

Board Report June 13, 2024

AGENDA

JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 13, 2024 Central Resource Library Carmack Community Room 9875 W 87th St Overland Park, KS 66212 4:00 p.m.

The public can view the broadcast of the meeting on the Johnson County Library <u>YouTube Channel</u>. for a live feed or later when the video is posted to the Library's website.

If you have information or comments related to any item on our agenda that you would like to have presented to the Library Board, we encourage you to submit that information in writing. If you wish to submit information, please email comments or statements to kangethep@jocolibrary.org before noon on the Wednesday before the Thursday Library Board meeting. Comments received by noon will be shared with the entire Board and be made part of the record prior to the meeting.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Citizen Comments
- III. Remarks
 - A. Members of the Johnson County Library Board of Directors
 - B. Board Chair, Kelly Kilgore
 - C. Development Department: Written reports presented by Shelley O'Brien, Development Director.....4
 - D. Liaison, Board of County Commissioners, Shirley Allenbrand
- IV. Reports
 - A. Board Counsel Andrew Logan and Fred Logan
 - a) Board Authority of library facility use and disposal (ARM 50-20-70)
 - b) Review Kansas State Statute of Library Board property ownership
 - c) Review of ARM 10-50-50 Legal Counsel
 - B. County Librarian Report Tricia Suellentrop, County Librarian
 - 1. Finances and Statistics
 - 2. Comprehensive Library Master Plan, Megan Clark, Project Coordinator
 - 3. Updates Tricia Suellentrop, County Librarian
 - a) Prairie Village Update, Tricia Suellentrop, County Librarian

 - c) Libraries as Cooling and Warming Centers, Tricia Suellentrop, County Librarian
 - d) elementia, Emma Clement and Kate McNair, Maker Services Operations Manager......25
- V. Consent Agenda
 - A. Action Items:
 - 1. Minutes of the May 9, 2024 Regular Library Board meeting......39
 - B. Information Items
 - 1. Financial and Personnel
 - a) The County Librarian and the Finance Director certify

those payment vouchers and personnel authorizations for April 2024 were handled in accordance with library and County policy.

b) The April 2024 Revenue and Expenditure reports produced from the County's financial system reflect the Library's revenues and expenditures

| C. Gift Fund Report | |
|-----------------------|----|
| 1. Treasurer's Report | 48 |

VI.Old Business None

VII. New Business None

VIII. Adjournment



Monthly Report of the Volunteer & Friends Engagement Coordinator to the Board of Directors of Johnson County Library June 2024

Summer Volunteers

Like all parts of the library, volunteering is a busy area during the summer months. In addition to the 170 weekly adult volunteers, we have 80 teen volunteers helping this summer in seven branches. The teens will assist with library programs, shelving holds materials, creating displays, passing out summer reading books, and helping kids learn through Adelante! Reads.

The Friends are also need more volunteers this summer. This includes some seasonal volunteers filling in for our regular volunteers out on medical or vacation leave. The Friends have added a second Tuesday Pop-up Book Sale from 4-7PM from June through August. In June, welcomed four new teen volunteers as donation drop-off lead volunteers. The leads will each serve at least one Saturday morning a month for the next year preparing for donation drop-offs, training new volunteers, tracking donations coming in, and ensuring quick assistance for community members bringing large donations to the Friends headquarters. These leader volunteers play a critical role as this opportunity is filled frequently by episodic teen volunteers.

Collaborating to Support County Volunteer Needs

Johnson County Government utilizes volunteers in 12 departments. Quarterly, the Volunteer Coordinators from these departments meet to discuss our work. In May, Amber represented this group presenting volunteer opportunities available to the County's Citizens Academy graduates. In June, we are working together on volunteer recruitment for the County's Juneteenth celebration at Lenexa City Center campus on Wednesday, June 19th. We are also trying to coordinate a safety training for all county volunteers.

Friends Database Update

The Friends new database migration to Bloomerang is complete. This means that all the membership records and the ecommunications tools have been combined in one resource. The Friends Online Sale and Office Manager Chris and Amber in the library, are working cleaning up individual records, forming email groups, and creating templates for communicating with members and customers.



Monthly Report of the Friends of Johnson County Library to the Board of Directors of Johnson County Library June 2024

501(c) Day

501(c) Day is an annual celebration of the nonprofit sector organized by our friends at Nonprofit Connect. Held on May 1, it's a day for our community to give special attention to the many for-cause businesses that work so hard to elevate all our lives. It was an honor to participate this year! We had the pleasure of hosting a group of student volunteers from Prairie Trail Middle School (Olathe). Our guests spent their Wednesday morning working together in small groups and participating in each part of our sorting & sales operations. Staff from Nonprofit Connect also dropped by Friends HQ to deliver (parentapproved) treats and celebrate with the kids. It was a delightful experience, and we look forward to taking part again in 2025.

Supporting Volunteers of All Abilities

For the fourth year in a row, we will be providing a place for students with different abilities to serve as library volunteers while also earning a little pay, by way of a pre-employment transition program. Volunteer Services Coordinator Amber Bourek Slater organizes these placements through The Whole Person, a services and support organization that helps clients learn to lead independent lives. We also recently received an update from a former participant who thanked us for helping him get job experience! I commend Amber and the team for their firm commitment to providing fulfilling volunteer opportunities for our many diverse communities.

Yearbook Donations

As part of the library's internal reorganization process, we have agreed to take on the work of processing all yearbook donations and managing an inventory list of all school yearbooks currently kept in the local history collection. This will streamline processes; going forward, we will be the first point of contact for all yearbook donations. Any we receive that are not needed for the local history collection may instead be sold at a future Friends book sale.

Shanta Dickerson (she/her)
Executive Director
Libraries for all, All for libraries.



Monthly Report of the
Johnson County Library Foundation to the
Board of Directors of Johnson County Library
June 2024

Library Lets Loose 2024

Volunteers and staff are hard at work creating Library Lets Loose for Saturday, September 21st. This year's theme is **Top Secret: An Evening of Espionage.** What do spies need? Information of course. No better place to access information than a party at the Library. Just know you may need to take on a new identity, ask a lot of questions, and learn the secrets to access important information. Your mission, if you choose to accept it, will result in fun and rewards.

We are looking for additional event sponsors. So far, we have raised over \$55,000 towards our \$100,000 sponsorship goal! Sponsorships play an important job in making the night a success. If you have any interest, please check out our website at https://www.jocolibraryfoundation.org/

Top sponsors to Library Lets Loose this year include: Anne and Bill Blessing – Honorary Hosts Drake Development Carol and Fred Logan Vickie and Dale Trott

Early bird tickets are now on sale for \$85 per person. They can be purchased on the Foundation website at this price until August 3rd. Then the price is \$100 per person. All library staff are invited for \$25 for themselves and \$25 for one guest.

Raising KC Partnership

Raising KC is a public relations campaign that kicked off on June 3rd. The goal is to see a future where kids in Kansas City see less toxic stress in their lives and have a stable, nurturing parents or adults who supports them. Their website is https://raisingkc.org/

This program is supported by leaders on both sides of Kansas City including Johnson County Board of County Commissioners Chairman Mike Kelly and Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas.

Johnson County Library is a proud partner with the campaign. It's led by <u>Barb Unell</u> – author of many, many terrific books on parenting – several are in our collection. She lives here in Johnson County and reached out to us about 6 months ago asking for JCL to join their efforts.

JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARY: Summary of Expenditures by Cost Category (.75 Increase Only) April 2024 33% of Year Lapsed

| OPERATING FUND | 2024 |
|--|----------------|
| Programs | Budget |
| Revenue | 5,054,089 |
| | |
| Administrative Services | |
| Information Technology | |
| Collection Development | |
| Branch/Systemwide Services | 329,907 |
| Transfer to Capital Projects | 8,283,290 |
| Interfund Transfers | |
| TOTAL OPERATING FUND EXPENDITURES | \$8,613,197 |
| TOTAL .75 INCREASE FUNDS REMAINING OPERATING | (\$3,559,108) |
| TOTAL TO MOREAGE FORDS REMAINING OF ERATING | (\$0,000,100) |
| | |
| SPECIAL USE FUND | 2024 |
| SPECIAL USE FUND | 2024 Budget |
| Revenue: | 2,920,125 |
| Expenses: | |
| Contractual Services (General Maintenance) | |
| Commodities (Capital Equipment) | 32,215 |
| Transfer to Debt Payment | |
| Transfer to Debt Payment - CLMP | 427,593 |
| Transfer to Capital Projects | |
| | |
| TOTAL SPECIAL USE FUND EXPENDITURES | \$459,808 |
| | |
| | |
| TOTAL .75 INCREASE FUNDS REMAINING SPECIAL USE | \$2,460,317 |
| | +2,100,011 |
| TOTAL .75 INCREASE FUNDS REMAINING ALL FUNDS | (\$4.000.704) |
| TOTAL .73 INCREASE FUNDS REMAINING ALL FUNDS | (\$1,098,791) |

JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARY TOTAL REVENUE REPORT

April 2024

33% of Year Lapsed

Revised April Revenue Report with Updated Expenditure Information

| REVENUE ALL FUNDS | 2024 | 2024 | % Budget | % Budget |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|----------------|
| | Year to Date | Budget | Year to Date | YTD Prior Year |
| Ad Valorem | 25,780,912 | 45,612,939 | 57% | 58% |
| Ad Valorem Delinquent | 87,295 | 151,009 | 58% | -58% |
| Motor Vehicle | 935,997 | 3,387,672 | 28% | 25% |
| Library Generated - Copying/Printing | 32,920 | 108,206 | 30% | 30% |
| Library Generated - Overdues / Fees | 18,581 | 38,000 | 49% | 11% |
| Sale of Library Books | 0 | 50,000 | 0% | 0% |
| Misc Other | 6,470 | 18,703 | 35% | 2% |
| Reimbursements | 122,680 | 740,000 | 17% | 18% |
| Library Generated - Other Charges | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0% |
| Investment | 470,598 | 825,000 | 57% | 55% |
| Unencumbered Balance Forward | 0 | 6,499,696 | 0% | 0% |
| Transfer from Capital Projects | 6,221 | 0 | 0% | 0% |
| Recreational Vehicle Tax | 9,800 | 16,922 | 58% | 54% |
| Commercial Vehicle Tax | 46,672 | 63,117 | 74% | 83% |
| Heavy Trucks Tax | 3,548 | 4,733 | 75% | 58% |
| Rental Excise Tax | 29,046 | 66,002 | 44% | 70% |
| Payment in Lieu of Taxes | 217,349 | 0 | 0% | 0% |
| State and Federal Grants | 132,886 | 273,607 | 49% | 50% |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 27,900,975 | 57,855,606 | 48% | 53% |

| 2024 | 2024 | % Categories |
|--------------|---|--|
| Year to Date | Budget | Expended |
| 8,603,851 | 27,178,537 | 32% |
| 2,708,958 | 7,374,266 | 37% |
| 5,393,675 | 5,295,453 | 102% |
| 58,764 | 266,103 | 22% |
| 8,435,207 | 10,399,696 | 81% |
| 427,593 | 3,640,620 | 12% |
| 132,886 | 273,607 | 49% |
| 3,360,335 | 3,427,324 | 98% |
| | | |
| 29,121,269 | 57,855,606 | 50% |
| (1,220,294) | | |
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| RESERVES ALL FUNDS | As of 12/31/23 |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Reserves Operating Fund | 19,186,883 |
| Reserves Special Use Fund | 3,032,242 |
| Total JCL Reserves | 22,219,125 |
| | |

JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARY: Summary of Expenditures by Cost Category April 2024 33% Year Lapsed

| OPERATING FUND | 2024 | 2024 | % Program |
|---|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Programs | Year to Date | Budget | Expended |
| Administrative Services | 1,899,498 | 7,406,324 | 26% |
| Information Technology | 1,462,972 | 4,906,803 | 30% |
| Collection Development | 1,300,569 | 4,063,002 | 32% |
| Branch/Systemwide Services | 7,598,055 | 23,259,611 | 33% |
| Risk Management Charges | 59,432 | 266,103 | 22% |
| Grants * | 3,120 | 273,607 | 1% |
| Transfer to Capital Projects | 8,283,290 | 10,399,696 | 80% |
| Interfund Transfer | 3,360,335 | 3,360,335 | 100% |
| TOTAL OPERATING FUND EXPENDITURES | 23,967,272 | 53,935,481 | 44% |
| SPECIAL USE FUND | 2024 | 2024 | % Budget |
| | Year to Date | Budget | Expended |
| | | | |
| Contractual Services (General Maintenance) | 0 | 152,505 | 0% |
| Contractual Services (General Maintenance) Commodities (Capital Equipment) | 0 32,215 | 152,505 127,000 | 0% 25% |
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| Commodities (Capital Equipment) | 32,215 | 127,000 | 25% |
| Commodities (Capital Equipment) Transfer to Debt Payment | 32,215 0 | 127,000 0 | 25% 0% |
| Commodities (Capital Equipment) Transfer to Debt Payment Transfer to Capital Projects | 32,215 0 427,593 | 127,000 0 3,640,620 | 25% 0% 12% |

JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARY: Summary of Expenditures by Type April 2024 33% Year Lapsed

| ALL FUNDS | 2024 | 2024 | % Categories |
|--------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Categories | Year to Date | Budget | Expended |
| Salaries and Benefits | 8,603,851 | 27,178,537 | 32% |
| Contractual Services | 2,117,676 | 7,374,266 | 29% |
| Commodities | 1,420,533 | 5,295,453 | 27% |
| Risk Management Charges | 59,432 | 266,103 | 22% |
| Capital / Maintenance / Repair | 8,300,610 | 10,399,696 | 80% |
| Transfer to Debt Payment | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Transfer to PBC Capital Leases | 427,593 | 3,640,620 | 12% |
| Grants | 3,120 | 273,607 | 1% |
| Interfund Transfer | 3,494,265 | 3,427,324 | 102% |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 24,427,080 | 57,855,606 | 42% |

JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARY GRANTS MONTHLY REPORT

| GRANTS* | | | | | Grant | Budget |
|-----------|---------------------------------|--------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Expenditures through 02/29/2024 | Source | Received | Expenditures | Award | Remaining |
| 285000091 | 2023-State Aid | State | 3/29/2023 | \$132,233.29 | \$132,568.53 | \$335.24 |
| 285000092 | 2024-State Aid | State | 3/12/2024 | \$3,120.04 | \$132,886.40 | \$129,766.36 |

^{*}Includes all expenditures and revenues over the life of the grant.

Expenditure of Friends of the JCL Donations 2024

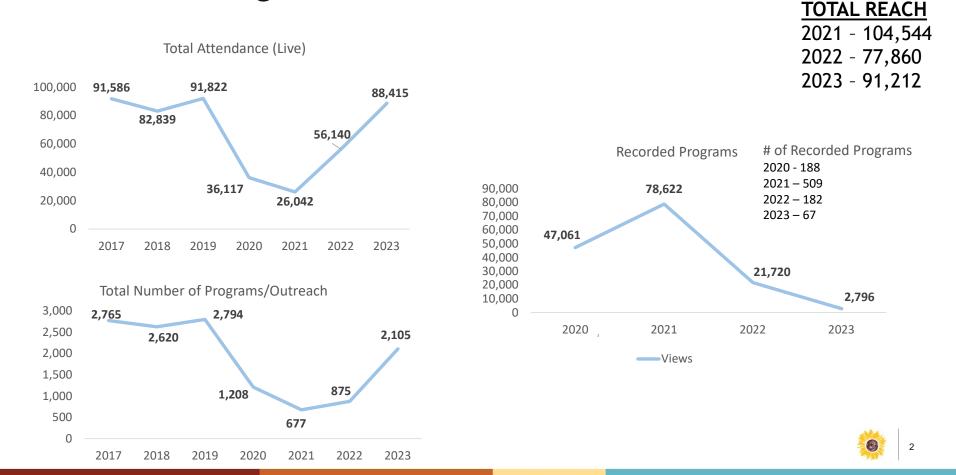
| Expenditure Details | April | YTD |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Volunteer Recognition | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Advertising/Promotion | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Collection Materials | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Professional Development/Staff Recognition | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Technology/Recruitment Consulting & Expenses | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Strategic Planning meeting supplies | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| GEM Award/Staff Recognition | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Homework Help and Tutor.com | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Summer Reading Club/Elementia | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Other Library Programming | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| MidAmerica Regional Council | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Joint Board Meeting Expense | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Board Travel Expenses | 1,322.71 | 1,322.71 |
| Board Retreat Expenses | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 1,322.71 | \$ 1,322.71 |

Programs, Outreach & Information Services

Angel Tucker, Program Manager

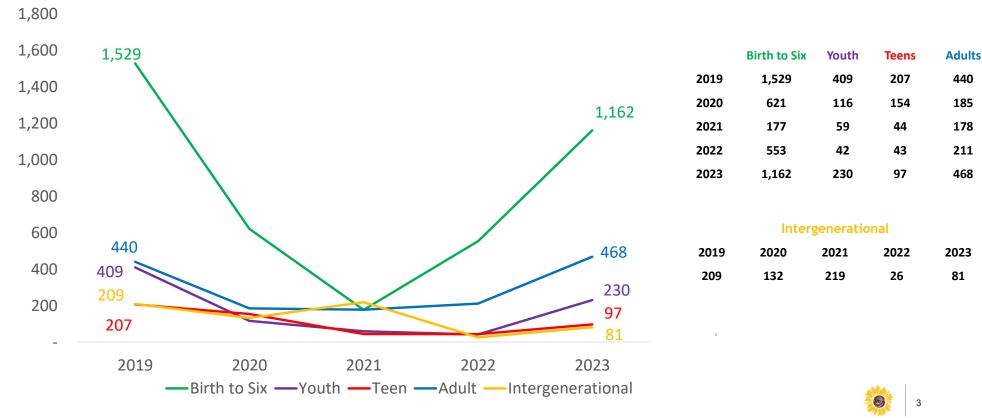


Trends in Programs & Outreach in 2023

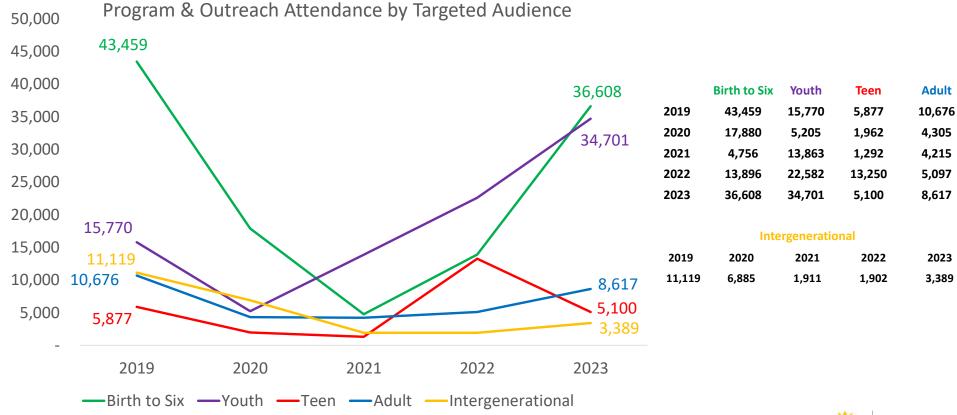


Trends in Programs & Outreach (cont.)

Number of Programs & Outreach by Targeted Audience



Trends in Programs & Outreach (cont.)



Looking Forward



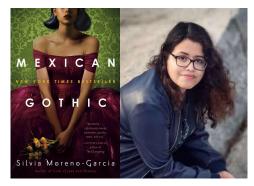


Welcome to Summer Reading 2024 - Adventure Awaits!

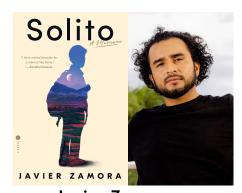
Stay up to date with all of our Summer Reading happenings by signing up for our Kids & Family eNewsletter »

Check out our Summer Reading events, including the Summer Reading Launch Party on June 1 »

Get ready for the Adventure with your own Summer Reading Log »



Silvia Moreno-Garcia October 9 @ 6 pm



Javier Zamora November 14 @ 3 pm



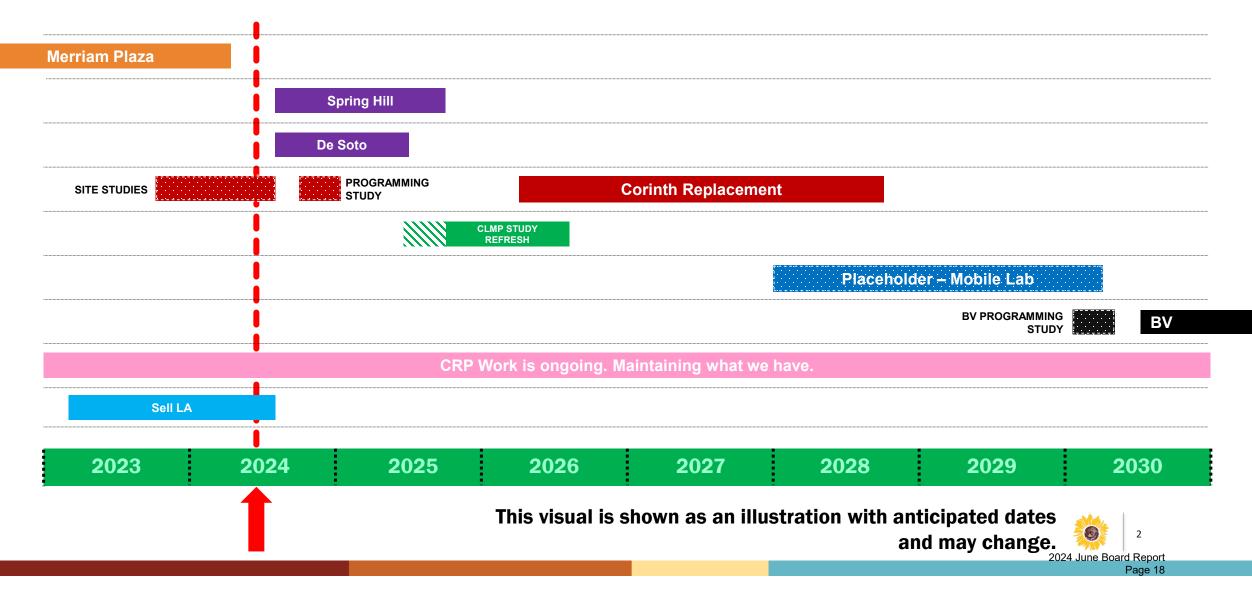
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Capital Projects: Timeline Summary

June 2024

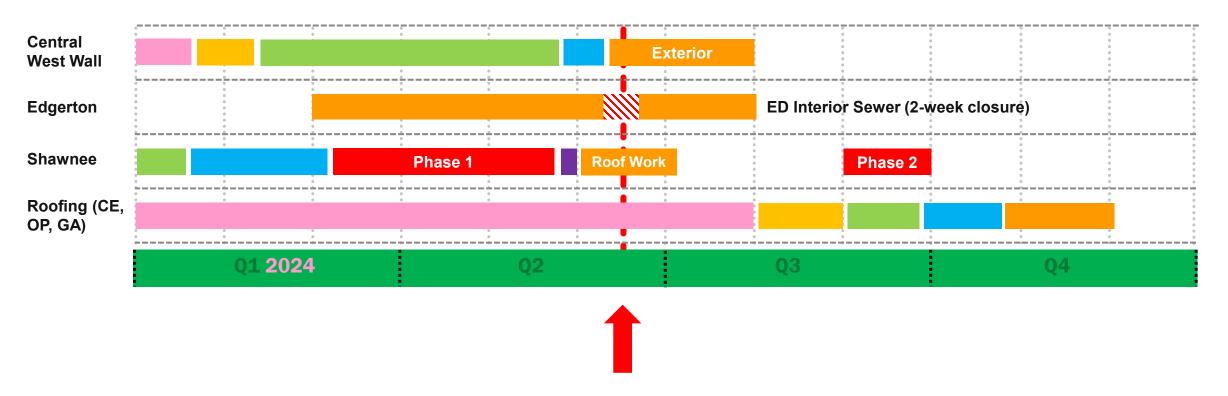


Capital Improvement Projects: Anticipated Timeline



2024 CRP Anticipated Timeline





This visual is shown as an illustration with anticipated dates and may change.

Before:



After:



Before:



After:



Before:



After:



Juneteenth

Angel Tucker, Program Manager





THE JUBILEE OF JUNE TEENTH Celebrating a Legacy of Freedom

Johnson County Government's Third Annual Juneteenth Observance

Wednesday, June 19 | 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Lenexa Civic Campus Commons (17101 W. 87th St., Lenexa)

4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

- Visit Johnson County booths to engage with our programs and services
- Listen to live music from the Louis Neal Big Band
- Enjoy children's activities and crafts area
- View posters created by students from across the metro area as part of a contest sponsored by the Annual Prairie Village Juneteenth Celebration

Program begins at 5 p.m. and includes:

- Emcee Steve Arledge
- Honoring the memory of our friend and past emcee, Nathan Louis Jackson
- Presentation of flags by the Sheriff's Office Honor Guard
- Music from the Louis Neal Big Band with vocalist Lisa Henry
- Roller Dance Performance by SK8SHOT Studios
- Juneteenth flag presentation and proclamation
- Keynote speaker Glenn North

Learn more at jocogov.org/Juneteenth

elementia issue xxi



About elementia

- First published in 2005
- Entirely edited and designed by teen volunteers
- Teens pick the theme of each issue

elementia Mission Statement

The purpose of elementia is to publish, uplift and represent creative, eclectic young adults, and it strives to:

- foster and recognize the talent of young adults.
- maintain an open platform/forum for young adults to share and connect.
- publish a diverse range of original writing and art.
- collaborate with community partners and schools to embed elementia in the classroom.
- emphasize the importance of reading and the written word by connecting published adult authors and artists with talented young adults.



Issue xxi

• Theme: The Unspoken

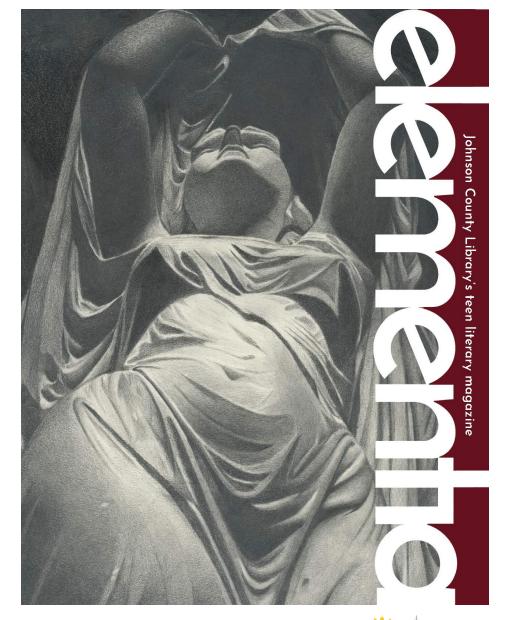
• Submissions Total: 1215

• Published Pieces: 116



Photo credit Kelly Sime

Copies of issue xxi are now available at all Johnson County Library locations and online at www.jocolibrary.org/elementia





Counting the Seconds Till Departure, Trying to Find Reasons Not to Go

by Haley Kleinman

cradled in the peak of an eclipse my breath capsizes into

a shuddering recognition of lost time

we sit back on the river rock letting the waves trickle between our toes wrinkling our fresh skin into prunes

how did we get here?

when I lie down at night my back curves into the

our bodies hold memory, you used to say we counted the bike-riding scratches along our arms the mosquito bites from summers swimming in the lake at night when we got drunk off the smell of honeysuckles and the sound of our own laughter mother's gardening gloves stained with coarse dirt your dad's shirt converted into a dog towel

now as I stand my bones are metal-filled, medallions, testaments to our tween days tireless as the sun is bright but my eyes are weak and I refuse to get glasses still determined I can get my vision back still trying to reverse the clock ticks

our jeans don't fit us we're bursting trying to grow into this big world a perfect sprout

excited for the change this chance to be someone new adult - simply because our training wheels are gone and we've learned how to pedal sloppily which is still pedaling, by the way

but something inside us cracks in the silence, our hearts a broken vase burning for the sweet warmth of our memories safe, predictable, and now held beyond grasp fading into oblong reflection of goodbye

Pulled Back by Logan Fixsen

Why We Chose It Interesting composition, good technical ability

Why We Chose It Stunning imagery and emotion

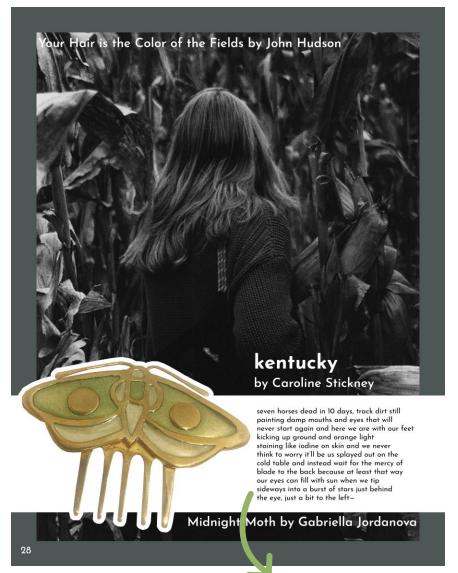
Why We Chose It

Unique symbolism, paired well with idea of departure

Overall Design

- Two ways of showing art: full page, cut out
- Unified color scheme
- Dominant element
- Similar subject matter





Sold to the Highest Bidder

by Jawad Alazzeh

It seemed clear at the close of a lengthy conversation, In the cool heat of late Spring.
We have long mourned,
The colonial appropriation of the ancient East.

Destined to be housed in museums framed by symmetrical columns As far as the eye can see,

A foreign culture stands on display Intricate forms, curated by the educated

Delicate designs, celebrated by those who know their value,

Saved from the result of the benign neglect.

Symbols of power and grace, literally irreplaceable, Stories lost in translation, While beauty endures, a festival of culture,

They stand in ironic tribute, to the rugged proximity to history,

We grew angry at their loss, taken by the other. And now today, the enemy in the mirror, the East robbing the East.

Artifacts no longer strangers in alien soil, To cultures unknown. Rather,

Stolen by kin,

Orphaned in the vast destruction of humanity, People are poor, they need a few dollars to live, we justify.
Our heritage, hidden, like gold deposits,
Seized and sold to the highest bidder,
The strangers may have better guarded the past.

Pried from the earth, ancient homes lost, Hands of greed, and the cost is heavy,

Vestiges of our past drowning our presence, The legacy of what was home, now irreveren

calf by Anafely Hernandez Perez

Why Together?

Yixing Teapot

by Adriana

Cazares

Culturally relevant pieces to represent the museum artifacts the poem discusses

Overall Design

- Four total visual works
- Two written works
- Unified color scheme
- Visual interest
- Thematic similarities

Why Together?

Both about mistreatment of livestock





voidmice

by Nelle Rain

part I: carmine
you want to see my heart?
go on then
haha
not what you expected?
here's a secret: it never is.
oh, look at that — it's still trying to beat
but the mice are already gnawing.
was that a grimace? how rude.
you get used to the smell of rot after a while

part 2: ochre
i was stung by a hornet once.
when it's humid enough, i can still feel it
a prickle
an itch
a blister
a bliste
my veins are stained with yellow-black venom.
one drop kills the mice
but now i'm surrounded by bodies

and i can't touch them without burning my hands.

part 3: charcoal

it's a windowless, hourless time of night say that again, a little deeper, a little smoother when i can perfect my narrator voice (it's a windowless) and the mice make an excellent audience (hourless) it's time to go to bed (time of night) say that again, but sigh it it's time to go to bed anger is practiced, pleasantly sharp (it's a windowless) sorrow is false, always held back (hourless) it's time to go to bed fear is just shaky enough to tell that i'm afraid (time of night) it's time. to go. to bed.

part 4: lead

trimmed my bangs with a seam ripper couldn't find the scissors brush it nicely for sunday service. don't pray except late at night soapy water running down my skin. all i want are answers with no lacing. truths i don't have to lie for. i sit with my back to the boy with the bible so i can't see his self-righteous smile. the voidmice are singing in the voices of devils and saints they're asking

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Overall Design

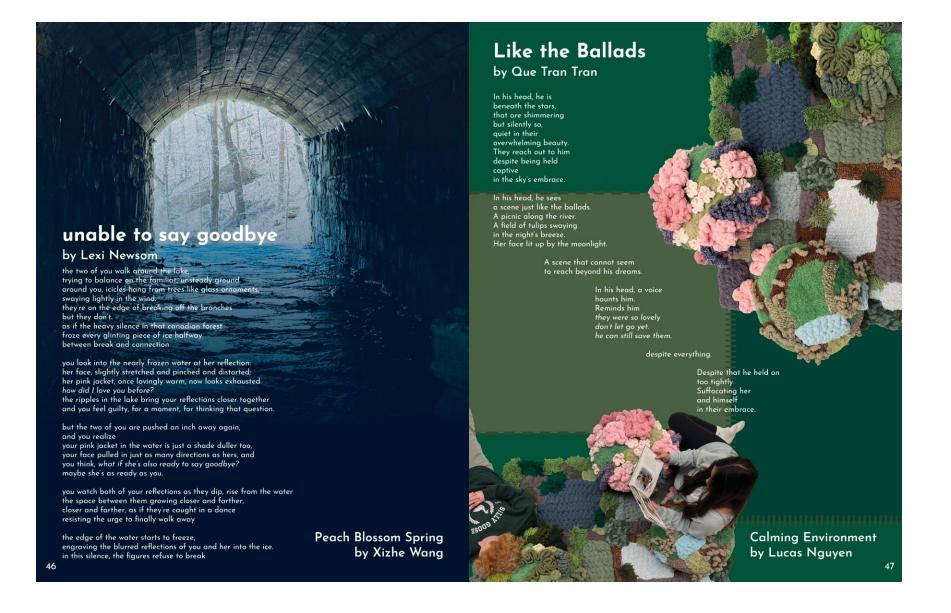
- Large, full-page photo of art
- Uniquely arranged poem
- Use of negative space to contribute to overall meaning
- Impactful mood created by works



Both depict cutting hair and have similar moods







Overall Design

- Lets the art lead the page
- Calm, nature environment
- Poems show an evolving part of the magazine's theme



Mirrored Images by Danny Fisher

Valediction Gift

by Wyatt Vaughn

Three strings across my body,
Pinky and thumb pinching each fraying end.
Pulled across my chest, three strands
Strung taut in my open arms.

Pink, Blue, And white

The fibers sliced into the soft bedding Of my thumb's print
As I pulled the strings into
An irrevocable knot.

Pink, Blue, And white

And you lay in the sun — suspended by Water — and I sat by your side In the shade.

How could you not know what I was doing?

Pink, Blue,

Blue, And white Wrapping each color around my finger,
I formed a figure four and pulled the string
Tight

Whispering an intention into each knot, Pink: I hope you heal — that you grow and Your heart scabs and recovers from the Damage of my absence

Blue: I hope you realize — that your mind will Become a mirror and clarity will wash it clean

White: I hope you forgive me— that you will One day see why I left and expunge me of a crime I didn't commit.

And I murmur my last wish, And you return from the sun, And you give me your hand So I take it and tie the band on

Soon I'll be gone, By my own accord, And all I'll then be will exist Pink, Blue,

Wrapped around your wrist.

Programmed by Austin Liu

If the mind is a palace.. by L.C. Herbst

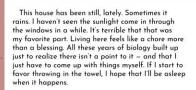
And I'd make myself sick if I was another person watching my thoughts. It's a blurry and slow-moving compilation of coincidences stacked on top of each other: sticky teacups stacked on a desk, junk mail stacked on a table, clothes stacked on an unfortunate dresser, dirty plates stacked in a sink ...

The thing about my hoards is that every piece of clutter could have my heart in it, and it would be better for my heart to be lost in the pile than trashed. In reality, I can't see where it is until another piece of it is gone, and I divide myself smaller yet.

So everything becomes a mess sooner or later. The difference between clean homes and messy ones is the habit of the owner. What makes a mess and what makes clean, though, is up to the owner's opinion. But by all my definitions, this house of mine is a clutterfunk.

I hung up a picture the other day of me burying my face into her back shoulder. If we're speaking metaphorically, I hung it up in my closet, behind all the clothes and the view of the public. I had my arm around her weist, I could smell her hair (just plain conditioner-scented), and maybe she had her hands settled around mine. No eyes, I don't like to look people right in the eyes. But I looked at it, and that same old longing trotted up to me and asked again to be fed.

It has not been fed in a while. It feeds off table scraps, from momentary memories that I don't keep the images of, and only the essence. By the time I realize it's been fed and filled, it will be gone and I will have forgotten it was ever there.



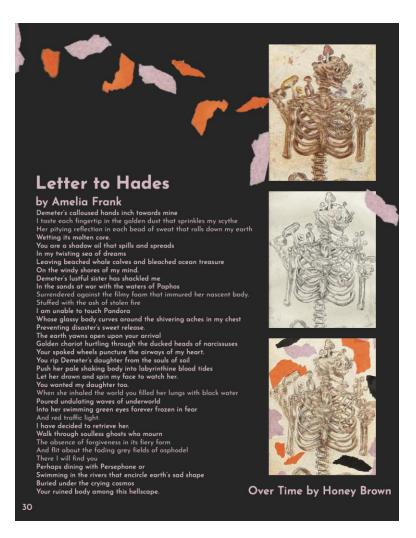
I go through my memories like faded magazine pages, because all the new ones I buy get lost somewhere: under the bed, on top of some furniture, under a stack of other magazines, or thrown away by accident. Though, I actually lied about that, because I've been leaving all those old memories strewn about the same places. I'm in some literary limbo and have lost my senses.

I wish that this all would change. I consider myself a homebody in the sense that I can't stand this old house but can't stand leaving it. I just want my eyes to see again. But misery keeps standing in the doorways like a child, and I'm nursing an anger that won't stop crying until it wears itself out.

Someone told me to start pulling apart all those stacks that sit around the house, and put them in their right places, but starting that is so much more than I . . .

Overall Design

- Lets the writing lead the page
- Uses the colors pink, white, blue from the poem
- Mood of stress and turmoil
- Theme of ruminating thoughts



Overall Design

- Incorporates cutouts from the art into the design
- Unifies the poem and the art through their imagery



Summer Bubbles by Alex Robertson

heaven is the woods behind my childhood home

by Madeleine Kimball

when i go: scatter my ashes in that clear cold stream. let the current take me down, down.

to that small place, where god stains her cheeks with river-clay and cicadas scream sweet hymnals, where life is raw and quiet and sublime and the worms find heaven in

the damp dark spaces.

i will scrape my knees on mossed concrete wash the blood in the water like isaac upon the altar. in that small place i am holy;

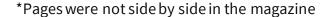
i am whole.







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Issue xxi Celebration

- Tuesday, April 30
- Central Resource Library
- 147 Attendees
- Ten teen speakers sharing their work
- Keynote by Adib Khorram
- Issue xxi exhibit April 30-June 21 at Central Resource Library



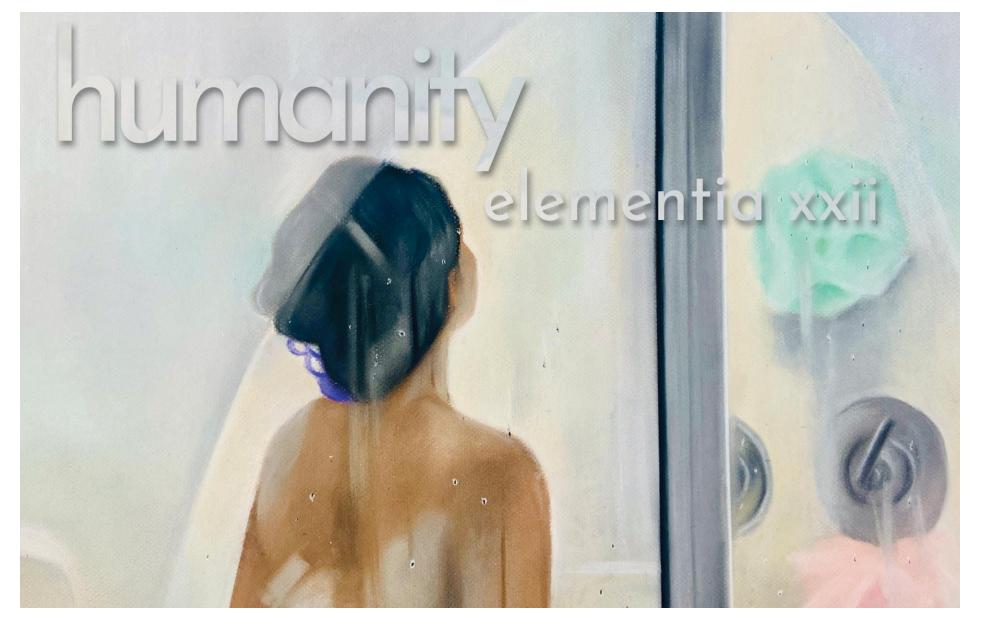
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Submit work and apply to volunteer at www.jocolibrary.org/elementia

Submissions are open for issue xxii

Theme of humanity aims to discuss...

- Heritage
- Soul
- Connection

 and anything
 else that makes
 us human!

MINUTES JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD REGULAR MEETING

May 9, 2024 at Central Resource Library 4:00 p.m.

BOARD: Bethany Griffith, Kelly Kilgore, David Sims, Anna Van Ophem, Charles McAllister, Jennifer Hrabe and Chrysalyn Huff.

ABSENT: Jeffrey Mendoza

BOARD ATTORNEY: Andrew Logan and Fred Logan

BOCC: Commissioner Allenbrand was unable to attend.

STAFF: (All JCL, FAC staff) Tricia Suellentrop, Kinsley Riggs, Aaron Otto, Adam Wathen, David Vratny, Jennifer Mahnken, Ben Sunds, Shelley O'Brien, Patti Kangethe, Elissa Andre, Scott Sime, Megan Clark, Juan Lopez-Tamez, Lori Ross, Michelle Beesley, Ted Clemens, Shanta Dickerson, Laura Blair, Ashley Fick, Marley Kilgore, Nathan Hohl, Portia Montoy, Carlos Castillo, Jennifer Cisar, James McFarlin, Noah Smith, Doris Rogers, Levi Brabec, Simone Folsom, Amanda Allenbrand, and Kayleen Hiatt.

Board Chair Kelly Kilgore called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

No public comments. Public comments are included in the May Board Report.

REMARKS FROM THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Apologies from Mr. Mendoza, he was unable to attend this meeting.

Ms. Van Ophem mentioned that she had attended the volunteer appreciation luncheon a couple of weeks ago and found it fantastic. She appreciated both the volunteers and the staff for organizing such a fabulous event.

Board Chair Kilgore welcomed two new board members: Jennifer Hrabe, a social worker and active Girl Scout leader appointed by Chair Shirley Allenbrand, and Chrysalyn Huff, president and owner of REmporium, appointed by Chair Mike Kelly. Board Chair Kilgore also praised the volunteer luncheon and the 1952 society's program featuring a science teacher. She recommended the Memory Lab for digitizing old media, mentioning that volunteers there were very helpful.

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT REPORT

Shelley O'Brien, Development Director, presented on behalf of the Development Department combining the Friends of the Johnson County Library, the Johnson County Library Foundation, and the Johnson County Library Volunteers, this report is included in the May Board Report.

Ms. O'Brien highlighted a few key points from the packet. The Friends of the Library had approved a value proposition aimed at growing their membership. She also shared that the development department hosted Crestview Elementary on May 1st, and the field trip was a success. Friends are seeking grant money to enable Title I schools to have similar trips, aligning with their mission and potentially fostering new summer readers.

Additionally, Ms. O'Brien mentioned that Matt Eicheldinger was a speaker at the luncheon last month, and Ms. O'Brien provided books from the event for board members.

Mr. Sims thanked O'Brien for the Crestview opportunity. Ms. O'Brien expressed a desire for all third graders in Johnson County to have similar library field trips, praising Grace Bentley for her outstanding story time performance that the kids thoroughly enjoyed.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Apologies from Commissioner Allenbrand, she was unable to attend this meeting.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

Mr. Andrew Logan, Board co-counsel, reviewed the contract for sale of Lackman Library property.

Mr. Logan provided background for new board members. Over a year ago, the board began reviewing options for the public bid and sale of the Lackman branch, engaging CBRE as brokers in January 2024. The property was marketed, resulting in several bids, with the winning bid approved by the board last month. The contract with XEC Holding LLC, an affiliate of Newkirk Novak Construction Partners, is for \$2,050,000.

The contract, developed in collaboration with XEC Holdings' attorneys, was presented for consideration. If approved, the buyer would make a \$50,000 escrow deposit, initiating a 60-day inspection and due diligence period. The sale is "as is," with no obligation for the library to make changes. After inspections, the Board of County Commissioners must ratify the sale, as required by state statute. The transaction is expected to close in mid to late July, following a 15-day closing window after the inspection period.

COUNTY LIBRARIAN REPORT

Finance Report

Dave Vratny, Finance Director, presented the financial report to the Board, this report is included in the May Board Report.

At the end of March, the library had collected approximately \$27.8 million in total revenue, which accounted for about 48% of the year. Excluding the encumbrance forward or the use of reserves programmed in the budget, the revenue was closer to 54% year-to-date, aligning with prior fiscal years' collections. Year-to-date encumbrances and expenses amounted to around \$22.9 million, or 40% of the \$57.85 million budget. This figure included significant transfers to capital projects and upfront collections encumbrances. Without these items, the actual spending was closer to 21% year-to-date.

Quarterly Core statistics

Adam Wathen, Associate Director of Branch Services, presented the Quarterly Core statistics, this report is included in the May Board Report.

Mr. Wathen reviewed the quarterly statistical report for the first quarter of 2024, covering data through March. Physical circulation hit its lowest point in 2020 due to COVID-19 but has been recovering since. Mr. Wathen remarked that physical circulation has remained constant and still surpasses digital circulation, although digital usage continues to rise. The six-year visitation trend showed an upward trajectory, with the current year's figures higher than previous years but not yet at pre-COVID levels. Mr. Wathen noted there were anomalies in the statistics due to the closure of the Antioch library and the yet-to-open Merriam Plaza, as well as the recent closure of the Shawnee library.

Learning and Development

Laura Blair, Learning and Development Training Manager, presented the Learning and Development trends, this report is included in the May Board Report.

Ms. Blair highlighted in 2023, they facilitated conference and external event participation for staff, sending 56 employees to national conferences and 71 to webinars and classes. Additionally, 15 staff members were involved professionally by serving on committees or presenting.

Ms. Blair noted that they offered 37 instructor-led classes with over 91 sessions with 868 attendees, and 62 e-learning classes with 1,490 attendees for in-house training. These classes covered topics like Active Shooter Response and Clifton Strengths. They also hosted a leadership book club with 34 attendees, discussing books like "Daring Greatly" and "Dream Teams," and recently launched a new book, "Messy: The Power of Disorder to Transform Our Lives."

Given recent ransomware incidents, cyber security awareness was emphasized. Ms. Blair shared that they achieved a 100% completion rate for annual baseline training during Cyber Security Month in October. New employees received baseline training, followed by monthly micro-learnings and phishing simulations, which staff found valuable in preventing security breaches.

Ms. Van Ophem asked about the application of topic and collaboration with other areas of the county government. Ms. Blair confirmed that *there is* partnership with security and sheriff's department, especially on trainings like active shooting.

Ms. Blair continued to highlight in 2023, the new employee orientation included 27 new hires, 19 internal promotions, and one guest observer. The orientation spanned three days and comprised 20 sessions and three tours. New employees met with all members of the administration and major department managers to learn about collaboration across the library system and the functions of each department.

COMPREHENSIVE LIBRARY MASTER PLAN

Scott Sime, Lead Project Coordinator, presented on the Comprehensive Library Master Plan, these reports are included in the May Board Report.

Board Liaisons to Capital Projects

Mr. Sime presented the board liaisons to Capital Projects report, this report is included in the May Board Report.

Mr. Sime shared how library board liaisons serve on projects, highlighting that two Library Board members meet monthly with the County Librarian and the library Project Manager to learn more about projects. The desire is to pair a newer board member with a board member that has served as a liaison in the past.

Overall Timeline

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) timeline and Capital Replacement Plan (CRP) 2024 timeline are included in the May Board Report.

Scott Sime, Project Coordinator, provided the capital projects timeline summary including updates on various library renovation and construction projects, noting no significant changes since last month.

Mr. Sime shared the Central West Wall contractor was mobilizing, with work expected to start in the next few weeks.

The Edgerton library, leased from the city, was set for plumbing work in June, with a two-week closure anticipated.

Mr. Sime noted the Shawnee library project was on track with new shelving and carpet installed, and the parking lot resurfaced. He shared reopening is scheduled for May 28th. There will be roof work planned for the summer, requiring a possible temporary closure.

Mr. Sime highlighted the De Soto Library had a clogged floor drain led to the discovery of a collapsed sewer line, necessitating excavation and temporary closure. The building has now reopened.

Mr. Sims asked if the sewer pipes would be part of the De Soto renovation. Mr. Sime confirmed that it wasnot initially, and it is planned to be included now.

UPDATES – Tricia Suellentrop, County Librarian

Ms. Tricia Suellentrop, County Librarian, reported to the Board.

County Librarian Suellentrop shared gratitude to Mitra Templin for her recent service on the Library Board. She finished filling out a term in May of 2021 in April of 2024, adding to her previous 8 years on the Board. Her tenured service helped Ms. Suellentrop to feel comfortable and gain firm footing.

Mr. Sims shared he will miss Mitra and welcomed new board members.

County Librarian Suellentrop welcomed the class of new staff joining the meeting today.

Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

Amber Bourek Slater, Volunteer and Friends Engagement Coordinator, and Adam Wathen, Associate Director for Branch Services, presented on the Volunteer Appreciation Celebration, this update is included in the May Board Report.

Ms. Bourek Slater reported that National Volunteer Appreciation Week was held from April 21st to 27th. Volunteers at Johnson County Library contributed \$1.3 million in-kind service last year. The

library celebrated with a luncheon on April 26th, attended by adult volunteers and board members. Special recognition was given to Sue Walston, Chris Koetting, and Jorge Cabelleira for their contributions to The Club 2080, named after the hours a full-time employee works annually.

Ten volunteers received Above and Beyond awards: Sue Bond, Glenda Carden, Barbara Dukes, Jessica Kueker, Madhavi Menon, Cindy Cox, Marshal Ellis, Joy Mae Johnson, and Katie Savage. Teen volunteers were also recognized with Presidential and Leadership Service Awards, including Audrey Fullerton, Indraneel Kasuba, Mia Macicula, Olivia Moore, Karunya Nimmagadda, Anna Shaklin, Aurora Straight, and Mahad Zamir. Notably, 51% of the volunteers were teenagers.

Prairie Village Survey Update

Elissa Andre, Marketing and Communications Manager and Kinsley Riggs, Deputy County Librarian, presented the Prairie Village Survey Update, this update is included in the May Board Report.

Ms. Andre reviewed the latest Prairie Village public input session and shared the event was promoted both in person and online. The event drew over 250 attendees, representing a more diverse crowd than the first event in January. The attendees were well-informed and engaged, contributing to a positive atmosphere.

An online survey followed, garnering 463 responses. The survey results indicated a public preference for Option B, which involves a north site within Harmon Park. Other options included a south site in Harmon Park, a community center on the north site with the library elsewhere, and doing nothing. The feedback emphasized the desire to keep the Corinth Library and YMCA in Prairie Village, with colocation being popular for its land use efficiency and accessibility.

Ms. Andre highlighted that the results showed strong community support for the library, regardless of the board's final decision. Future steps include continued discussions among project entities, a summer comparison of the final recommended site option and the existing Corinth Library site, and potential public feedback opportunities. Early next year, Prairie Village residents might vote on community center funding, depending on City Council deliberations and public feedback from a third meeting later this summer. The library board will decide on the site beforehand, making this process informational for them.

Board Chair Kilgore asked what would happen if there is a decision from the vote that may change course.

Ms. Andre stated the three entities would come back together to determine next steps.

County Librarian Suellentrop shared some history for this project, how the library and City of Prairie Village started this process prior to COVID and there was a bit of a pause until everyone was ready to start again.

Civic Engagement Update

Ashley Fick, Reference Librarian, presented the Civic Engagement Update, this update is included in the May Board Report.

Ms. Fick reviewed voting sites for presidential preference primary. All current polling locations, including new early voting sites at Central, Lenexa, Oak Park, Monticello, and Shawnee, will serve as polling sites in the fall, accommodating many new voters.

Ms. Fick highlighted that it is the 10th anniversary hosting legislative coffees in partnership with the League of Women Voters. She noted it is important to host in a neutral space for community interaction with elected officials.

Board Chair Kilgore share she attended and thought it was successful.

Public Library Association Conference highlights

Nate Hohl and Marley Killgore, Branch Operation Managers, presented the Public Library Association Conference highlights, this update is included in the May Board Report.

Ms. Killgore reported on the Public Library Association (PLA) conference attended by nine JCL staff members and one library board member in Columbus, Ohio, in April. PLA, the largest professional association dedicated to public libraries. The conference offered insights into public library trends, networking opportunities, and showcased innovations in library services.

Mr. Hohl shared key topics from the conference, including eResources, Maker Spaces, teen and unhoused engagement, diversity challenges, legislative issues, and collection development policies. Notable exhibits included technological innovations like text-reading scanners and multilingual audio devices. Mr. Hohl particularly enjoyed a leadership panel that offered valuable insights and advice for aspiring library leaders.

Ms. Kilgore's favorite session focused on statistics and data gathering, emphasizing data-driven decision-making. She appreciated the practical tools shared, including a customer service toolkit and project prioritization tool, which she brought back for use in their library system.

County Librarian Suellentrop stated the next PLA will be 2026, will ask the board for interest in 2025. On June 20th Chair Kilgore and County Librarian Suellentrop will present Library budget at Board of County Commissioners. The County will host 2 Budget open houses to let citizens see the budgets and ask questions. The open houses will on June 3rd at the Central Resource Library and June 10th at the Monticello Library branch.

CONSENT AGENDA

- I. Consent Agenda
 - A. Action Items:
 - 1. Minutes of the April 11, 2024 Regular Library Board meeting
 - 2. Minutes of the April 11, 2024 Joint Board of County Commissioner and Library Board meeting
 - B. Information Items
 - 1. Financial and Personnel
 - a) The County Librarian and the Finance Director certify those payment vouchers and personnel authorizations for March 2024 were handled in accordance with library and County policy.
 - b) The March 2024 Revenue and Expenditure reports

produced from the County's financial system reflect the Library's revenues and expenditures

C. Gift Fund Report

1. Treasurer's Report

Motion: Mr. Sims moved that the Library Board of Directors approve the consent

agenda.

Second: Mr. McAllister seconded this motion.

Motion was approved unanimously.

II. Old Business

A. Action Item: 2025 Library Budget Proposal

Dave Vratny, Finance Director, presented the proposed 2025 budget briefing sheet, as included in the May Library Board Report.

Motion: Mr. Sims moved to approve the County Librarian's Recommended FY

2025 Revenue and Expenditure Budget of \$55,624,960.

Second: Ms. Van Ophem seconded this motion.

Motion was approved unanimously.

III. New Business

A. Action Item: Consider contract for sale of Lackman.

Board Chair Griffith presented the proposed Election of Library Board Officers briefing sheet, as included in the May Library Board Report.

Ms. Van Ophem asked for clarification on the financial risk to the library embedded in the contract.

Mr. Logan highlighted that there is a \$50,000 escrow deposit made by the buyer that is held in escrow during the 60-day inspection period during which if there was something a buyer finds unacceptable, they could potentially receive that back within that first 60 days. He also describes that past the inspection window there is a 90-day window to complete the ratification with the Board of County Commissioners, that could be a potential reason that the earnest money would be refunded from escrow. Lastly, Mr. Logan described shared costs at closing, including the adjustment of the sale price to account for the escrow and for the purchase of title, those are standard obligations that are responsibility of the seller, in this case the library. Mr. Logan shared that the contract makes clear that the purchase is as-is and there is no obligation on the library to investigate or to make representation about conditions.

Motion: Mr. McAllister moved to authorize a contract for sale with XEC Holding

LLC and/or its assigns (Purchaser) in the amount of \$2,050,000.

Second: Ms. Van Ophem seconded this motion.

Motion was approved unanimously.

B. Action Item: Consideration of temporary closure of Corinth Library for Geotechnical Excavation.

Ms. Van Ophem asked if we have thought about how to tell patrons what we are doing and that we are not starting construction. County Librarian Suellentrop confirmed that will be important, our Communication team will plan accordingly to communicate with the community on these plans.

Motion: Ms. Van Ophem moved to approve the closure of Corinth for up to two days in May or June for geotechnical excavation work.

Second: Mr. McAllister seconded this motion.

Motion was approved unanimously.

C. Action Item: Consideration of temporary closure of Cedar Roe Library for electrical infrastructure replacement.

Motion: Ms. Van Ophem moved to approve the closure of the Cedar Roe Library for up to one week, or more as deemed necessary by repairs and as authorized on a one-time basis by the County Librarian, in May or June to perform main electrical infrastructure replacement.

Second: Mr. Sims seconded this motion.

Motion was approved unanimously.

IV. Executive Session – Preliminary discussion of the possible acquisition of real property

Motion: Mr. McAllister moved, pursuant to K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 75-4319(b)(6), that the Board of Directors of the Johnson County Library recess into executive session for a period of 20 minutes to engage in preliminary discussion relating to the possible acquisition of real property. The subject of the discussion during the executive session will be issues relating to a possible acquisition of real property in the City of Prairie Village for a new branch facility.

Those attending the executive session shall include members of the Board of Directors of the Johnson County Library, County Librarian Tricia Suellentrop, Finance Director Dave Vratny, Associate Director of Customer Experience Ben Sunds, Project Coordinators Scott Sime and Megan Clark, designated members of the County Facilities staff – Project Manager Juan Lopez-Tamez, and Johnson County Library Co-Counsel Fred Logan and Andrew Logan.

The Library Board will reconvene in this meeting room at 5:30 p.m.

Second: Mr. Sims seconded this motion.

Motion was approved unanimously.

Board returned at 5:29pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Sims moved to adjourn the meeting. **Second: Ms. Van Ophem. seconded** this motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

| Meeting adjo | ourned at 5:30 p.m. | | |
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| | Anna Van Ophem | | |
| CHAIR | | SIGNED | |
| | Kelly Kilgore | _ | Tricia Suellentrop, County Librariar |

JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARY GIFT FUND TREASURER'S REPORT

Period: APR-2024

| | | Receipts | Payments | Balance |
|-------|--------------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|
| Open | Opening cash balance | | | \$98,412.48 |
| | Add Receipts | \$147.20 | | |
| | Less Payments | | \$8,522.86 | |
| Endir | Ending Cash balance | | | \$90,036.82 |
| | Less Liabilities | | \$28,655.42 | |
| Unob | Unobligated cash balance | | | \$61,381.40 |

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