Joy). *Distribute Lookbook. *Gather contact information from attendees for FOL communication. Key messages: Raise Awareness, WPL's past, present, and future, budget and impact (Jamie, Board Members, Foundation & Friends)

May

Board presentations at District Advisory Boards (NO WPL STAFF PRESENTATION during selected month), Key messages: budget, performance, crime prevention and ask about district library needs (Board members in pairs)

Public comment at City Council, Key messages: budget

June

Summer, Attend a District Breakfast

Public comment at City Council, Key messages: budget

District Breakfast Dates:

District 1 / June 6, July TBD, Aug 1

Dist. 2: TBD

Dist. 3: Jun 13, Aug 8

Dist. 4: Jun 6, July TBD, Aug 1

Dist. 5: TBD

Dist. 6: Jun 27, Jul 25, Aug 29

Key Messages: budget, promote summer reading

July

Summer, Attend a District Breakfast

Public comment at City Council, Key messages: budget

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Dist. 5: TBD

Dist. 6: Jun 27, Jul 25, Aug 29

Key Messages: budget, promote summer reading

August

Summer, Attend a District Breakfast

Ice Cream Socials at branches, Key messages: joy, community, library love (Board Members & Friends)

District Breakfast Dates:

District 1 / June 6, July TBD, Aug 1

Dist. 2: TBD

Dist. 3: Jun 13, Aug 8

Dist. 4: Jun 6, July TBD, Aug 1

Dist. 5: TBD

Dist. 6: Jun 27, Jul 25, Aug 29

Key Messages: budget, promote summer reading

September

Ice Cream Socials at branches, Key messages: joy, community, library love (Board Members & Friends)

National Library Card Sign-up Month, Key messages: the value of a library card (WPL Staff)

October

DAB Meeting Presentations

Board presentations at District Advisory Boards, Oct or Nov. (NO WPL STAFF PRESENTATION during selected month), Key messages: follow-up regarding district needs identified in April presentation; year-end wrap up; Raving Fan stories

Dist. 1: Oct 5 or Nov 3 / 6pm

Dist. 2: Oct 13 or Nov 17 / 6pm

Dist. 3: Oct 7 or Nov 11 / 6:30pm

Dist. 4: Oct 5 or Nov 3 / 6pm

Dist. 5: Oct 12 or Nov 9 / 6pm

Dist. 6: Oct 12 or Nov 9 / 6:30pm

Banned Books Week, Key messages: intellectual freedom, freedom to read (Board & WPL Staff)

November

DAB Meeting Presentations

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Wichita Area Library Association Legislative Luncheon: Key messages, general advocacy (Board)

December

State of the Young Child Report to City Council: Key messages, report on current trends, library performance, and priority community needs for families of 0-5 year old's. (Jaime & Savannah)

Year-end message: email/letter from appointee's to Council: Key messages, performance and gratitude for ongoing support (Board)

Media Log: January 2026

- January 2, KWCH, ReadICT Challenge Promotion
- January 7, KAKE, ReadICT Challenge Promotion
- January 9, The Wichita Eagle, ReadICT Book Swap Event Promotion
- January 26, KSN, 150th Anniversary Teaser
- January 31, KAKE, 150th Anniversary Teaser



WICHITA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Annual Report 2025



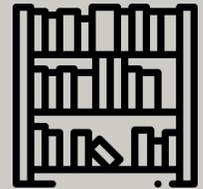
The library had **17,674** open hours in 2025!



299,762 people have a card at our library



658,974 people walked through our doors last year



The collection contained **511,339** items



Print materials totaled **445,530**



Physical videos totaled **34,668**



Total use of electronic materials **753,945**



Contributing to a total of **1,996,381** checkouts!



We lent our items to other libraries **7,644** times



75,999 uses of public computers



118,308 WiFi sessions



And brought in **9,044** items upon patron request



1,771 total programs offered



54,035 people attended in total!

READ



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