

Fred A. Vaught Memorial Library
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Present:

Megan Lee, Cindy Matthews, Judy Baker, Amy Davenport, Kelsey Dickens, Thena Haynes

Thena Haynes called the meeting to order. With no corrections or additions, a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes was made by Amy Davenport and seconded by Kelsey Dickens.

Old Business:

Tech Goes Home classes have concluded. Edgar Malone had another good session with around a dozen participants. Laptops have been given out, and we'll see if the grant will be offered again at a later time. Purchasing has been proceeding with the broadband grant, with our biggest additions being two new bilingual touch screen learning computers for our children's area.

New Business:

One of our patrons had the Evansville, Indiana Zoo contact us about the possibility of having free day passes available for checkout in our library. Although that zoo is several hours away, we are going to give it a try and see if it helps encourage Middle TN partnerships to be more accessible for our patrons at a local level.

We were also contacted about the possibility of public fingerprinting services available in our library. Staff would need to be trained and be responsible for the daily use and reports of the machine. It was confirmed that there is already a business in town that offers these services. After input from other libraries was addressed and some discussion between the Board, it was decided not to move forward with this service at this time, as there does not appear to be a pressing need.

Federal and state materials funds have been released for the year, and we are purchasing a variety of physical and digital materials. We have started receiving more digital materials requests, and it will take some time to bridge the gap between funding and requests.

Upcoming closings: Tuesday, November 11th (Veterans Day), Thursday, November 27th & Friday, November 28th (Thanksgiving), Wednesday, December 24th & Thursday, December 25th (Christmas), Wednesday, December 31st & Thursday, January 1st (New Year)

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 6th at 4:45pm.

Regional Report:

Cindy Matthews presented the Stones River Regional Library report.

The annual training survey was opened on November 3rd with responses due ASAP, but no later than November 24th. Library Directors – please share the survey with your staff as you would like. The Tennessee State Library and Archives welcomes your ideas and feedback and remains committed to improving training options for library personnel. Available trainings coming up have been posted. Any trustees that need to start online certification modules may do so.

The Stones River Regional Library has a Technical Services Assistant position coming available, as Becky Bowles will be retiring.

Reminders: Tech grant spending opened on October 1st, and Cindy may be contacted with questions. Keep spending materials money to stay on track. Budget requests are coming, so a budgeting roundtable will be held of December 9th to get plans underway. Discuss possible prospects for any trustee vacancies coming up.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Kelsey Dickens and seconded by Judy Baker.