

Board of Trustees Meeting Report Packet

Summary of monthly focus, projects, meetings, and accomplishments

Month of Reporting: June 2026

Executive Summary

GCLD Updates

- Granby 20th anniversary; Brandon Mach (musician) and Sky Tacos were fantastic, estimated turnout of 120 taco fans, additional without tacos.
- Congratulations to Michelle Grant and Emily Pedersen who are both celebrating their 20 year anniversaries with GCLD!
- Summer Library Program kick-off events were held in all locations; Kona Ice was provided with special thanks to the Friends of GCL; 529 people in attendance
- Parades
 - HSS days parade; Kaydee, Emily put together amazing safari/jungle themed float
 - 4th of July Parade in Granby gave exposure to thousands of people.
- We have launched our new website. The new website vendor specializes in accessibility. We also want this new website to increase awareness of library programs and resources.
- Social media views at 32.1k, up 140% compare to prior May. 523 interactions, up 67%. Biggest posts: 6/20 Happy 250 Kremmling 5.6K views; 6/10 SLP kickoff 1.7k views.
- Solar umbrellas are installed and have not blown away. This is a carry over project that we started last year. They have solar power and various plugs to charge devices.
- SDA regional workshop- SDA board member manuals available.
- One Grand Book this year is "Crossings: how road ecology is shaping the future of our planet" by Ben Goldfarb. Many related programs being planned between August and October.
- Several staff out on medical leave, working on return to work plans.

Capital Projects

- HSS update completed in time for the Summer Library Program kickoff.

Kremmling Library Project

- Schematic Designs have been completed. Moving in the Design Development phase.
- The Executive Building Committee is prepared to make a recommendation on a general contractor to do pre-construction estimates and construction of the new facility.
- Property has been annexed into the town of Kremmling. Zoning to be completed by end of August.
- The design team and engineers toured several GCLD buildings to learn from previous buildings on what works, etc.

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Facilities Report

GCLD maximizes library spaces in relation to changing community needs.

Projects & Goals

- New Kremmling library land now Annexed! Having weekly MEP meetings with the team.
- All buildings have been inspected by Western States Fire Protection Co with some minor repairs to be completed such as out of date extinguishers and Granby's main back flow preventer.

Improvements & Changes

- Repaired faulty electrical for Granby's community room HVAC – caused by a power outage!
- Found and fixed all the sneaky water leaks in Kremmling, saving up to 50 gallons per day.

Budget & Future Plans

- All remaining capital and large projects for 2026 have quotes and are in the works or being scheduled.
- 6 Month review shows facilities on track to meet or beat budget.

Finance-HR Report

Maintain a balanced budget that is sustainable.

Finance

- Financial consultant work and reporting
- 6-month financial review and analysis
- AFA implementation
- Met with Fundraising consultant for kick off
- Final reimbursement for state grant funds

Human Resources

- Several staff out on medical leave, working on return to work plans
- Parade attendance for outreach/marketing
- Bi-annual merit bonus time
- Next phase safety meetings with new technology roll out

Meetings & Conferences

- Had Q2 performance meeting with Mary Ann

Informational

- Attendance with Kremmling Executive Building Committee work
- Jotform conversion continuation with HR forms

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- Website roll out comments/feedback

Library Resources Report

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

Financial

- On or just below ½ mark; on track

Staff

- Tallie was thrilled to speak to the Kremmling design team about collections
- Tallie, Emily, Marcus, Rich, Kaydee, Anthony, Lesley redid HSS just in time for the SLP kick off program!
- Tallie got to revisit her young bicentennial memories of watching the Tall Ships sail by the Statue of Liberty in the New York Harbor for an article on our twin anniversaries 250/150
- Tallie met and made connections for One Grand Book programs/collaborative projects
- Kaylene and Tallie cataloged tons of books and library of things to coincide with SLP (rock tumblers, gold mining kits, rock hounding kits, dinosaur activity kits, games)
- John continued to master JotForm for the benefit of GCLD
- John continues to be a leader for the One Grand Book, helping with the details, planning, meetings

Circulation

- June 2026 rose above 2025's numbers, not quite up to 2024's circulation, but close

Resources

- Top Access Grand passes: Denver Zoo 25, Fraser Valley Rec 17, Botanic Gardens 16, YMCA 16
- Average usage of resources
- New for GCLD LOT: rock tumblers, gold mining kits, rock hounding kits, dinosaur activity kits, games
- Metal detectors are hot items

Communications Report

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

Projects & Goals

- 6/13 HSS days parade; Kaydee, Emily put together amazing safari/jungle themed float

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- June and June & a half bonus newsletters
- 6/20 Kremmling days parade; Emily had Kremmling teens built a USA 250 year commemorative float
- 6/27 Granby 20th anniversary; Brandon Mach (musician) and Sky Tacos were fantastic, estimated turnout of 120 taco fans, additional without tacos.

Improvements & Changes

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- June newsletters: 14,808 email and widget users; 576 clicks on 69 links
- Emails: sent 15,028, 53.21% open rate
 - Granby 20th anniversary invite; 3,962 open (53.16%%); 28 bounce
 - June newsletter: 4,003 (open 53.32%); 28 bounce

Technology Report

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

Projects & Goals

- Security and access control system installation at Juniper
- Security and access control updates at Fraser, Granby, and Kremmling
- Annual security training at Fraser, Granby, Juniper, and Kremmling
- Meetings with primary security vendor

Improvements & Changes

- 2026 website refresh deployed
- District Office server issues resolved
- Annual security training completed at Hot Sulphur
- Marmot remote access changes applied; updated security requirements

Budget & Future Plans

- Mobile device management changes
- Study room digital signage and platform integration
- Marmot outages August 3-4 for planned upgrades; branches will remain open, but services will be baseline

Public Services Report

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Diverse Collections & Services

- Facilitated annual Cupcake Decorating Contest at Granby Library; another successful event with all eight team spots filled (all were teams of three)
- Summer Library Program kick-off events were held in all locations; Kona Ice was provided with special thanks to the Friends of GCL; 529 people in attendance
- GC Wildfire Council presented their program, Unearth a "Once Upon a Wildfire" Story, at all locations; they provided a reading of the book, a craft, and a snack; 141 in attendance
- Hosted Meghan Casey and the Rocky Mountain Puppets at all locations; everyone loves her show – children through adults; 383 in attendance
- Storytelling workshop planning and implementation with volunteer, Phil Ivers; Juniper event was well-attended and the eight participants were engaged and interested in learning more about the importance of sharing our stories; next workshop will be on July 22 at Fraser Valley Library

Access

- CALCON planning meetings for September conference in Aurora
- Participated in the Granby Elementary School end-of-year skit to promote the Summer Library Program
- Attended the Grand Beginnings Council meeting

Community Resource

- Attended the spectacular Granby 20th Celebration event
- Enjoyed covering the Kremmling Library branch so staff could have lunch together
- Hosted Library Corner meeting to plan upcoming article submissions; new Sky-Hi News editor will be coming at the end of summer
- Quarterly meetings were held with the four branch managers; many wonderful things happening in all locations in spite of staffing; kudos to all for continuing to offer high-quality programming and for making SLP a huge success

Fraser Valley Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Circulation/Collections: Cleaning and redoing spine labels for collection; New Library of Things items: Gold Panning, Rock Hounding, and Rock Tumbler kits; Jeanette and Tallie are collaborating on a project to update circulation manuals for all branches (required a few Prospector meetings with other libraries throughout the state). We are near completion! Thank you, Tallie!
- Storytime: Butterflies, Staff is offering concurrent Storytimes for littles when SLP programs are geared for the elementary-aged kiddos.
- SLP Programs: Summer Kick-off w/ Kona Ice, Unearth a "Once Upon a Wildfire" Story, Rocky Mountain Puppets: Sketchasaurus Rex

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- Saturday: Music & Movements; Kindness Storytime for Pride in the Valley
- Read to a Dog – summer schedule every other week. Kirby has quite the following with families rushing to the library to meet his acquaintance.
- Adult Programs: Horror Book Club- June's theme: LGBTQIA+
- Senior Lunch and Learn: Sandy Ludlum, the founder of Natural History Appraisals and a Paleontologist, tells his experiences with collecting dinosaurs in the western U.S.
- All Ages: Stage 3 Drought and Water Conservation, Fairy Garden Crafternoon, 4th Friday Game Time!

Access

- Outreach and Collaborations: Kathe provided an outreach table at Tuesday Music in the Park (Fraser); Jeanette co-authored an article with Kirk Klancke to promote FVL's upcoming Trout Unlimited program about the drought's effects on GC rivers and trout (July 29) and she also collaborated with Erica Bean (CDT Gateway Community) to be a guest writer for Library Corner.
- Artist Displays: Colorado's Women's Hall of Fame, Art of Diane Edwards
- Displays and marketing: Display of SLP prizes to promote sign-up, Pride, Unearth Your Story (books on writing); Dinosaurs and other ancient discoveries (Children's section), Father's Day
- Passive Programs: SLP collaborative display -place a Dinosaur with your name on it to our circ desk mural during sign-up; How tall are you compared to a Dinosaur? (Children's Section).
- A new solar charging umbrella has been installed on our patio furniture and it's getting lots of use! Yah! We are hoping this will be utilized by our Continental Divide Trail Gateway Community!

Community Resource

- Staff is sharing signage for Stage 3 Fire restrictions in the branch for community awareness
- Collaborations with community events/projects within the library: Library Love Coast to Coast: A display of library cards from around the nation to honor America 250. If you have a library card from another state, do share!
- Professional development: Jeanette and Kathe attended Prospector Overview and Best Practices covering topics such as: Prospector History, How INN-Reach Works, Prospector by the Numbers, Record Matching & Prospector, E-Resources & Prospector, Prospector Best Practices, Technical Diversity & Functional Impacts; Jeanette has been attending (and sharing recordings with other GCLD staff) the All in One Health webinars - especially enjoyed the one on reflection.
- All Quarter 2 meetings are complete

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Granby Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Storytime: Fun Stories, Bilingual ST with Sam, & Farm Animals
- Early Literacy: Music & Movement, & Grand Kids Preschool
- Elementary: LEGO & Exploration Station
- Teen: Cupcake Wars
- Adult Programs: Book Club, Craft Club, & Technology Assistance
- Senior Lunch and Learn: Pet Pals presented information on the new animal shelter and food was provided by KC Rose
- All Ages: Chess and Beyond, Winding River Resort visit, Geodes, & Time Capsules
- SLP Programs: Summer Kick-off w/ Kona Ice, Unearth a "Once Upon a Wildfire" Story, & Rocky Mountain Puppets: Sketchasaurus Rex

Access

- Artist Displays: Custom paintings and fine art by Elli Stanford
- Display Cabinet: Teacups
- Displays and marketing: Dig Up a Good Book, Unearth an Adventure
- Outreach and Collaborations: GES SLP promotion, & Music & Market in Granby

Community Resource

- 20th anniversary celebration for Granby Library

Hot Sulphur Springs Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- HSS Library is excited to have 52 children signed up for the Summer Library Program! It was a fun June with many families and children visiting the library. Summer Library events included the Kick-off Party (with Kona Ice, balloon dinosaur crafts, face glitter, and outdoor play), "Unearth a Wildfire Story" with Grand County Wildfire Council (children created their own landscape with candy based on fire mitigation strategies), and "Sketchasaurus Rex" with Rocky Mountain Puppets (Meghan continues to bring in a huge audience!).
- Storytime attendees bid farewell to teen volunteer, Mercy, who will be moving to Bangladesh with her family. They made her a lovely handprint art project. They also celebrated dinosaurs, space, father figures, and the zoo and created dinosaur crowns, handprint aliens, fingerprint mountain scenes and hearts, and funny monkeys!

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- Many families came to the Winding River Resort Petting Zoo (thanks, Michelle!), where Kaydee and Emily did a pop-up storytime about farm animals.
- The Community Connections theme for June was Bingo for Books, thanks to the Friends of Grand County Libraries. Kaydee was able to talk about all of GCLD's amazing online resources to the group!
- Senior Lunch and Learn featured lunch by Debbie's (thanks to Mountain Family Center) and a presentation entitled "Not Just a Pretty Face: Flower Gardening in Grand County" by Trish Cyman.
- Kaydee hosted her final Page Turners Club and Pokemon Club for the summer. She will start again in the school year.
- Other programs at the HSS Library included Mario Kart Monday, Crafting with Kaydee, and Family Movie Night.

Access

- The HSS remodel took place in three full, exhausting days, just in time for the Summer Library Program Kickoff Party! Thanks to Marcus, Rich, Tallie, and Anthony for all of their hard work! Patrons have really been enjoying the open space!
- Kaydee was a rock star for the HSS Days Parade Float! She had so many amazing ideas and Emily's truck definitely looked like it belonged in Jurassic Park! Kaydee was a paleontologist in the back of the truck and one of the blow-up dinosaurs hung out the back windows. Thanks to Kristin for joining and helping us this year!
- Kaydee joined the HSS Days Children's Game, doing face glitter, a dinosaur craft, and a pop-up storytime.
- Hot Sulphur Springs Library would like to thank its community coupon sponsors: Hot Sulphur Mini Merc, World's End Brewpub, 7670 Grill, Maverick's Grille, The Bowerbird's Den, Mary's Mountain Cookies, Granby Queen Bee Gardens, and Grand Mountain Trading Company.
- Kaydee was the mastermind behind the Summer Library Program skit for the Granby Elementary School end of year talent show. The blow-up dinosaurs were a hit!
- Kaydee read to the children at Granby Play Days Preschool.
- Tallie finished weeding the adult nonfiction section.
- Library displays included GCLD Genre Explorers Book Club: "Unearth a Story," Storytime Theme of the Week, and Dinosaurs. Children are also enjoying watching the caterpillars grow!
- Library volunteer, Marilyn Hunter, planted the flower boxes for the ramp railing and they are bursting with blooms! Thank you, Marilyn!
- Staff assisted patrons with Kanopy and wireless printing this month.

Community Resource

- Kaydee helped to plan the Summer Library Program Kickoff parties and painted face glitter on almost every child in Grand County!

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Kremmling Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Kremmling Library is excited to have 148 children signed up for the Summer Library Program! It was a fun June with many families and children visiting the library. Summer Library events included the Kick-off Party (with Kona Ice, balloon dinosaur crafts, face glitter, and outdoor play), "Unearth a Wildfire Story" with Grand County Wildfire Council (children created their own landscape with candy based on fire mitigation strategies), and "Sketchasaurus Rex" with Rocky Mountain Puppets (Meghan continues to bring in a huge audience!).
- Storytime attendees had fun doing dinosaur songs with the parachute and creating fireworks by swirling shaving cream and watercolor paint! They talked about American and Colorado symbols as well. Many families came to the Winding River Resort Petting Zoo (thanks, Michelle!), where Kaydee and Emily did a pop-up storytime about farm animals.
- Senior Lunch and Learn featured lunch and a presentation entitled "Raw Summer Trend: Two-Minute Nice Cream" by KC Rose, Public Health Nurse from Grand County Public Health.
- Teresa Banman hosted two sessions of a journaling program. Participants learned new techniques to bind their own journal.
- Other programs at the Kremmling Library included Quilting Club, Builders Club, Tech Time, Family Movie Matinee, Teen Hangout, and Grand Storytelling.

Access

- Emily read to the children at WGECC and Little Bear Childcare.
- Shelly continued her outreach to Cliffview, Kremmling Memorial Hospital, and Silver Spruce. She held a "Books and Brews" program at Cliffview. They are listening to and discussing "The River" by Peter Heller.
- Kremmling Library TAG members came up with a great float for Kremmling Days, combining the Kremmling Days theme of "Kick Off Your Boots Kremmling, Stars and Stripes" with the Summer Library Program theme of "Unearth a Story." The tagline was "Unearth the Story of America @ Your Library!" and featured a timeline of historical events with book covers. The back of the float was decorated with red, white, and blue, and the truck was decorated in vines, leaves, dinosaur footprints, and all the dinosaurs with Summer Library Program participant names. The teens dressed up in the dinosaur costumes (one had a George Washington wig, one an Abe Lincoln hat and beard, and one an astronaut helmet and American flag) and Shelly and Emily were paleontologists. Thanks to Kristin for joining us this year!
- Kremmling Library would like to thank its community coupon sponsors: Moose Cafe, Flowers by Marcia, Big Shooter Coffee, Burger Barn, Red Mountain RV Park, Los Amigos, Redemption Thrift, and Grand Hair Design.
- Emily helped with the Summer Library Program skit for the Granby Elementary School end of year talent show.

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- Emily and Deborah made the big shift in the Juvenile Easy section! All books and bins are now categorized by topic.
- Shelly continued weeding both juvenile nonfiction and adult nonfiction.
- 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, as well as watching the caterpillars grow.
- Art displays included quilts by Janet Schayer and Marcia Honer, LEGO creations by the Builders Club, and journals crafted by Teresa Banman.
- Staff assisted patrons with wireless printing, A-Z Databases, Transparent Languages, Access Grand, hoopla, OverDrive with Kindle, and Libby this month.

Community Resource

- Kremmling Library was delighted to have the Aerolab students join the fun on Thursdays. Besides hanging out at the Summer Library Program events, they took turns utilizing the outdoor equipment, playing games from the Library of Things, and silent reading.
- All Kremmling staff met with Mary Ann to discuss the design of the new Kremmling Library.

Juniper Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- On the last day of school, we were pleasantly surprised by the strong attendance.
- Our Summer Library Program kicked off with our largest attendance of the season. Families enjoyed Kona Ice, crafts, a photo booth, and outdoor games.
- Unearth: "Once Upon a Wildlife Story" provided an educational experience for children, while the Grand County Wildfire Council taught participants how to create a “model” of fire-wise landscapes around their homes.
- Rocky Mountain Puppets: Sketchasaurus Rex was by far one of the funniest events, there were lots of giggles! Meghan Casey does such a fantastic job.
- Storytime themes included Dinosaurs, Summertime, Hop on Pop in celebration of Father's Day, and Storytime Puppets.
- The Brown Bag Book Group read *Fourth Wing* by Rebecca Yarros.
- Winding River Resort generously donated a day at their petting zoo for all patrons.
- The GCLD Board Meeting was hosted at the Juniper Library.
- The Senior Lunch and Learn was filled with 40 participants and the speaker, Sydney Prior from the Colorado State University extension office and Amy Warner, master gardener, did a presentation on “Stronger Against Wildfire”.
- Phil Ivers and Chris Newell presented a well-attended Grand Storytelling & Craft program on Sunday.

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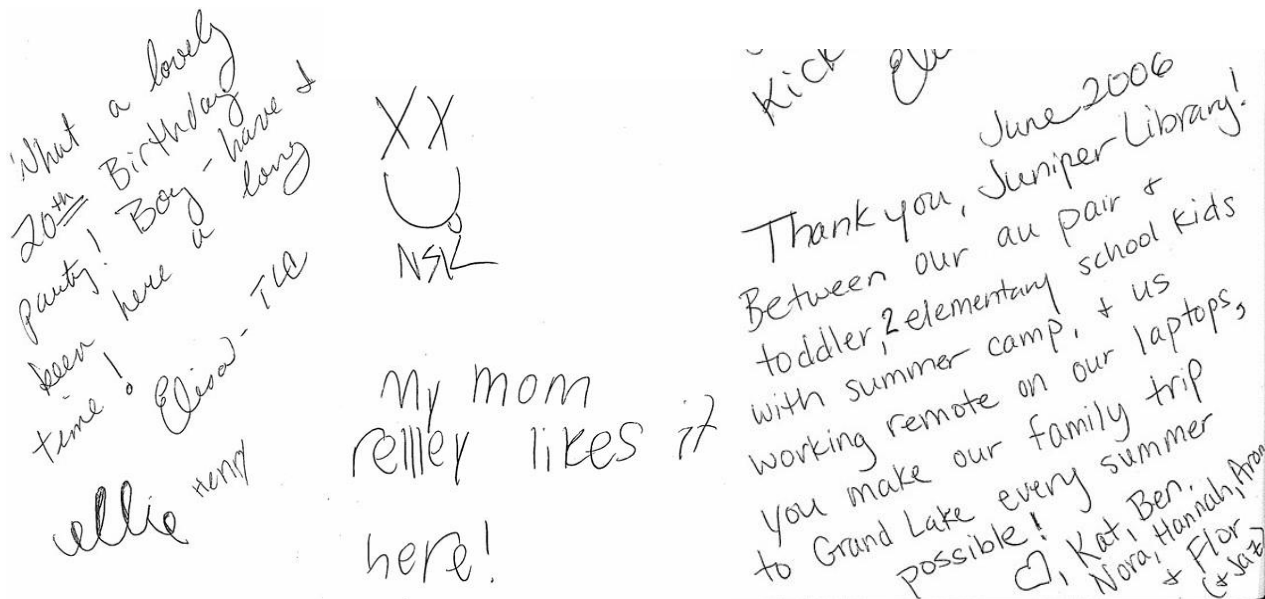
- Emily Weils, an instructor with the Rocky Mountain Folk School, generously offered a complimentary two-hour watercolor class at Juniper.

Access

- Added two new Library of Things items: a Dinosaur Activities Kit and a Rock Tumbler Kit.
- Installed an outdoor sensory table at the front entrance where children can dig for dinosaur bones in the sand.
- There are six petunia baskets and the 35' window box is blooming beautifully with purple mint.
- Take & Make craft kits remain extremely popular, with more than 100 distributed in June.
- There are vegetables, herbs and a fairy garden growing out front. They are on a watering drip system.

Community Resource

- Colorado AeroLab Summer Camp is participating in all our Summer Library Program activities.
- Thirteen local merchants donated coupons for Summer Library Program prizes.
- The Town of Grand Lake, now serving as our Chamber, is promoting our library events in its community newsletter.
- Sue continues to attend the monthly Leadership meeting at the District Office.
- New payroll software was introduced this month. Additional reimbursement and administrative forms will be implemented in the coming months.
- One full-time staff member remains on medical leave. Service levels have been maintained. Staffing is being covered by four of our reliable substitutes.
- Here are some comments from our library journal:



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Thanks so much! I love summer reading! I love how you give out coupons for the shops around town! This is one of my favorite places in town, we're visiting here now, but we're going to move here, and I can't wait to ~~wait~~ be able to come to GL every summer. - Quinn