

Lamont Library Meeting Minutes
January 20th 2026

The Lamont Library Board Meeting was called to order on January 20th 2026 by President Becky Walsh. The meeting was called to order at 10:02. Those present were Becky Walsh, Mary Hoefer, Roxie Estling, Susy Hotchkiss, Jessica Haynes, and new director Sarah Fletcher. Others present were Mike Cook and Bob Walsh. Mike Cook, mayor, just wanted to stop in and welcome our new director, Sarah Fletcher, to her job as library director. He also thanked us as a board for working diligently to get a new director in place in such a timely manner.

Agenda: The agenda was studied. Susy made a motion. Jessica seconded it to approve the agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

Minutes: The minutes were read. A correction was made to the minutes. They read that the library was to be closed December 22nd to the 30th. We were in fact open December 30th. Mary made the motion and Rox seconded it to approve the minutes as corrected. All ayes, motion carried.

Bills: there were several bills that needed to be initiated and those bills and other bills will be paid. Jessica motioned and Mary seconded it to pay those bills. LI ayes, motion carried.

Public comment: Sarah said that the most comment she has received is the fact that people don't know when we are open. Sarah said that the online posted hours are correct. We will work with Sarah to remedy this problem.

Librarians Report: Our library facebook page has been updated. Sarah will be sending out a community poll with the sewer and water bills for in town citizens concerning the library. She passed around a survey sheet with some very good questions. Hopefully, we will get some positive feedback on what people want.

New business: We did learn that we must have open bathrooms in the library. Considering that we were having some problems on certain days, we will be looking for solutions to these problems. Sarah will continue the book weeding process to update all reading sections in the library. Library keys and locks, email communication procedures were all discussed. A new wall clock will be purchased and we would like to thank Ann Pech for her donation of a microwave for library use.

Policies: We will be reviewing our outdated policies at our next meeting. We will also be discussing library closures, strategic planning (long term goals) + professional development (shadowing other libraries) at future meetings.

Community Outreach: Newsletter poll, Press Journal posting.

Programming: Mom and Me for kids and adult reading (reading challenge) were discussed.

Collections: Children's section improvements, weeding, organization, book categorization were on the agenda and discussed.

Fundraising: Sarah would like to plan a fundraiser for Lamont days. A book sale to support our children's section and other options were also discussed.

Open house: A welcoming open house to meet our new library director will be held February 7th from 930- 1030. Please come and greet Sarah and see what a great library we have.

Missing materials: We have lots of missing materials, some as far back as 2020. If you have any of these materials please return or renew. No penalty will be assessed.

Susy made the motion and Mary seconded it to adjourn.

All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am. Our next meeting will be Monday February 16th at 10am. Respectfully submitted by Susy Hotchkiss, Board secretary.