

Colfax, LA
October 21, 2025

The Library Board of Control of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, met in regular session at the Grant Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, 200 Main Street, Colfax, Louisiana, on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Mike Merrell, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. Winston Roberts, Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Roy Edwards, and Mr. Mark Ball

The following members were absent:

None

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Mike Merrell to open the meeting to public comments on agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

No discussions were brought forth.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published in the official journal. Motion carried unanimously.

Board members reviewed and discussed the monthly financial report, statistical report, and Head Librarian's report.

- 5 open positions have been filled and staff is excelling in their positions
- Homecoming dress give away was kept small and 6 girls received dresses, shoes, bags, and jewelry
- The 2026 SRP was published in the High School Football Digest
- The Colfax Branch is still being cleaned up, decluttered, and organized to function and look better
- Museum passes are now available at no cost to library card holders over 18
- The website has been given a full makeover and now reflects the library's activities and upcoming program information
- Still working on the passes for state parks, the program has not opened yet but it is being monitored
- Outreach has drastically increased and resulted in additional sponsorships and grants for programs
- The bookmobile is scheduled to participate in several upcoming holiday parades
- Holiday photos are scheduled for the first week of December for all branches

Board members discussed issues with the Dry Prong and Colfax Library buildings. Dry Prong Branch needs of some structural but mostly minor repairs to the building. Employees volunteered to have a clean-up/work day if it is approved by the Village of Dry Prong. Mr. Mike Merrell will speak to the mayor regarding the structural repairs needed and it will be discussed at the November meeting.

The Colfax Branch Library needs repairs to the front door and after speaking with contractors, it was decided that the roof would need to be extended or a cover built over the entire library to prevent the rain from seeping in the walls and floor. A door and glass company will be contacted to repair the front doors.

Board members reviewed and discussed the 2026 budget. They will review it and discuss it again at the November meeting with more accurate figures available.

Board members discussed moving part-time employee, Ms. Taiyler Decker to full-time effective November 1st. With the increase in patron visits, increase in program participants, and the increase in outreach for the Branch Manager, it was decided that another full-time position was warranted. Motion by Mr. Mike Merrell, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to move Ms. Taiyler Decker from part-time to full-time effective November 1, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Board members discussed the need for a November meeting and agreed to set it for November 13, 2025 at 4:00 pm.

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

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