

Director's Report to the Library Commission

Discussing April 2026 | Presented May 2026

Budget:

- No changes as yet, just waiting to hear how things turn out after the referendum vote.

Director Information:

- Jessa is planning on returning June 10. We are looking forward to having her back, but everything is going well in the meantime.

Library News:

- In our Adult Services department, Matt continues the process of weeding our non-fiction section in preparation for shifting the collections at Bill Library. This is a big endeavor and the plan is to have that happen in early June.
- Lyndsey's Tea Blending Workshop with Thyme for Tea was a huge success at Gales Ferry with 20 people attending. Lyndsey also presented on her program Dying to Talk about This at the CLA Conference, and she did a fantastic job in representing the library.
- The highlight for the Youth Department in April was the Mason Jar Terrarium program for teens. We had 21 people come for the terrarium project but we also partnered with the Ledyard Beautification Committee to hold their Earth Day event at the same time. They had a drop off your trash, recycled sculpture contest, and plant swap that went well. We always enjoy partnering with others in the community and hope to do it again next year.
- It looks like we will be getting new windows in the children's room at Gales Ferry library sometime in late May or early June. This means we will have to close access to the children's room at Gales Ferry from a Thursday to Monday. This shouldn't be too much of a problem because this is the time of year the Youth Department takes a break from programming to prepare for summer activities.
- Our Tech Services department is doing well keeping up with the demand of processing the books that are coming in in droves. This is due to the need to order things before the end of the fiscal year. Erica and Stacey also got all of the 2027 Nutmeg books processed and out on May 1.

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