CHEBOYGAN AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA
Thursday, October 8, 2026

Call to Order and Attendance	Action
Citizen's Comments	
Approval of Minutes	Action
Financial Report, including payment of bills	Action
Director's Report:	
Facilities	Report
Technology	Report
ARSL / Northland	Report
Battle of the Books	Report
New Business:	
FY25-26 Audit	Action
Adjournment	

CHEBOYGAN AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
100 S. Bailey Street, Cheboygan, MI 49721
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Held in the Cheboygan Area Public Library
Meeting Minutes: Thursday, September 10, 2026 9:00 a.m.

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

Also present Library Director Brice Bush.

Public Comment

Approval of Minutes: Nadene Delana made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 13, 2026 regular meeting as presented. Jeanette Mateer supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report, Including Payment of Bills: Nadene Delana reported on the financials. Don Gezon made a motion to accept the financial report as presented and Mary Ellen Enos supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

Summer Reading participants reported over 75,000 minutes read with nearly 800 individual reports made from people aged 2 years old through adulthood. The most popular prize for ticket entries was the giant stuffed dino and 250 mini 3D printed dinosaurs were earned by participants. The feedback from parents regarding the mini dino reading incentives was very positive. Overall we saw an increase in participation in our summer reading program. Nearly 700 kids attended events at the library from July 1 through August 6. We will start preparing for Summer Reading 2027 later this year and the theme has been announced as "Mysteries await at your Library!"

The library welcomed new staff members in August; Teagan King, Children's and Teen Librarian, part time Library Assistant Gretchen Drasner, and Library Assistant Substitutes Chad Lozen and Samantha Burns. Sarah Olsen and Brice Bush will attend the Association of Rural and Small Libraries annual conference in mid September in Montgomery, Alabama. Sarah was awarded a stipend from the Library of Michigan to help cover the costs of travel and attendance.

Fall programs will include the library participating at the 3rd annual Tractors & Treats festival at the Cheboygan County Fairgrounds on October 10 & 11. The library will also participate at the Children's Trail of Cheboygan Halloween event on Saturday, October 24 from 1 - 3 p.m. Children's regular programming will begin in September with Music Play for ages 0-5 on Thursdays September 10 & 24, Legos after school at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays starting September 15, and Storytime on Tuesdays at 10:15 am beginning September 29. A monthly middle grade

Graphic Novel Book group begins on October 9 at 3:30 p.m. and a monthly Teen Book Club will take place on October 23 at 3:30 p.m. in the YA area. Looking further ahead, the library will host a Soo Locks presentation on November 10 and a discussion panel from the Cheboygan Brewing Company on November 19. Both programs will begin at 6 p.m. The library plans to walk in the annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 5 and host live reindeer at the library on Sunday, December 6.

Old Business:

The website redesign project is well underway with Northwoods Digital. Tara Vancil-Damm held a meeting with all library staff for idea generation and feedback. She is in the building phase and will have pages for Brice's review at the end of September. The project is on track for a February 1, 2027 launch.

New Business:

Kay Forster made a motion to accept the Holiday Hours December 2026 as proposed. Jeanette Mateer supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Adjournment: Nadene Delana made a motion to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. Jeanette Mateer supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brice Bush