

Highlights GCLD

March 2026

Board Meeting: April 21, 2026



Board of Trustees Meeting Report Packet

Summary of monthly focus, projects, meetings, and accomplishments

Month of Reporting: March 2026

Executive Summary

GCLD Updates

- BOCC Annual Update
- Please welcome our new Communications Manager, Kristen Hanson. She onboarded last week.
- Fundraising Committee meeting with consultant proposals. Prepared to make a recommendation to the board.
- Safety and Security: Working with Grand County Sheriff to improve safety and emergency response at all library locations. Building specific safety training completed at each facility covering emergency response, utility shutoffs, and disaster resources. Completed initial threat assessments for all buildings.
- 2025 Access Grand had 1,277 reservations, allowing approx. 4,194 patrons to enjoy museums, physical fitness centers, cultural events= GCLD saved patrons up to \$85,170
- Summer Library Program planning is in full swing – prizes are being ordered, this year's activity log is almost completed, and CSLP supplies have arrived. Performers have been scheduled and kick-off events are being planned. This year's theme: Unearth a Story.
- Jeanette and Mary Ann attended a chamber luncheon to meet Winter Park's new Town Manager, John Peacock; Mary Ann attended the Town of Fraser's meeting to hear about wayfinding project
- Shelly put on her first "Perennials" program, a supportive conversation space for women navigating perimenopause and menopause. In April, two medical professionals will host a live, virtual conversation in which all libraries will be able to participate!
- The Librarians documentary, in cooperation with PBS, will be shown at 3 libraries. Trustees and the public are encouraged to attend.

Kremmling Library Project

- Closed on Land March 18th.
- Completed Annexation submittal for new Kremmling Library.
- Eight Architect RFP/Q submissions reviewed. 4 top candidates interviewed. Building Committee is prepared to make a recommendation.

Upcoming

- Policy committee meeting to review policy manual updates needed.
- Plans are underway for a 20-year Anniversary Party for Juniper Library & Granby Library.
- Strategic Plan Retreat

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Facilities Report

GCLD maximizes library spaces in relation to changing community needs.

Projects & Goals

- Completed Annexation submittal for new Kremmling Library
- Interviewed Architects!
- Finished LED installation in Granby where scissor lift was required
- Completed Safety trainings at all locations – doing follow-up work from findings (+25 tasks!)
- Completed threat assessments for all buildings
- Completed research for Shelving budget line – primarily HSS

Improvements & Changes

- Rich and I started training with Interplay Learning (online courses for trades)
- Cleaning and organizing mechanical rooms throughout district
- Rearranging Kremmling area behind staff desks – shelving, dollies for circ bins, etc.
- Installed shelving in HSS storage shed
- FVL did a massive cleanup on their storage room, kid's areas, and community room cabinets
- Checked and installed new CO detectors throughout the district

Budget & Future Plans

- Begin work on Window Covering budget line item
- Prep for “Summerization” at all buildings
- Get summer projects lined up / scheduled
- Continue putting together PM to Replacement forecasting model for facilities
- Finalize service contracts for Western States Fire Protection Co
- Rearrange / organize front office and front entry to allow for another desk and more storage

Finance-HR Report

Maintain a balanced budget that is sustainable.

Finance

- Kremmling Library Executive Building Committee work
- Posted 2025 audit to website
- Research for financial strategist
- Accufund implementation-payroll testing

Human Resources

- Safety trainings at each facility completed

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- Communications manager position offer made
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- Work on updating HR forms

Meetings & Conferences

- Attended SDA Legislative update
- Met with Grand County Sheriff Macchione to schedule staff trainings, drills, and simulations
- Fundraising Committee meeting with consultant proposals
- Met with risk analyst from insurance provider for resources and facility risk assessments

Informational

- Presented at Juniper Senior Lunch & Learn; Death & Dying for Dummies
- Work on cell phone policy

Library Resources Report

Quality programming and collections support the informational, recreational, and educational interests of Grand County.

Financial

- 2025 Access Grand Costs: Spent approx. \$7,474 on reservation software and memberships/passes
- 2025 Access Grand had 1,277 reservations, allowing approx. 4,194 patrons to enjoy museums, physical fitness centers, cultural events= GCLD saved patrons up to \$85,170
- 2025 Access Grand return on investment $\$85,170(\text{savings}) - \$7,474(\text{costs}) = \$77,715$; every dollar spent (\$7,454) equates to a savings of \$10.43 per patron uses Access Grand usage
- Hoopla available checkouts reduced from 10 per month to 7 to keep to eMedia budget
- Final phase of digitization project for GCLD to be completed

Staff

- Tallie, Marcus, and Emily agreed on a finalized plan to bring to the GCLD Board Meet for HSS 20+ annual face lift to make flexible space for both the collection and programs; roughly \$4,000 per year until the next makeover
- Tallie enjoyed John Marte's presentation to HSS's SLL about recording personal history and what library resources are available to help patrons and John's newspaper article on the same subject
- John, Kaylene, and Tallie attended the Granby safety meeting, TG also went to the HSS one as often is alone when covering the branch
- Kaylene celebrated her birthday

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- Tallie complete PLAR—reviewed with CDE to clear up confusion from 2024 meeting about a new section that was misinterpreted at a Marmot review meeting—the only numbers to change were pertaining to eMedia offerings—reverting to how Tallie collected num

Circulation

- Physical collection circulation for March 2026 is down by about 1%
- Library of Things collection had the second best March circulation in five years, only 5 checkouts away from grabbing the best March on record

Resources

- Access Grand rocks
- Free Legal Clinic is up and running

Technology Report

Technology in the library inspires and connects our community with a wider world.

Projects & Goals

- Garage and IT storage clean-up
- 2026 Computer Replacement Cycle (GR) pending
- AI Policy development
- VoIP Changes
- AV (FVL) preliminary quotes continuing/pending

Budget & Future Plans

- On budget
- Access Control quoting (FVL, GR, JU, KR, DO)

Public Services Report

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Diverse Collections & Services

- Book Madness at Granby Elementary School – Special thanks to Kaydee Jensen who facilitated on Thursdays and helped create a fantastic video announcement for the kids. Filming with her was a blast! Shout out to Jeremy for reading and demonstrating his best Spanglish! And the winner is – “¡Mistaco!: a tale of Tragedy y Tortillas,” by Eliza Kinkz. We reached over 382 students and faculty each week with this program. This number does not include the two community readers at each session – 14 readers per week! Watch for Book Madness in May at Fraser Valley Elementary and West Grand Elementary.
- Lucky 13 – Tween After Hours was held at Granby Library. We had 25 kids attend, which was a great turnout. Special thanks to Amy Chamberlin who spearheaded the planning and to Juniper, Granby, and Hot Sulphur Springs staff for assisting with the event. It was a huge success!
- Summer Library Program planning is in full swing – prizes are being ordered, this year’s activity log is almost completed, and CSLP supplies have arrived. Performers have been scheduled and kick-off events are being planned. This year’s theme: Unearth a Story.
- Bookmark Art Contest winners have been selected, and promotional bookmarks have been created. Please enjoy and help us promote this year’s SLP!
- Facilitated Grand Storytelling program at Granby and Kremmling Libraries.

Access

- CALCON planning committee work continues with program review and selection beginning soon.
- Met with Silvina Spatocco from Mountain Family Center and Grand Latin to collaborate on ways to encourage members from the Hispanic community to utilize library services. We hope to begin a video series that will be posted on Grand Latin’s Facebook page in the coming months.
- Worked with administrative office staff from the Catholic parish in Granby and provided rack cards in English and Spanish for use on their informational displays.

Community Resource

- Attended two strategic planning sessions with ReThinking Libraries.
- All Staff Training was eventful; CPR and AED training was appreciated.
- Assisted with Communications Manager interviews.
- Attended safety meetings in three locations.
- Professional development included an interesting webinar – Unlocking Possibilities: Program Design for the Future of Libraries.

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Fraser Valley Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Circulation/Collections: Updated guidelines for circulation of GCLD's Library of Things collections - Thanks Tallie!
- Storytime: Dr. Seuss's birthday with Oobleck, Teamwork, Opposites, Outside Storytime. Music and Movement on Saturdays
- Afterschool Programs: Awesome kids holiday party, Iditarod; Nerf Tag; Read to a Dog
- Adult Programs: Great Decisions, Just Write It! Horror Book Club; Tech Time
- Senior Lunch and Learn: Wellderly Wonders: Living Your Best Life at Any Age presented by Gretchen Frey, MD and Kristen Hessler, American Council on Exercise Certified Personal Trainer and Senior Fitness Specialist
- All Ages: Junk Journal Crafternoon; 4th Friday Game Time!
- Other Programs: Snowflake bookmark Take & Makes; Exploration Station - Force & Motion, Rubik's Cube Club, 4th grade class visit where we learned to search the library catalog and find our books on the shelf.

Access

- Outreach and Collaborations: Jeanette and Mary Ann attended a chamber luncheon to meet Winter Park's new Town Manager, John Peacock; Mary Ann attended the Town of Fraser's meeting to hear about wayfinding project.
- Artist Displays: Sons of Norway Sacred Symbols Artist Display
- Art display cabinet: Spring Solstice by Trish Cyman
- Displays and marketing: Women's history, St. Patrick's Day, blind date with a book, interactive tell us about a woman who inspires you.

Community Resource

- Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale
- Jeanette attended the WP Chamber Chat meeting featuring County Commissioner Ed Raegner as the keynote speaker.
- FVL staff attended All Staff Training in Granby: CPR certifications/AED training.
- All staff attended FVL's Annual Safety meeting and walkthrough of the building.
- Jeanette and Kathe attended Library Advocacy Day at the State Capitol and got to meet with Senator Dylan Roberts and Speaker McCluskie to advocate for GCLD and all libraries.

Granby Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Storytime: Hungry Caterpillar, St. Patrick's Day, Spring, Bunnies & Chicks,

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- Early Literacy: Music & Movement, Grand Kids & Granby Elementary Preschool Storytime, Healthy Cooking with KC Rose, and Bilingual Storytime
- Elementary: Book Madness at GES, LEGO, Homeschool Hangout, Exploration Station , & Bookmark Contest
- After-school Programs: Lucky 13 Teen After Hours, Make a Comic Book, St. Patrick's Day Craft, and Terrariums
- Adult Programs: Ageless Grace, Book Club, Craft Club, Grand Storytelling (Fumbles & Fouls), Technology Assistance, Stronger Together: Wildfire Preparedness, Terrariums, & Happiness Day
- Senior Lunch and Learn: Larry Banham with Grand County Assessors talked about property tax incentives for Seniors. KC Rose provided the food.
- All Ages: Chess Club, Homeschool Hangout, and Movie Matinee (Zootopia 2)

Access

- Artist Displays:
- Display Cabinet: Rocky Mountain Folk School
- Displays and marketing: Women's History Month, If You Liked the Movie, You'll Love the Book, Bee Awesome, Reading with my Peeps, & MOO-VING into Spring
- Federal and state Tax forms are available to the public
- Outreach and Collaborations:
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Community Resource

- Granby staff attended All Staff Training in Granby: CPR certifications/AED training.
- All staff attended Granby's Annual Safety meeting and walkthrough of the building.

Hot Sulphur Springs Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Storytime featured themes of Dr. Seuss, Dental Hygiene (part 2), St. Patrick's Day, US Postal Service, and Spring. Children put together silly Thing 1 and Thing 2 hats, painted with toothbrushes, created fingerprint rainbows, created US postal trucks out of construction paper, and used dot painters on spring scenes.
- The Community Connections theme for March was an Armchair Travel to New Zealand by patron Abby Wilkes. She highlighted "Lord of the Rings" locations! This was the most highly attended Community Connection yet with 10 participants!
- Kremmling volunteers, Bill and Marcia Honer, led an Armchair Travel presentation as well, all about their eco-tourism experiences in multiple countries.
- Senior Lunch and Learn featured lunch by KC Rose and a presentation entitled "Preserve Your Personal History" by John Marte, GCLD Digital Resources Associate.

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- The Homeschool Book Madness Championship Party was held at the Hot Sulphur Springs Library. Multiple families came to hear the West Grand champion, "It's Taco Knight!" against the East Grand champion, "This Book is Dangerous!" Chris read "This Book is Dangerous" and was told by a very reluctant participant that she was the best reader he had ever heard!! "This Book is Dangerous" won by one vote!
- Movie Matinee, "Zootopia 2" was a hit, with 14 people in attendance!
- Kaydee kept the children busy at the start of Spring Break with a special Friday morning baseball-themed Movie Matinee, Pokemon Club, Pageturners Club, and MarioKart Monday!
- Other programs included Tech Time and Crafting with Kaydee.

Access

- Kaydee read to the children at Granby Play Days Preschool.
- Kaydee led the Thursday sessions of Granby Elementary's Book Madness and made a video with Chris to announce the winner, "Mistaco!"
- Kaydee continues to organize seasonal and storytime materials, as Rich is building shelves for the storage shed.
- Emily is weeding and inventorying the juvenile fiction section, as well as relabeling the read-alongs according to reading level.
- Library displays featured the Genre Explorers Book Club theme of "Memorable Memoirs," Storytime Theme of the Week, Books Made Into Movies, CLEL Bell Shortlist, Dr. Seuss, Spring, "Wuthering Heights," and In Memoriam: Catherine O'Hara.
- Staff assisted patrons with hoopla, Access Grand, wireless printing, Libby, and Access World News this month.

Community Resource

- Staff participated in All-Staff training, received their CPR/AED certifications, and held a safety meeting at the Kremmling Library with Marcus, Tara, and Rich.
- Tallie, Marcus, and Emily continue to meet and discuss plans for furniture and shelving for the HSS Library.

Kremmling Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Since the library was closed for All-Staff Training on a Tuesday, a special Firefighter Storytime took place that Friday instead. Firefighters Brady and Aron read stories and showed off gear, tools, and trucks! The next week, intern McKenzie Winchester hosted her money-themed storytime. Children had a wonderful time learning about earning and saving money, sorting coins, and coloring play dollars. The month ended with the annual Easter Egg hunt.
- Fifteen people came to Pajama Storytime, the largest turnout by far! The theme was Spring.
- Explorer Storytime participants learned about and discovered different kinds of seashells.

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- Senior Lunch and Learn featured lunch by 7670 Grill and a presentation entitled “Senior Property Tax Exemption” by Grand County Assessor, Larry Banman.
- Kremmling library hosted a Community Puzzle Swap, in partnership with a patron who loves puzzles and wanted to meet other puzzle aficionados! It was a peaceful afternoon – multiple puzzles changed hands and several people enjoyed working on the library puzzle together.
- Shelly put on her first “Perennials” program, a supportive conversation space for women navigating perimenopause and menopause. In April, two medical professionals will host a live, virtual conversation in which all libraries will be able to participate!
- Homeschool Hangout featured Round 2 of Homeschool Book Madness. Four guest readers read two book pairings. The winners faced off in a Google Poll vote to determine the champion in West Grand, “It’s Taco Knight!” This year has seen the highest participation in Homeschool Book Madness yet!
- Library Associate, Amy Chamberlin, visited Kremmling Library’s Afterschool Club to do a program on symmetry, based on ammonite fossils. The students also got to create their annual Skittle rainbow experiment, making patterns and watching the pinwheel of colors in a dish of water.
- Movie Matinee, “Zootopia 2” was a hit, with 15 people in attendance!
- TLC (and pickleball coach), Michele, hosted an impromptu pickleball session during Spring Break, due to the beautiful weather.
- Several TAG teens got together for an after-hours karaoke party to test out the new machine.
- Other programs included Tech Time, Quilting Club, Builders Club, Teen Hangout, and Grand Storytelling.

Access

- Shelly’s program at Cliffview this month was titled “Books and Brews.” Shelly did several book talks and the residents chose the book they most wanted to discuss. Shelly will lead this newly formed book club in a couple months, after they have all had time to read or listen to the book.
- Emily read to the children at WGECC, Little Bear Childcare, and Kremmling Preschool, and brought themed books to WGECC, Kremmling Preschool, Grade 1, and Grades 4/5 pods, as well as book requests to Grade 6 students. Emily picked up completed bookmarks as well. Three children from Kremmling were among the bookmark winners!
- Shelly continued her outreach to Cliffview, Kremmling Memorial Hospital, and Silver Spruce. Her homeschool outreach this month promoted Online Britannica and Homeschool Book Madness.
- CO Workforce staff members visit one Friday a month. They had multiple people utilize their services in March!
- Emily and Deborah continued to categorize the easy books.
- Library displays featured the Genre Explorers Book Club theme of “Memorable Memoirs,” Library of Things, Women’s History Month, Colorado Blue Spruce Award nominees, Dr. Seuss, Spring, CLEL Bell Shortlist, Picture Book Nonfiction, and Homeschool Book Madness.

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- Art displays included quilts by Janet Schayer and Irene Wheatley and LEGO creations by the Builders Club.
- Staff assisted patrons with hoopla, wireless printing, Kanopy, Libby, Udemy, EBSCO Business, and Nuwav this month.

Community Resource

- Shelly visited the Granby Library to do a training on serving homeschooling families.
- Staff participated in All-Staff training, received their CPR/AED certifications, and held a safety meeting at the Kremmling Library with Marcus, Tara, and Rich.
- Staff is so excited about the land purchase and the architect interviews!

Juniper Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Storytime themes in March; Weather, Leprechauns, Getting Dressed, Staycation
- After School Club themes: Exploration Station, Leprechauns, Movie Night (Springbreak)
- Senior Lunch & Learn - Presenter – Tara – Death & Dying for Dummies, Food –Mountain Market Sandwiches
- Brown Bag Book Club: The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon
- Technology Assistance facilitated by John Marte
- March Mandalas: Exploring Symmetry Stamping
- Folklore + Luck St. Patrick's Day Limericks
- Living with Mountain Lions RMNP Presentation
- Spring Equinox: Light Returns
- Take & Make Kits by Dianne Foss
- Non-fiction weeding project has been started

Access

- Sensory bin: held a variety of green & yellow toys items
- Exploration Stations: Drawing & Designing
- Outdoor windows: Marketing for library programs
- March End Cap Adult section displays: new books, Spanish, March Mandalas, Mountain Lions, Irish literature, Great Decisions, Dark Skies, Numerology, Blue Zone
- March Children's Area Display Themes: books in Spanish, new books, Weather, St. Patrick's Day, Getting Dressed, Dr. Suess, Beach,

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- TEEN BULLETIN BOARD & DISPLAY “Wait 5 Minutes”

Community Resource

- Lucky 13 – Tween After Hours
- Bookmark Art Contest
- All Staff Training was eventful; CPR and AED training was appreciated
- Attended safety meeting with Marcus, Tara, and all Juniper staff
- Grand Lake Community House – contract to use the space – Tara sent deposit, Letter of good standing for non-profit, and proof of insurance.
- Contacted Imagination Library to update new members
- A new volunteer started working at Juniper on Sundays!
- Planning for a Progressive Walk around town with Grand Lake Creative District in May
- Welcoming Grand Lake Visitor’s Center now has two Grand Lake Town employees.
- Plans are underway for a 20-year Anniversary Party for the opening Juniper Library new building in May 2006.