



Headquarters: 306 N. 5th Street
St. Marys, Kansas
(785) 437-2778

Branches: 115 West 3rd Street
Alma, Kansas
(785) 765-3647

115 South Main
Eskridge, Kansas
(785) 449-2296

313 Leonard
Onaga, Kansas
(785) 889-4531

Mini Libraries: 310 Center Street
Alta Vista, Kansas
(785) 499-5542

128 West Oak
Harveyville, Kansas
(785) 589-2414

318 North 2nd
Olsburg, Kansas
(785) 468-3347

315 Main Street
Westmoreland, Kansas
(785) 457-2841

Locations and Hours of Operation

St. Marys Headquarters Library

306 N. 5th Street
St. Marys, KS 66536
(785) 437-2778
illpowab@gmail.com
pwrlldr@gmail.com

M, T, F 8:30-5:00
Wednesday 8:30-6:00
Thursday 8:30-7:00
Saturday 9:00-1:00

Branches

Alma Branch Library
115 West 3rd, PO Box 420
Alma, Kansas 66401
(785) 765-3647
powabalm@gmail.com

M, T, F 9:00-12:15
12:45-5:00
Wednesday 9:00-12:15
12:45-7:00

Eskridge Branch Library
115 S. Main, PO Box 87
Eskridge, KS 66423
(785) 449-2296
powabesk@gmail.com

M, W 8:30-12:30
1:00-6:00
Tuesday 8:30-12:30
1:00-5:00
Friday 9:00-12:30
1:00-4:00

Onaga Branch Library
313 Leonard, PO Box 310
Onaga, KS 66521
(785) 889-4531
powabona@gmail.com

Monday 9:00-12:30
1:00-7:00
Wednesday 9:00-12:30
1:00-6:30
Tue, Friday 9:00-12:30
1:00-5:00

Mini Libraries

Alta Vista Mini Library
310 Center
Alta Vista, KS 66834
(785) 499-5542
powabav@gmail.com
Wednesday 10:00-11:30
12:00-6:30

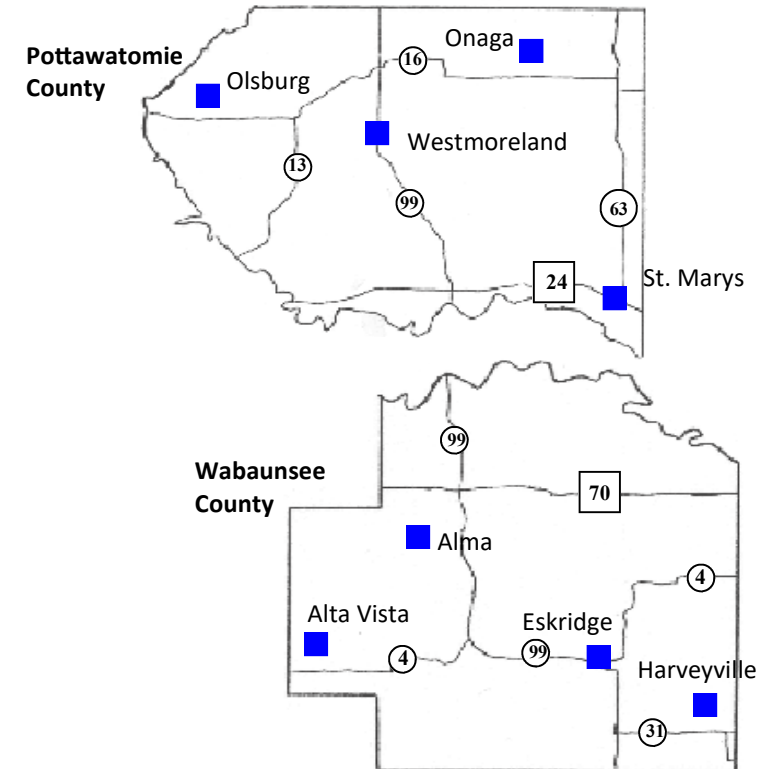
Olsburg Mini Library
318 N. 2nd
Olsburg, KS 66520
(785) 468-3347
powabols@gmail.com
Thursday 10:00-12:00
12:30-3:30
Thursday 5:30-7:30

Harveyville Mini Library
128 West Oak
Harveyville, KS 66431
(785) 589-2414
powabhv@gmail.com
Tu. 10:00-12:00; 12:30-3:00
Saturday 9:00-12:00

Westmoreland Mini Library
315 Main
Westmoreland, KS 66549
(785) 457-2841
powabwst@gmail.com
Monday 10:00-1:00; 1:30-6:00
Thursday 4:00-7:00
Saturday 9:00-2:00



Providing access to library services at eight different locations in Pottawatomie and Wabaunsee Counties:



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306 North 5th Street
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<http://www.pottwab.org>

Services Available

Pottawatomie Wabaunsee Regional Library

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

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

In 1981, three mini-branches were established. They are located at Harveyville, Olsburg, and Westmoreland. In 1996, the fourth mini was opened in Alta Vista.

Until 1995, the Library had a bookmobile that stopped at many of the rural communities in the two counties. However, due to the cost of the service and the decrease in the use of the Bookmobile, the Library now serves the residents of the two counties from the four branch and four mini-branch locations.

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 between the two counties is based on the certified population and valuation in each county.

Information about the Library can be found
on the Library Website at
<http://www.pottwab.org>

Users may set up an online account, search the library catalog, place requests, and manage their library account by accessing PWRL Online Library Catalog at
<https://pottwab.agverso.com/>

Books & Audio Books

Adult and children's books are available at all locations in regular and large print. Books on cassette and CD—both fiction and non-fiction are also available at all locations.

Magazines and Newspapers

Approximately 100 different titles are available in print. 33 popular titles are also available to PWRL patrons digitally through a Library subscription to Flipster.

Videos

Each PWRL location has a popular entertainment DVD collection available for check-out.

Digital e-books & Audiobooks

The library provides patrons access to digital e-books & audiobooks through a subscription to Overdrive's SunflowerLibrary. All you need to get started is a PWRL Library Card!!

Reference.

A qualified staff is ready to assist patrons. Library Staff will use expert resources to help find an answer if it is not readily available.

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 service allowing for the items borrowed from other libraries to be delivered in the shortest amount of time possible.

Early Literacy Classes

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

PWRL provides a wide range of programs during June & July for younger readers to encourage and sustain lifelong reading habits. The library also offers a free summer food program for children and their caregivers to feed bodies as well as minds!

Newspaper Microfilm / Local History

PWRL owns microfilm copies of all locally published newspapers. The library also have birth, death, and marriage indexes for many of these newspapers. The Kansas State Historical Society now offers online access to digital copies of some of these historical newspapers. Ask staff for more information about this service!

Copier & Fax Machine

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

Public Computers, Internet, & Wireless Access

Each PWRL location has computers with high speed internet available free for the public's use. All PWRL locations also offer free public wireless internet access. The connection is now open for use without a password both inside & outside the library building.

North Central Kansas Libraries System

The Pottawatomie Wabaunsee Regional Library contracts with the North Central Kansas Libraries System (NCKL) to provide the best library services to the residents of the 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.

NCKL is one of seven regional systems of cooperating libraries in the state of Kansas as established by law in 1965. NCKL operates in the twelve counties of Chase, Clay, Dickinson, Geary, Lyon, Marion, Marshall, Morris, Pottawatomie, Riley, Wabaunsee, and Washington. Manhattan Public Library serves as headquarters for NCKL.

The following are a few of the NCKL services contracted for by the Pottawatomie Wabaunsee Regional Library to help better serve the patrons of the Library.

Rotating Books: The NCKL van visits each PWRL branch every other month with a supply of new titles for readers to enjoy. PWRL Mini Libraries don't directly participate in the NCKL rotation, but they internally rotate one entire section of their collection each month from PWRL branch locations so they too always have new titles on the shelves.

Talking Books: This free federal library service program is available to all residents who have any physical limitations that prevent them from reading conventional print. Talking Books participants receive a digital player at no cost to them plus all the books and magazines they wish to borrow are provided in a digital format free for their use. Information about Talking Books can be found online at: <https://kslib.info/153/Talking-Books>

Kansas Library eCard - The *Kansas Library eCard* provides Kansas residents access to all statewide databases and digital services, including the access to digital audio books & e-books.

The *Kansas Library eCard* (www.kslc.org) requires a personal identification number (PIN) which is used to access Kansas statewide digital resources and services. The PIN may be obtained from staff at any PWRL location – users just need to request the card and get signed-up!