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COLEMAN AREA
— Library —

Meeting Minutes

Call to order. The regular meeting of the Coleman Area Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:55 pm on Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Members Present

Y 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: None

Members Absent: None

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

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes. It was moved by Jason Lewis to approve the meeting minutes from August 2026. Supported by: Greta Tigner. All yes, motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report. It was moved by Nancy Robison to approve the treasurer's report from September 2026. Supported by: Jason Lewis. All yes, motion carried.

Approval of Bills. It was moved by Nancy Robison to pay the September 2026 bills. Supported by: Jeremy Longstreth. All yes, motion carried.

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

Unfinished business.

- a. Roof update: the director provided an update on the completion of the roofing project with details about the skylights.

New business.

- a. Discussion was held regarding policies to be reviewed.
- b. Discussion was held regarding a proposed Midland County-Wide millage for public libraries.

Announcements. Next Board Meeting will take place on October 20, 2026

Adjournment. It was moved by Jeremy Longstreth to adjourn the meeting on September 15, 2026, of the Coleman Area Library Board of Trustees at 7:28 PM. Supported by: Jason Lewis. All yes, motion carried.

Director Report for September 2026 Library board meeting

Events:

1. Hannah & Amy represented the library at the Coleman Schools open house on Sept 8, handing out library information and talking with families.
2. Happening this month: Nerf Night on Fri, Sept 18, Choose Your Own Book Club on Thurs, Sept 24, and Second Chance crafts on Tues, Sept. 29.
3. Community collaborations: the library will again be participating in the Coleman Walk Through Town on Fri, Sept 25. On Sept 27 the library will be the recipient of the "leftover" books from the AAUW (American Association of University Women) Book Sale in Midland, resulting in hundreds of boxes of books for the library to sell in our Used Book Sale. On October 1 we will be partnering with Ubay Credit Union during a Neighboring Week event.
4. 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 funded in part by a grant from the Michigan Arts & Culture Council. Tickets are \$10, event will be at the Ideal Theatre in Clare.

Staff news:

1. Our Staff Training Day in August was very informative. A big Thank You to Eric Cozat of the DPW and Fire Department, and to Police Chief Ward for answering questions and guiding us through some of our training.
2. Amy attended her first MMLC (MidEastern Michigan Library Cooperative) board meeting and was sworn in as a board member representing Coleman Area Library.
3. Jointly along with the directors from Pere Marquette District Library and Gladwin County District Library, Amy was selected to present a session at the Michigan Library Association Annual Conference in Novi, MI in October. The session to be presented is:

Title: Libraries advancing through partnerships, innovation, and shared services.

Short Description: Discover how small libraries share staff expertise, technology, and services to expand opportunities and reduce costs together.

Building Maintenance and Grounds: Nothing to report

Finances, Grants & Donations:

1. The library has received several generous memorial donations recently. The library will honor these individuals in the way their families requested. Donations were made:
 - a. In memory of the Weage Family
 - b. In memory of Jane Ruhle-Fitzgerald
2. Amy applied for the Continuing Education Stipend grant from the Library of Michigan and was approved for \$900, covering a significant portion of the costs of the MLA conference.