

**Ionia County Library Association
Unapproved Minutes
September 12, 2025
Alvah N. Belding Memorial Library**

1. Call to Order at 10:10 am by Cory Grimminck
2. Roll Call:
Present: Jennifer Salgat (Lake Odessa Community Library), Britney Dillon (Alvah N Belding Library), Cory Grimminck (Portland District Library), Alex Larson (Saranac-Clarksville District Library), Dale Parus (Ionia Community Library), Mattie Cook-Hildebrandt (Lyons Township District Library)
3. Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Jennifer, seconded by Alex. Motion Carried.
4. Approval of the Minutes: Motion by Britney, seconded by Dale. Motion carried.
5. No public comment
6. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Jennifer sent out the report showing updates as dues have come in and 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten reimbursements have gone out
7. Youth Report
 - a. Mattie provided an update on the Ionia County Great Start Collaborative Spring Scavenger Hunt, Battle of the Books, and the Road Trip Adventure proposal
8. Unfinished Business:
 - a. Millage
 - i. Plan to have a resolution for boards to review in November
 - ii. Would like to have Yes! Committee up and running in January
 - iii. Special millage meeting Thursday, October 23 at 10 am at Sozo Coffee in Ionia
 - iv. Cory suggested hosting a booth at Ionia Free Fair
 - v. Talked about the importance of a media approach
9. New Business
 - a. On the Same Page in Ionia County 2026 book suggestions:
 - i. *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon
 - ii. *Atmosphere* by Taylor Jenkins Reid
 - iii. *The Listeners* by Maggie Stiefvater
 - iv. *Beartooth* by Colin Wink
 - v. *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt
 - vi. *The River is Waiting* by Wally Lamb
 - vii. *This Here is Love* by Princess Joy L. Perry
 - viii. *A Marriage at Sea* by Sophie Elmhirst
 - ix. *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson
 - x. *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie
 - xi. *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haight
 - xii. *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes
 - xiii. *The Lost Bookshop* by Evie Woods
 - b. Please read as many of these titles by December, when the list will be narrowed
10. Sharing

- a. Dale said Ionia hosted a fundraiser for Ionia Community Library Foundation and are working to prepare inventory later in September
 - b. Britney said Belding finished their roof addition and mandatory inventory the week following Labor Day
 - c. Mattie said Lyons has received a Libraries Transforming Communities grant which will fund the installation of an ADA-accessible front entryway at the library
 - d. Alex said Clarksville is planning a kitchen remodel and elevator installation in the near future
 - e. Jennifer said that they are installing sound absorbers in their quiet room at Lake Odessa Community Library
 - f. Cory said that painting, seating, and a shed project have been completed at Portland and that they are in the process of redoing their website.
11. Motion by Britney, seconded by Mattie to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:11 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mattie Cook-Hildebrandt