

Salina Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2026

Present: Adria Ripka, Jo Ann Bohn, Debbie Stack, Ken Nichols, Kris Nichols, Jeannine Chubon, Monica Norton, and Jennifer Ranger. Excused: Keith Miller and Frank Pappalardo

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Vice-President Ripka.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Minutes of the July 20, 2026 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve as submitted was made by Kris Nichols, seconded by Ken Nichols. Approved unanimously. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer's Report: The July 2026 financial report was presented by Vice-President Ripka. Motion to accept the report for audit was made by Jo Ann Bohn, seconded by Debbie Stack. Approved unanimously. Motion carried. The Board reviewed the financial bank statements.
5. Staff Reports:
 - a. Director: The library was a busy place during July, with many statistics up over the same period in 2025. Computer use, WiFi, Overdrive, holds placed, and website visits were up as was outreach and attendance for adult and children's programming. She attended a recent press conference held by Senator Ryan, where it was announced that Salina Library was one of the area libraries receiving \$10,000. The Mattydale Market made food and monetary donations to the Community Fridge and Books Van Go donated to juice boxes, popular with area children. Thank you to Monica and Janet for their summer reading program efforts – surveys are available for participants. The library's contract request has been submitted to the Town of Salina's supervisor and 3rd Ward councilor. Balance of report is on file.
 - b. Youth Services Librarian: We've finished another fun Summer Reading Program, this year with extra programming for America 250. In total, I had 24/37 kids read a total of 28,785 minutes and 20/30 teens read a total of 17,369 minutes. Our Lyncourt programs were the best attended programs of the summer and our teens were most enthusiastic about any of our creative programs, with craft projects having a higher attendance. This summer was our first time attempting some morning programs due to scheduling conflicts, which seemed to work well for Jeff the Magic Man, which brought in several new families. The bookmark that he creates each summer with his library appearances, I feel, was part of what helped, as it allowed families to plan to see him multiple times or choose dates and times that work best for them. Our summer finale for teens was our After Hours Party on Friday, which was a big hit. A few teens had conflicts that meant they had to leave early, but we started a half hour earlier than in previous years, which allowed time for a group activity before closing. They enjoyed video games, beading, paper craft, DIY pizzas, and ice cream. A BIG thank you to Jennifer for helping plan, and both her and Nichole for helping during the party. Balance of report is on file.
 - c. Digital Services Librarian Report: The past month has been busy with ordering non-fiction books, DVDs, CDs, eBooks, and eAudio books; as well as providing personalized technology assistance to patrons. I assisted the Didgeridoo Down Under program at the community center. I watched pre-recorded webinars regarding new memoirs and creating selection and reconsideration policies. I virtually attended trainings on Libby

and backing up coworkers during conflict. I helped table at the Mattydale Market on family night in August, promoting our remaining summer reading and monthly events for all ages and assisting with signups for these programs. I virtually attended an Adult Services Workgroup meeting. I also helped plan and assisted Monica with the Teen After Hours Party. In the remainder of August and beginning of September, I will continue to order non-fiction books, DVDs, CDs, eBooks, and eAudio books; as well as offer personalized technology assistance to patrons. I will also help Monica table at Roxboro's Back to School BBQ. In addition, I will continue to attend valuable meetings, trainings, and webinars. Balance of report is on file.

6. Unfinished Business: None

7. New Business

- a. The Web Accessibility Statement update was reviewed. Motion to accept the document as presented was made by Ken Nichols, seconded by Kris Nichols. Approved unanimously. Motion carried.
- b. The updated Meeting Room Policy was reviewed. Motion to accept the document as presented was made by Debbie Stack, seconded by Jo Ann Bohn. Approved unanimously. Motion carried.

8. Committee Reports: None

9. President's Report: None

10. Adjournment: meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie J. Stack, Secretary