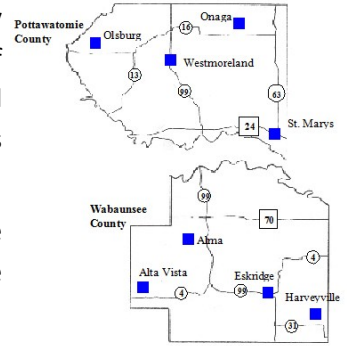


# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

VIEW FROM PWRL OLSBURG Mini LIBRARY

# POTTAWATOMIE WABAUNSEE REGIONAL LIBRARY

The Pottawatomie Wabaunsee Regional Library began as a demonstration project conducted by the Kansas Traveling Libraries Commission, a division of the Kansas State Library headquartered in Topeka. The project ended on November 6, 1962, when the voters of Pottawatomie and Wabaunsee Counties approved the establishment of the first Regional Library in Kansas by a 2 to 1 margin. The Pottawatomie Wabaunsee Regional Library continues today as the only two-county Regional Library in Kansas.



The St. Marys Branch Library became the headquarters for the Pottawatomie Wabaunsee Regional Library, and the existing library in Onaga was established as a Branch in 1962. The Alma Branch Library was added in 1963, and the Eskridge Branch was added in 1967.

PWRL originally operated a bookmobile that stopped at many of the rural communities in both counties. The Bookmobile service declined over time, and finally ceased operation in 1995. The Board determined that a new means to provide Library service to the rural areas was needed. As a result, three Mini Libraries were established through local partnerships as Library service outlets in Harveyville, Olsburg, and Westmoreland in 1981. A fourth Mini Library was opened at Alta Vista in 1996.

Mini Libraries are access points for Library service. Their purpose is to provide residents in more remote areas of the two counties with direct Library service on a regular weekly schedule. Complete sections of materials at Mini locations are rotated each month from PWRL’s shared collection so that a fresh and balanced selection is always available. Patrons can also make individual requests to borrow other materials at any time.

PWRL strives to provide free and open access to information, and to deliver the best possible library services to the residents of Pottawatomie and Wabaunsee Counties. The Library is committed with this purpose in mind to maintaining the libraries in the rural communities of Alma, Alta Vista, Eskridge, Harveyville, Olsburg, Onaga, St. Marys and Westmoreland.

## CHARACTERISTICS OF LEGAL SERVICE AREA

The Pottawatomie Wabaunsee Regional Library is established under K.S.A. 12-1231 et seq. The Library is supported by a mill levy on the two counties, excluding Wamego and the part of Manhattan in Pottawatomie County. The division of the budget is based on the certified population and valuation in each county, per K.S.A. 12-1234(b)

<b>Legal Service Area</b>		
Pottawatomie County	<b>820 square miles</b>	
Wabaunsee County	<b>792 square miles</b>	
<b>2023 Legal Service Population</b> - From the KS Office of the Director of the Budget for prep. of 2024 Budgets		
	Pottawatomie County (Within Library District)	21,392
	Wabaunsee County	7,019
	<b>Total in PWRL Service Area</b>	<b><u>28,411</u></b>
<b>2023 Tangible Valuation</b> - From County Clerks Offices as of June 09, 2021		
	Pottawatomie County (Within Library District, excluded Wamego & Manhattan)	\$658,850,046.00
	Wabaunsee County	\$ 114,257,698.00
<b>Total valuation for PWRL Service Area</b>		<b><u>\$773,107,744.00</u></b>

# BOARD MEMBERS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

Position 1	<b>Joan Johnson</b> Olsburg, 66520	May 1, 2022 - April 30, 2026
Position 2 <b>Vice -Chair</b>	<b>Alice Hinck</b> Eskridge, 66423	May 1, 2022 - April 30, 2026
Position 3 <b>Chair</b>	<b>Pam Bales</b> Alma, 66401	May 1, 2016 - April 30, 2020 May 1, 2020 - April 30, 2024
Position 4	<b>Alicia Matson</b> Onaga, 66521	May 1, 2019 - April 30, 2023 May 1, 2023 - April 30, 2027
Position 5 <b>Secretary</b>	<b>Peggy Adams</b> Maple Hill, 66507	May 1, 2021 - April 30, 2025
Position 6 <b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Paulette Simecka</b> St. Marys, 66536	Dec. 7, 2015 - April 30, 2016 (Un-expired term) May 1, 2016 - April 30, 2020 May 1, 2020 - April 30, 2024

## 2024 - Ex-Officio Members

<b>Jim MacGregor</b> Wabaunsee County Commission Alma, KS 66401	<b>Pat Weixelman</b> Pottawatomie County Commission Westmoreland, KS 66549
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The Pottawatomie Wabaunsee Regional Library Board of Trustees, as specified by Kansas State Statutes, is composed of eight members. The Pottawatomie and Wabaunsee County Commissions each appoint three members to serve on the Library Board. The County Commission Chairman from each county is also charged with appointing a member of the Commission to serve as an ex-officio member of the Board.

Library Board members can serve a maximum of two consecutive four-year terms. The regular monthly meeting of the Library Board is generally held on the last Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the St. Marys Headquarters Library.





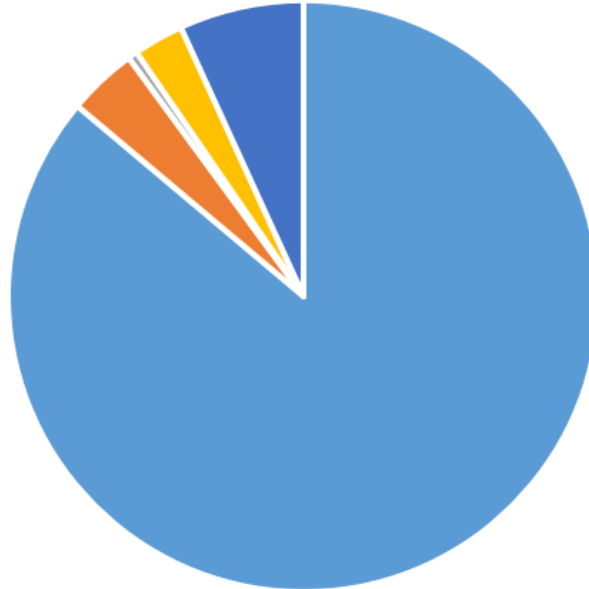
# INCOME & EXPENSES



<b><u>Revenues 2023</u></b>		
The apportionment of Ad Valorem taxes collected to fund the PWRL Budget is based on the certified population and valuation in Pottawatomie & Wabaunsee Counties, per K.S.A. 12-1234(b)		
PT Co. Ad Valorem Taxes Includes General Fund & Employee Benefit Fund		\$526,355
WB Co. Ad Valorem Taxes Includes General Fund & Employee Benefit Fund		\$126,635
<b>GRANTS</b> <b>Received 2020</b> \$ <u>7,599</u> - State Grants-in-Aid  <b>Received 2021</b> \$ <u>49,552</u> TOTAL \$ 7,555 - State Grant-in-Aid \$ 289 KSL Notable Book \$ 25,000 - KSL ARPA \$ 11,708 - Humanities KS \$ 5,000 - KLA Health	<b>Received 2022</b> \$ <u>75,094</u> TOTAL \$ 7,705 - State Grants-in-Aid \$ 227 - KSL Notable Book \$ 56,012 - ECF (Chromebooks/Hotspots) \$ 11,150 - WB Co ARPA  <b>Received 2023</b> \$ <u>68,820</u> TOTAL \$ 7,865 - State Grants-in-Aid \$ 254 - KSL Notable Book \$ 11,000 - ECF (Hotspot Data) \$ 9,701 - WB Co SEED Grant \$ 40,000 - ECF (Chromebooks) pd directly to vendor	<b>Received 2024 - as of 3/30/2024</b> \$ <u>16,342</u> - TOTAL \$ 7,972 - State Grants-in-Aid \$ 1,000 - ECF (Hotspot Data) \$ 5,000 - KSHS Preservation Grant \$ 2,370 - KCAIC Artist Grant  <b>TOTAL GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED</b> <b>2020 - 2024 YTD - \$ <u>217,407</u></b>
		Note: Does not include \$40,000 ECF Funding paid directly to the vendor
Donations and Memorials		\$3,910
CIF Income Includes Previous FY Budget Transfers, E-Rate , Interest	<b>E-rate Received 2023</b> \$1,055 - E-Rate Category 2 - pd directly to vendor <u>\$7,644 - E-Rate Category 1 - Internet Reimbursement</u>	\$20,783  Note: Does not include erate paid directly to the vendor
Miscellaneous Revenues: Includes Book Sales, Interest on accounts, Payments & Reimbursements		\$51,696
<b><u>Total Revenue</u></b>		<b><u>\$729,379</u></b>
<b><u>Expenditures 2023</u></b>		
Personnel (Salaries & Employee Benefits Fund)		\$468,795
<b>Library Materials</b> \$ 15,000. - General Fund Budget for Library Materials \$ 10,374 - Additional from the General Fund Budget \$ 30,000. - Capital Improvement Fund Transfer	\$ 946 - State-Aid for Books / Notable Bk Grant (LSTA) \$ 7,753 eBooks / digital audio books, other electronic materials	\$64,073
Operations Includes: Rent, utilities, supplies, equip., in the general fund budget Grants, Donations, CIF, and Misc. expenses also included here		<u>\$190,448</u>
<b><u>Total Expenditures</u></b>		<b><u>\$723,316</u></b>

# REVENUES 2023 \$729,379

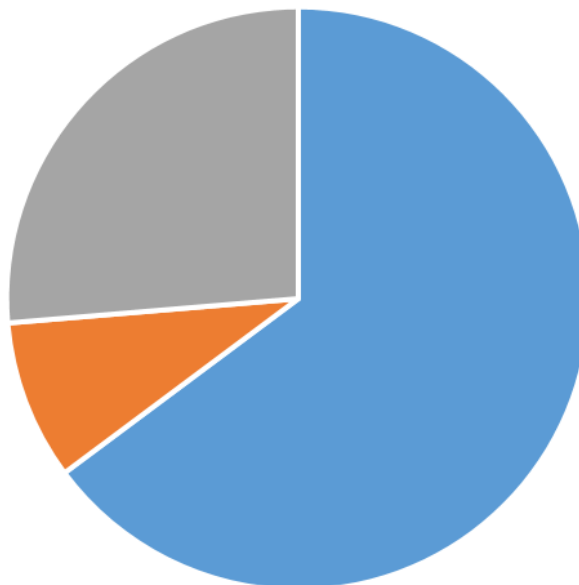
Revenues



- Ad Valorem - Tax Funds
- Grants & State Aid
- Donations and Memorials
- CIF Income
- Misc. Revenues

# EXPENDITURES 2023 \$723,316

Expenditures



- Personnel
- Library Materials
- Operations
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# RETURN ON INVESTMENT

MATERIALS AND SERVICES PROVIDED	NUMBER PROVIDED	COST PER ITEM OR SERVICE	VALUE OF MATERIALS AND SERVICES
Adult Books Borrowed	<b>38,148</b>	\$25.00	<b>\$953,700</b>
Children & Teen Books Borrowed	<b>56,980</b>	\$25.00	<b>\$1,424,500</b>
Audio Books & Music CD's Borrowed	<b>1,628</b>	\$25.00	<b>\$40,700</b>
Interlibrary Loan Requests Sent & Received	<b>4,169</b>	\$25.00	<b>\$104,225</b>
E-Books / Digital Audiobooks borrowed	<b>10,994</b>	\$15.00	<b>\$164,910</b>
Magazines Borrowed - Print - <b>605</b> Magazine Borrowed - Digital - <b>460</b>	<b>1,065</b>	\$5.00	<b>\$5,325</b>
Videos Borrowed	<b>12,518</b>	\$14.00	<b>\$175,252</b>
Equipment - Chromebooks & Internet hotspots borrowed	<b>1,169</b>	\$40.00	<b>\$46,760</b>
Special Material Requests Handled and Sent	<b>24,906</b>	\$25.00	<b>\$622,650</b>
Number of meals served to children (0-18) during the Summer Food Program (service not allowed @ SM)	<b>7,510</b>	\$5.00	<b>\$37,550</b>
Attendance at Adult Programs	<b>3,449</b>	\$8.00	<b>\$27,592</b>
Attendance at Teen & Children Programs	<b>17,939</b>	\$6.00	<b>\$107,634</b>
Computer & Wireless Internet Use	<b>147,963</b>	\$27.00	<b>\$3,995,001</b>
Patron Reference Questions	<b>13,399</b>	\$10.00	<b>\$133,990</b>
<b>Total Value</b>			<b>\$7,839,789</b>





**POTTAWATOMIE WABAUNSEE REGIONAL LIBRARY**  
(EIGHT LOCATIONS IN POTTAWATOMIE & WABAUNSEE COUNTIES)

Pay to the

**ORDER of Pottawatomie Wabaunsee Regional Library Patrons**

**\$7,839,789.00**

**Seven Million, Eight Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred Eighty Nine & no/100 DOLLARS**

In 2023 PWRL patrons used.....38,148 adult books with a value of \$953,700 if purchased individually  
 .....56,980 young adult & children's books with a value of \$1,424,500 if purchased individually  
 .....12,622 regular and digital audiobooks & eBooks with a value of \$205,610  
 .....4,169 interlibrary loan items with a value of \$104,225 if purchased individually  
 .....1,065 regular & digital magazines with an average value of \$5,325  
 .....12,518 videos with a value of \$175,252 if purchased individually  
 .....1,169 chromebooks & Internet hotspots with an average loan value of \$46,760  
 .....3,449 people attended adult programs & 17,939 attended children/teen programs for a value of \$135,226  
 .....7,510 meals were served to children (0-18) during the summer food program valued at \$37,550  
 Patrons completed .....147,963 computer sessions with a value of \$3,995,001  
 Staff handled.....24,906 special requests for materials with a value of \$622,650  
 Patrons Asked.....13,399 reference questions for an average value of \$133,990



**For: Value Check - for Library Materials & Services - 2023**

*AMT W*, Director

Calculations above based on the following cost values

**Library Expenditures in 2023 = \$723,316**  
**Value of Materials & Services to Community = \$7,839,789**

(Books, Audios, Requests, ILL ) = \$25; Magazines = \$5; E-Books = \$15  
E-Books = \$15 ; Movies = \$14; Computer Time = \$27; Questions=\$10  
Adult programs = \$8; Children/Teen Programs = \$6 ; Equip = \$40

# PWRL LIBRARY MATERIALS

	2017	2021	2022	2023
Adult Books	28,334	30,180	29,385	29,053
Large Print	10,464	10,678	10,573	11,008
Young Adult Books	3,532	4,134	4,218	4,229
Children's Books	25,349	29,236	29,060	2,9475
Rotating Books (NCKL)	6,018	5,431	6,041	6,041
Audio Books & Music CD's	1,944	1,914	1,133	854
Videos	3,671	5,650	10,071	6,110
Newspaper Subscriptions onsite	22	22	21	21
Magazine Issues	7,729	7,722	7,342	8,718
Microfilm	536	547	545	545
eBooks, Digital Audiobooks, Video - Sunflower eLibrary & Hoopla	24,766	1,167,412	1,072,843	1,650,170
Digital Audiobooks & E-Books - Statewide Collection	114,201	380,142	418,340	435,304
Local Digital Magazine Subscriptions	0	196	196	55
<b>Total Library Materials</b>	<b>226,566</b>	<b>1,643,264</b>	<b>1,589,768</b>	<b>2,181,583</b>

MURAL, PWRL ST. MARYS HEADQUARTERS LIBRARY

BY STAFF ARTIST: ROCHELLE CHANEY



## TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS BORROWED

	2017	2021	2022	2023
Adult Books	18,853	16,089	31,357	38148
Children's Books	27,042	21,647	28,056	50,023
Young Adult Books	3,064	2,834	3,937	6,957
Audio Books & Music CD's	994	104	129	1,628
Periodicals (Print & Digital)	1,077	338	495	1,065
Videos	8,262	5,088	7,021	12,518
Digital E-Books / Digital Audiobooks	0	8,157	8,559	10,994
Chromebooks & Hotspots	—	—	536	1,169
<b>Total Borrowed</b>	<b>59,292</b>	<b>54,257</b>	<b>74,627</b>	<b>122,502</b>



# PATRON VISITS IN 2023

Location	Total Hours 2017	Patrons 2017	Total Hours 2021	Patrons 2021	Total Hours 2023	Patrons 2023
Alma	1,664	7,800	1,632	4,992	1,872	5,784
Eskridge	1,690	6,032	1,690	2,860	1,690	4,236
Onaga	1,742	4,316	1,742	4,004	1,742	6,064
St. Marys	2,574	25,376	2,574	13,676	2,574	17,870
Alta Vista	416	1,021	416	936	416	986
Harveyville	390	606	390	520	390	691
Olsburg	364	1,398	364	312	364	552
Westmoreland	806	1,334	806	1,352	806	986
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,646</b>	<b>47,883</b>	<b>9,614</b>	<b>28,652</b>	<b>9,854</b>	<b>35,408</b>

# STORYTIME



DR. "LORI BETH" SEUSS  
AT THE PWRL ALMA  
BRANCH LIBRARY

JORDAN, KEEPING HER GROUP ENTHRALLED AT  
THE PWRL ONAGA BRANCH LIBRARY



STORYTIME AT THE PWRL  
ESKRIDGE BRANCH LIBRARY

# Other Statistics—2023

	2017	2021	2023
Total Registered Borrowers	6,600	7,475	8,122
Individual Public Computer Sessions (wired & wireless)	32,162	56,708	141,817
Reference Questions Answered	12,848	19,479	13,399
Patron Requests Handled & Sent by Staff	14,742	15,238	24,906
Interlibrary Loan Requests Sent	2,347	1,561	1,793
Interlibrary Loan Requests Received	1,882	1,721	2,376



*Volunteer Jerebyn Ramirez explains solar eclipses in Eskridge*



*Patty paints like a pro at Eskridge*



*All Dressed up at Onaga!*



*Alma hosts a party.*



*St. Marys Fire Department visits the library*



*Storytime Crafts at Harveysville*

	2017	2021	2022	2023
Number Registered for the Annual Summer Reading Program	540	612	430	458
Number of Books Read during SRP	7,551	7,540	8,269	6,626
Number of Meals Served to Children 0-18 during the Summer Food Program	0	20,414	19,788	7,510
Total Number of Children's Programs (0-11)	329	437	470	262
Total Number of Teen Programs (12-18)	9	19	18	9
Number of Adult Programs (18+)	28	21	15	22
Total Number of Children Attending Programs (0-11)	6,068	9,489	9,425	5,181
Total Number of Teens Attending Programs (12-18)	828	1,695	1,648	655
Total Number of Adults Attending Programs (18+)	1,118	2,080	3,937	2,425

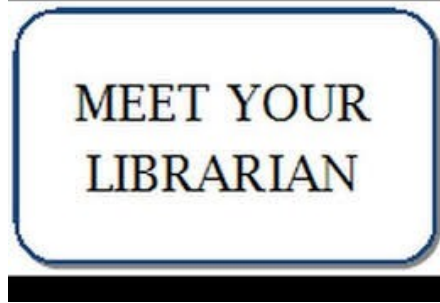


*"To ask why we need libraries at all, when there is so much information available elsewhere, is about as sensible as asking if roadmaps are necessary now that there are so very many roads."*

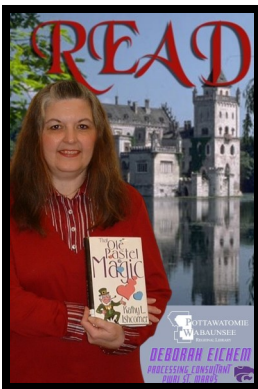
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**Judith Cremer**



**Library Staff As of March 30, 2024**



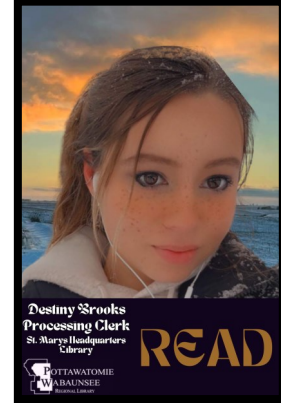
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**Deborah Eichem**



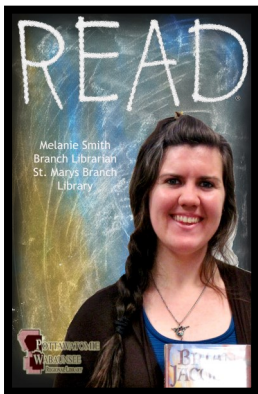
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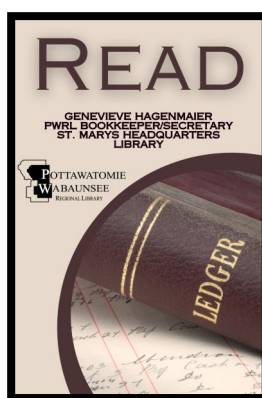
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**Destiny Brooks**



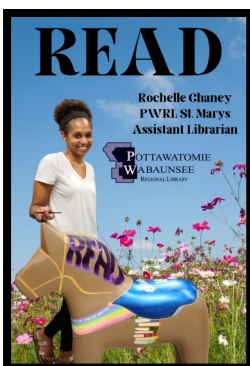
St. Marys Br. Librarian (+)  
**Melanie Smith**



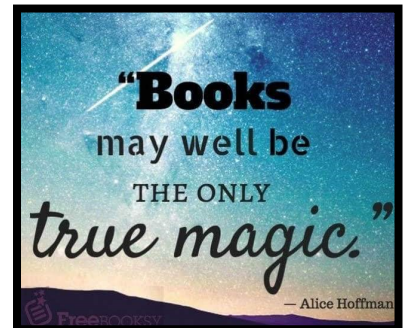
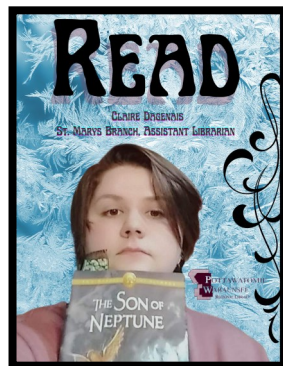
Secretary/Bookkeeper  
**Genevieve Hagenmaier**



St. Marys Assistant  
**Rochelle Chaney**



St. Marys Assistant  
**Clare Dagenais**



Alma Branch Librarian  
Lori Beth Terrell



Alma Assistant  
Debra Osif



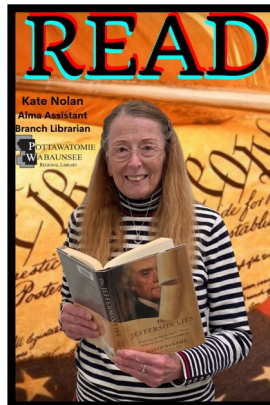
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LaNelle Oney



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Julia Anderson



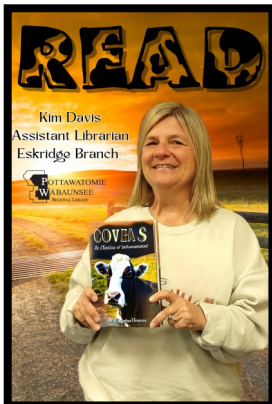
Alma Substitute  
Kate Nolan



Eskridge Branch Librarian  
Patty Knutson



Eskridge Assistant  
Kim Davis



Eskridge Substitute  
Jeannie Bennett



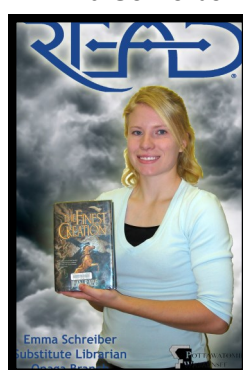
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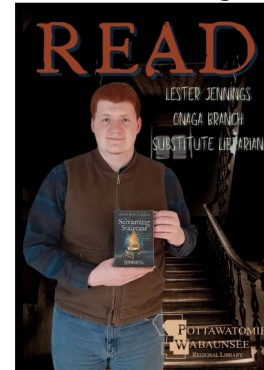
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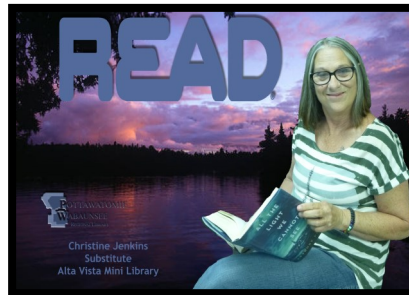
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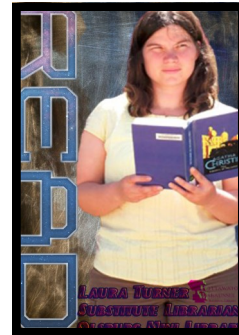
Mini Librarian  
 (Alta Vista, Harveyville,  
 Olsburg, Westmoreland(+)  
**Shelby Curry**



Alta Vista Substitute  
**Christine Jenkins**



Olsburg Substitute  
 Westmoreland Substitute (+)  
**Laura Turner**



(+) Indicates staff has responsibility for working or completing tasks at more than one PWRL location.



“BAD  
 LIBRARIES  
 BUILD



COLLECTIONS

GOOD LIBRARIES  
 BUILD SERVICES,



GREAT LIBRARIES  
 BUILD  
 COMMUNITIES.”

R. DAVID LANKES

# SERVICES AVAILABLE

## **Books**

All types of books, both fiction and nonfiction, are available at all PWRL locations in regular and large print for children, teens, and adults.

## **Magazines and Newspapers**

Approximately 40 print subscriptions are available for patron use. Patrons can also read digital magazines using the library Flipster magazine service. 37 high interest titles are available to download and read. Use your PWRL Library Card barcode to login to the service.

## **Videos**

The library has a collection of popular movies on DVD available for check-out. PWRL offers digital access to multiple formats including ebook, audiobook, movie, tv, music & graphic novels through our new Hoopla digital service.

## **Digital e-books & Audiobooks**

Patrons may borrow e-Books and Digital Audio Books through PWRL's subscriptions to Overdrives Sunflower eLibrary, Hoopla Digital, and Flipster Digital Magazine Service. Library staff can also assist patrons with checking out digital audiobooks and e-books from the State Library of Kansas Statewide collection.



## **Reference**

A Library Staff member is ready to help patrons find the information they need. Library Staff will use reference material to find answers, if they can't locate the information they will refer the patron to outside resources that can help.

## **Interlibrary Loan**

PWRL can borrow materials for local patrons from other Kansas libraries through a statewide borrowing network. PWRL also participates in a statewide courier that quickly picks up and delivers high demand materials in the shortest time possible to and from libraries statewide.

## **Storytime**

All PWRL library locations provide regular storytime sessions with learning and craft activities for preschoolers aged three to five from September through April.

## **Summer Reading Program**

During June & July the annual Summer Reading Program is promoted to help keep younger readers and their families reading over the Summer months. PWRL also manages a free summer food program for children and their caregivers during this time to feed bodies as well as minds!

## **Newspaper On Microfilm / Digital Newspapers / Local History**

Most Kansas Newspapers through 1924 have been digitized by the Kansas State Historical Society and are available online. Microfilm is the only option to access many local newspapers after 1924. PWRL owns all the published local newspapers on microfilm. The Library also has indexes searchable by family name to help narrow the search.

## **Copier & Fax Machine**

Each PWRL location has printers, scanners, copiers, and fax machines available to the public, charging only a small fee for copies & faxes.

## **Computer, Internet, & Wireless Access**

Each PWRL location has computers to use at the library, chromebooks and Internet hotspots that can be borrowed by patrons who have a need for the equipment, and high speed wireless internet available free for the public's use. The free wireless internet connection is open 24/7 for public use both inside & outside our library buildings.

## **NCKL - North Central Kansas Library System**

The Pottawatomie Wabaunsee Regional Library contracts with the North Central Kansas Libraries System (NCKL) to provide the best possible library services to all the residents of our two counties. This contract allows residents from the PWRL service area to obtain borrowing cards and other patron services without cost from any other NCKL member library. The NCKL contract also pays for the NCKL staff to bring a bi-monthly rotating collection of popular new books to each branch location for patrons to check out. Training for library staff, consulting, and technology support services are also made available to the library through NCKL.

# Locations and Current Service Hours

<b>HEAD QUARTERS</b>  	<b>St. Marys Headquarters Library</b>	M, T, F	8:30-5:00
	306 N. 5th	Wednesday	8:30-6:00
	St. Marys, KS 66536	Thursday	8:30-7:00
	(785) 437-2778	Saturday	9:00-1:00
		<b>Branch Librarian</b>	<b>illpowab@gmail.com</b>
	<b>Director</b>	<b>pwrlldr@gmail.com</b>	
<b>BRANCHES</b>  	<b>Alma Branch Library</b>	M, T, F	9:00-12:15; 12:45-5:00
	115 W. 3rd, P.O. Box 420	Wednesday	9:00-12:15; 12:45-7:00
	Alma, KS 66401	<b>Branch Librarian</b>	<b>powabalm@gmail.com</b>
	(785) 765-3647		
	<b>Eskridge Branch Library</b>	M, W	8:30-12:30; 1:00-6:00
	115 S. Main, P.O. Box 87	Tuesday	8:30-12:30; 1:00-5:00
	Eskridge, KS 66423	Friday	9:00-12:30; 1:00-4:00
	(785) 449-2296	<b>Branch Librarian</b>	<b>powabesk@gmail.com</b>
	<b>Onaga Branch Library</b>	Monday	9:00-12:30; 1:00-7:00
	313 Leonard, P.O. Box 310	Wednesday	9:00-12:30; 1:00-6:30
	Onaga, KS 66521	Tue, Friday	9:00-12:30; 1:00-5:00
	(785) 889-4531	<b>Branch Librarian</b>	<b>powabona@gmail.com</b>

<b>MINI LIBRARIES</b>  	<b>Alta Vista Mini Library</b>		<b>Harveyville Mini Library</b>
	310 Center, Alta Vista, KS 66834		128 W. Oak, Harveyville, KS 66431
	(785) 499-5542		(785) 589-2414
	Wednesday 10:00-11:30; 12:00-6:30		<b>Mini Librarian: powabhv@gmail.com</b>
	<b>Mini Librarian: powabav@gmail.com</b>		Tuesday: 10:00-12:00; 12:30-3:00
			Saturday: 9:00-12:00
	<b>Olsburg Mini Library</b>		<b>Westmoreland Mini Library</b>
	318 N. 2nd, Olsburg, KS 66520		315 Main, Westmoreland, KS 66549
	(785) 468-3347		(785) 457-2841
	Thursday: 10-12; 12:30-3:30; 5:30-7:30		Monday: 10-1; 1:30-6:00
			Thursday 4:00-7:00
	<b>Mini Librarian: powabols@gmail.com</b>		Saturday 9:00-2:00
		<b>Mini Librarian: powabwst@gmail.com</b>	