



**Board Report
April 9, 2026**

AGENDA

JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 9, 2026
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 [YouTube Channel](#). 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.

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Followed by joint meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and Johnson County Library Board of Directors.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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March 27, 2026

I've been a De Soto Library patron for 50 years and have seen many changes. We need a dedicated librarian who interacts and gets acquainted with our community. By the rotating librarian plan as has been the case lately, neither things happen. With self-checkout, there isn't even a hello or goodbye. We need to know our librarian and that they are here to serve our community. Bring back our book discussion group. Thank you so much.



Monthly Report
of the Friends of Johnson County Library
to the Board of Directors of Johnson County Library
April 2026

Library Advocacy

The Friends of Johnson County Library continues to monitor state and federal legislative activity with potential implications for public libraries, including funding streams, governance authority, and intellectual freedom. To reiterate – given the pace of developments during the 2026 legislative session, our focus is on identifying emerging risks and opportunities and coordinating strategic responses. We do not provide public bill-by-bill tracking through Friends communication channels unless close attention or action is required.

As necessary, we activate our membership to ensure our community is informed and able to make their voices heard through appropriate, nonpartisan channels, in alignment with broader Kansas library advocacy efforts. For example, members have received **action/advocacy alerts for HB 2745 and HB 2539** thus far. Questions are welcome. For discussion or context, please contact **County Librarian Tricia Suellentrop** or **Shanta Dickerson, Executive Director, Friends of Johnson County Library**.

For your situational awareness, we are monitoring the following state items in coordination with Kansas Library Association and library partners (**status updates as of March 23, 2026**):

- **HB 2539 [ALIVE]** – Requiring members of the Eudora Community Library District Board of Directors to be elected.
Status: Passed the House as amended (Yea: 96, Nay: 26) on Thursday, February 19, 2026; Senate Received and Introduced on Wednesday, February 25, 2026; Senate Referred to Committee on Local Government, Transparency and Ethics on Thursday, February 26, 2026; Senate Hearing: Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 9:30 AM Room 142-S; Senate Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Committee on Local Government, Transparency and Ethics on Tuesday, March 17, 2026; Senate Committee of the Whole - Committee Report be adopted on Wednesday, March 18, 2026; Senate Committee of the Whole - Be passed as amended on Wednesday, March 18, 2026; Senate Final Action - Passed as amended; Yea: 37 Nay: 3 on Thursday, March 19, 2026. (legiscan.com).
NAY VOTES: Corson, Holscher, Pettey.
- **HB 2769 [ALIVE]** – Requiring members of governing bodies of subordinate service taxing areas to be residents of such taxing areas.
Status: House Final Action - Passed as amended; Yea: 94 Nay: 25 on Thursday, March 12, 2026; Senate Received and Introduced on Thursday, March 12, 2026. ([Kansas State Legislature](https://kslegislature.org)).
Senate Final Action - Passed; Yea: 33 Nay: 7 on Thursday, March 19, 2026.
NAY VOTES: Corson, Francisco, Holscher, Miller, Pettey, Schmidt, Sykes.
- **HB 2745 [ALIVE]** – Requiring a vote of electors to approve increases in property tax revenues; establishing related funds and limits affecting taxing subdivisions.
Status: Senate Committee Report recommending substitute bill be passed by Committee on Assessment and Taxation on Tuesday, March 10, 2026; Senate Committee of the Whole - Passed

over and retain a place on the calendar on Thursday, March 12, 2026; Senate Withdrawn from Calendar, Rereferred to Committee on Assessment and Taxation on Friday, March 13, 2026; House Final Action - Passed as amended; Yea: 76 Nay: 45 on Thursday, February 26, 2026; Senate Received and Introduced on Thursday, February 26, 2026; Senate Referred to Committee on Assessment and Taxation on Friday, February 27, 2026. ([Kansas State Legislature](#))

- **HB 2451 [ALIVE]** – Prohibiting the use of public assets by government officers and employees to advocate for or against proposed amendments to the constitution of the state of Kansas and ballot questions submitted to qualified electors.

Status: House Final Action – Passed as amended (Yea: 88, Nay: 36) on Wednesday, February 18, 2026; Senate Received and Introduced on Wednesday, February 18, 2026; Senate Referred to Committee on Federal and State Affairs on Thursday, February 19, 2026. (*Stems from Hutchinson’s fall 2025 school bond election that failed.*) ([Kansas State Legislature](#))

- **Sub HB 2434 [ALIVE]** – Substitute for HB 2434 by Committee on Appropriations – Making and concerning supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2026 and appropriations for fiscal years 2027 and 2028 for various state agencies, authorizing certain capital improvement projects and fees, authorizing certain transfers.

Status: House Final Action – Substitute passed on Thursday, February 26, 2026 (Yea: 68, Nay: 53); received and introduced in the Senate on Thursday, February 26, 2026; Senate Referred to Committee on Ways and Means on Friday, February 27, 2026. ([Kansas State Legislature](#))

- **HB 2455 [ALIVE]** – Making and concerning certain supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2026 and appropriations for fiscal years 2027, 2028 and 2029 for various state agencies. Status: Introduced on Thursday, January 15, 2026; referred to Committee on Appropriations on Thursday, January 15, 2026; no further action is reflected in the bill history as of March 23, 2026. ([Kansas State Legislature](#))

- **HB 2460 [ALIVE]** – Providing an exception to the Kansas Open Records Act that authorizes certain individuals to have identifying information restricted from public access on public websites that identify home addresses or home ownership.

Status: Passed the House as amended on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 (Yea: 97, Nay: 27); received and introduced in the Senate on Tuesday, February 24, 2026; Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary on Wednesday, February 25, 2026. ([Kansas State Legislature](#))

- **HB 2519 [ALIVE]** – Continuing in existence certain exceptions to the disclosure of public records under the Kansas open records act.

Status: House Final Action - Passed; Yea: 120 Nay: 2 on Thursday, February 19, 2026; Senate Received and Introduced on Tuesday, February 24, 2026; Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary on Wednesday, February 25, 2026; Senate Hearing: Monday, March 9, 2026, 10:30 AM Room 346-S; Senate Committee Report recommending bill be passed and placed on Consent Calendar on Wednesday, March 11, 2026. ([Kansas State Legislature](#)). Senate Consent Calendar Passed (Yea: 40, Nay: 0) on Tuesday, March 17, 2026.

- **SB 488 [ALIVE]** – Enacting the Kansas Property Tax Freedom Act of 2026, including phased elimination of property taxation and proposed revenue replacement mechanisms. Status: Introduced Thursday, February 5, 2026; referred to Senate Assessment and Taxation on

Friday, February 6, 2026; Senate Hearing: Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 9:30 AM Room 548-S.
([Kansas State Legislature](#))

LIKELY DEAD

- **SB 231 [LIKELY DEAD]** – House Substitute for SB 231 by Committee on Elections - Changing the timing of city, school, community college and certain other municipality elections to fall in even-numbered years and requiring the term of office of municipal elected officials to be either two years or four years.

Status: House Elections Committee struck the contents of SB 231 and replaced them with amended provisions of HB 2452; Committee Report recommending substitute bill be passed on Wednesday, March 11, 2026. Amended HB 2452 provisions included in the substitute include moving covered municipal elections to even-numbered years beginning in 2028 and standardizing terms of office to two or four years with transition provisions. ([Kansas State Legislature](#))

*The substitute language incorporates the amended provisions of **HB 2452**, including moving covered municipal elections to even-numbered years beginning in 2028, standardizing terms to two or four years with transition provisions for 2027 terms, and making related administrative and ballot-procedure changes.*

- **SCR 1616 [LIKELY DEAD]** – Proposing a constitutional amendment to limit assessed value increases for real property (by subclass) and mobile homes.

Status: House Committee of the Whole - Committee Report be adopted on Thursday, March 12, 2026; House Committee of the Whole - Amendment by Representative Sawyer Clayton was rejected; Yea: 37 Nay: 78 on Thursday, March 12, 2026; House Committee of the Whole - Motion to recommend favorably for passage failed on Thursday, March 12, 2026. ([Kansas State Legislature](#))

DEAD

- **HB 2180 [DEAD]** – Establishing the Blind Information Access Act to require the State Library to provide on-demand information access services to persons who are blind, visually impaired, deafblind, or print disabled.

- **HB 2410 [DEAD]** – Allowing a public library taxing district to withdraw from a regional system of cooperating libraries, with no discretion by the State Library Board regarding approval of withdrawal.

- **HB 2458 [DEAD]** – Requiring approval of property tax levies and bond issuances by elected bodies or electors.

- **HB 2575 [DEAD]** – Discontinuing yearly registration and registration fees for certain motor vehicles and discontinuing certain taxes on transfers and property tax on such vehicles.

- **HB 2419 [DEAD]** – Providing an exception to KORA that authorizes certain retired KPERS members to have identifying information restricted from public access on public websites that identify home addresses or home ownership.

- **HB 2721 [DEAD]** – Modifying an exception to the Kansas Open Records Act concerning software programs for electronic data processing.

Shanta Dickerson (she/her)

Executive Director

Libraries for all. All for libraries.



Monthly Report of the
Volunteer & Friends Engagement Coordinator to the
Board of Directors of Johnson County Library
April 2026

Volunteer Engagement Survey

The annual Volunteer Engagement Survey is a chance for volunteers to share information about their experience. This year, our highest participation, with 196 volunteers answering the questions. When asked why they volunteered, most responded with a love of books and libraries or wanting to help their community access information. Volunteers are our biggest advocates with 77% telling others about Library services and 30% bringing others to library programs. Volunteer satisfaction was also high with 96% of volunteers enjoying their volunteer experience and 95% willing to recommend volunteering at the Library to others.

Although only 2% anticipate leaving their volunteer position in the next 12 months, 24% of volunteers might be interested in changing their volunteer position. This tells us that volunteers are open to serving in new ways but also that we have a lot of work to do to expand our capacity to meet new volunteer needs.

Volunteer Appreciation Recognition for Teens

In addition to academic requirements, teens are often busy with lots of extracurricular activities. We are grateful to the teens who make serving their community a priority. We are thrilled that 44% of all Library volunteers are teenagers. Our Volunteer Leadership Awards recognizes teens who contributed more than 50 service hours annually during Volunteer Appreciation Month. Our 2026 Volunteer Leadership Awards honorees are: Callan Haas, Dansel Han, Bella Harvey, River Hendricks, Taylor Jenson, Neil Joshi, Joshua Kanarek, Laasya Karysala, Indraneel Kasuba, Benny Lin, Olivia Moore, Sahana Nirmal, Etina Roelofs, Ananya Santhosh, Rishikar Tekulapally, Tarek Tuffaha, and Nina Wang. Together, these 17 teenagers contributed 1,335 hours of service at Johnson County Library.

New Opportunities

Starting this month, we have volunteers serving as Greeters on Saturday mornings in our Central Resource Branch. These volunteers will help answer navigational questions for the influx of first-time visitors in our branch. This will help to decrease waiting times at the Info Desk for patrons as well as free up staff to handle more complex needs such as signing up for a library card and readers advisory questions.

The Collection Development team has also created a new Volunteer Processor opportunity. We are excited that this new position allows volunteers to help behind the scenes. Volunteer Processors will help our Technical Services staff repair books, label book spines with library stickers, insert RFID tags, and sort books into tubs for each specific branch.



Monthly Report
of the Johnson County Library Foundation
to the Board of Directors of Johnson County Library
Shelley O'Brien, Executive Director
April 2026

1952 Society Event with Bartunde Thurston

The Johnson County Library Foundation is hosting thought leader Baratunde Thurston on **Friday, April 24th at 6:00 pm** at the Central Resource Library in the Carmack Meeting Room.

Mr. Thurston will lead a thought-provoking conversation “From Me to We: A Story of Interdependence.” There are too many crises: climatological, technological, democratically. Even the use of the word crisis has reached crisis levels. While there are policies and investments and direct actions needed in response, there is also a story. What we tell ourselves about ourselves shapes how we show up in these times. Mr. Thurston is the host of the PBS show *America Outdoors with Baratunde Thurston* and the creator of the *How to Citizen* podcast. Previously he was the Director of Digital for The Onion, he co-founded the political blog *Jack and Jill Politics*, and was the supervising producer overseeing digital content on *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah*. His satirical book, *How to Be Black* was published by Harper Collins in 2012.

We hope you will join us and bring your friends and family. In addition, the JCL program department will be hosting a public event with Mr. Thurston on Saturday, April 25th.

Fundraising Wish List

To work closer together, the Foundation and Library have jointly created a fundraising Wish List for 2026. Department Managers created the Wish List in October, and the JCL Foundation Board approved in January 2026.

Several times a year, a donor or prospective donor calls the development department to ask for this additional information on funding priorities or a Wish List. It provides them with some insight into what programs and services we want to develop and/or need funding. The Wish List is also a great way for our Development Department to communicate these priorities to start a conversation or as a possible article or blog content that might spark a person’s interest in donating.

Annual Audit

Each year, the Foundation hires an auditor to produce an independent annual audit. This is a best practice within non-profits, to make sure that accounting and restricted designations are accurately handled. For the JCL Foundation, our audit work for 2025 will start in April 2026 and we are hoping for a quick turn around with a May 2026 clean report to share.



Fundraising Wish List

Your support fuels innovation, inclusion, and inspiration at Johnson County Library. Each opportunity represents an investment in our community's access to learning, creativity, and connection.

\$5,000 to \$25,000

Inspire Young Learners: Give third graders from Title I schools the chance to visit their Library to discover or deepen their love of reading.

Celebrate Art and Community: Sponsor art that transforms branches and library vehicles into vibrant celebrations of literacy.



\$25,000 to \$100,000

Upgrade the Memory Lab: Help preserve memories and history with new technology for digitizing photos, videos, and memories.

Expand Home Connect: Keep homebound patrons engaged with personalized library services delivered to their door.

Central Resource Library Entryway Enhancement: Add outdoor furniture and safety features to create a more welcoming entry.

Improve Wayfinding and Inclusion: Fund new signage that makes navigation easy and every visitor feel at home.

Support Teen Literacy: Empower teens through outreach and programs that build reading skills, confidence, and a lifelong love of learning.



\$100,000 and above

Bring the Library to the Community: Support a mobile outreach unit for adults, kids, or the MakerSpace that delivers library services and learning opportunities across Johnson County.

Launch the Community of Readers Initiative: Fuel a countywide literacy effort with author visits, outreach, and programming that celebrates reading for all ages.

Upgrade Branch Technology: Enhance our branch location's capacity by modernizing audio-visual equipment.



JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARY: Summary of Expenditures by Cost Category (.75 Increase Only)
February 2026
17% of Year Lapsed

OPERATING FUND

	2026 Budget
Programs	
Revenue	6,688,855

- Administrative Services
- Information Technology
- Collection Development
- Branch/Systemwide Services
- Transfer to Capital Projects
- Interfund Transfers

TOTAL OPERATING FUND EXPENDITURES \$0

TOTAL .75 INCREASE FUNDS REMAINING OPERATING \$6,688,855

SPECIAL USE FUND

**2026
Budget**

Revenue: 3,496,675

Expenses:

- Contractual Services (General Maintenance)
- Commodities (Capital Equipment)
- Transfer to Debt Payment
- Transfer to Debt Payment - CLMP 488,197
- Transfer to Capital Projects

TOTAL SPECIAL USE FUND EXPENDITURES \$488,197

TOTAL .75 INCREASE FUNDS REMAINING SPECIAL USE \$3,008,478

TOTAL .75 INCREASE FUNDS REMAINING ALL FUNDS \$9,697,333

JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARY TOTAL REVENUE REPORT

February 2026

17% of Year Lapsed

REVENUE ALL FUNDS	2026 Year to Date	2026 Budget	% Budget Year to Date	% Budget YTD Prior Year
Ad Valorem	26,548,119	51,837,553	51%	54%
Ad Valorem Delinquent	43,835	220,960	20%	39%
Motor Vehicle	715,716	3,657,873	20%	19%
Library Generated - Copying/Printing	10,635	108,206	10%	1%
Library Generated - Fees	10,508	42,000	25%	31%
Sale of Library Books	0	50,000	0%	0%
Misc Other	5,187	18,703	28%	30%
Reimbursements	106,552	811,144	13%	13%
Library Generated - Other Charges	0	0	0%	0%
Investment	79,412	912,000	9%	62%
Unencumbered Balance Forward	0	5,850,768	0%	0%
Transfer from Capital Projects	0	0	0%	0%
Sale of Capital Assets	0	0	0%	0%
Recreational Vehicle Tax	7,574	14,098	54%	53%
Commercial Vehicle Tax	21,118	66,967	32%	21%
Heavy Trucks Tax	2,377	4,432	54%	59%
Rental Excise Tax	30,945	79,279	39%	44%
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	221,848	0	0%	0%
State and Federal Grants	0	273,607	0%	0%
TOTAL REVENUE	27,803,825	63,947,590	43%	57%

Expenses ALL FUNDS with Collection

Encumbrance	2026 Year to Date	2026 Budget	% Categories Expended
Salaries and Benefits	4,909,072	30,206,875	16%
Contractual Services	1,855,311	9,226,059	20%
Commodities	4,215,156	6,473,692	65%
Risk Management Charges	0	274,279	0%
Capital / Maintenance / Repair	0	10,532,371	0%
Transfer to Capital Projects	488,197	3,137,170	16%
Grants	0	273,607	0%
Interfund Transfer	3,756,548	3,823,537	98%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	15,224,284	63,947,590	24%

Revenue - Expenses as of February 28, 2026 12,579,541

RESERVES ALL FUNDS	As of 12/31/24
Reserves Operating Fund	16,689,524
Reserves Special Use Fund	3,259,982
Total JCL Reserves	19,949,506

JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARY: Summary of Expenditures by Cost Category
February 2026
17% Year Lapsed

OPERATING FUND	2026	2026	% Program
Programs	Year to Date	Budget	Expended
Administrative Services	753,981	7,275,498	10%
Information Technology	1,012,599	6,616,965	15%
Collection Development	721,080	4,294,139	17%
Branch/Systemwide Services	4,480,345	27,360,519	16%
Risk Management Charges	0	274,279	0%
Grants	0	273,607	0%
Transfer to Capital Projects	0	10,532,371	0%
Interfund Transfer	3,756,548	3,823,537	98%
TOTAL OPERATING FUND EXPENDITURES	10,724,553	60,450,915	18%

SPECIAL USE FUND	2026	2026	% Budget
	Year to Date	Budget	Expended
Contractual Services (General Maintenance)	0	202,505	0%
Commodities (Capital Equipment)	0	157,000	0%
Transfer to Debt Payment	0	0	0%
Transfer to Capital Projects	488,197	3,137,170	16%
TOTAL SPECIAL USE FUND EXPENDITURES	488,197	3,496,675	14%

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	11,212,750	63,947,590	18%
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JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARY: Summary of Expenditures by Type
February 2026
17% Year Lapsed

ALL FUNDS	2026	2026	% Categories
Categories	Year to Date	Budget	Expended
Salaries and Benefits	4,909,072	30,206,875	16%
Contractual Services	1,257,589	9,226,059	14%
Commodities	801,344	6,473,692	12%
Risk Management Charges	0	274,279	0%
Capital / Maintenance / Repair	0	10,532,371	0%
Transfer to Debt Payment	0	0	0%
Transfer to PBC Capital Leases	488,197	3,137,170	16%
Grants	0	273,607	0%
Interfund Transfer	3,756,548	3,823,537	98%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	11,212,750	63,947,590	18%

GRANTS*	Expenditures through 02/28/2026	Source	Received	Expenditures	Grant Award	Budget Remaining
285000091	2023-State Aid	State	3/29/2023	\$132,568.53	\$132,568.53	\$0.00
285000092	2024-State Aid	State	3/12/2024	\$132,886.40	\$132,886.40	\$0.00
285000094	2025-State Aid	State	4/17/2025	\$165,810.08	\$165,810.08	\$0.00

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

Expenditure of Friends of the JCL Donations 2026

<i>Expenditure Details</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>YTD</i>
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	0.00	0.00
Board Retreat Expenses	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -

Johnson County Library Board Legislative Update on HB 2745 and SCR 1616

April 2026

JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARY

Kansas House Bill 2745

Comprehensive Property Tax Bill passed the Senate 22-18 and the House 63-59 with the bill now awaiting a decision from Gov. Kelly as it fell short of a two-thirds veto proof majority.

Features of HB 2745

- Places a cap on property tax revenue growth at lesser of Midwest CPI-U or 3%
- If a taxing jurisdiction is proposing a budget exceeding that cap it provides registered voters in that taxing district an opportunity to block if there is at least 10% of registered voters signing a returning a petition by September 15
- No exemption for debt service
- Treats Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Districts as new growth once they return to tax rolls
- Replaces Revenue Neutral Rate Framework



Kansas Senate Bill 1616 (SCR 1616)

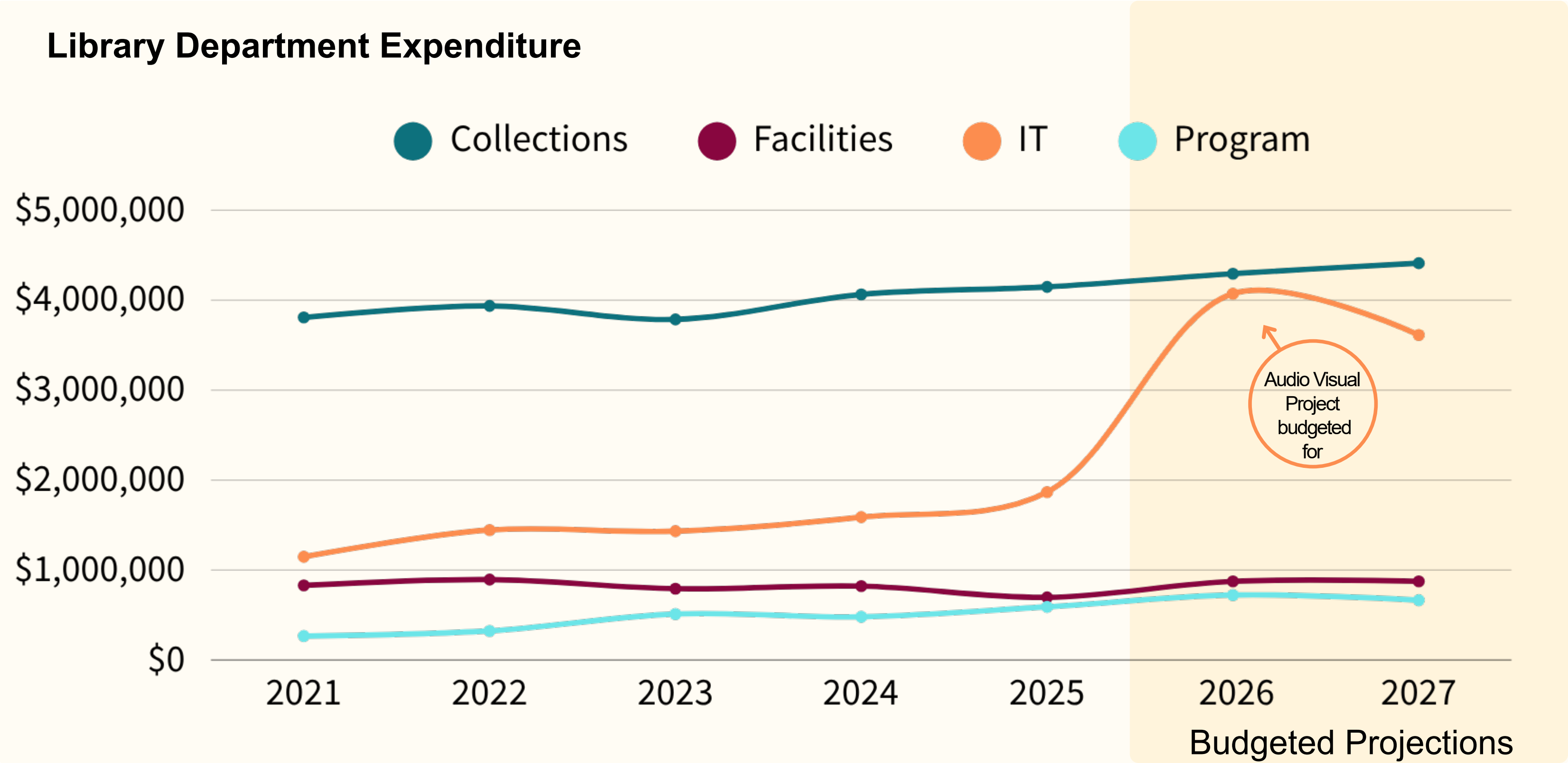
Request to amend the Kansas Constitution by limiting assessed valuation increases the Tax Bill Passed the Senate 30-10 and a motion to recommend favorably failed passage in the House.

Features of SCR 1616

- Places a 3% cap on property tax revenue growth
- Rolls back the current property tax rates to 2022 plus a maximum of 3% for 2027
- The proposed Amendment requires a two-thirds majority in both the Senate and the House and voter approval in an election to become constitutional
- There is a companion to HB 2745 which is Senate Continuing Resolution SCR 1603 that might get revived in a veto session which includes a 9% cap on assessed valuation using the 2024 tax year as the base



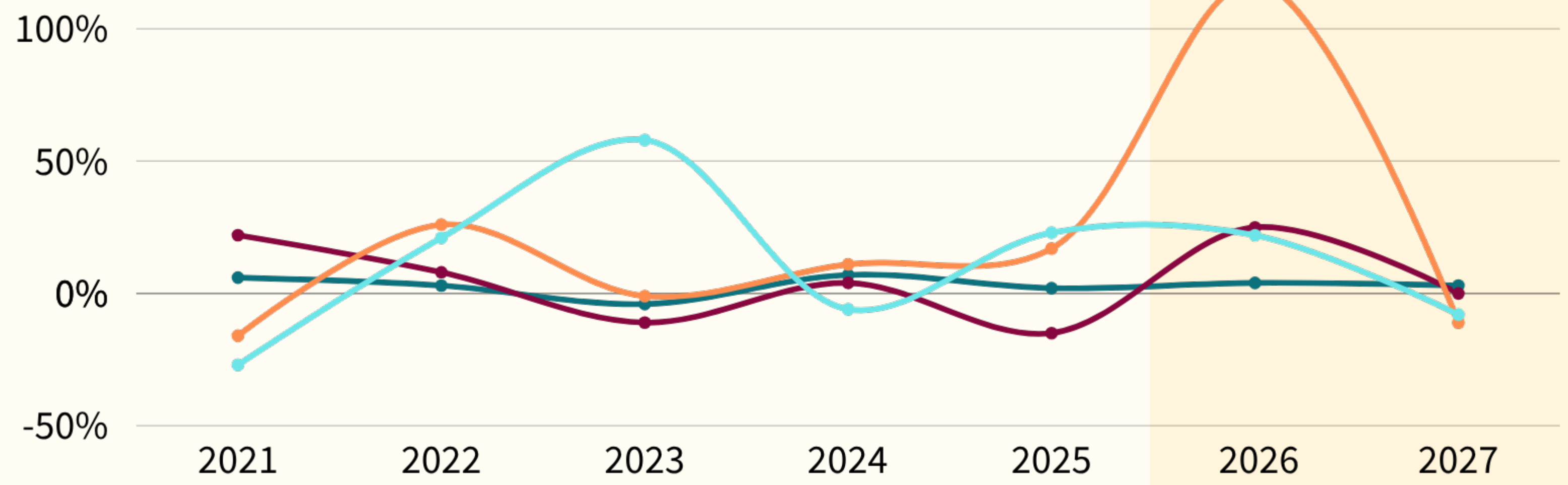
Expenditure History



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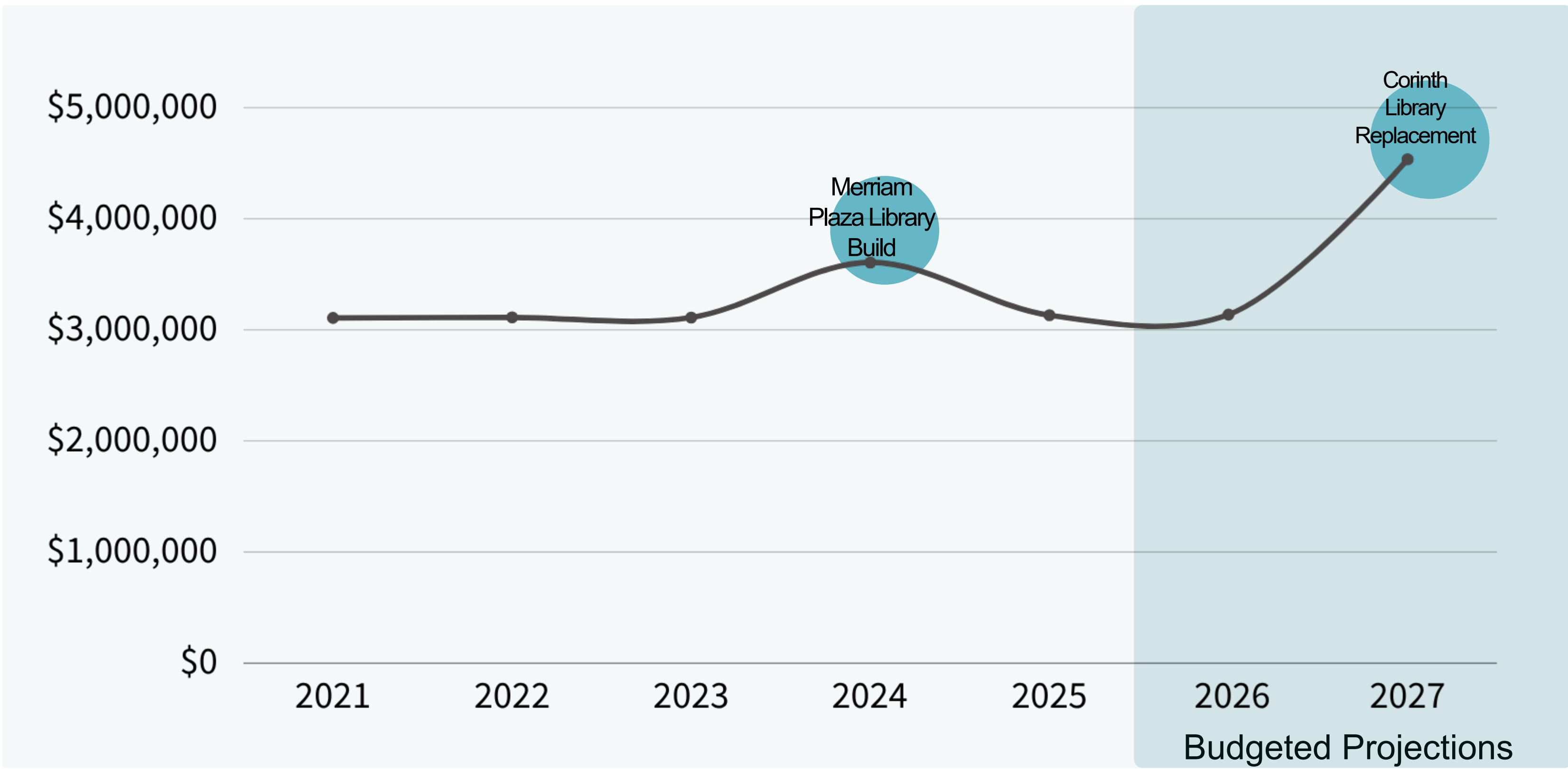
Library Department Expenditure - Percentage Change Year over Year

● Collections ● Facilities ● IT ● Program

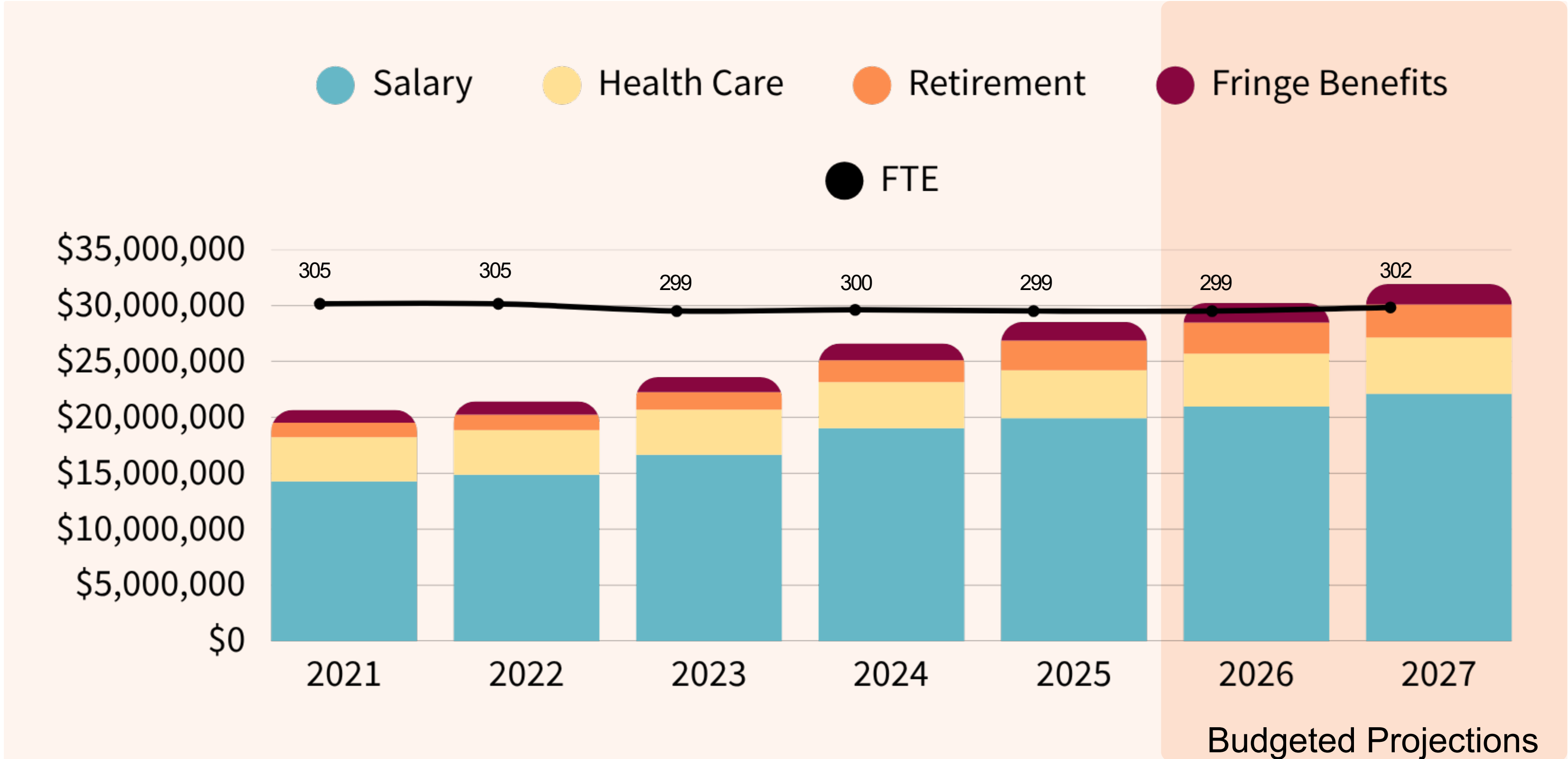


Budgeted Projections

Debt History



Payroll Expenses



Spring Hill and De Soto Renovations

April 2026



Construction Updates

Spring Hill

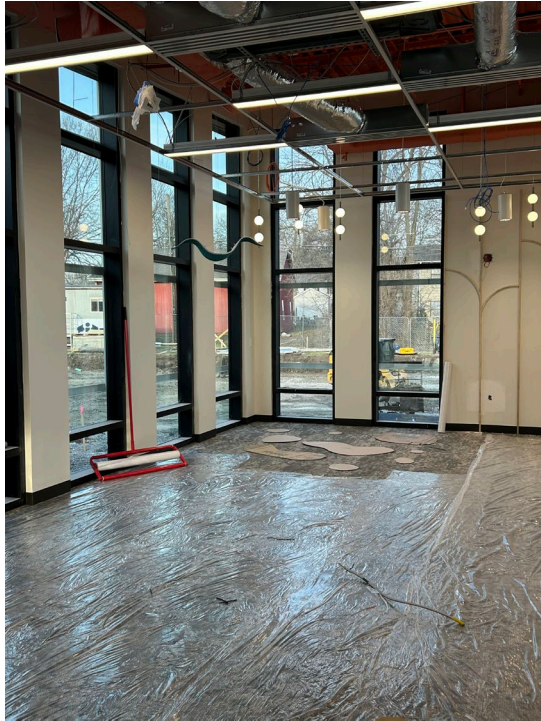
- Parking lot regrading and pouring
- Metal screen installation
- Restrooms completed

De Soto

- Punch list walk complete
- Substantial completion – owner activities have begun



Construction Updates – Spring Hill



View of the inside of the new addition. Carpet installed, light fixtures being hung



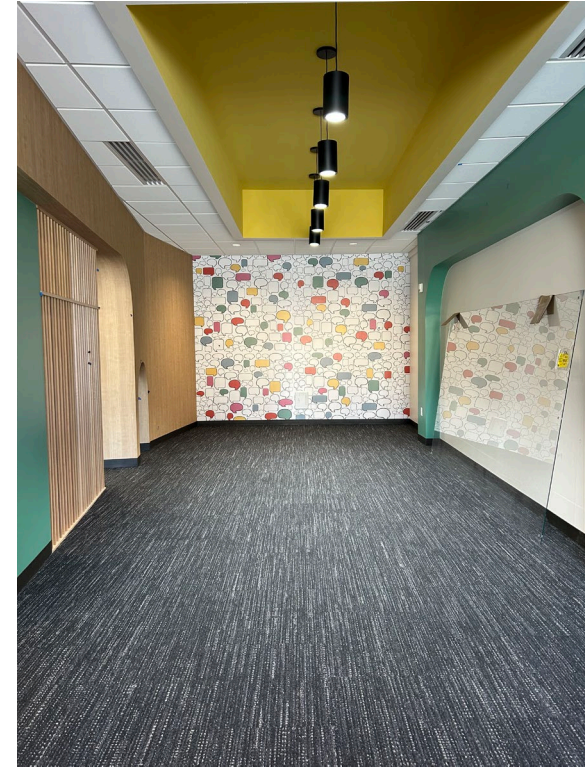
Dormer windows in the adult area. Increases ceiling height and bring in natural light



Construction Updates – De Soto



Shelving installation in progress



Kids area, facing where the kids computers will be, with interactive wall



Next Steps

Spring Hill

- Exterior lighting and signage
- Acoustical ceiling panels
- Parking lot completion
- Landscaping

De Soto

- Shelving installation and reshelving books
- Furniture installation
- PCs and equipment installation
- Mural, 6 by 6 installation, and poem installation



Next Steps

De Soto

- Sub-teams are preparing De Soto for reopening
- Communication out to De Soto patrons
- Staff training
- Opening April 23!

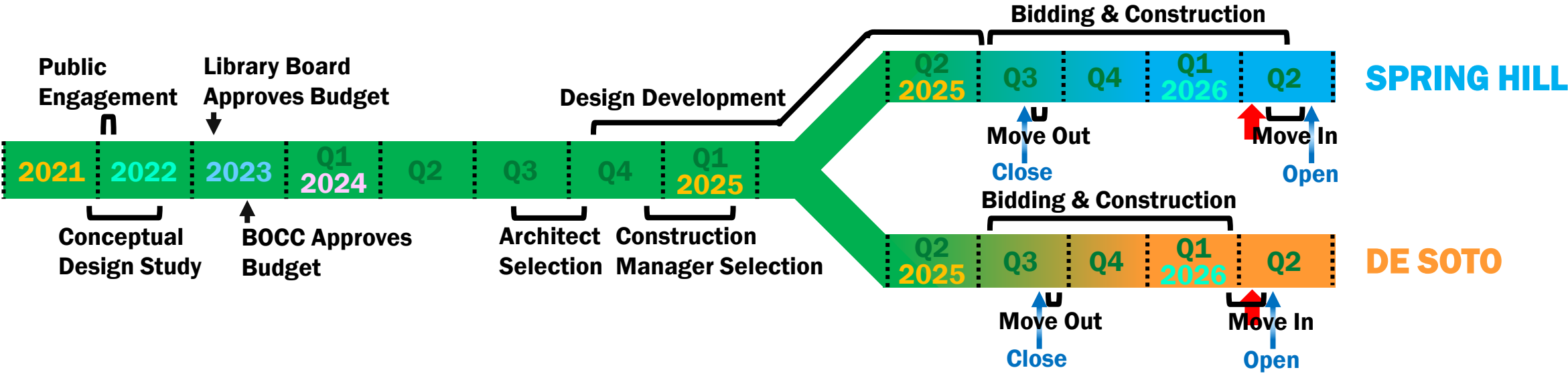
Spring Hill

- Preparing to take possession of the site and begin final activities
- Continuing to communicate about Extended Access and prepare transfer documentation for the pilot



Spring Hill and De Soto Renovations:

Anticipated Project Timeline

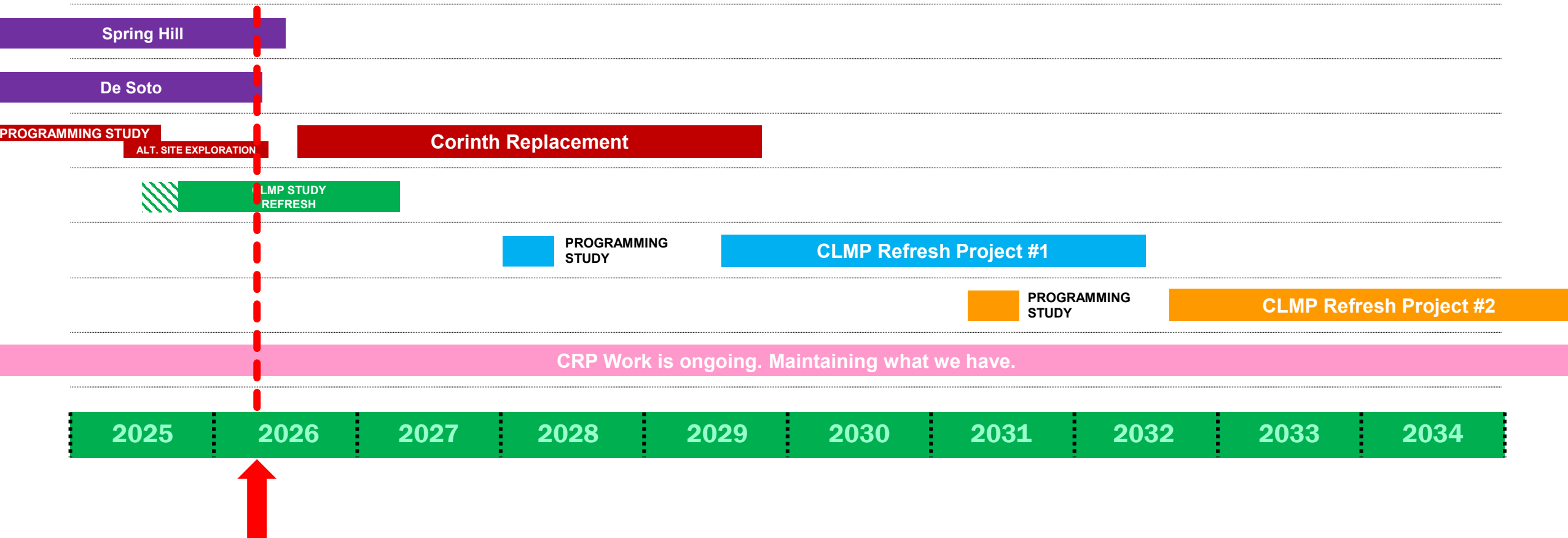


Capital Projects: Timeline Summary

April 2026



Capital Improvement Projects: Updated Timeline

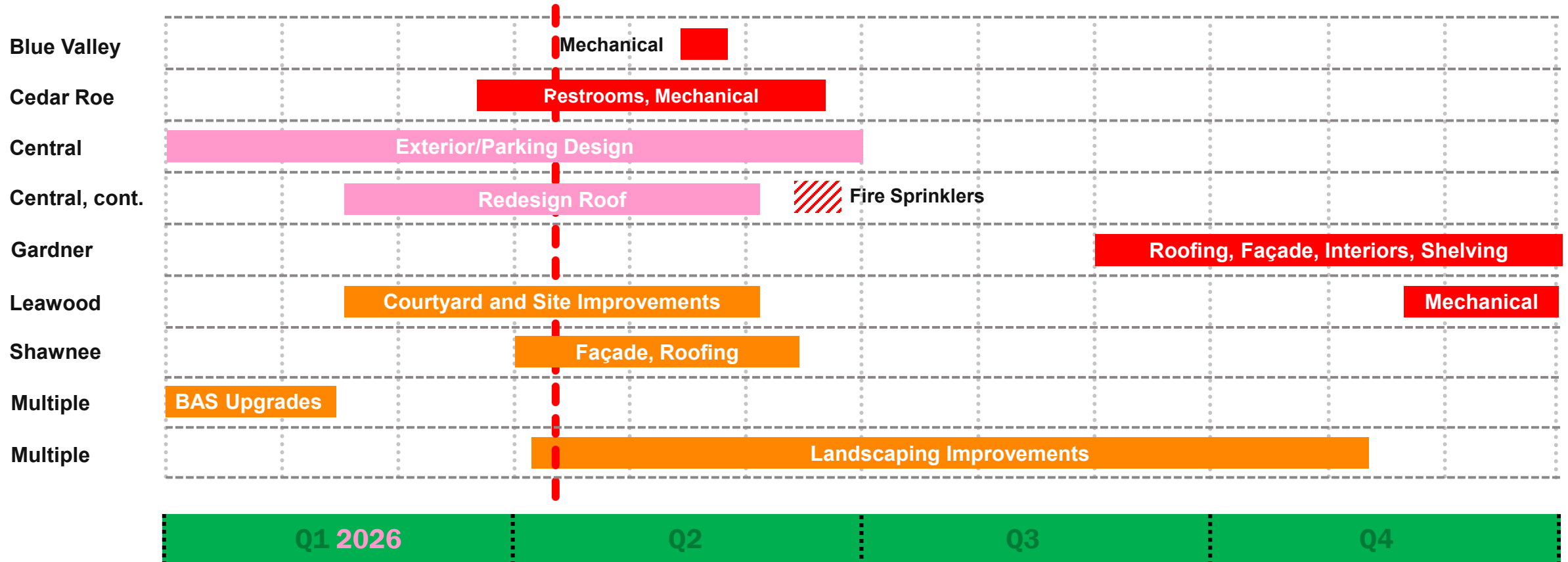


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2026 CRP Anticipated Timeline

- Proposals / Design
- Bidding
- Contracts / Board Action / Other Approvals
- Product / Material Submittals / Lead Time
- Building Closure
- FAC Activity / No Closure
- Substantial Completion / Move-in / Punch List Completion



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Comprehensive Library Master Plan

April 2026



Comprehensive Library Master Plan Update

Updates:

- Developing workplan
- Existing Data review
- Consultant kickoff

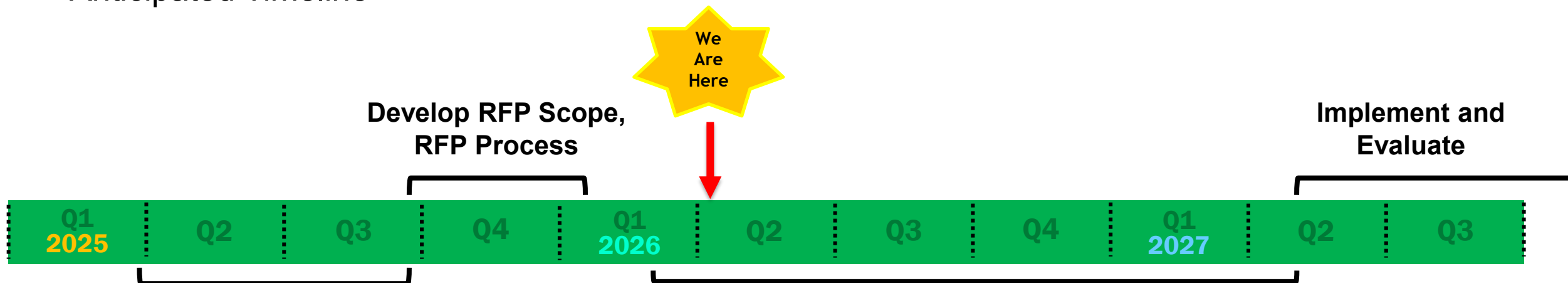
Next Steps:

- Continue to review data
- Public and Staff engagement – Initial planning started



CLMP Refresh:

Anticipated Timeline



Internal Alignment

Study:

- Project Planning
- Environmental Scan, Data Review, Engagement Planning
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Prioritization of Needs and Demands
- Develop and Present Recommendations

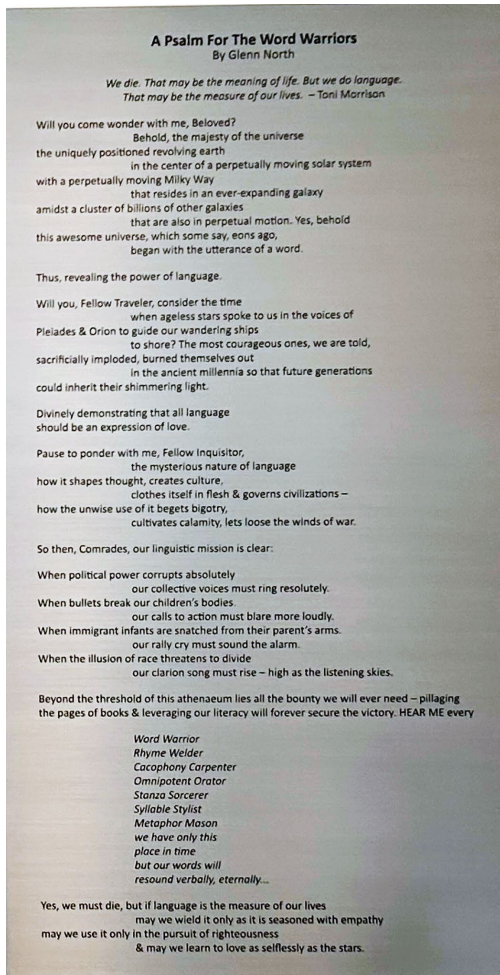


Teen Poems at De Soto and Spring Hill

April 2026

JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARY

Poetry Installations at the Library



Monticello Poem
A Psalm For The World Warriors, by Glenn North

- Poetry installations at Monticello, Merriam Plaza, and Lenexa City Center
- Community connection
- Engaging teens
- Installed in each branch at reopening



Merriam Plaza Poem
The Understory, by Traci Brimhall

THE LIBRARY by Wyatt Townley

A house of secrets rises in mid-air
where mysteries and questions interlace:
somewhere a nook, somewhere an empty chair.

In summer when you're seeking cooler air,
or winter, warmth—or just a friendly face,
a house of secrets rises in mid-air.

You never have to knock. Come home to where
your story takes a deeper turn toward grace—
somewhere a nook, somewhere an empty chair.

A certain book awaits your downward stare.
Its pathless path leads to a placeless place;
its house of secrets houses you mid-air.

A home within a book is anywhere
you are and carries you through time and space
far from this nook, far from your comfy chair.

When countries have forgotten how to care
and cruelty's contagious, commonplace,
a house of secrets rises in mid-air:
somewhere a book, somewhere an empty chair.

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Poet Laureate of Kansas Emerita

Lenexa City Center Poem
The Library, by Wyatt Townley



elementia's Role

- Workgroup identified
- “Legacy” selected as the theme for the 2025–2026 issue
- These are the first two pieces selected for the magazine
- Teen committee utilized their expertise and engaged in editorial review for the first time this year
- Outreach included local schools, Regional Librarians, and community events
- 23 total submissions



Cadence Dilks

My name is Cadence Dilks.

I'm 15, almost 16 years old.

I love to write, it's always been a dream of mine to get something published.

I'm also involved in things like theatre and color guard.

Thank you for all the support from friends and family.



Brooke Zerbs

Brooke Zerbs is a fifteen-year-old sophomore at Blue Valley North High School. She began writing poetry in fifth grade and has continued to work on her writing ever since. In her spare time, she enjoys reading novels, spending time in nature, and constructing sets for her high school's theatre.



**MINUTES JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

March 12, 2026
at Central Resource Library
4:00 p.m.

BOARD: Jeffrey Mendoza, Kelly Kilgore, Charles McAllister, Chrysalyn Huff (Zoom), David Sims, Jennifer Hrabe, and Jodie Dietz

ABSENT: None.

BOARD ATTORNEY: Andrew Logan

BOCC: Commissioner Julie Brewer

STAFF: (All JCL, FAC staff) Tricia Suellentrop, Kinsley Riggs, Adam Wathen, Ben Sunds, David Vratny, Shelley O'Brien, Patti Kangethe, Shanta Dickerson, Megan Clark, Adisa Colins, Amy Barclay, Anna Madrigal, Elissa Andre, Michelle Olsen, John Keogh, Aaron Otto, Lacie Griffin, Kate McNair, Lisa Davis, Dev Tillotson, Amber Bourke Slater, Michelle Beesley, Scott Sime, John Keogh

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A written comment is included in the March Board Report.

REMARKS FROM THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Mr. McAllister highlighted the transition from Black History Month to Women's History Month by recognizing Alice H. Parker, an early 20th-century inventor whose patented heating design helped shape the way homes are heated today. He shared a short video about Ms. Parker, emphasizing the importance of honoring innovators who overcame racial and gender barriers to make significant contributions. Mr. McAllister noted that the library currently lacks information on Ms. Parker and reflected on how learning this history has become increasingly meaningful to him, especially given his personal experiences growing up during a time when his own parents were unable to vote. He underscored the value of sharing this history with younger generations.

Ms. Huff thanked staff for the Taylor Swift-themed event held at the Central Resource Library, noting that she and her granddaughter had a wonderful experience and that it was gratifying to see patrons engaging positively with staff and one another. She emphasized her hope that the staff involved would receive recognition for their excellent work.

Ms. Kilgore expressed her appreciation for the curated reading recommendations in the Libby app, particularly highlighting the thoughtfully selected titles for Black History Month and Women's History Month.

REMARKS FROM THE LIBRARY BOARD CHAIR:

Board Chair Jeffrey Mendoza reflected on his decision not to seek reappointment, and he expressed deep gratitude for his four years of service on the Board, highlighting the exceptional people he has

worked with and the insight he gained into the extensive work staff undertake to make the Johnson County Library one of the best library systems in the country. Mr. Mendoza shared that Dr. Amanda Vega-Mavec has been nominated for appointment by Commissioner Hanzlick. He described Dr. Mavec as a dedicated library supporter and expressed confidence and excitement for the contributions she will make when she joins the Board in May.

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT REPORT

Shanta Dickerson, Friends of the Johnson County Library Executive 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. The written reports are included in the March Library Board Report.

Ms. Dickerson focused on the Friends of the Library, explaining that advocacy work remained active, with approximately 30 state and federal legislative items being monitored, most of which would not advance but still required careful attention. She highlighted key legislation of interest and expressed concern about recent developments related to the legislation requiring elections for certain library board positions. In addition to advocacy, Ms. Dickerson described the Friends' ongoing reuse and waste-diversion efforts, such as book sales and the Book Nook, and announced that Thursday evening hours would resume in the summer due to strong public demand. The Friends newsletter had been distributed earlier that day, and members were encouraged to confirm their contact information or renew their memberships as needed. Ms. Dickerson closed by noting that, while no urgent action was required, the Friends were encouraging the public to contact their legislators at this time.

County Commissioner

Commissioner Julie Brewer shared the books she had been reading, including *Ikigai*, which she was preparing to discuss with her book club, and *The Awakening of Miss Prim*. She recommended *Ikigai* for its reflections on purpose and aging.

She then expressed appreciation to Adam Wathen and Scott Sime for providing an in-depth tour of the Corinth Library, noting that seeing the facility firsthand gave her a clearer understanding of the building's age, foundational issues, and the ongoing efforts to maintain safety. She acknowledged that the library had been planning for the building's future since the 2015 comprehensive plan and commended the organization's diligence in preparing financially for an eventual project.

Commissioner Brewer also congratulated Johnson County employees recently recognized for milestone anniversaries and invited those present to be acknowledged once again.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

Mr. Andrew Logan, Board co-counsel, reviewed the Library Board's role within advocacy, gave an update on legislative update in relation to Kansas Senate Bill 244 and reviewed ARM 20-10-30 Suspension, Denial or Restriction of Library Use and Appeal Procedures – Policy.

Mr. Logan reminded Board members that while each individual retained personal First Amendment rights, statements made from the dais could be interpreted as carrying the authority of a public body and should be clearly distinguished from personal views. He noted that any collective advocacy by the Board should occur only when there were consensus and action to do so, such as a resolution.

Mr. Logan gave an update on recent legislation, Kansas Senate Bill 244. He began by explaining that the legislation does not affect library cards. Additionally, certain spaces within the Library must be designated and operated in accordance with the legislation.

Ms. Hrabe inquired about the status of the case in Douglas County District Court regarding the legislation, which Mr. Logan indicated is unresolved and ongoing. Board Chair Mendoza received confirmation from Mr. Logan that no physical changes were currently required to Library facilities. In response to questions about broader countywide changes, Mr. Logan explained that the Library is engaged in ongoing, collaborative communication with county leadership and facilities.

Mr. Logan explained that the library's suspension and appeal process is governed by Administrative Regulation 20-10-30, which outlines procedures for removing or suspending patrons. He noted that staff were authorized to remove individuals immediately when safety, health, or access concerns arise. Long-term or indefinite suspensions are issued by the County Librarian following a formal process in which staff compile an administrative record, a review panel examines the information, and the individual has an opportunity to participate in interviews. The panel then recommends whether to uphold or reverse the suspension, which may result in an appeal process at the patron's option.

COUNTY LIBRARIAN REPORT

Finance Report

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

Mr. Vratny reviewed the Johnson County Library's Total Revenue Report, from the end of January 2026, 8% into the fiscal year. The library had collected approximately \$27.7 million in revenue, or about 43% of the annual budget. He explained that year-to-year variances in early revenue percentages were largely driven by differences in the unencumbered balance forward, which was significantly higher in 2026 than in 2025, making actual revenue performance comparable once adjusted. On the expenditure side, the library had spent or encumbered roughly \$11.9 million, or 19% of the total budget. He noted that this figure included annual collection encumbrances, interfund transfers supporting county services such as facilities and payroll, and a three-paycheck month that affected salary totals.

Budget Calendar Review

Mr. Vratny outlined the upcoming budget development cycle for the 2027 fiscal year. He reminded the Board that a related agenda item later in the meeting would formally initiate the planning process and that staff would return in April with a more detailed proposed budget. He noted that the Budget Committee was scheduled to meet on March 23, at which time staff would present recommendations and continue refining the proposal in preparation for the Board's review the following month.

Legislative Updates

Mr. Vratny reviewed two pieces of legislation under debate in Topeka, House Bill 2745 and Senate Concurrent Resolution 1616, and their potential financial impact on the library. He explained that HB 2745 had undergone significant changes in the Senate, including replacing the 3 percent cap with a CPI-based limit, revising allowable position increases, altering treatment of bonding and tax increment financing, and reinstating the revenue-neutral framework. SCR 1616, which proposed a

hard 3 percent cap and a rollback to 2022 property tax rates, was described as far more consequential.

In response to questions from Ms. Dietz, Mr. Vratny clarified that HB 2745 could reduce revenue projections by roughly \$1.6 million, while the constitutional amendment could result in losses in the tens of millions. Staff noted that early contingency planning had begun, outlining potential impacts such as reduced materials purchasing, delayed technology replacements, modified service hours, prolonged vacancy freezes, and scaled-back building projects. The discussion concluded with acknowledgment of ongoing uncertainty and monitoring of legislative developments.

2025 Annual Statistical Report

Adam Wathen, Associate Director for Branch Services, presented the 2025 Annual Statistical Report, which is included in the March Library Board Report.

Mr. Wathen presented the 2025 annual statistics report, noting that data collection concluded each February for submission to the State Library of Kansas. He explained that this year's report differed significantly because the Patron Insights Manager enhanced the clarity and strength of the data presentation. Wathen highlighted stable physical visits, substantial growth in web traffic due to the 2025 website launch and increases in cardholders and program attendance. He noted a slight decline in total circulation that aligned with recent trends, including decreasing physical checkouts and rising digital usage. Additional metrics illustrated patron engagement, community impact, and context regarding operating revenue, staffing, and population served, excluding Olathe. He also described updates to the benchmarking library set to better reflect comparable systems and shared early indicators of improved performance in several service areas.

In response to questions from Ms. Dietz regarding program growth and the increase to seven programs per 1,000 residents, Mr. Wathen explained that recent staffing model changes have brought new staff and responsibilities into programming. He noted that teams had been building strategy and capacity, and that outreach shifts also influenced the numbers. He confirmed that further details would be presented in an upcoming departmental report.

In response to comments and questions from Board Chair Mendoza regarding the significantly higher web traffic, an increase from 1.3 million to 2.6 million visits, Mr. Wathen noted uncertainty about whether measurement methods had changed but acknowledged that the new website launch would likely generate additional community engagement and feedback activity. He agreed with observations that the increase might function similarly to a new-building bump and could be an anomaly for several years.

Department Trends: Collection Development

Lacie Griffin, Collection Development Manager, presented the Department Trend: Collection Development Report, which is included in the March Library Board Report.

Ms. Griffin explained that the 14-member team selected, purchased, and prepared more than a million physical and digital items, ensuring materials were discoverable online and browsable in library spaces. She noted that the 2025 materials budget totaled approximately \$4.42 million, funded through the library's operating budget, Olathe Public Library cost-sharing, Foundation endowment support, state aid, and Friends of the Library contributions. Ms. Griffin highlighted that physical holdings remained steady at about one million items while total collection size continued to grow, with

each item circulating more than five times annually. She emphasized rapid increases in digital use across age groups and reviewed top-used digital magazines, e-books, audiobooks, and streaming television titles. She also presented results from the 2025 physical collection diversity audit, conducted using iCurate tools and compared with 2021 data. Johnson County Library achieved a 16 percent diversity representation—above the national public library average—and showed improvement in every category, with plans to reassess in 2029.

Ms. Hrabe shared positive feedback and appreciation for the department’s strong collections and impact on families.

Department Trends: Maker Services

Kate McNair, Maker Services Operations Manager, presented the Department Trend: Maker Services Report, which is included in the March Library Board Report.

Ms. McNair, Maker Services Operations Manager, reported that maker services expanded significantly in 2025 with the addition of two maker specialist positions, allowing public MakerSpace hours to increase from 34 to 54 per week. The space operated daily, except Wednesdays for maintenance, and averaged 1,300 hours of use per month. She noted that all equipment remained free to use with staff support and that more than 2,000 patrons used the space in the previous month, with 3D printers, laser cutters, and the new embroidery machine among the most popular tools. Program demand remained high as offerings nearly doubled from 2024 to 2025, with expanded access through nine additional library locations, the Adult Residential Center, and online sessions. McNair highlighted new maker kits, long-term equipment planning, and recently added tools, along with the strong positive feedback regularly received from patrons, including a detailed example from entrepreneurs Anthony and Andrea, whose business growth was supported by MakerSpace resources. She concluded by outlining 2026 plans to expand maker kits, add laptops for mobile programming, and improve accessibility through height-adjustable furniture.

Ms. Hrabe expressed appreciation for the staff assistance that her family received while making personalized gifts.

COMPREHENSIVE LIBRARY MASTER PLAN

Megan Levitt, Project Coordinator, and Scott Sime, Project and Events Manager, presented on the Comprehensive Library Master Plan, these reports are included in the March Board Report.

Spring Hill and De Soto

Megan Levitt, Project Coordinator, provided updates on the Spring Hill and De Soto renovation projects.

Ms. Levitt reported that construction progress at both Spring Hill and De Soto continued on schedule. At Spring Hill, electrical work and ceiling grid installation had been completed, and preparations for parking lot paving, landscaping, and insulation were underway. At De Soto, interior updates including carpet, lighting, wallpaper, and faux wood paneling, were advancing, with exterior lighting and gutter improvements finished. Ms. Levitt noted that decorative metal screening at Spring Hill was expected by month’s end and that De Soto had completed its pre-punch list, with a final walk-through scheduled soon. She added that additional project updates would be provided by Facilities Project Manager Lisa Davis and Regional Manager John Keogh, including extended-access service changes and the installation of emergency phones at Spring Hill and Lenexa City Center. Levitt concluded by

announcing De Soto’s reopening date of April 23 and noted that a reopening date for Spring Hill would be shared at the next board meeting.

Interiors Update

Lisa Davis, Facilities Project Manager III, presented the Spring Hill and De Soto Interiors Update report, as included in the March Board Report.

Ms. Davis reported on the renovation and design intent for the Spring Hill and De Soto branches. She explained that the De Soto design embraced the charm of the historic downtown to create a cozy, bookstore-like atmosphere, while Spring Hill reflected a blend of modern growth and small-town character. Ms. Davis described improvements to each building, including a more prominent entrance, enhanced signage, upgraded lighting, expanded children’s areas, improved computer and study spaces, and thoughtful design features that balanced functionality, visibility, durability, and patron comfort. She highlighted new quiet zones, modern amenities, improved staff work areas, expanded facilities, and outdoor landscaping enhancements. The 1,300-square-foot Spring Hill addition provided space for a standardized early-literacy area and increased natural light through redesigned windows. Ms. Davis concluded by expressing appreciation for the partnership that allowed facilities to address staff and patron needs through these renovations.

Ms. Hrabe expressed positive feedback on the updated designs. County Librarian Suellentrop expressed appreciation for the partnership with facilities and for Facility Director, Tony Barron’s support.

Overall Timeline

Scott Sime, Project and Events Manager, reported on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) timeline and Capital Replacement Plan (CRP) 2026 timeline are included in the March Board Report.

Mr. Sime reported on the status of capital improvement and replacement projects, noting there were no changes to the overall timeline since the previous update. He highlighted upcoming work at Cedar Roe, which was scheduled to close on March 23 for restroom and infrastructure upgrades before reopening in June. He also referenced pending discussion on Gardner later in the meeting, ongoing courtyard construction at Leawood, and the Shawnee roof and building-envelope project included on the consent agenda, where efforts were underway to minimize lead times.

Comprehensive Library Master Plan Refresh Update

Scott Sime, Project and Events Manager, Comprehensive Library Master Plan Refresh Update, are included in the March Board Report.

Mr. Sime reported on the work of the Comprehensive Library Master Plan continued, with weekly meetings held alongside the consultant to review existing planning data, statistics, and community documents. He emphasized that public and staff engagement would occur in later phases, with a goal of clearly outlining opportunities for patron participation in the next version of the project guide.

UPDATES – Tricia Suellentrop, County Librarian

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

Joint Board Meeting

County Librarian, Tricia Suellentrop, updated the board that the annual Joint Board Meeting between the Library Board and the Board of County Commissioners is set to take place following the regular April Board Meeting, scheduled for April 9th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Board members were advised that meal requests would be collected, with accommodations for dietary restrictions. Although the joint meeting would be open to the public, it would not be broadcast or recorded. Planning for the agenda was underway, with expected topics including an update on the Comprehensive Library Master Plan, information on Corinth, and other current library initiatives. More details would be shared as the date approached.

Community Connections

Dev Tillotson, Branch Operations Manager, presented the Community Connections Report, which is included in the March Library Board Report.

Ms. Tillotson reported on the Community Connections pilot underway at the Central Resource Library through 2026. The pilot established a dedicated space for community affiliates to meet with patrons, with eight partners already scheduled and additional partnerships under consideration. Early efforts focused on services such as Medicaid application assistance, lunch support, and access-to-reduction resources, all aligned with strategic priorities related to community engagement, convenience, and operational efficiency. Ms. Tillotson highlighted the program's first partner, Renewed Hope, which had provided 889 lunches to date, and emphasized ongoing collaboration to expand services. She outlined plans to collect data on patron use, partner satisfaction, and staff preparedness as the pilot evolved.

In response to questions from Mr. Sims, Ms. Tillotson noted that expansion to other libraries was possible but would depend on community needs.

In response to questions from Ms. Dietz regarding public-space designation and liability, Ms. Tillotson and Mr. Logan clarified that the area functioned as a limited public forum and that partners did not store materials onsite.

In response to comments from Ms. Hrabe, Ms. Tillotson acknowledged appreciation for the program and interest in its future growth.

Strategic Plan Update for Trimester Three of 2025

Kinsley Riggs, Deputy County Librarian, presented the Strategic Plan Update for Trimester Three of 2025, which is included in the March Library Board Report.

Ms. Riggs reported on third-trimester 2025 progress, noting that work continued to be guided by the five-year strategic plan and its key performance areas of community, convenience, education, operations, and communication. She highlighted ongoing efforts within the library's three organizational priorities, including advancement of the Comprehensive Library Master Plan with the consultant beginning data review and planning, as well as continued exploration of site options for the Corinth replacement project. Ms. Riggs reviewed progress on capital replacement projects, including building envelope work at Blue Valley, restroom design for Cedar Roe, construction underway on the Leawood courtyard, and preparation for work at Gardner and Shawnee. She noted continued momentum on the Spring Hill and De Soto renovation projects. Ms. Riggs also summarized developments in organizational redesign, including strengthened alignment within Branch Services, expanded professional development within Program Services, and the completion of new patron

service standards moving toward implementation. She reported progress on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging initiatives under the V.I.B.E. priority, including the launch of a free print allowance, finalization of the V.I.B.E. charter, and planning for the return of an in-person staff day.

In response to a question from Mr. McAllister, Ms. Riggs confirmed that food would be provided on Staff Day.

CONSENT AGENDA

I. Consent Agenda

A. Action Items:

1. Minutes of the February 12, 2026 Regular Library Board meeting
2. Consideration of Renewal of Communications Term and Supply
3. Consideration of Approval of expenditure authority for Zones, LLC. for Johnson County Library's Microsoft Renewal for 2026 and 2027
4. Consideration of Contracts for Digital Signage and Meeting Room Audiovisual Update Projects with Mission Electronics
5. Consideration of Construction Contract for Shawnee roofing and building envelope
6. Consideration of Construction Contract for Gardner roofing and building envelope
7. Consideration of Assignment and Assumption Agreement between bdDesignGroup LLC. and Philhour Design LLC.

B. Information Items

1. Financial and Personnel

a) The County Librarian and the Finance Director certify those payment vouchers and personnel authorizations for January 2026 were handled in accordance with library and County policy.

b) The January 2026 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: Ms. Kilgore moved the Library Board of Directors to approve the consent agenda.

Second: Mr. McAllister seconded this motion.

Motion was approved unanimously.

II. Old Business

A. Action Item: Consideration of revisions to ARM 20-10-10 Hours of Service

John Keogh, Regional Manager and Adam Wathen, Associate Director for Branch Services, presented the ARM 20-10-10 Hours of Service briefing sheet.

Board members expressed appreciation for the revisions made to the extended-access pilot and emphasized the importance of monitoring its implementation.

Ms. Dietz reiterated her longstanding concerns about non-staffed hours, noting her preference for fully staffed libraries and stressing the value of human interaction in an increasingly digital environment. She acknowledged the adjustments made and stated her support for the modified pilot with close oversight.

Board Chair Mendoza thanked staff for responding to Board concerns and recognized that, while fully staffed hours were ideal, the pilot offered expanded access during times that would otherwise remain closed. Mr. Sims described the pilot as a positive step worth testing, acknowledging that it could be expanded or discontinued depending on results.

Commissioner Brewer thanked staff for their responsiveness and inquired about coordination with public safety. In response, John Keogh explained that extensive communication had occurred with first responders for both Lenexa and Spring Hill, that emergency personnel were aware of pilot hours, and that they had appropriate access to facilities, including through standard emergency key systems.

Motion: Ms. Hrabe moved that the Johnson County Library Board of Directors authorize the implementation of the Extended Access Pilot at the Spring Hill branch, from the commencement of the service, for a period of up to 12 months, and accordingly to approve revisions to Administrative Regulation Manual policy (ARM) 20-10-10 Hours of Service, as presented.

Second: Ms. Kilgore seconded this motion.

Ms. Dietz encouraged Spring Hill patrons to give feedback to analyze if this is right for the community.

Motion approved unanimously.

III. New Business

A. Information Item: Proposed 2027 Budget

David Vratny, Finance Director, presented the Proposed 2027 Budget.

Mr. Sims raised questions about whether higher-than-anticipated revenue—particularly from increased appraisals—should prompt consideration of rolling back the mill levy to maintain an appropriate tax level and demonstrate responsible stewardship. He expressed concern about legislative efforts to impose rigid limits and suggested that proactively adjusting the levy might help the library stay ahead of potential policy constraints. In response, Mr. Vratny acknowledged the point and noted that additional context, including

the impact of tax increment financing, would be presented to the Board at the following month's meeting.

B. Information Item: Consideration of closure for Gardner roofing and building envelope

Scott Sime, Project and Events Manager, presented the closure for Gardner roofing and building envelope.

The Library Board joined the Development Department for a photo of the Johnson County Library Foundation donation check.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Attorney Client Privilege

Motion: Ms. Dietz moved, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), that the Board of Directors of the Johnson County Library recess into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for consultation with Johnson County Library legal counsel that is deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. The subject of the executive session will be patron conduct matters.

Those attending the executive session shall include members of the Library Board, County Librarian Tricia Suellentrop, Deputy County Librarian Kinsley Riggs, Associate Directors Adam Wathen and Bennet Sunds, and Library legal counsel Andrew Logan and Sofia Dominguez.

The Library Board will reconvene in this meeting room at 5:58 p.m.

Second: Ms. Kilgore seconded this motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

The Board Reconvened at 5:58 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Ms. Kilgore moved that the Library Board of Directors adjourn.

Second: Mr. McAllister seconded this motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

SECRETARY _____
David Sims

CHAIR _____
Jeffrey Mendoza

SIGNED _____
Tricia Suellentrop, County Librarian

**JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARY
GIFT FUND
TREASURER'S REPORT**
Period: FEB-2026

		Receipts	Payments	Balance
	Opening cash balance			\$198,996.75
	Add Receipts	\$273.90		
	Less Payments		\$45,312.45	
	Ending Cash balance			\$153,958.20
	Less Liabilities		\$3,194.58	
	Unobligated cash balance			\$150,763.62

APPROVED: _____

DATE: _____

To: Library Board of Directors

From: Tricia Suellentrop, County Librarian

Date: April 9, 2026

Re: County Librarian's Recommended FY 2027 Revenue and Expenditure Budget

Issue: Consider approving the County Librarian's Recommended FY 2027 Revenue and Expenditure Budget of \$62,255,294.

Suggested Motion: I move to approve the County Librarian's Recommended FY 2027 Revenue and Expenditure Budget of \$62,255,294.

Background: The Library Budget Committee held a series of meetings in the 4th Quarter of 2025 and January of 2026 to evaluate budget related proposals that were made from staff for additional operating funds as well as reviewing current capital plans for the upcoming 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). There was also review of the multi-year budget forecast and what the impact of these budget decisions and the timing of the Library's capital plans. Since that time new revenue estimates have been received that are significantly higher than earlier projections had anticipated in part due to assessed valuation growth being more than those earlier estimates as well as higher than anticipated investment interest. The Library Budget Committee recently met in March to review those new revenue/expenditure projections.

Analysis: The current County Librarian's Recommended FY 2027 Revenue and Expenditure Budget of \$62,255,294 is approximately \$364,099 higher than the original January 2026 forecasted amount of \$61,891,195. The current County Librarian's proposal is being made assuming that the Library's mill levy rate remains flat.

The County Librarian's Recommended FY 2026 Revenue and Expenditure Budget of \$62,255,294 currently contains an approximate 3% merit and market rate adjustment budgeted for 2027. Additionally, there is funding for three new positions a Logistics Manager, IT (Information Technology) Applications Administrator, and IT Security Analyst, along with additional Information Technology (IT) maintenance and replacement funding, additional library collections funding, additional communications/marketing funding, funding to support additional costs for print allowance expenses, and increasing Tax Increment Financing set-asides. This recommendation also makes recommendation for continued support and funding for the Library's Capital Replacement Program (CRP) which is designed to keep existing branches in good working shape and take care of deferred maintenance issues. There is also a recommended transfer of funds into the Comprehensive Library Master Plan (CLMP) Future Projects account for 2027, which is setting aside future cash financing for future debt financed projects. There is also a planned use of reserves to fund the Automated Materials Handling (AMH) replacement project.

Funding Overview: The County Librarian's Recommended FY 2027 Revenue and Expenditure Budget that is being presented is in balance, with revenue projections matching what has been provided by Johnson County's Budget and Financial Planning Department and the operating and capital expenditures being proposed are in line with what has been previously reviewed and discussed with the Library Budget Committee.

Alternatives: The Library Board could recommend the County Librarian make modifications to this recommended FY 2027 Revenue and Expenditure Budget and request the submittal of an alternate plan.

Recommendation: APPROVE the County Librarian Recommended 2027 Budget for submission to the County Manager's office and the Board of County Commissioners.

Purchasing Review: N/A

Budget Review: The revenues are in alignment with projections that Johnson County's Budget and Financial Planning Department had provided, and the expenditures are in line with what the Library Budget Committee has previously reviewed and discussed.

Legal Review: N/A

Johnson County Library Proposed 2027 Budget Presentation to Library Board

April 2026

JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARY

Highlights for FY 2027 Proposed Budget

- Current proposal has a 3% Merit/Market Adjustment funded for 2027 (Compensation proposal for 2027 Budget Still Being Discussed)
- Three new positions Logistics Manager, IT Applications Administrator, and an IT Security Analyst (3.0 FTE)
- Increased Operational funding for Collections
- Increased Operational funding for IT maintenance/replacement
- Increased Communications/Marketing funding
- Increased funding for printing related expenses
- Increased funding for TIF (Tax Increment Funding) Set-Aside



Highlights for FY 2027 March Forecasted

- Funding for Library Capital Replacement Program (CRP)
- Funding for Automated Material Handling (AMH) Project - includes funding for sorter replacement, self check, gate, and radio frequency identification (RFID) pads
- Comprehensive Library Master Plan (CLMP) Future Projects Funding
- The two projects listed as Library Future Project 1 in 2029 (study in 2028) and Library Future Project 2 study in 2030 are placeholder projects that should become more tangible future projects from Comprehensive Library Master Plan (CLMP) Refresh



Proposed Library Funding Highlights 2027

Change Categories	2027 Proposed Budget Changes
Additional Funding for Salary and Benefits for 2027	1,132,238
3 Additional Positions 3.0 FTE (Logistics Manager, IT Applications Administrator, IT Security Analyst)	358,824
Additional Collections Funding	116,553
Additional IT Funding	231,899
Additional Communication/Marketing Funding	161,640
Printing Expense Increase Funding	200,000
Other Contractual Line Item Adjustments	121,379
Additional Funding for TIF (Tax Increment Financing) Set Aside	500,000
Event Funding Reductions from 2026 Increase	(200,000)
A/V Plan Upgrades from 2026 (One-Time Increase)	(691,840)
Set Aside for 2026 Expenditure Uncertainties	(650,000)
Additional JCL Capital Replacement Plan (CRP)	1,217,346
CLMP Future Project Transfer Change	(888,317)
Use of Carryover (Use of Library Reserves) for Automated Material Handling (AMH) Project	1,150,000
Use of Carryover (Use of Library Reserves) for Corinth Library Replacement Project	(5,850,768)
Lease Payment Changes to Public Building Commission	1,398,750
Total Expenses	-1,692,296



Proposed Library Funding Highlights 2027 without Use of Reserves

Change Categories	2027 Proposed Budget Changes
Additional Funding for Salary and Benefits for 2027	1,132,238
3 Additional Positions 3.0 FTE (Logistics Manager, IT Applications Administrator, IT Security Analyst)	358,824
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Lease Payment Changes to Public Building Commission	1,398,750
Total Expenses	3,008,472



Proposed Library 2027 Budget

	2026 Budget	2027 Estimate	Difference	% Change
Revenues				
Ad Valorem Taxes	51,837,553	54,680,156	2,842,603	5.5%
Other Taxes	4,043,609	4,132,992	89,383	2.2%
Grants	273,607	273,607	0	0.0%
Other Library Revenue	1,030,053	978,539	(51,514)	-5.0%
Investment Interest	912,000	1,040,000	128,000	14.0%
Use of Carryover	5,850,768	1,150,000	(4,700,768)	-80.3%
Total Revenues	63,947,590	62,255,294	(1,692,296)	-2.6%
	2026 Budget	2027 Estimate	Difference	% Change
Expenses				
Payroll Estimates	30,206,875	31,697,937	1,491,062	4.9%
Contractual	9,240,012	9,002,229	(237,783)	-2.6%
Commodities	6,459,739	6,325,984	(133,755)	-2.1%
Interfund Transfers	3,823,537	3,976,478	152,941	4.0%
Grant Expenses	273,607	273,607	0	0.0%
Risk Management Charges	274,279	282,507	8,228	3.0%
Transfers to Capital Projects	10,532,371	6,160,632	(4,371,739)	-41.5%
Lease Payments to Public Building Commission (PBC)	3,137,170	4,535,920	1,398,750	44.6%
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Proposed Library 2027 Budget (without Use of Reserves)

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To: Library Board of Directors
From: Tricia Suellentrop, County Librarian
Date: April 9, 2026
Re: Annual election of officers of the Library Board of Directors

Issue: The annual election of officers of the Library Board of Directors.

Suggested Motion: I move the Library Board of Directors elect the recommended slate of officers for the 2026-2027 term.

Background: Administrative regulation ARM 10-50-10, Bylaws of the Board of Directors, guides the annual election of officers. The officers of the board include a chair, vice chair/secretary, and treasurer. Officers serve a term of one-year commencing immediately upon election.

The Johnson County Library nominating committee – Jeffrey Mendoza, Kelly Kilgore, and Jodie Dietz submits the following nominations for officers:

Chair: David Sims
Vice-Chair/Secretary: Charles McAllister
Treasurer: Jennifer Hrabe

Alternatives: The Johnson County Library Board of Directors elect an alternate slate of officers for the 2026-2027 term.

Recommendation: The Johnson County Library Board of Directors elect the recommended slate of officers for the 2026-2027 term.

To: Library Board of Directors

From: Tricia Suellentrop, County Librarian

Date: April 9, 2026

Re: Memorandum of Understanding with Elections (Informational Only)

Issue: Partnership with Johnson County Elections

Suggested Motion: I move the Library Board of Directors approves the Memorandum of understanding between JCL and Elections for the years 2026 and 2027.

Background: Johnson County Library (JCL) and Johnson County Elections (JCE) first entered into a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2022. This agreement continues to support a longstanding partnership between JCL and JCE to utilize libraries as election spaces, training spaces, and ballot drop box locations

In 2025 the agreement was streamlined to include a Service Level Agreement (SLA), allowing for greater flexibility in operational details such as use of specific meeting rooms, points of contact, and schedules for election setup. We intend to work with JCE to increase ballot box locations

We intend to renew for two years to avoid Federal Election year for JCE.

Analysis: No issues have arisen in the use of Library spaces by JCE. Our library buildings remain a strong choice for polling places because we easily provide access to technology and accessibility requirements.

The amount of library staff time required to support this MOU is minimal. Hosting ballot boxes has no negative impact on staff workload.

Funding Overview: Not applicable

Alternatives: Partner on an informal basis for 2026-2027 calendar year. Completely discontinue the partnership. Continue an annual MOU cycle.

Recommendation: To approve the memorandum of understanding with Johnson County Election Office.

Purchasing Review: Not applicable

Budget Review: Not applicable

Legal Review: Reviewed by Counsel

2026-2027 Memorandum of Understanding Johnson County Library & Johnson County Election Office

Purpose of Memorandum of Understanding

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to outline the partnership between Johnson County Library (JCL) and the Johnson County Election Office (JCE) for the years of 2026-2027.

Responsibilities of Johnson County Library

COMMUNICATION

- A. Branch Operations Manager of the Elections Service Line and Regional Librarian will serve as the primary contact for Johnson County Library to the Johnson County Election Office.
- B. JCL will print all voting related materials for free - including, but not limited to voter registration forms, advance voting applications, and candidate research.
- C. JCL will consult the needs of JCE when planning future buildings, however accommodation cannot be guaranteed.
- D. JCL will give notice to JCE if building renovations, upgrades, or construction affects the availability of ballot boxes or in-person voting.

BALLOT DROP BOXES

- A. Johnson County Library will continue to provide space outside of the following branches for ballot drop boxes, as outlined in the service level agreement.
- B. Ballot drop boxes will remain in place post-Election and will be covered by JCE with canvas covers.
- C. JCE will give JCL minimum 10 days notice prior to the opening of drop boxes.
- D. JCL will provide security cameras aimed at the drop boxes and access to security footage to Sheriff in accordance with arm 60-10-30
- E. Written requests for video surveillance footage of ballot drop boxes may be made to JCL via the Physical Security Specialist in accordance with arm 60-10-30. JCE will open and close ballot drop boxes at the beginning and end of advance voting.
- F. JCE will collect ballots daily.
- G. Ballot drop boxes will be maintained by JCE via County Facilities

Responsibilities of Johnson County Election Office

COMMUNICATION

- A. The Election Manager – Polling Places and Logistics will serve as the primary contact(s) for the Johnson County Election Office to the Johnson County Library.
- B. JCE will send reminders via mail to JCL Managers at polling locations per the SLA.
- C. JCE will provide digital copies of any relevant flyers to JCL prior to an election.
- D. JCE will give JCL minimum 10 days notice prior to the opening of drop boxes.

POLLING SITES

- A. In the event of a special election JCE may request Library meeting rooms to serve as polling places depending on availability, upon written request to the Branch Operations Manager of the Election Service Line

Service Level Agreement

JCL and JCE agree to establish a service level agreement (SLA) that will be referenced in a separate document and agreed to by both JCL and JCE which outlines the responsibilities shared by both parties.

Compliance with Laws

- A. Both parties agree that use of the Premises is subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, codes, ordinances, and guidelines.
- B. Americans with Disabilities Act: the Facility acknowledges that the Election Office's use of the Premises is subject to the ADA and state and local laws regarding disabilities. The Facility will not prohibit appropriate access and agrees that the Election Office may provide temporary alterations.
- C. Electioneering is prohibited.
 - i. No campaign, candidate, or issue-related signs or materials will be posted or visible to voters during poll hours.
 - ii. All staff, visitors, and voters who are present during voting hours must comply with state electioneering laws. Electioneering laws prohibit, among other things, wearing hats, buttons clothes that advocate for or against a candidate or question on the ballot.
 - iii. Those areas of Library practice governed by intellectual freedom principles are not subject electioneering.

Signs

- A. The Facility agrees that the Election Office may remove any signs which, in its estimation, violate federal or state election laws, including any signs which may constitute electioneering.
- B. Candidate or ballot question signs placed within 250 feet from a voter entrance will be removed by Johnson County election workers. The Facility also agrees that it will remove, or allow the Election Office staff to remove, any signs from its premises that are visible to the public and that pertain to voting issues beginning the Friday prior to the election, until the day following Election Day.

Duties of the Parties

- A. The Facility will:
 - i. Assure that all voting equipment and supplies will be kept in a secure, limited-access or agreed-upon location, both prior to the election and after the polls are open for voting, and will provide the Election Office with access to secure its equipment and supplies from the time they are delivered to the Facility through the end of election day.
 - ii. Make the Facility available in clean and secure condition and maintain such for the duration of the conduct of the elections and this Agreement.
 - iii. Assure that the Election Office and the public will have uninterrupted access to the Premises for voting purposes on Election Day. Due to the nature and requirements of a polling place, the Facility will not cause any interruption to the elections during the term of this Agreement. This includes, but is not limited to, closure, practice drills, construction, remodeling, or cleaning on the Premises or any area that would affect access to the Premises, including parking. PROVIDED, however, the safety of the occupants is of the utmost importance, and in case of emergency, the parties will work together to assure the safety of the occupants.
 - iv. Maintain electrical, water, and general utilities.
 - v. Provide shelter for voters and election workers in case of severe weather.
- B. The Election Office will:
 - i. At the conclusion of the Agreement, return the Premises to as good condition as received, ordinary and reasonable wear and tear excepted; and
 - ii. Pay for damages to the furnishings or other property caused by the Election Office or its guests or invitees.

No Assignment; Limit of use

The Election Office will use the Facility and Premises only for the purpose of conducting an election.

Cancellation

Due to publication requirements for poll sites, the Election Office must be able to rely on the use of the Facility without schedule change or cancellations. The Election Office must receive any request for cancellation of use of the Facility no less than one-hundred twenty (120) days prior to the scheduled use of the Facility.

In the event of an emergency closure, JCL will make a reasonable effort to promptly notify and maintain communication with the Elections Office, coordinating as needed to ensure continuity, situational awareness, and timely decision-making.

Venue and Jurisdiction

The parties agree that jurisdiction and venue for any legal matter arising out of this Agreement shall be in the District Court of Johnson County, Kansas.

Tricia Suellentrop
County Librarian

Connie Schmidt
Election Commissioner

Signature

Signature

Johnson County Library

Johnson County Election Office

Jeffrey Mendoza
Chair

Signature

Board of Directors of the Johnson County
Library

To: Library Board of Directors
From: Tricia Suellentrop
Date: April 9, 2026
Re: **SirsiDynix Software Renewal (Informational Only)**

Issue: Annual renewal of the integrated library system software as a service with SirsiDynix in an amount not to exceed \$357,560.39.

Suggested Motion: For information in April 2026. Motion for future approval at the May 2026 Library Board meeting. Move to approve the spending authority for the second-year renewal of the SirsiDynix agreement for \$357,560.39 in 2026.

Background: SirsiDynix provides the Library's Integrated Library System (ILS) software - the core service that enables many day-to-day functions in the Library. The ILS maintains records for all items in the collection, all patron cardholders, and all account activity performed. Patrons interact with the ILS whenever they use the web catalog, self-check machines, and automated sorters. Library staff interact with the system through the Workflows client application to manage the entire lifecycle of an item in the collection. A new five-year agreement was approved by the Library Board in December 2024, covering 2025 – 2029. In May 2025, the Library moved to software as a service (SaaS) model.

Analysis: The Library is under a five-year agreement with SirsiDynix, starting in January 2025, keeping our costs at a 2.9% annual rate of increase for some services and 4% annual rate of increase for other services. New added services will have separate agreements with SirsiDynix with varying yearly rates of increase. The costs in this year's renewal invoice fit this standard though the dates have changed due to the move to SaaS. This year's invoice reflects a change to the renewal date based on the migration to SaaS. There are line items in the invoice that reflect a catch-up due to the move from the previous January – December term to the new June – May term. This results in a slightly higher cost in 2026. The rate of increase is anticipated to normalize with the renewal in June 2027.

The Johnson County Library Board of Directors is required to approve all library purchases of \$150,000 or more. Pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1225b (b), the Library Board and County Librarian must comply with purchasing policies established by the BOCC.

Funding Overview: JCL IT 2026-2029 operating budget takes into account the costs for SirsiDynix services and the agreed upon rate of increases. Olathe Library is billed for their portion of this renewal through the Interlocal Agreement.

Alternatives: Find another solution for JCL's and OPL's integrated library system. Remove services (line items in the invoice) from the existing agreement with SirsiDynix.

Recommendation: JCL staff recommends approval of this spending authority for years 2026. JCL staff anticipates pursuing renewal of this agreement for the Library's integrated library system in 2027, for years 2027-2029.

Budget Review: The County Librarian and the Finance Director have reviewed and approve this expenditure and planned expenditures.

Legal Review: This has been reviewed and certified by legal counsel.

Attachment: Renewal quote from SirsiDynix can be found for review by the Library Board in the Board portal. Quote is not included with the Library Board packet for security purposes to safeguard the Library's information technology systems.