

LOCATIONS AND CURRENT SERVICE HOURS

**HEAD
QUARTERS**
306 N. 5th
St. Marys, KS 66536
(785) 437-2778
illpowab@oct.net
cremerj@oct.net



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



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



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

MINI LIBRARIES:

Mail is not received at Mini locations. All correspondence, both physical & electronic, should be addressed to the Headquarters Library at St. Marys.

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

Olsburg Mini Library
318 N. 2nd, Olsburg
(785) 468-3347
powabols@gmail.com
Thursday 10:00-12:00
12:30- 3:30
Saturday 9:00-11:00



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

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

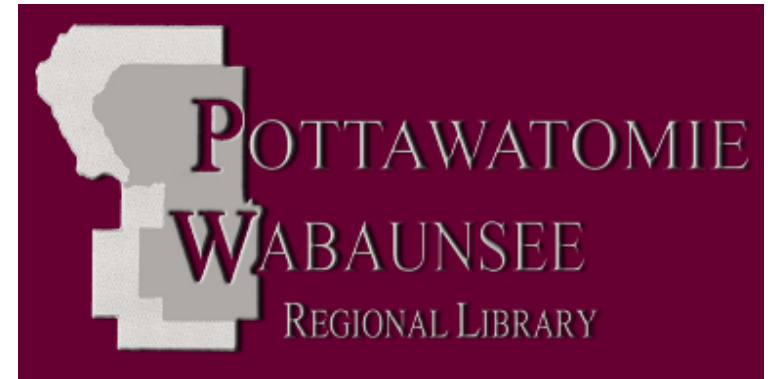
M,T,W 8:30-12:30
1:00-5:00
Friday 9:00-4:00
Saturday 10:00-12:00

Monday 9:00-12:30
1:00-7:00
T,W,F 9:00-12:30
1:00-5:00
Saturday 9:00-10:30

Harveyville Mini Library
128 West Oak, Harveyville
(785) 589-2414
powabhv@gmail.com
Thursday 12:30-5:30
Saturday 9:30-12:00

Westmoreland Mini Library
315 Main, Westmoreland
(785) 457-2841
powabwst@gmail.com
Monday 10:00-1:00
1:30-6:00

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LIBRARY WEBSITE

HTTP://WWW.POTTWAB.ORG

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POTTAWATOMIE WABAUNSEE REGIONAL LIBRARY

The Pottawatomie-Wabaunsee Regional Library began as an 18 month demonstration project conducted by 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 Regional Library by a 2 to 1 margin. The Pottawatomie Wabaunsee Regional Library is today the only two-county public 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.

PWRL originally operated a bookmobile that stopped at many of the rural communities in both counties. Due to the cost of the service, and a reduction in use, the Bookmobile ceased operation in 1995. The Board determined at that time that a new means to provide Library service to the rural areas was needed. As a result, three Mini Libraries were established as 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, but limited, Library service. Materials at Mini locations are continually rotated from PWRL's shared collection of almost 100,000 items, so that a fresh and balanced selection is always available at each location.

Today PWRL strives to provide free and open access to information and deliver the best possible Library Services to the residents of Pottawatomie and Wabaunsee Counties. The Library serves a population of 22,251 residents in Pottawatomie and Wabaunsee counties, has a legal service area of 1,612 square miles, and maintains 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 between the two counties is based on population and valuation in each county, per K.S.A. 12-1234(b)

Legal Service Area	
Pottawatomie County	820 square miles
Wabaunsee County	792 square miles

2009 Legal Service Population – From the KS Office of the Dir. of the Budget	
Pottawatomie County	
(Within Library District)	15,329
Wabaunsee County	6,922
Total in PWRL Service Area	<u>22,251</u>

2009 Tangible Valuation - From County Clerk	
Pottawatomie County	304,340,125
(Within Library District)	
Wabaunsee County	65,820,317

Total valuation in PWRL Service Area **370,160,442**

SERVICES AVAILABLE

BOOKS

Adult and children's books are available at all locations in regular & large print.

AUDIO BOOKS

Books on cassette, both fiction and non-fiction, are available at all locations.

MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS

Approximately 120 different titles are received.

VIDEOS

The library has a small collection of educational videos available for check-out.

REFERENCE.

A qualified staff is ready to help. If the answer to a reference question is not readily available Library staff will assist patron's with research and refer them to expert resources to find an answer.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN

PWRL can borrow library materials from other libraries through a statewide borrowing network to satisfy patron's needs for items or information that is not owned by PWRL.

STORY TIME

A story time for toddlers and pre-schoolers is held at Branch locations Tuesday mornings from September through April.



SUMMER READING PROGRAM

During the summer months, varied programs for younger readers are held to encourage and sustain lifelong reading habits.

NEWSPAPER ON MICROFILM / LOCAL HISTORY

PWRL owns a microfilm copy of all newspapers printed within the Library's direct service area. Patrons at branch locations may use the Library's equipment to view and print articles. Birth, Death, and Marriage Indexes for some news-papers are available to aid researchers.

COPIER & FAX MACHINE

Each PWRL location has a copier and a fax machine for the public's use.

COMPUTER, INTERNET, & WIRELESS ACCESS

Each PWRL location has at least one computer with Internet access, software, and printing capabilities available for the public's use. All locations now offer wireless Internet access during Library business hours for patrons who have their own equipment and wish to use PWRL's high speed Internet connection.

NCKL - NORTH CENTRAL KANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEM

PWRL contracts with NCKL to provide residents additional services. NCKL provides mail-a-book, rotating books, and talking books. Consulting and training for library staff is also offered. PT & WB County residents, under PWRL's contract, may use Manhattan Public Library, or any other NCKL library.

2009 STAFF AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009

Director (+)	Judith Cremer
Assistant Director (+)	Maribeth Turner
Secretary/Bookkeeper (+)	Julie Homan
Processing Consultant (+)	Deborah Eichem
Processing Clerk (+)	Vicky Jones
Collection Development (+)	Jennifer King
Special Projects (+)	Freda J. Dobbins

St. Marys Librarian (+)	Kathryn Barnes
St. Marys Assistant	Allison Bordelon
St. Marys Assistant	Theresa Heath
St. Marys Substitute	Peggy Verschelden
St. Marys Substitute (+)	Sally Sharp

Alma Librarian	Iris Joyce Mathies
Alma Assistant	Julia Anderson
Alma Substitute	Carole Moege
Alma Substitute	Debra Jo Thierer
Alma Substitute (+)	Marilyn Hund

Eskridge Librarian	Jan Brown
Eskridge Substitute	Debbie Hewes
Eskridge Substitute (+)	Sharon Durkes
Eskridge Substitute	Teri Durkes

Onaga Librarian	Ivy Rash
Onaga Assistant (+)	Emma Gilsdorf
Onaga Substitute	Joye Platt

Mini Librarian (Harveyville)	Shirley Pletcher
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Mini Librarian (+) (Alta Vista, Olsburg, Westy)	Elizabeth Feiden
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Alta Vista Substitute	Doris McDiffett
Alta Vista Substitute	Marilyn Ziegenhirt

Olsburg Substitute	Tammy Force
Olsburg Substitute	Ginger Rothfelder

Westmoreland Substitute	Patricia A. Krause
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(+) - indicates staff at times may work at,
or have responsibility for, one or more other PWRL locations.



BOARD MEMBERS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009

Position 1	Deb McClain-Williams Olsburg, 66520	May 1, 2006 - April 30, 2010 Co-Secretary
Position 2	Susan Bozarth Eskridge, 66423	Aug. 1, 2006 - April 30, 2010 Co-Secretary
Position 3	Ruth Messer Alma, 66401	May 1, 2008 - April 30, 2012 Vice-Chairman
Position 4	Melanie Abitz Onaga, 66521	May 1, 2003 - April 30, 2011 Chairman
Position 5	Peggy Adams Maple Hill, 66507	May 1, 2009 - April 30, 2013 Treasurer
Position 6	Maris "Tippi" Flerlage St. Marys, 66536	May 1, 2008 - April 30, 2012 Co-Secretary



2009 - EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Rodney Allen, Chairman
Wabaunsee County Commission
Alma, 66401

Stan Hartwich, Chairman
Pottawatomie County Commission
Westmoreland, 66549

PWRL's Board of Trustees is composed of eight members. The Pottawatomie & Wabaunsee County Commissions each appoint three members to serve on the Library Board, and the County Commission Chairman from each county is also an ex-officio voting 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 held on the last Wednesday of each month at 5:30 at the St. Marys Library, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.



The READ Posters displayed throughout the annual report were created for the purpose of promoting the Library and literacy. These posters feature volunteers, staff, and board members.

