

Highlights GCLD

February 2026

Board Meeting: March 17, 2026



Board of Trustees Meeting Report Packet

Summary of monthly focus, projects, meetings, and accomplishments

Month of Reporting: February 2026

Executive Summary

GCLD Updates

- Libraries were closed for All Staff Training last Tuesday. Training topics included AI, Strategic Plan input, and CPR/AED certification.
- Completion of annual Public Library Report is a team effort.
- Alien Escape Room event at Fraser Valley Library. This NEW program was designed for students in grades 9-12. Kathe and the rest of the staff did a phenomenal job planning and executing this program.
- Book Madness is in full swing. The program "tips off" in March at Granby Elementary.
- Finance Committee review of 2025 financial audit
- NovelList searches almost doubled in 2/2026 compared to the prior month and had the most usage since June of 2024 (this is a readers' advisory online resource for both staff and patrons)
- Overall, Access Grand usage was up over 10% from January; Access Grand potentially saved patrons a total of \$7,100 dollars in February
- Offer has been made to a Communications Manager
- Have added new tutorials to several of our online resources. It is expected to help boost utilization of these offerings.

Kremmling Library Project

- Weekly meetings with the Building Executive Committee and our Owner's Reps at Wember
- RFP/Q for design was posted last week. Building Committee will review submissions, conduct interviews and have a recommendation for the board at the April meeting
- Expect to close on land very soon. Next step is annexation. Have documents prepared and are ready to move forward with that ASAP.
- Working with surveyor, title, and geotechnical engineers (Ground Engineering) to get those items moving forward so we have them in works when we select an architect.

Capital Projects

- FVL Circ Desk: Have received no comps from the 5 businesses solicited. 1 said they would, 1 is a no-go, 3 no response even with follow up.

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Facilities Report

GCLD maximizes library spaces in relation to changing community needs.

Projects & Goals

- New Kremmling Library: Continued land acquisition/annexation progress. Architect RFP sent out! Working with surveyor, title, and geotechnical engineers (Ground Engineering) to get those items moving forward so we have them in works when we select an Architect.
- dPlan: Working through Risk/Threat Assessment and district wide safety meetings.
- Continued LED implementation throughout district where needed.
- AutoCAD: Drawing updates and improved layers – long term side quest.
- Developing robust PM to replacement schedules for all buildings.
- Shelving: Lots of progress working with designers and settling on key elements.

Improvements & Changes

- Granby HVAC: Completed pump 4 replacement, wet sensor install, system clean/flush.
- Installed new communications devices on the fire panels at Fraser, Granby, Juniper, and Kremmling
- Replaced faulty heater in Fraser's sprinkler room.
- LED Conversion: District Office garage. Also upgraded the van headlights to LED.
- dPlan: All dRecovery items procured, stored, and clearly labeled in the DO garage. All edits for the Safety quick reference, Safety Handbook, and detailed information Appendices complete.
- Fire Monitoring: Converted all fire panel monitoring to Western States Fire Protection Co. and dropped Alert 360 (who was doing a terrible job and did not want us as clients).

Budget & Future Plans

- FVL Circ Desk: Have received no comps from the 5 businesses solicited. 1 said they would, 1 is a no-go, 3 no response even with follow up.
- LED Conversion: Have plan to complete Granby.
- Granby HVAC: Currently waiting on a bid for water-balancing the system (need this so we have a reference point for what it will cost).
- Western States Fire Protection Co.: Currently waiting on a quote for FVL fire panel replacement (is currently in budget, but more than likely will have budget implications).
- Review service contract proposals for Tolin (mechanical), Long (Granby control system), and Western States Fire Protection Co (all fire related equipment at all locations).
- Window Coverings: Get up to speed and make a plan for installations.

Finance-HR Report

Maintain a balanced budget that is sustainable.

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Finance

- Completion of annual Public Library Report
- Finance Committee review of 2025 financial audit
- Finance consultant request for quotes

Human Resources

- Offer letter extended for communications manager position

Meetings & Conferences

- Kremmling Library Executive Building Committee attendance
- Attended Managing Up Without Melting Down webinar

Informational

- Legislative briefing attendance

Library Resources Report

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

Financial

- Tallie completed LR sections for PLAR and Kaylene helped complete room and program stats
- The last round of GCLD's digitization is ready, in the budget, and set to be completed during Q2

Staff

- Marcus, Emily and Tallie continue to meet with 3 design firms for HSS, making changes to plans
- Tallie, Kaylene and Michelle worked together to create a teen area, in the area discussed with ReThinking Libraries, using the current shelving and furniture; if we build it, will they come? This also enabled us to spread out the Library of Things collection to use the space where the YA collection was temporarily living until a teen area is built
- Tallie wrote a Library Corner article about travel resources
- Tallie took a vacation to Scuba dive for 4 days
- John took a staycation

Circulation

- Both adult physical periodicals and primers saw a 15% increase in usage in 2/2026 compared to 1/2026
- NoveList searches almost doubled in 2/2026 compared to the prior month and had the most usage since June of 2024 (this is a readers' advisory online resource for both staff and patrons)

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- February was heating up for Access Grand! 10 groups went to the Denver Botanic Gardens in February, twice as many as in January; there was a 50% increase in people visiting the Denver Zoo; overall, AG usage was up over 10% from January; AG potentially saved patrons a total of \$7,100 dollars in February

Resources

- Free legal clinic for those without an attorney, added as a resource for the first Wednesday of the month, sharing 20-minute time slots with Limon Library the first Wednesday of the month, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM (We still have the 3rd Wednesday of the month legal clinic specifically for seniors and low-income people.)
- John and Tallie are researching a new online resource, Financial Fit
- Physical New York Times, now offered in Juniper, has been commented on positively by different patrons, both in writing and verbally

Technology Report

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

Projects & Goals

- Vendor pre-quotes and exploratory design for Fraser community meeting room
- AI presentation at All Staff Training at the request of staff
- Working with Facilities staff to clean up vacant lines, retired equipment etc. at various branches
- PLAR statistics provided for annual report

Improvements & Changes

- New cable run and network assignments at Fraser, Granby, Juniper, and Kremmling for redundant Fire communications
- New workstation equipment acquired for new District Office position
- Granby community meeting room AV somewhat stabilized; potential vendor/service changes due to ongoing issues
- Fax and point-of-sale reconfigurations at each branch due to fire panel updates; lines isolated now that fire panels are on new communications equipment with new vendor
- Backend stats changes and consolidation to aid Library Resources staff with ease of processing monthly data

Budget & Future Plans

- Upcoming:
 - 2026 equipment replacement cycle at Granby
 - Updates to Fraser community meeting room AV

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- Quarterly statewide IT directors meeting occurring in April

Public Services Report

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

Diverse Collections & Services

- Planning has begun for One Grand Book author talk and programming. Ben Goldfarb will be visiting in September. More information to come.
- Facilitated Grand Storytelling at Kremmling Library with Phil Ivers, volunteer.
- Lucky 13 – Tween After Hours planning has begun. Formerly known as Teen Takeover, we have decided to offer this program for middle school students, grades 6-8. Kremmling Library will continue to offer Teen Takeover for students in grades 6-12.
- Attended the Alien Escape Room event at Fraser Valley Library. This NEW program was designed for students in grades 9-12. Kathe and the rest of the staff did a phenomenal job planning and executing this program.
- Book Madness planning is in full swing. The program “tips off” in March at Granby Elementary.

Access

- CALCON planning committee work continues.
- Met with Amy Kaplanis at Granby Ace Hardware to discuss their support of 100 Books and Summer Library Program. She generously agreed to provide \$20 gift cards (to be loaded at the store) for students who complete the 100 Books Before Graduation program. Completion prize jars are on display in all branches.

Community Resource

- PLAR work with Kaylene (Public Library Annual Report); many thanks to Kaylene for her hard work on collecting, sorting, and synthesizing all GCLD stats!
- Communications Manager interviews
- We will be working with our COHS graduate to plan a friends and family celebration. It is scheduled for the end of May.

Fraser Valley Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Storytime: Bubble and Hygiene Storytime, Valentine's Day Storytime, Alien Storytime, Fairy Tale
- Afterschool Programs: Build a card or Lego castle; Set a FVL record; decorate a dinosaur; read to a friend day; Read to a Dog, Rubik's Cube Club
- Adult Programs: Great Decisions; Just Write it! Horror Book Club – Horromance theme.

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- Teen Programming: Teen Escape Room
- All Ages: Take Your Child to the Library Day, Game Time! (Card Club); Paper Hearts Crafternoon
- Senior Lunch and Learn: Senior Property Tax Exemptions with GC Assessor Larry Banman
- Other Programs: Winter Reading Adventure; Exploration Station - Marbles & Mazes

Access

- Outreach and Collaborations: Fraser Valley Library staff and patrons participated in Cliffview Assisted Living's call out for Valentines cards! Thanks to Kremmling staff for helping to deliver and to Mandy Rountree at Cliffview for coordinating efforts; Jeanette attended the UCWET and Town of Fraser presentation at the Cozens Ranch Museum, where Geoff Elliot of Grand Environmental Services discussed stormwater treatment throughout the Grand County watershed. Jeanette also participated in a follow-up Zoom meeting with Marcus, Mary Ann, and Tallie to explore potential opportunities for future collaboration with the library.
- Artist Displays: Wall of Love Interactive display all; Alien Escape Room
- Displays and marketing: Last Month of Winter Reading Adventure, Tax Forms table, Black History Month, Valentine's Day (for the week of), Winter Olympics.
- Staff contributing articles to Library Corner
- Federal and state Tax forms are available to the public.

Community Resource

- All staff attended CLiC Winter Virtual Conference - benefits will be carried into the community; Jeanette attended CAL's Intellectual Freedom Committee meeting.

Granby Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Storytime: Mini Books, Valentine's Day, Goldilocks & the 3 Bears, and Year of the Horse
- Early Literacy: Music & Movement, Grand Kids & Granby Elementary Preschool Storytime, & Take Your Child to the Library Day.
- Elementary: LEGO, Homeschool Hangout, & Exploration Station
- Afterschool Programs: Bookmarks, Valentines, Winter Olympics & Rock Painting
- Teen Hangout
- Adult Programs: Ageless Grace, Book Club, Craft Club, Grand Storytelling
- Senior Lunch and Learn: Estate Planning 101 with Natascha Drekonja, ESQ, Never Summer Law
- All Ages: Chess Club, Homeschool Hangout, Outdoor Adventurer Snowshoe with RMNP, and Movie Matinee
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Access

- Artist Displays: Jamie Sutton
- Display Cabinet: Rocky Mountain Folk School
- Displays and marketing: Winter Reading Adventure, Olympics, Black History Month, Sliding into Winter, Homeschool Book Madness, Read Away the Winter Days & Reading is a Window into a New World
- Federal and state Tax forms are available to the public
- Outreach and Collaborations: Granby Craft Club participated in Cliffview Assisted Living's call out for Valentines cards! Thanks to the Kremmling staff for helping to deliver, and to Mandy Rountree at Cliffview for coordinating efforts; Cindy & Amy marketed the library at Winter Music Festival at Sun Outdoors.

Community Resource

- Michelle attended CLiC Winter Virtual Conference

Hot Sulphur Springs Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Storytime featured themes of dental hygiene, Valentine's Day, and coding/robots. Children created tooth drawings to gift to the dentist office, made heart cuddle bugs with photographs of their faces, and played with the Coding and Robots Exploration Station. Kaydee sent a 3D robot craft home with families.
- The Community Connections theme for February was Bingo for Books, Valentine's style!
- Senior Lunch and Learn featured lunch from the 7670 Grill and a presentation entitled "Pieces of the Past: Grand County History and Colorado Historic Newspapers" by local historian, Don Dailey.
- Take Your Child to the Library Day included a special movie matinee, Exploration Stations, Pokemon Club, and Page Turners Club. On the following Monday, East Grand schools were closed, so Kaydee hosted MarioKart Monday. All of these school-age programs have been a hit!
- The Genre Explorers Book Club met to discuss "Laughing Matters" reads. See Shelly's article in the Sky-Hi News for some great book suggestions. The spring genre is "Memorable Memoirs."
- HSS Library had 13 people of all ages complete the Winter Reading Adventure.
- Other programs included Family Movie Night and Virtual Reality.

Access

- Kaydee read to the children at Granby Play Days Preschool.
- Around 15 extended access codes have been given out, representing over 50 HSS Library patrons.

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- Library displays featured the Genre Explorers Book Club themes of “Laughing Matters” and “Memorable Memoirs,” Storytime Theme of the Week, Bestsellers from Your Birth Year, Valentine’s Day, Grateful Dead, and Author Spotlight: Ian McEwan.
- Kaydee continues to organize her storytime materials.
- Emily is weeding and inventorying the juvenile fiction section.
- Staff assisted patrons with Historic Newspapers, hoopla, and Libby this month.

Community Resource

- Emily presented with Mary Ann and Anthony about HSS Library Extended Access at the CLiC Winter Conference. She also attended several sessions.
- Tallie, Marcus, and Emily continue to meet and discuss plans for furniture and shelving for HSS Library.

Kremmling Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Storytime featured themes of Valentine’s Day, CLEL Bell favorites, and farm animals. Children created Valentine’s cards with bleeding tissue paper and stickers, painted pink pigs with muddy brown sponges, and had fun with parachute play! Explorers’ Storytime participants talked about sounds in nature and made natural noisemakers.
- Take Your Child to the Library Day was a huge hit. Children enjoyed a special Saturday storytime and multiple crafting stations.
- Senior Lunch and Learn featured lunch by K-Town Trucks and a presentation entitled “Norwegian Knitting: Sweater Designs & More” by Jane Janssen of Sons of Norway.
- Jane Janssen also led Homeschool Hangout, where participants learned about Scandinavian heart art forms and crafted Danish paper heart baskets.
- Afterschool Club attendees played Would You Rather, cooperated on minute-to-win-it games from the HSS Library of Things Super Skills kit, and utilized the many treasures in the Drawing and Design Exploration Station.
- The Genre Explorers Book Club met to discuss “Laughing Matters” reads. It was a large turnout with several new club members! See Shelly’s article in the Sky-Hi News for some great book suggestions. The spring genre is “Memorable Memoirs.”
- Homeschool Book Madness started with Round One in February. Homeschool families had two weeks to read each of the four book pairings in the Kremmling Library. There were over 60 votes!! The winning four books will go on to compete in Round Two, during the March Homeschool Hangout.
- Kremmling Library had 33 people of all ages complete the Winter Reading Adventure.
- Other programs included Tech Time, Quilting Club, Teen Hangout, Movie Matinee, and Grand Storytelling.

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- Shelly brought the “Remembering the 1950’s” Reminiscence Kit to Cliffview for the residents’ Friday afternoon tea party and had wonderful discussion and conversation.
- Emily read to the children at WGECC, Little Bear Childcare, and Kremmling Preschool, and brought themed books to WGECC, Kremmling Preschool, and Kindergarten, as well as book requests to Grade 6 students and bookmark templates to the elementary art teacher.
- Shelly continued her outreach to Cliffview, Kremmling Memorial Hospital, and Silver Spruce. Her homeschool outreach this month promoted CreativeBug, Library of Things crafting materials, Take Your Child to the Library Day, learning style books, and Homeschool Book Madness.
- Emily and Deborah continued to categorize the easy books and all library clerks finished up the collection inventory, including using dynamic shelving for the juvenile nonfiction section. Emily and Laura started relabeling graphic novels.
- Library displays featured the Genre Explorers Book Club themes of “Laughing Matters” and “Memorable Memoirs,” Library of Things, Romance Books and Movies, Young Adult Genre Focus, Black History Month, Valentine’s Day, and CLEL Bell Shortlist. A beautiful heart covered hot air balloon covered the bulletin board.
- Art displays included quilts by Janet Schayer and LEGO creations by the Builders Club.
- Staff assisted patrons with Access Grand and Libby this month.

Community Resource

- Grade 6 students visited the library to pick out picture books to read to kindergarteners for Read Across America Day. They also participated in a scavenger hunt that had them looking in the catalog for books in each of the juvenile and young adult sections. Their competitive juices were flowing and they had a blast!
- Shelly and Emily presented at the CLiC Winter Conference about Kremmling Library’s partnership with the Kremmling Fire Department. They also attended several sessions.

Juniper Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Storytime; Clarabell’s Teeth, Valentines & Bracelets, Chinese New Year & Zodiac, and Dr. Seuss & Color theme
- Afterschool; Veggie/ Fruit/ Cheese skewers making, Valentines & Bracelets, Chinese New Year & Zodiac, Movie Night – Horton Hears a Who.
- Adult Programs; Brush & Brew and Mardi Gras Mask Making - Carnival Colors
- Senior Lunch and Learn; facilitated by KC Rose Stews, Soups and Bowls (all fresh veggies and vegetarian cooking)
- Community Programs; Love Links bracelet making, Gallop & Go (horse mask making) Families found quiet time in the library while the Skijoring was going on, it was popular!

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- Viking Winter Symbols Station and helmet making (an activity to go along with Grand Lake's Winter Carnival), Take Your Child to the Library Day (monoscope and binoculars microscope, and magnifying glasses.)
- Brown Bag Book Club; The Briar Club by Kate Quinn
- Technology Assistance: Feb 1 & 12

Access

- Displays; library windows, Grand Lake Center, Post Office, Grand Lake Visitor's Center, United Business Bank, some merchants, adult section, children's section with events.
- Sensory bin was filled with all pink and red items
- Exploration Station was set every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday: Force and Motion (this was one of your customers favorites!)
- Take & Makes; Make a Valentine's card and bracelet making
- Adult section displays: Art books, jewelry making, winter activities, Olympics, and the Blue Zone
- Children section displays: Dental Health, Valentine's holiday, snow and Winter Olympic sports, Dr. Seuss books.
- Bulletin Board update to "Wait 5 - Minutes"
- CitySpark - SkyHi News daily calendar
- Sue tackled a huge weeding project in the adult fiction section; our team was instrumental in pitching in to help delete.

Community Resource

- Sue attends GCLD Board Meeting
- Thank you for the President's Day holiday!
- Amy attends Sun Outdoors Music Festival for the Granby Play Days fundraiser.
- Amy attends FVL Escape Room
- Moved used books to storage for Friends of the Library
- Sue attends CLiC Winter Virtual Conference
- Jamie is working through the GCLD Knowledge Base
- Juniper promotes a "Library Lover's Month" survey, that Tallie created for an article she wrote.
- All libraries participate and promote a Bookmark Contest.

Other:

- Sue, Amy, Chris, Mary Ann meet for program planning events
- Sue & Chris meet for staff goals