

Board of Trustees Meeting Report Packet

Summary of monthly focus, projects, meetings, and accomplishments

Month of Reporting: July 2026

Executive Summary

GCLD Updates

- Sumer Library Program is wrapping up and prizes are being awarded. The theme this year was really popular and led to some great programs. Grand Storytime at Polhamus Park in Granby. Diana Laughlin presented bilingual dinosaur yoga, Mylea Draper provided giant bubbles in lieu of the foam party, and the Granby firefighters brought a couple of fire trucks for the children to explore.
- Doing tons of outreach: Picnic in the Park Town of Fraser, High Note Thursday, Mural Fest, Buffalo Days Parade (our 4th parade of the summer!) Preparing for back-to-school outreach to teachers.
- Met with EveryLibrary to discuss strategy and best practices for ballot measure promotion.
- Staff are developing case of support for Fundraising Committee to review. Anticipate feasibility study interviews to start in September.
- Strat plan review
- Attended a few sessions of United for Libraries virtual conference. Working through recorded sessions of interest. Possibility of a free district wide membership to United for Libraries. More details to com.
- Anthony Leyba has joined the Marmot Council as an observer. Great opportunity for professional development and insight into what the future holds with Marmot.
- June 2026 circulation combined with July 2026 is up 17.78% compared to the same time frame in 2025
- Patrons played games in July (Uno: No Mercy is #1 out)--Games an increase of 110% usage over June, and patrons enjoyed the variety of GCLD's Library of Things. Only one other month (July 2024) has seen over 300 check outs for Library of Things!
- Meeting room access updates and Juniper security additions scheduled for end of August.
- Planning for One Grand Book continues. Thank you to Tallie for coordinating with her community contacts to schedule a variety of programs throughout the county. Programs will kick-off in August.

Capital Projects

- Presenting window coverings quotes for approval by the board, will get those schedule for install.

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Facilities Report

GCLD maximizes library spaces in relation to changing community needs.

Projects & Goals

- New Kremmling Library – Rezoning hearing is August 19. Currently working with the team to coordinate utilities. Working diligently through Design Development specifying specific structural components, exterior materials, and MEP's to satisfy both need and budget.
- Dispositioning the HSS furniture – It has been presented to the public with 3 takers and readvertised to the public/other entities for another week. The remainder, if any, will be disposed of by August 21 at the latest.
- Following up on all WSFP inspection reports and making appropriate corrections.

Improvements & Changes

- Granby's northside bed has been completed and is looking great!
- The van is still being a pain with some electrical gremlins – it's at the shop now.

Budget & Future Plans

- Currently working on FVL columns and exterior repairs.
- Presenting window coverings quotes for approval by the board, will get those schedule for install.
- Working on FVL interior paint quotes and timing with fire panel upgrade and window coverings.
- Developing facilities forecasting model / beginning prep for next year's projects and budget.

Finance-HR Report

Maintain a balanced budget that is sustainable.

Finance

- AFA implementation ongoing
- Kremmling library budget review

Human Resources

- Quarter 2 payroll reports
- Major medical leaves and personnel issues
- Work with staff for accessing the employee portal in AFA

Meetings & Conferences

- Executive building committee meetings weekly
- District office staff meetings weekly
- HSS security training

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Informational

- Monthly finance committee meetings

Library Resources Report

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Financial

- Compared LR ½ year budget with finance records—looks comparable and on target
- Prepping for 2027

Staff

- Tallie: Enjoyed hearing about how great our SLP events were, a highlight of my brother and his family's 2 week trip-- from Portugal!; solidified programs for One Grand Book and shared information with committee; professional development—Book Challenges, From Strategy to Success, Marmot meetings; Sky-Hi News articles
- John: Continued to do professional development (introducing AI and designing training); host Community of Writers/ Tech Times (Windows 10 end-of-support/importing videos from CDs into Microsoft Clipchamp/cloud storage options...); coverage
- Kaylene: Updated Sierra cataloging templates—very helpful for LR!; July 4th parade; created documentation for setting up Sierra Offline circ during Marmot Outage

Circulation

- June 2026 circulation combined with July 2026 is up 17.78% compared to the same time frame in 2025
- Short and sweet time frames for checkout have soaring YTD Circ in Kremmling: basketballs and iPads take the top 3 spots;
- One-week checkouts: FVL-hotspot and DVD Song Sung Blue tied for 3rd and 4th; Followed by Granby's Nintendo Switch Console and Games tied with their Hotspot; and new metal detectors
- Winning 3-week circulation book titles: How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodbye?; The Ladies' Midnight Swimming Club; The Correspondent; The Crossroads; and The Lion Women of Tehran

Resources

- July was a time for patrons to unplug, online views/sessions dipped 8%
- Patrons instead...played games in July (Uno: Show 'em No Mercy—thank you MAD, is #1 out, along with a slew of games just one out behind)--Games an increase of 110% usage over June, and patrons enjoyed the variety of GCLD's library of things having only July of 2024 (398 outs) besting the 360 check outs last month; no other month since the recording of monthly LoT has seen over 300 uses except for these two Julys—Thank you SLP!

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- I am thrilled to see the Juniper YA Sketchbook Art Project has had some good use since the start of 2026, I look forward to admiring the art
- While CO residents can opt to pay for Colorado State Parks passes when registering vehicles, both FVL and Granby Library have had some good usage of our Check Out CO State Parks Kits

Communications Report

Communications to the public help expand access, knowledge and understanding of library resources.

Projects & Goals

- 7/04 Granby parade; dinosaurs and bubbles were a HIT. Kids more excited about high-5s from dinosaurs than candy; lots of library love, chanting from crowd.
- 7/10 website launch; working on minor improvements, bug fixes
- Library Corner article: Arts & Music
- Developing Case of Support for Philanthropy

Improvements & Changes

- July (over June 2026 numbers): social media views at 59.4k, up 84.5%. 821 interactions, up 57%. Most viewed post: how to make a corse-rosenthal box, Wed July 1, 3:27pm. 10.8k views, 18 shares.
- Emails:
 - July newsletter; 3,933 open (51.28%); 545 clicks, 21 bounce
 - July and a half (SLP) newsletter: 217 (open 62.72%); 12 click, 0 bounce

Budget & Future Plans

- Art outreach booth event. Thinking about using storyline prompts as an option.

Technology Report

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

Projects & Goals

- Q3 Security training at FVL scheduled
- Final fax lines scheduled for porting to VoIP network in August
- New Kremmling library development review (low-voltage)
- Lingering issues with specific equipment at the Granby library post computer replacement; if unable to resolve, will be seeking warranty replacement
- Juniper security additions scheduled for end of August
- Seeking potential broadband upgrades for 2027

Improvements & Changes

- Q3 Security training at HSS complete
- Met with Verkada region representative

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- More internal form improvements
- Planned Marmot outage on Aug. 3-4 was successful; only required one day

Public Services Report

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

Diverse Collections & Services

- Hosted Dino O'Dell at all locations for SLP. His performances were engaging, fun, and well-received by people of all ages. We learned about life on Earth throughout the ages.
- Facilitated the teen event held at YMCA of the Rockies. Fourteen teens tested their climbing skills at the Adventure Course. We enjoyed pizza at a restaurant on site afterwards.
- Planning for One Grand Book continues. Shout-out to Tallie for coordinating with her community contacts to schedule a variety of programs throughout the county. Programs will kick-off in August.
- Attended Grand Storytelling Club at Granby Library; assisted with facilitation of the Storytelling Craft Workshop that was held at Fraser Valley Library
- Hosted Tyson Arnold, local archeologist, for programs and all-day open houses at Granby and Fraser Valley Libraries; well-attended format with many people spending time asking Tyson questions about his digs and findings
- Assisted with annual Grand Storytime Celebration held at Polhamus Park in Granby; hosted Diana Laughlin and her Dino Yogo program in the park; enjoyed reading one of the stories to the group (in a dino costume!)
- Traveled and assisted with "Just Dig It!" with Katie DeBell (Granby, Juniper, Fraser Valley)
- Magic Rocks! with Inspector Magic at all locations to wrap up the Summer Library Program; Mark was part magician, part comic, and part storyteller – all ages enjoyed his shows.

Access

- CALCON planning meetings

Community Resource

- Met with branch managers for Q2 discussions. There is so much happening at all the libraries, and their hard work and dedication to GCLD is appreciated. We celebrated 20 years of service with Emily and Michelle during the month of July.
- Marched in the July 4 parade, which was a first for GCLD since I've been with the organization. It was a long day, but both fun and rewarding.
- Worked with Rob and Mary Ann on the Strategic Planning process.

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Fraser Valley Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Circulation/Collections: Highlighting Frasers Graphic novel/manga collection for both kids and adults, Adventure books for both adults and children: Book cleaning and re-spine labeling entire collection project still ongoing.
- Storytime: Butterfly Storytime, Bilingual Storytime with Sam Baumgantens, Police Storytime with Winter Park Police Department, Grand Storytime at Polhamus Park (Rylee read). SLP presenters: Dino O'Dell: History of life on Earth, Don't go with a Flow with UCWET, Paleontology vs. Archaeology, a presentation and traveling museum with Tyson Arnold, Dig It! With Katie DeBell, Magic ROCKS! Unearth Your Story
- Adult Programs: Oral Storytime Craft Workshop with Phil Ivers, Drought and Our Grand County Rivers, Tech Time, Horror Book Club
- Senior Lunch and Learn: A Bone to Pick a Leaf to Chew: The Ultimate Dinosaur Diet Showdown with KC Rose
- All Ages: Up, Up & Away Kite Day, 4th Friday Game Time!
- Other Programs: Aerial Challenge Course – YMCA of the Rockies (Teen program), Read to a Dog with Kirby (Tango and Christina will be retiring!)

Access

- Outreach and Collaborations (outside the library): Library Booth at Picnic in the Park Town of Fraser
- Artist Displays: Colorado's Women's Hall of Fame (moved to Urban room)
- Displays and marketing: Graphic Novels/Manga display, Caterpillar/Butterflies, New Library of Things items, SLP Prizes, Library Love Coast to Coast (to celebrate USA 250)
- Moved staff computer from workroom to circulation desk - allowing for three workstations at the circ desk. Lower circ offers accessibility for height variations, and three workstations allow for better customer service as more staff are located at the circulation desk.

Community Resource

- Collaborations with community events/projects within the library: Drought program with Trout Unlimited, Runoff water program with UCWET, Read to a Dog with Kirby and Lucinda
- Professional development & meetings whose benefits carry over into the community: De-escalation Training, Offline circulation training with Marmot
- Jeanette attended Chamber Chat featuring Denver Water updates about Drought. Was able to promote the upcoming Drought Program at FVL.

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Granby Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Storytime: Grand Storytime, Butterflies, Gardening, and Dinosaurs
- Early Literacy: Music & Movement, Elevated Uncrustables
- Elementary: LEGO & Exploration Station
- Teen: Ropes Course
- Adult Programs: Book Club, Craft Club, Grand Storytelling, & Technology Assistance
- Senior Lunch and Learn: Phil Ivers: Storytelling
- All Ages: Chess and Beyond,
- SLP Programs: Dino O'Dell: History of life on Earth, Paleontology vs. Archaeology, a presentation and traveling museum with Tyson Arnold, Dig It! With Katie DeBell, Magic ROCKS! Unearth Your Story

Access

- Artist Displays: Custom paintings and fine art by Elli Stanford
- Display Cabinet: Leave No Trace: Rocks, Shells, Pinecones, Feathers, Antlers, and more!
- Displays and marketing: SLP Prizes, Caterpillar/Butterflies, Archaeology, Geology, & History, America 250, Historical Fiction, & Uncover Grand County History
- Outreach and Collaborations: Music & Market (2X)

Community Resource

- Professional development & meetings whose benefits carry over into the community: De-escalation Training, Offline circulation training with Marmot
- Q2 meeting completed with staff

Hot Sulphur Springs Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Summer Library Programs events continued all July, including Dino O'Dell's musical talents in "History of Life on Earth;" dinosaur crafts (painting, stained glass, perler beads, and sand art); the annual family picnic at the Town Park; a hands-on program about digging for fossils with West Grand science teacher, Katie DeBell; and Inspector Magic's "Magic ROCKS!"
- At storytime, it was butterflies, kittens, and puppies galore! The butterfly release (along with a kitten visit this year) is always a popular event at the Hot Sulphur Springs Library. Even more friends joined in when local dog breeder, Toni Harms, brought her Colorado Mountain Dog puppies to cuddle and snuggle! The month started with a guest appearance by Officer Jon Stark (who read all about unicorns!) and ended with a quieter ladybug storytime. Participants created watercolor salt paintings of unicorns, puppy bookmarks and greeting cards, and their own little ladybugs to fly around on popsicle sticks!

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- The Community Connections theme for July was an Armchair Travel to South Africa, presented by patron, Nancy DuLac.
- Senior Lunch and Learn featured lunch by Rollin' Street Bakery (thanks to Mountain Family Center) and a presentation entitled "Grand County Pet Pals and the new Grand County Animal Shelter" by Mary Ann Kerstiens and Robin Stapleton.
- Kaydee hosted a new program on Fridays for the summer, "Friday in the Stacks: Where the Fun Happens." Participants created summer and firework themed perler bead art and pony bead bracelets, and played Bingo for Books, thanks to Friends of Grand County Library.
- Other programs at the HSS Library included Tech Time, Mario Kart Monday, Crafting with Kaydee, Exploration Stations, and Family Movie Night.

Access

- Kaydee read to the children at Granby Play Days Preschool.
- Small punchlist items continue to be completed on the remodel.
- The GCLD Board of Trustees meeting was held at the Hot Sulphur Springs Library in July. Board members enjoyed the remodel!
- Emily and Kaydee participated in Grand Storytime at Polhamus Park in Granby with Chris, Kristin, Rylee, and Tess. Diana Laughlin presented bilingual dinosaur yoga, Mylea Draper provided giant bubbles in lieu of the foam party, and the Granby firefighters brought a couple of fire trucks for the children to explore.
- Library displays included GCLD Genre Explorers Book Club: "Unearth a Story," Storytime Theme of the Week, and Dinosaurs.
- Children are enjoying dinosaur scavenger hunts, art projects, and guessing games in the library.
- Staff assisted patrons with Access Grand, mobile printing, Libby, and hoopla this month.

Community Resource

- Kaydee and Emily participated in a security training with Marcus, Anthony, and Tara.
- Many thanks to the Kremmling/HSS amazing TLCs, DO staff, and Michelle for providing coverage for Shelly's unexpected absence while Emily had other obligations!

Kremmling Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Summer Library Programs events continued all July, including Dino O'Dell's musical talents in "History of Life on Earth;" dinosaur crafts (painting, stained glass, perler beads, and sand art); the annual family picnic at the Town Square with Kremmling Fire Protection District, Grand County EMS, and Town of Kremmling; a hands-on program about digging for fossils with West Grand science teacher, Katie DeBell; and Inspector Magic's "Magic ROCKS!"
- Storytime attendees celebrated Ice Cream, Rocks, and Camping/Hiking. They created ice cream cones with puffy paint, painted rocks, and made nature collages. The butterflies were also

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released after several days. The families enjoy seeing the caterpillars and butterflies in the library every year!

- Senior Lunch and Learn featured lunch by Rollin' Street Bakery (thanks to Mountain Family Center) and a presentation entitled "Not Just a Pretty Face: Flower Gardening in Grand County" by Trish Cyman, designer and installer of flower gardens in Grand County for ten years.
- Natascha Drejonka, Esq. of Never Summer Law presented "Estate Planning" to a full audience.
- Emily and teen volunteer, Addy, taught a cribbage class to seniors. After the class, the participants were eager to play more often, and Addy was ready to start a tournament, so be on the lookout for more programs in the future!
- Other programs at the Kremmling Library included Quilting Club, Builders Club, Tech Time, Family Movie Matinee, and Teen Hangout.

Access

- Emily read to the children at WGECC and Little Bear Childcare.
- Shelly continued her outreach to Cliffview and Kremmling Memorial Hospital.
- Emily started weeding primers and Shelly continued weeding both juvenile nonfiction and adult nonfiction.
- Emily participated in Grand Storytime at Polhamus Park in Granby with Chris, Kristin, Rylee, Tess, and Kaydee. Diana Laughlin presented bilingual dinosaur yoga, Mylea Draper provided giant bubbles in lieu of the foam party, and the Granby firefighters brought a couple of fire trucks for the children to explore.
- Library displays featured the Genre Explorers Book Club theme of "Unearth a Story," Library of Things, America 250, Dinosaurs, Rocks, and Picture Book Nonfiction.
- Children are enjoying dinosaur scavenger hunts, art projects, and guessing games in the library.
- Art displays included quilts by Keats Scott and Marcia Honer, LEGO creations by the Builders Club, and journals crafted by Teresa Banman.
- Staff assisted patrons with hoopla, Libby, and mobile printing this month.

Community Resource

- Kremmling Library was delighted to have the Aerolab students join the fun on the first Thursday in July. Besides hanging out at the Summer Library Program event, they took turns utilizing the outdoor equipment, playing games from the Library of Things, and silent reading.
- Emily met with her staff for Q2 coaching sessions.
- Shelly attended a CALCON Adult Services Interest Group meeting.
- Staff worked on Offline Circulation training, KnowBe4 training, and De-Escalation training.
- Many thanks to the Kremmling/HSS amazing TLCs and the DO staff for providing coverage for Shelly's unexpected absence.

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Juniper Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Summer Library Programs: Dino O'Dell, Colorado AeroLab Snails & Fossils in two programs, Katie DeBell, Rocky Mountain Magic
- Storytime programs were facilitated by Elisa: Teddy Bear Picnic, Rocks & Gems, Dig Underground Homes, Shark in the Park, Magic program was facilitated by Amy
- Senior Lunch & Learn: Presenter – Mariah Hughes walked the 500-mile Camino de Santiago Food was prepared by KC Rose.
- Brown Bag Book Club: The Wedding People by Alson Espach
- Fungi Underground (how to grow mushrooms)
- Technology Assistance 2x
- Exploration Stations: coding & robots
- Wrapping up Summer Library Program statistics

Access

- Take & Make Kits
- Sensory bin: dinosaurs
- Adult section Displays: new books, Spanish, Dinosaurs, Archaeology, Geology, Blue Zone, Gardening, Grand CO Alerts
- July Children's Area Display Themes: Spanish Books, New books, Teddy Bears, Gems, Sharks, Magic, Dig Underground Homes, Life Cycle of a Butterfly, and Teen bulletin Board display.
- Outdoor windows: marketing for library programs
- Wine Cork Boat Craft during Wooden Boat Parade
- Released 15 Painted Lady Butterflies with the preschool spectators and some the following day with the elementary aged SLP viewers. (Some participants were especially protective and careful with the butterflies, and it was fun to observe their individual personalities and reactions).

Community Resource

- RMNP Outdoor Adventurers Bird Walk
- Outdoor Gardening
- Grand Beginnings Parenting Class
- Grand Storytime Polhamus Park featuring: Dino Yoga Diana Laughlin
- Teen Adventure at the YMCA of the Rockies
- Staff completed Marmot Off-line training, De-escalation Training, and Best Practices for Interacting with 1st Amendment Auditors and Difficult Patrons
- VPN training set up
- Jotform approval forms overview training
- AccuFund (AFA) Paycheck Setup

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- Celebrating Michelle and Emily's 20-year Anniversary to GCLD!
- Jamie participated in Granby's 4th of July Parade.
- Pop-up Library, with Jamie pulling our wagon, at the Art Fair.
- Senior Lunch & Learn Feedback Surveys were done at the L & L event.
- Q2 meeting completed with staff, and one staff member returning to work part time.