

# Meeting Minutes



**Call to order.** The regular meeting of the Coleman Area Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, July 15, 2025

## Members Present

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

Guests: Hannah Karl

**Members Absent:** Nancy Robison, Jason Lewis

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Minutes.** It was moved by Jeremy Longstreth to approve the meeting minutes from June 2025. Seconded by: Greta Tigner. All yes, motion carried.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report.** It was moved by Greta Tigner to approve the treasurer's report from July 2025. Seconded by: Jeremy Longstreth. All yes, motion carried.

**Approval of Bills.** It was moved by Jeremy Longstreth to pay the July 2025 bills. Seconded by: Greta Tigner. All yes, motion carried.

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

**Unfinished business.** None

## New business.

- a. A review was made of the library's 2024 Audit
- b. An amended 2025 Budget was presented and reviewed. **Approval of Amended Budget.** It was moved by Jeremy Longstreth to approve the Amended Budget as presented. Seconded by: Lyndsy Bock. All yes, motion carried.

**Announcements.** Next Board Meeting will take place on August 19, 2025

**Adjournment.** It was moved by Lyndsy Bock to adjourn the meeting on July 15, 2025 of the Coleman Area Library Board of Trustees at 7:24 PM. Seconded by: Jeremy Longstreth. All yes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Amy Comber Gross, Library Director

## Director Report for July 2025 Library board meeting

### Events:

1. The Summer Reading Program is going very well. We have 140 kids signed up, plus 20 adults. Readers have already logged over 1500 books! The program continues through the end of July. Awards and prizes will be handed out in August.

Pre-K	Under 1 Years Old - 4 Years Old	16
Kids	5 Years Old - 12 Years Old	104
Teen	13 Years Old - 17 Years Old	20

2. We are currently planning our fall calendars. We'll have an on-going series of classes for senior citizens, called "Lunchtime Learners." Also planned are a trivia night and craft events. The Homeschool Club will start again in September.
3. Staff will once again be representing the Coleman Area Library at the Coleman Schools open house events in August to share information about the library.

### Staff news:

1. Ashlynn will be leaving the library in a couple of weeks to start her college career. We will miss her very much and wish her all the best!

### Building Maintenance and Grounds:

1. The new lights over the front desk were installed on July 7, 2025 by DeMar Electric. This project was funded by our Endowment Fund at the Midland Community Foundation.
2. A broken globe on a streetlight in the parking lot was replaced by DeMar Electric.
3. We were notified by our lawn mowing company that prices are going up.

### Finances, Grants & Donations:

1. The annual Audit was conducted by Weinlander Fitzhugh. All information was submitted to the State of Michigan on time. The board members have each received a copy of the audit.
2. Update on Federal and State of Michigan Funding: Last year the Library of Michigan received \$4.8 million in Federal funds and \$1.7 million from the State. The State of Michigan has not yet finalized their budget. Even if Michigan increased State Aid to Libraries, the Library of Michigan has no authority to change the designation of how that money is spent and re-direct it to pay for MeL and MeLCat. That's up to the Legislature. All Federal funds are used exclusively to benefit libraries, through MeL and other programs, none is used for Library of Michigan staff wages. The Library of Michigan is currently considering various options starting in late 2026, in anticipation of drastic cuts. One possibility is a "Pay to Play" model where individual libraries would pay for MeLCat services and MeL resources. If this happens, Coleman will likely depend more on our local cooperative for inter-loan.
3. The library is thankful for the donation from Jo Clarke in memory of Kenneth Haggerty.
4. Amy is working on the final grant reports for the Dollar General Summer Reading Grant and the MMLC Technology and Innovation Grant.