

**\*\*\*Public Meeting Notice\*\*\***

Washington Parish Library

Library Board of Control

**Bogalusa Branch**

**Thursday, January 15, 2026**

Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to order by President and Roll Call by Director
  
- II. Invocation
  
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
  
- IV. Approval of Agenda
  - A. Discussion
  - B. Public Comment
  - C. Vote
  
- V. Approval of Minutes from Thursday, October 2, 2025
  - A. Discussion
  - B. Public Comment
  - C. Vote
  
- VI. Old Business
  - A. Update Holidays & Closures - MCCA Parade Closure
    1. Discussion
    2. Public Comment
    3. Vote
  
- VII. New Business
  - A. 2026 LBOC Officers
    1. Election for President
      - a) Discussion
      - b) Public Comment
      - c) Vote
    2. Election for Vice President
      - a) Discussion
      - b) Public Comment
      - c) Vote

3. Standard motion appointing the Library Director as Secretary
  - a) Discussion
  - b) Public Comment
  - c) Vote

#### B. Resolution 2026-001: Approve Payment of Bills

1. Discussion
2. Public Comment
3. Vote

#### C. Surplus Items for Discard

1. Discussion
2. Public Comment
3. Vote

#### D. Staff Appreciation Luncheon (Friends of the WPL)

1. Discussion
2. Public Comment
3. Vote

#### E. Director Evaluation

1. Discussion
2. Public Comment
3. Vote (if necessary)

#### F. Open Board Position

1. Discussion
2. Public Comment
3. Vote (if necessary)

#### VIII. Correspondence and Communication

#### IX. Director's Report

#### X. General Public Comment

#### XI. Adjournment

Washington Parish Library  
Library Board of Control  
Franklinton Branch  
Thursday, October 2, 2025, 5:30pm  
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order by Ms. Penny Moses at 5:32pm

II. Roll Call by the Director, Mrs. Sonnet Ireland  
Board Members Present: Mr. Derek Dantin, Ms. Penny Moses, Mr. Nathan Pierce, Ms. Emma Ross (v), and Mr. Perry Talley.  
Board Members Absent: Ms. Kewanda August  
Special note: Mr. Nathan Pierce arrived right after the Pledge at around 5:36pm.

III. Invocation by Mr. Derek Dantin.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Perry Talley.

V. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Talley to add updating the 2025 budget to the agenda; seconded by Mr. Dantin.

Ms. Emma Ross: Yes

Ms. Kewanda August: Absent

Mr. Nathan Pierce: Yes

Mr. Derek Dantin: Yes

Mr. Perry Talley: Yes

Ms. Penny Moses: Yes

**Motion passed.**

VI. Approval of Minutes from July 23, 2025 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Talley to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on July 23, 2025 at the Bogalusa Branch; seconded by Ms. Ross.

Ms. Emma Ross: Yes

Ms. Kewanda August: Absent

Mr. Derek Dantin: Yes

Mr. Nathan Pierce: Yes

Ms. Penny Moses: Yes

Mr. Perry Talley: Yes

**Motion passed.**

VII. New Business

A. Food For Fines

Mrs. Ireland asked the Board to approve reviving the Food For Fines program for November to help families before the holidays. Historically, a food item was used to waive up to \$3 in fines. Discussion followed about the parameters of the program: nonperishable food items may be used to waive fees for lost books and DVDs and overdue fines for technology but not costs for lost technology.

A motion was made by Mr. Dantin to reinstate the Food For Fines program for the month of November 2025 with the parameters stated above; seconded by Mr. Pierce.

Ms. Emma Ross: Yes

Ms. Kewanda August: Absent

Mr. Derek Dantin: Yes

Mr. Nathan Pierce: Yes

Ms. Penny Moses: Yes

Mr. Perry Talley: Yes

**Motion passed.**

#### B. Staff Holiday Luncheon

Mrs. Ireland explained that, historically, the library has closed at 11:30am on a designated day in December for a Staff Holiday Luncheon; usually, the staff are allowed to go home, with pay, afterward. This year, the Administration is asking that the staff stay for some mini-training before going home. A date has not been determined yet.

A motion was made by Mr. Talley to allow the Director to designate a day in December for the Library branches to close at 11:30am to allow staff to attend a Staff Holiday Luncheon and remain closed for the rest of the day while the staff attends training; seconded by Mr. Pierce.

Ms. Emma Ross: Yes

Ms. Kewanda August: Absent

Mr. Derek Dantin: Yes

Mr. Nathan Pierce: Yes

Ms. Penny Moses: Yes

Mr. Perry Talley: Yes

**Motion passed.**

#### C. Director Evaluation Committee

Mrs. Ireland asked that the Board President appoint no more than three Board Members to an ad hoc Director Evaluation Committee for her review in January 2026. Ms. Ross asked for volunteers, and Mr. Dantin, Mr. Pierce, and Mr. Talley all offered. Mrs. Ireland will send the committee the previously used review, as well as some review forms from other systems for the committee to consider.

### VIII. Old Business

#### A. Budgets

##### 1. 2025 Budget Update - Tax Election Cost

Mrs. Ireland explained to the Board that the estimated cost of putting the millage on the ballot this year was based on faulty information. Instead of \$5,000, it will likely be somewhere between \$10,000 and \$15,000. She requested the Board increase that line on the 2025 budget to reflect that.

A motion was made by Ms. Ross to update the line for the millage in the 2025 budget from \$5,000 to \$15,000; seconded by Mr. Pierce.

Ms. Emma Ross: Yes

Ms. Kewanda August: Absent

Mr. Derek Dantin: Yes

Mr. Nathan Pierce: Yes

Ms. Penny Moses: Yes

Mr. Perry Talley: Yes

**Motion passed.**

## 2. 2026

Mrs. Ireland presented the 2026 budget to the Board for approval. The Board reviewed the proposed budget during the July meeting, and a Budget Hearing was held on August 26th. WPLBOC Resolution 2025-004 adopts, finalizes, and implements the proposed 2026 Library Budget.

A motion was made by Ms. Ross to adopt WPLBOC Resolution 2025-004; seconded by Mr. Pierce.

Ms. Emma Ross: Yes

Ms. Kewanda August: Absent

Mr. Nathan Pierce: Yes

Mr. Derek Dantin: Yes

Mr. Perry Talley: Yes

Ms. Penny Moses: Yes

**Motion passed.**

## B. 2026 LBOC Meeting Schedule

Mrs. Ireland made an adjustment to next year's Library Board of Control Meeting schedule for 2026—moving the July meeting from the 16th to the 23rd. Since the Summer Reading Program ends on July 16th, this will give Mrs. Ireland a week to collect the statistics for presentation to the Board.

A motion was made by Ms. Ross to approve the updated 2026 LBOC Meeting Schedule; seconded by Mr. Pierce.

Ms. Emma Ross: Yes

Ms. Kewanda August: Absent

Mr. Nathan Pierce: Yes

Mr. Derek Dantin: Yes

Mr. Perry Talley: Yes

Ms. Penny Moses: Yes

**Motion passed.**

## C. Pay Scale Project

Mrs. Ireland presented all of the pay scale options requested by the Board, including her recommendations. Documents included the updated pay scales under each option, as well as the total cost of each when applied to the actual staff salaries. The option recommended by Mrs. Ireland can easily be used with the approved 2026 budget. WPLBOC Resolution 2025-005 sets the new payscale in effect for the 2026 fiscal year.

A motion was made by Mr. Dantin to adopt WPLBOC Resolution 2025-005; seconded by Mr. Pierce.

Ms. Emma Ross: Yes

Ms. Kewanda August: Absent

Mr. Derek Dantin: Yes

Ms. Penny Moses: Yes

Mr. Nathan Pierce: Yes

Mr. Perry Talley: Yes

**Motion passed.**

#### D. Executive Session - Staff Accommodations

A motion was made by Mr. Pierce to enter executive session at 6:44pm; seconded by Ms. Ross.

Ms. Emma Ross: Yes

Ms. Kewanda August: Absent

Mr. Derek Dantin: Yes

Ms. Penny Moses: Yes

Mr. Nathan Pierce: Yes

Mr. Perry Talley: Yes

**Motion passed.**

The Board exited Executive Session at 6:51pm.

IX. Director's Report - See attached.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Dantin to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Pierce.

All present Board Members agreed. **Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm.



# Washington Parish Library

## 2026 Holiday and Closure Schedule

Thursday, January 1, 2026      New Year's Day

Monday, January 19, 2026      Martin Luther King Day

❖ *Monday, February 16, 2026      Library Closed for All Staff Training Day (President's Day)*

● *Saturday, February 14, 2026      Bogalusa Branch Closed - MCCA Parade*

Tuesday, February 17, 2026      Mardi Gras Day

Friday, April 3, 2026      Good Friday

● *Saturday, April 4, 2026      Library Closure (Easter)*

Monday, May 25, 2026      Memorial Day

Friday, June 19, 2026      Juneteenth

● *Saturday, June 20, 2026      Library Closure*

Friday, July 3, 2026      Independence Day

● *Saturday, July 4, 2026      Library Closure*

Monday, September 7, 2026      Labor Day

❖ *Monday, October 12, 2026      Library Closed for All Staff Training Day  
(Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day)*

October 21-23, 2026      Washington Parish Fair

● *Saturday, October 24, 2026      Library Closure*

November 26-27, 2026      Thanksgiving

● *Saturday, November 28, 2026      Library Closure (Thanksgiving)*

December 24-25, 2026      Christmas

● *Saturday, December 26, 2026      Library Closure (Christmas)*

December 28, 2026      Christmas

Thursday, December 31, 2026      New Year's Eve

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❖ [Staff are paid for attendance](#)

● *Library Closure = Staff are not paid unless working an outreach event with prior approval from the Library Administration*

*Approved July 23, 2025*



# Resolution of the Washington Parish Library Board of Control

On the motion of \_\_\_\_\_, and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ the following resolution is hereby submitted to the Washington Parish Library Board of Control.

## RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE AUTHORITY OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR TO APPROVE PAYMENTS FOR ALL BILLS

Whereas, in the course of regular business, the Washington Parish Library purchases various materials, supplies, subscriptions, and services;

Whereas the Washington Parish Library Board of Control is responsible for overseeing the finances of the Library; and

Whereas the Washington Parish Library Board of Control meetings are set at regular intervals which are not always conducive to completing the payment of invoices in a timely manner;

Now, therefore be it *resolved* that the Washington Parish Library Board of Control affirms the authority of the Library Director to approve the payment of Library invoices in their stead.

Kewanda August	Yes___	No___	Absent___	Nathan Pierce	Yes___	No___	Absent___
Derek Dantin	Yes___	No___	Absent___	Emma Ross	Yes___	No___	Absent___
Penny Moses	Yes___	No___	Absent___	Perry Talley	Yes___	No___	Absent___

We hereby certify the above vote to be true and accurate and held in open session of the regularly scheduled WPLBOC meeting this 15th day of January, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
President, WPLBOC

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sonnet Ireland  
Ex-officio Secretary, WPLBC

**WASHINGTON PARISH LIBRARY**

**HOTSPOT SURPLUS REPORT**

**T-Mobile Franklin T-9 & T-10 Hotspots**

**Prepared by: Linda Ginn, Tech Supervisor**

**Thursday, January 15, 2026**

This report outlines the T-Mobile hotspots recommended for surplus and removal from active service due to age, obsolescence, and discontinued support.

**T-Mobile Franklin T-9**

Make/Model	Serial #	Condition	Reason for Surplus	Date Removed
Franklin T-9	PTL1971331	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	PTL1971050	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	TTK6378325	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	PTL1971359	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	PTL1971358	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	PTL1971335	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	TTKC1170516	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	PTL1971333	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	PTL1971176	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	TTK6378323	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	TTK6378327	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	PTL1971048	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	PTKB633051	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	TTK6379395	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	PTL1971360	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	TTKC1170514	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	PTL1971179	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022

Franklin T-9	PTL1971334	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	TTKC1170515	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	TTKC1170513	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	PTL1971332	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	TTKC1170096	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	TTKC1170092	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	TTKJ9003350	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	TTKC1170093	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	PTL1971046	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	PTL1971180	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	TTKC1170095	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	TTKC1170512	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	PTL1971177	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	PTL1971357	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	PTL1971356	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022
Franklin T-9	PTL1971049	Obsolete	Discarded	5-2022

## T-Mobile Franklin T-10

This report outlines the hotspots recommended for surplus and removal from active service.

Make/Model	Serial #	Condition	Reason for Surplus	Date Removed	Inventory #
FRANKLIN T-10	TAM175567	Working Obsolete	Discarded	2-2025	0962
FRANKLIN T-10	PAM740098 8	Working Obsolete	Discarded	2-2025	1010
FRANKLIN T-10	TAM717556 6	Working Obsolete	Discarded	2-2025	0964
FRANKLIN T-10	PAM740081 7	Working Obsolete	Discarded	2-2025	0781
FRANKLIN T-10	PAM736977 0	Working Obsolete	Discarded	2-2025	0947
FRANKLIN T-10	PAM736976 6	Working Obsolete	Discarded	2-2025	0775
FRANKLIN T-10	PAM736936 0	Working Obsolete	Discarded	2-2025	0965
FRANKLIN T-10	PAM740099 0	Working Obsolete	Discarded	2-2025	1007
FRANKLIN T-10	PAM740076 9	Working Obsolete	Discarded	2-2025	1055
FRANKLIN T-10	PAM736935 9	Working Obsolete	Discarded	2-2025	0952
FRANKLIN T-10	PAM710081 9	Working Obsolete	Discarded	2-2025	1005
FRANKLIN T-10	PAM740098 7	Working Obsolete	Discarded	2-2025	1011
FRANKLIN T-10	PAM736976 8	Working Obsolete	Discarded	2-2025	
FRANKLIN T-10	PAM736420	Working Obsolete	Discarded	2-2025	1009

FRANKLIN T-10	TAM717557 0	Working Obsolete	Discarded	2-2025	0778
FRANKLIN T-10	PAM740076 6	Working Obsolete	Discarded	2-2025	0950
FRANKLIN T-10	PAM736965 0	Working Obsolete	Discarded	2-2025	0776
FRANKLIN T-10	TAM717556 9	Working Obsolete	Discarded	2-2025	0777
FRANKLIN T-10	PAM736964 9	Working Obsolete	Discarded	2-2025	0959
FRANKLIN T-10	PAM740098 9	Working Obsolete	Discarded	2-2025	1120
FRANKLIN T-10	PAM740098 6	Working Obsolete	Discarded	2-2025	1012
FRANKLIN T-10	PAM740081 6	Working Obsolete	Discarded	2-2025	0954



# Director Review Committee Request

3 messages

Sonnet Ireland <director@mywpl.info>

Mon, Dec 29, 2025 at 2:29 PM

To: Perry Talley <TALLEY504@yahoo.com>, derekdantin@gmail.com, Nathan Pierce <piercencg@gmail.com>

Hi gentlemen!

I hope you're all doing well and have had a wonderful Christmas. I wanted to take a moment to ask the Board to consider a review of my compensation as Library Director.

I have served in this role since January 31, 2022, and my current salary is \$65,000. While the pay scale for the system was adjusted, I did not feel it was appropriate to determine my own salary at that time.

As the work of the library and the expectations of this role have continued to grow, I felt it was appropriate to bring this matter to the Board's attention.

Over the past several years, the library system has made steady progress. In the last four years, we have secured grants for key infrastructure improvements, including backup internet systems, drive-up book drops, and handicapped-accessible doors. We also successfully completed a millage renewal with 71% voter approval. In addition, we have continued to raise service standards and expand what the library offers to the community.

I have taken time to review compensation for directors of comparable library systems, looking at both budget size and population served. While these two groups do not overlap significantly beyond our system, the comparisons suggest that our current salary for a certified director is somewhat below average. Based on this research, a comparable salary for our system would be approximately \$74,000.

I care deeply about this library and the work we do for Washington Parish. My goal in raising this request is simply to ensure that the compensation for this role reflects its scope and aligns with regional standards. I'm happy to discuss this further and welcome the Board's feedback on this request. I would also be glad to go over the information I've gathered or talk this through with the Committee or the Board at a time that works for everyone.

Thank you for your time and for your continued support of the Washington Parish Library. Have a wonderful new year!

Thanks,  
Sonnet

Sonnet Ireland, MLIS  
Director  
Washington Parish Library  
Imagine. Discover. Connect.  
[director@mywpl.info](mailto:director@mywpl.info)  
<https://washingtonparishlibrary.info>

*If this email arrives outside office hours, please do not feel you have to reply until normal working hours.*

### 3 attachments

Library	Population	Year Established	Certified Lib. Staff	Director Salary	Total Local Revenue
Washington Parish Library	148,000	1878	Yes	\$65,000	\$8,000,000
St. Louis Public Library	450,000	1820	Yes	\$120,000	\$1,500,000
Metropolitan Public Library	440,000	1820	Yes	\$100,000	\$1,200,000
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Metropolitan Public Library	440,000	1820	Yes	\$100,000	\$1,200,000
Metropolitan Public Library	440,000	1820	Yes	\$100,000	\$1,200,000
Metropolitan Public Library	440,000	1820	Yes	\$100,000	\$1,200,000

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1	Library	Population	Year Appointed	Certified by State Board	Director Salary	Total Local Revenue
44	Avoyelles Parish Library	38,408	2022	No	\$43,472	\$917,740
45	<b>St. John the Baptist Parish Libr</b>	39,592	2019	<b>Yes</b>	\$103,022	\$7,420,232
46	<b>St. Bernard Parish Library</b>	44,463	1991	<b>Yes</b>	<b>\$88,795</b>	\$1,499,736
47	Washington Parish Library	44,865	2022	<b>Yes</b>	\$65,000	\$1,134,404
48	<b>Vernon Parish Library</b>	46,250	1982	No	<b>\$82,294</b>	\$1,915,683
49	<b>Lincoln Parish Library</b>	47,962	<b>2022</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>\$81,474</b>	\$1,606,607
50	St. Charles Parish Library	50,620	2013	Yes	\$121,316	\$8,388,098
51	St. Martin Parish Library	51,057	2010	Yes	\$113,235	\$1,687,525

<b>Library</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Year Appointed</b>	<b>Certified by State Board</b>	<b>Director Salary</b>	<b>Total Local Revenue</b>
LaSalle Parish Library	14,800	2006	No	\$54,500	\$812,865
Richland Parish Library	19,712	2010	Yes	\$69,324	\$880,832
Avoyelles Parish Library	38,408	2022	No	\$43,472	\$917,740
<b>Jackson Parish Library</b>	14,746	2019	No	\$48,384	\$946,483
<b>Plaquemines Parish Library</b>	22,386	2014	No	N/R	\$1,019,547
Washington Parish Library	44,865	2022	Yes	\$65,000	\$1,134,404
<b>Assumption Parish Library</b>	20,160	2021	No	\$50,000	\$1,180,200
<b>Concordia Parish Library</b>	17,688	1977	Yes	\$92,000	\$1,271,638
Vermilion Parish Library	56,992	2020	Yes	\$70,967	\$1,288,986
Allen Parish Libraries	22,112	2016	No	\$78,600	\$1,353,099
Bienville Parish Library	12,366	2019	No	\$75,245	\$1,373,680
Evangeline Parish Library	31,754	N/A	No	N/A	\$1,439,767

Washington Parish Library  
Director's Report  
Thursday, January 15, 2026

## Key Highlights (Since Last Meeting on October 2, 2025)

- Millage passed with 71% approval on October 11th
  - Library operations remained stable across all branches during the reporting period.
  - Mrs. Betts submitted her resignation from the Board.
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## Financial Snapshot

- Budget status: finishing up the final numbers that the Library has and will compare them to what the parish has once we receive that information.
  - Notable expenditures or variances: purchased new computers that can upgrade to Windows 11 since Windows 10 will no longer be supported by Microsoft.
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## Staffing & Personnel

- Staffing changes:
  - Victoria Callegan was hired as the new Administrative Assistant in Headquarters. She will work on ILL and assist with any other HQ tasks as needed, including technology issues.
  - Kassie Robinson was promoted to the new Franklinton Branch Library Associate position.
- Vacancies / recruitment status:
  - Crystal Oncale and Marian Porter resigned from their positions, leaving openings at the Thomas Branch and the Enon Branch.
  - We currently have openings for substitutes, as well as for Enon Branch Program Coordinator and Thomas Branch Manager.

- Training / continuing education:
    - Cody Bates, Aerial Mathews, and Sonnet Ireland attended the SpiceWorld 2025 IT Conference (11/10-11/14), attending sessions on topics such as cybersecurity, working with Windows 11, and implementing passkeys.
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## Services & Programming

- Onsite programs:
    - Active: 248 programs; 2,810 attendees
    - Passive: 18 programs; 745 participants
    - Class/Org. Visit: 3 programs; 45 participants
    - Grab & Go: 7 events; 518 participants
  - Outreach / offsite services: 692 outreach programs; 1,531 participants
  - More details will be included in the annual report which will be ready for the next Board meeting.
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## Usage & Statistics (High-Level)

- Circulation:
    - 35,641 traditional library items checked out (books, DVDs, etc.)
    - 1,730 electronic devices checked out (hotspots, laptops, etc.)
  - Patron Count: 59,307
  - Technology use (computers / Wi-Fi):
    - Adult Computers: 11,054
    - Children Computers/iPads: 1,321
    - Wi-Fi: 32,416
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## Facilities & Operations

- Administration met with the architect, Mr. Tom Pistorius, about the renovations needed at Angie and about reviewing current branches for needed repairs or updates. (11/6/25) We met again (1/12/26) at the Angie location, where we discussed what needed to be done, as well as ideas we have for layouts. Mr. Pistorius will have a report on his findings and recommendations within the next couple of months.
  - Technology or vendor updates:
    - All staff and public access computers have been replaced with Windows 11 machines.
  - Closures or schedule impacts: none.
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## Policy, Compliance & Governance

- Policies reviewed or pending:
  - Compliance status (State Library / parish):
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## Community & Public Visibility

- Partnerships or outreach:
  - Louisiana Book Fest (November 1, 2025)
- Media coverage or public engagement:
  - Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for the St. Bernard Parish Library Grand Opening (12/12)

## In the news...

- “Library Is Accepting Food Donations To Eliminate Fines And Costs.” *The Era-Leader*. Wednesday, November 5, 2025.  
<https://www.era-leader.com/library-accepting-food-donations-eliminate-fines-and-costs>
- “Washington Parish Library Announces Return of Food For Fines Program in November!” *Mt. Hermon Web-TV*. Monday, November 3, 2025.  
<https://www.mthermonwebtv.com/2025/11/washington-parish-library-announces.html>
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<https://bogalusadailynews.com/2025/10/15/washington-parish-voters-approve-all-four-parish-millage-renewals-bogalusa-measure-passes-fire-district-1-fails>
- “Your Vote Matters — Head to the Polls Today!” *The Daily News*. Saturday, October 11, 2025.  
<https://bogalusadailynews.com/2025/10/11/your-vote-matters-head-to-the-polls-today/>
- “Voters to Decide Future of Key Parish Services in Saturday Election.” *The Daily News*. Wednesday, October 8, 2025.  
<https://bogalusadailynews.com/2025/10/08/voters-to-decide-future-of-key-parish-services-in-saturday-election>
- “All 4 Millage Renewals Easily Approved By Voters.” *The Era-Leader*. Thursday, October 7, 2025. <https://www.era-leader.com/millage-renewal-election-saturday>
- “Peggy Adkins Criddle: September 6, 1949 - October 4, 2025.” *Mt. Hermon Web TV*. Tuesday, October 5, 2025.  
[https://www.mthermonwebtv.com/2025/10/obituary\\_5.html](https://www.mthermonwebtv.com/2025/10/obituary_5.html)
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<https://bogalusadailynews.com/2025/09/24/letter-to-the-editor-investing-in-the-foundations-of-washington-parish/>
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<https://www.mthermonwebtv.com/2025/09/washington-parish-democrats-urge.html>

- “Washington Parish Council Recognizes Library Card Sign-Up Month.” *Mt. Hermon Web TV*. Friday, September 19, 2025.  
<https://www.mthermonwebtv.com/2025/09/washington-parish-council-recognizes.html>
  - “Parish Council Pays Tribute To Matthew Tate, Highlights Library Initiatives, and Hears Sheriff’s Update at September 8 Meeting.” *The Daily News*. Thursday, September 18, 2025.  
<https://bogalusadailynews.com/2025/09/18/parish-council-pays-tribute-to-matt-hew-tate-highlights-library-initiatives-and-hears-sheriffs-update-at-september-8-meeting/>
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## Items for Board Awareness

- Our focus for this year is
    - Updating procedures
    - Streamlining technology processes
    - Organizing how we plan programs
    - Planning the Angie renovation
    - Reviewing our current branches for possible renovations/repairs
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