



November 18, 2025

The regular board meeting of the Cheboygan Area Public Library Board of Trustees scheduled for December 11, 2025 has been canceled. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at the Cheboygan Area Public Library.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brice Bush".

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CHEBOYGAN AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Held in the Cheboygan Area Public Library

Meeting Minutes: Thursday, November 13, 2025 9:00 a.m.

Dan Welihan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Board members present: Don Gezon, Kay Forster, Bruce Gauthier, Jeanette Mateer and Mary Ellen Enos.

Absent: Nadene Delana

Also present Library Director Brice Bush.

Public Comment: none

Approval of Minutes: Bruce Gauthier made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 9, 2025 regular meeting as presented. Jeanette Mateer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report, Including Payment of Bills: Kay Forster reported on the financials. Mary Ellen Enos made a motion to accept the financial report as presented and Jeanette Mateer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

Brice attended the Michigan Library Association annual conference October 28 - 31 held in Lansing. Highlights included programs designed for getting food to those in need. Many libraries around the state are hosting food pantries, food drives, and distribution of shelf stable meals for kids in the summer months. Brice plans to gather information from area agencies and organizations to find out the extent of what is available for Cheboygan area residents and to determine how the library may help to meet the needs of community members.

Programming in October continued with strong attendance; Crafternoons on Mondays averaged 15 children, The Wonders of Watersheds for children and families afterschool averaged 10 children, Lego Discovery on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. saw an average of 35 attendees, Dungeons and Dragons on Wednesdays averaged 7 teens. The library hosted Teagan Olivia King who wrote the book "Spit Back the Bones" for an audience of 15 people, the Composting Workshop drew 13 adults, Sign Language classes took place weekly throughout the month with an average attendance of 10, and the Knit & Crochet group averaged 10 participants as well. Looking forward to December the library has the following programs planned:

Monday, December 1: Build a Gingerbread House (registration required)

Saturday, December 6: Christmas Parade begins at 5 p.m.

Sunday, December 7: Live Reindeer at the Library from 2 pm - 4 pm

Brice gave an update that Northland Cooperative's meeting in October was cancelled and the next scheduled meeting for Northland is set for December 11, 2025 at the Otsego County Library in Gaylord.

Old Business:

Board Meeting regular schedule: Following discussion of a scheduling conflict, Bruce Gauthier made a motion to cancel the regular Board Meeting scheduled for December 11, 2025. Don Gezon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Kay Forster made a motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025 Audit as presented. Jeanette Mateer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Adjournment: Kay Forster made a motion to adjourn at 9:55 a.m. Jeanette Mateer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brice Bush