



Notary Policy

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The Scott County Public Library offers free Notary Public services for the benefit of our patrons. Walk-ins are welcome during the week, but it is recommended that patrons call first to ensure the presence of a Notary as Notaries are not always available. Patrons should call ahead, (502) 863-3566, to ensure notary availability on the weekends.

**** The Notary's role is limited to authentication of the signature presented. Patrons should be aware that notarizing a document does not constitute legal review of the document's contents. ****

Patrons seeking notary services must:

- Provide a non-expired passport, driver's license, or government-issued identification card or another current form of government identification issued to an individual, which contains the signature, and a photograph of the individual.
- Provide their own witnesses. Witnesses must also provide a non-expired passport, driver's license, or government-issued identification card or another current form of government identification issued to an individual, which contains the signature, and a photograph of the individual.
- Have all parts of their document filled out in advance except for any signatures that must be notarized. Do not sign any document until the notary instructs you to do so.
- Not pre-sign documents.

Notaries will not:

- Officiate if the document signer is not physically present.
- Act as an authorized agent for any employer other than the library.
- Notarize jurats that have not been signed in front of the notary.
- Notarize documents in any other language than English or notarize a document for a patron who cannot answer verification questions in English without assistance or translation.
- Perform digital notaries or give legal advice.
- Pre-date or post-date any action, prepare legal documents, give legal advice on legal matters, or notarize documents in which they have a personal interest.
- Provide service if the person, the document, or any circumstances requested of the Notary service raise any issue of authenticity, ambiguity, doubt, or uncertainty for either the Notary or the Library.
- Officiate if the document contains missing pages or blanks that should be complete at the time of notarization.
- Proceed if the document is not "original," bearing the signer's original, wet-ink signature (not a photocopy or fax of a signed document).
- Proceed with notarization if the signer appears confused, impaired, or otherwise incapable of understanding the transaction.
- Proceed with notarization if he/she thinks or knows the transaction is illegal.
- Provide witnesses or allow witnesses to be solicited from patrons using the library.

Notary services are not available for:

- Handwritten documents or documents that do not have notarial language.
- Trusts

- Depositions.
- Employment eligibility verifications or I9s.
- Vital records. (Birth certificates, death certifications, marriage certificates.)
- Copy certifications.
- Attorney-in-fact transactions
- Oaths of Office

Notary service is not guaranteed. Notary services are a courtesy provided by the Library and are not the Notary's primary duty; therefore, the Notary may ask the person(s) to wait while the Notary attends to patrons or other Library matters. Notaries may, at his/her sole discretion, decline to provide service. Notary services requested within 30 minutes of the Library closing will be completed at the discretion of the notary on duty.