

Locations and Hours of Operation

St. Marys Headquarters Library

306 N. 5 th Street	M, T, F	8:30-5:00
St. Marys, KS 66536	Wednesday	8:30-6:00
(785) 437-2778	Thursday	8:30-7:00
illpowab@gmail.com	Saturday	9:00-1:00
pwrlldr@gmail.com		

Branches

Alma Branch Library	M, T, F	9-12:15; 12:45-5:00
115 West 3rd, PO Box 420	Wednesday	9-12:15; 12:45-7:00
Alma, Kansas 66401		
(785) 765-3647		
powabalm@gmail.com		

Eskridge Branch Library	M, W	8:30-12:30; 1:00-6:00
115 S. Main, PO 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		
powabesk@gmail.com		

Onaga Branch Library	Monday	9-12:30; 1:00-7:00
313 Leonard, PO Box 310	Wednesday	9-12:30; 1:00-6:30
Onaga, KS 66521	Tu, Friday	9-12:30; 1:00-5:00
(785) 889-4531		
powabona@gmail.com		

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	

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	

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	

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

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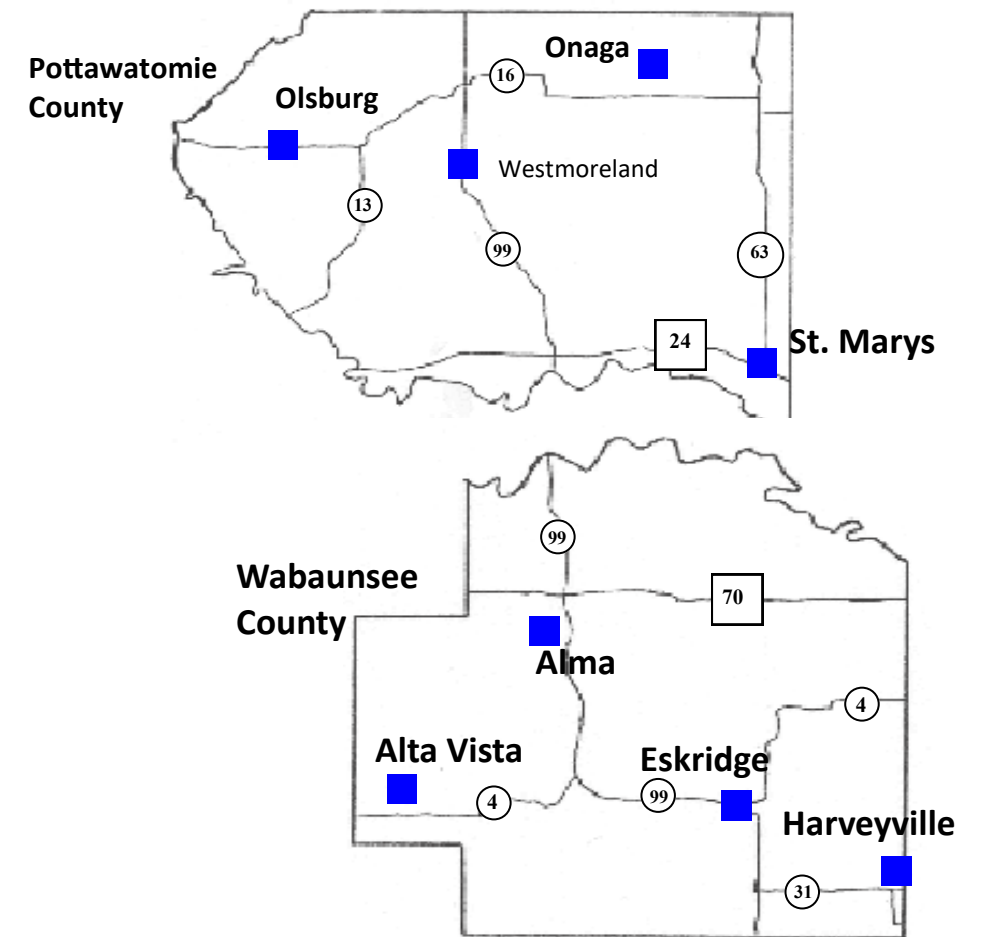
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Providing access to library services at
eight different locations in Pottawatomie and
Wabaunsee Counties



Headquarters

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<http://www.pottwab.org>

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 today is 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/>

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

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. Use your PWRL library card to login and get started reading or listening!

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.

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

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 Microfilm / 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.

Public Computers, Internet, & Wireless Access

Each PWRL location has computers, chromebooks, Internet hotspots, and high speed wireless internet available free for the public's use. The free wireless internet connection is now open 24/7 for public use both inside & outside the library buildings.

North Central Kansas Libraries 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.

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 rotate one entire section of their collection each month, pulling new materials from each of the PWRL branch locations so they too always have new titles on the shelves.

Talking Books: This free federal library program is available to all residents who have a physical limitations that prevent them from reading printed materials. Talking Books participants receive a digital player plus all the books and magazines they wish to borrow 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 free access to all the many statewide databases and online digital services, including the access to large collections of eBooks and digital audio books.

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