

Meeting Minutes



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COLEMAN AREA
— Library —

Call to order. The regular meeting of the Coleman Area Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:57 pm on Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Members Present

 N Board President: Nancy Robison Y Board Vice President: Thomas Coon Y Trustee: Jeremy Longstreth
 Y Treasurer: Jason Lewis Y Secretary: Greta Tigner Y Trustee: Lyndsy Bock
 Y Director: Amy Comber Gross

Guests: Hannah Karl

Members Absent: Nancy Robison

Approval of Agenda. It was moved by Jeremy Longstreth to approve the agenda. Supported by: Thomas Coon. All yes, motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes. It was moved by Thomas Coon to approve the meeting minutes from July 2026. Supported by: Jeremy Longstreth. All yes, motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report. It was moved by Jeremy Longstreth to approve the treasurer's report from August 2026. Supported by: Greta Tigner. All yes, motion carried.

Approval of Bills. It was moved by Jeremy Longstreth to pay the August 2026 bills. Supported by: Greta Tigner. All yes, motion carried.

Director's Report. A general library update was given. See attached report.

Unfinished business. None

New business. None

Announcements. Next Board Meeting will take place on September 15, 2026

Adjournment. It was moved by Jeremy Longstreth to adjourn the meeting on August 18, 2026, of the Coleman Area Library Board of Trustees at 7:18 PM. Supported by: Thomas Coon. All yes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Amy Comber Gross, Library Director

Director Report for August 2026 Library board meeting

Events:

1. Happening this month: this month we started a new “Outdoor Explorers” program for toddlers to learn about nature. It is held on Thursday mornings at 11am for five more weeks. The library also had a “Night at the Museum Escape Room.” Coming up is Footnotes walking club (Aug 21), watching Disney’s *Tangled* as an interactive movie (Aug 22), Perler Beads craft event (Aug 27), and Pet Rock painting (Aug 28-29).
2. Coming up in September: STEAM Saturday, Sourdough 101 class, “Funk & Wagnalls,” a one-man-play by Ray Goodman, Nerf Night, and Coleman’s Walk Through Town.
3. On Tuesday, October 13: Craig Johnson, New York Times best-selling author of the *Walt Longmire* mystery novels will be talking about his stories and signing books. This special author event is a joint effort between local libraries and will be held at the Ideal Theatre in Clare. Tickets are \$10. Funded in part by a grant from the Michigan Arts & Culture Council.

Staff news:

1. A Staff Training Day is planned for Tuesday, August 25, to help library staff become more comfortable with various emergency procedures. The library will be closed to the public on this day.

Building Maintenance and Grounds:

1. The new roof was completed by Community Construct/Skills for Tomorrow during the week of August 10-14, 2026. They will be putting soil and grass seed down on the “indented” areas that were damaged by equipment. The balance due will be paid from the Coleman Area Library’s endowment fund held at the Midland Community Foundation.
2. Frank Kroll built, installed, and donated a Little Free Library for the Coleman Area Library. It is located to the right of the front doors and is filled with free children’s books.

Finances, Grants & Donations:

1. The L-4029 for Millage Tax Rate copies and letters have been sent to the Midland County Clerk, Treasurer, and Equalization department, as well as to City of Coleman, and townships of Warren and Geneva.
2. The computation letter and bill for the portion of Edenville Township located in Coleman school district were also sent. The total cost of services is: \$4279.76
3. The Midland Area Community Foundation paid the remaining balance from the library’s Maintenance Endowment Fund to Community Construct/Skills for Tomorrow for the roofing project completed in August 2026.
4. In August the library received several memorial donations honoring Jane Ann Ruhle-Fitzgerald. She will be honored with a gold leaf on the Memorial Tree this year.