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## **Meeting Minutes**

There was not a formal business meeting. Amy Wright shared some “hidden gems of the library” with us. These are great resources because they are trustworthy and FREE!

Amy introduced us to ***Rakuten Overdrive, Libby, and Sora***. These are apps you can download from your app store on your device and borrow and read free e-books, audiobooks, comics, and magazines from your library using your phone or tablet. It's easy to get started—all you need is a library card! There is usually a two to three week due date and the book disappears from your device, but you can usually check things out again.

Amy told us about ***Lynda.com***. Lynda.com is an online learning resource 24/7 featuring video courses taught by industry experts in software, creative, and business skills. This is also free with your library card.

### **Michigan Activity Pass (MAP)**

<https://tin.lib.mi.us/map/files/MAP-HOWTO.pdf>

You can “Check Out” free or discounted admission passes to hundreds of Michigan State Parks, campgrounds, museums, trails, arts and cultural destinations, and more.

### **Detroit Zoo - Tickets and More**

<https://tickets.detroitzoo.org/affiliate.asp?ID=2195985C5-469F-B27C-CE7E3C30F65F>

Library cardholders can purchase discounted admission tickets to the Detroit Zoo, save on discounted memberships, and dining. You can even purchase a pre-paid parking voucher. The discounted offers are updated at intervals throughout the year.

### **Michigan Electronic Library (MeL) <http://mel.org>**

MeL is Michigan's 24/7 digital library and is one of the oldest online libraries on the Internet. MeL provides statewide access to nearly 40 subscription based eResources, contains vetted Web sites on topics such as business, jobs, legal, health, government, books and literacy, kids, and teens. Other components of the Michigan eLibrary include:

- MeLCat, a statewide borrowing system over 430 libraries that allows users to place their own interlibrary loan requests if they belong to a participating library
- Michigana, a portal for discovering primary resources in digital format such as photographs, diaries, maps, and more on Michigan history
- Michigan Online Resources for Educators (M.O.R.E.), a portal linking to tens of thousands of curricular based resources such as lesson plans, interactives, videos and more that are aligned to the state and national standards.

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As you can see, Amy did a lot of research for this meeting and we thank her for all of this useful information.

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Recording Secretary