

Canton Public Library (CPL)
Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting
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Tuesday, January 13, 2026
6:00 PM

Members (Present):

Stephanie Chancellor, Phyllis Dean, **Heather Feldkamp**, **Katie Marney**, Karla McReynolds, **Lexi Barnhart**, **Beth Weaver**, **Keri Cottrell** and **Mary Kay Lane**.

Call to order:

Keri Cottrell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of Agenda and December Board Minutes:

Weaver moved to approve the November minutes. Barnhart seconded. Motion carried.

Marney moved to approve December minutes Weaver seconded. Motion carried.

Weaver moved to approve the January agenda. Marney seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of November and December Financial Report:

Feldkamp moved to approve the November financial reports. Cottrell seconded. Motion carried.

Barnhart moved to approve the December financial reports. Chancellor seconded. Motion carried.

Director's Report:

The summer reading grant application has been submitted and we should hear back soon.

The guest artist receptions have been great. The last artist gave huge compliments to the library and staff. The next guest artist is G. Faye Dant, an author and artist from the Hannibal area.

We are still on the lookout for a new board member.

We are on budget billing for electricity. This year's end of year make up payment was over \$500. Our usage doubled over the summer. Mary Kay investigated with Campen and tried to think of some ideas that could have caused it. Nothing has been discovered to explain it for sure.

The push button doors are now operable.

The Christmas wish tree was well received and lots of gifts have been given to the library. We received many donations including those in memory of Amy Goacher and Ruth Clay. Several other gifts were given by patrons and in honor of community members.

We will be keeping an eye on the future of A&E since the Chiefs are moving across the river as well as the future of property taxes in Missouri.

We have a roof leak caused by the wind storm on December 18 and metal that came off of the Frame Shop building. Mary Kay has asked for an adjustor from the insurance company to come and assess. The warranty does not cover the damage. The repair will have to be done carefully to protect the warranty. Mary Kay is waiting on a quote for repair. The Frame shop will have some responsibility in this.

The Scrabble club was fun and we hope to see it continue.

Alyssa Burger is going to start doing chair yoga here on January 24 and will have a waiver for people to sign.

The 250th anniversary of the USA is coming quickly. Be thinking of proگرامing ideas.

Friends Report:

- Friends of the Library Annual Meeting on Monday, January 26 at 6:00 - great time to renew your membership!
- Friends of the Library Jigsaw Building Contest on Saturday, January 31 at 2:30 pm.

Old Business:

none

New Business:

FLOORING PROJECT: We have options that we can do: stick to just doing the abatement and replacement of the floor OR try to do some revamping of the space while we are doing it. Discussion was had of some nervousness to spend too much money in light of the property tax changes we could see in the state.

We have options of doing it all at one time OR to only do half at a time. Each has its pros and cons.

Nellie would be a good option of a project manager because she is very organized.

March would be a good time to think about doing this for the library calendar.

Culver students could be used for moving books, furniture, etc. Marney offered to lend library carts from the Culver for moving as well as sharing her experience/expertise from past library renovations she has experienced. Finding someone to donate the use of a semi-trailer for storage would be great (Andrew Eisinbiess?).

Plans will have to be made for complete closure or partial services. The welcome center might be usable as a location for a “pop-up shop.” That would be an option for keeping popular and new books available as well as keep people working.

Mary Kay has created a rough budget of possible expenses. She also summarized the issues to address in the project with what she felt were priorities. Mary Kay would like us to create a committee that will help with decisions on selecting flooring, furniture, etc.

Because this is being done with tax-payer dollars, we will have to seek blind bids from at least 3 companies and it will have to be published in the newspaper.

Thoughts were shared on how to fundraise for furniture (naming in honor?)

We are thinking that the fall would be a good time to think about doing this project, allowing time for bids to be received, plans to be made, and fundraising for furniture to be conducted.

Feldkamp moved that we move forward with the flooring project. Chancellor seconded. Motion carried.

Mary Kay will begin working with Nellie on a timeline for the project. She will reach out when committee help is needed.

Adjournment:

Since the meeting extended past 7:00, adjournment was not necessary.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Feldkamp