

Highlights GCLD

April 2026

Board Meeting: May 19, 2026



Board of Trustees Meeting Report Packet

Summary of monthly focus, projects, meetings, and accomplishments

Month of Reporting: April 2026

Executive Summary

GCLD Updates

- Presented to town boards of Grand Lake, Winter Park and Granby. Fraser is May 20.
- Attended Colorado Library Directors Retreat in Durango.
- AccuFund Anywhere implementation for accounts payable and payroll, first payroll run April.
- Financial consultant recommended by committee and procured, work has begun.
- Mary Ann celebrated the first year in the position April 22!
- Active Shooter trainings scheduled for all branch locations, Juniper has completed.
- All AED equipment ordered and will be installed when it arrives.
- Strongest increased circulations: Overall Library of things increased 22.1% in April 2026 compared to April 2025 and is up 10.92% for the first four months in 2026 compared to 2025; Large print continues to increase, up 21.1% for 2026 compared to last year.
- 2026 Computer Replacement cycle (Granby Library) takes place week of May 18.
- Hot Sulphur and Kremmling Libraries receiving print release stations to accommodate new mobile printing deployment (matches other branches.)
- National Library Week - "The Librarians" documentary was available in three locations; inspired valuable conversation and discussion among those in attendance.
- Grand Beginnings' Children's Fair – thanks to Kaydee and Rylee who pulled out all the stops to create engaging activities for kids and caregivers; over 450 people attended this event.
- Book Madness is in full swing at Fraser Valley Elementary & West Grand Elementary!
- Collaborations with community in the branch: Representatives from Grand County Alerts hosted staff training on how to use their new alert system, enabling staff to assist the public with enrolling in Grand County's official emergency warning system.
- See infographic handout of 2025 PLAR statistics.

Kremmling Library Project

- Annexation packet completed and accepted by Town of Kremmling planner – now we go through their process.
- Charette design process with architects, executive building committee, and Kremmling staff was conducted on May 18-19.

Greater Library World

- The \$3 Mil for state grants was protected in the Colorado budget.

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Facilities Report

GCLD maximizes library spaces in relation to changing community needs.

Projects & Goals

- Getting smaller outdoor maintenance projects completed (door and trim painting, mechanical room clean-ups)
- Follow-up from safety meetings
- Getting quotes and timing for remainder of capital projects
- Getting service contracts completed
- Continued Interplay Learning (training modules)

Improvements & Changes

- Getting smaller outdoor maintenance projects completed (door and trim painting)
- Follow-up from safety meetings (shelving in HSS and Kremmling office, mirrors to eliminate blind spots, etc.)
- Annexation packet completed and accepted by Town of Kremmling planner – now we go through their process. (from Alan Hassler, TofK planner: “I hope to have the Town's Board of Trustees accept it at the May 20 meeting, and set the hearing July 8 (timing is due to statutory hearing date must be 30 to 60 days after petition accepted).”

Budget & Future Plans

- Set up forecasting model for facilities budget
- Get all buildings on-line for the summer (filter changes & equipment inspections, cooling systems, irrigation, etc)
- Getting window coverings scheduled for F, G, J

Finance-HR Report

Maintain a balanced budget that is sustainable.

Finance

- AccuFund Anywhere implementation for accounts payable and payroll, first payroll run April
- ACH training with bank to provide direct deposit services for paid staff in May
- Financial consultant recommended by committee and procured, work has begun

Human Resources

- Mary Ann celebrated the first year in the position April 22
- Onboarding of communications manager position

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- ALICE trainings scheduled for all branch locations, Juniper has completed
- Order of all AED equipment completed
- Q1 payroll reporting completed

Meetings & Conferences

- Standing attendance for Executive Building Committee Kremmling work each Monday
- Annual update to 211 services
- Attended ColoTrust webinar about Colorado economy

Informational

- Working with John Marte for financial and human resource forms transition to new software
- Ongoing safety and security meetings
- Preparations for board retreat

Library Resources Report

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

Financial

- On budget in all categories with an eye on price increases for Ingram processing of books

Staff

- Tallie's focus:
 - Collection, Circulation, and weeding section reports for HSS and Kremmling—for remodel and new library
 - Return on Investment of collections (Access Grand, eResources, online resources); hoping information will help with mill levy, should GCLD go forward with it
 - SLP kits, prizes, collections, lists
 - Marmot committees updates on ILS: academic libraries looking to move to Folio managed by EBSCO—the first time for a partnership for EBSCO and a non-profit consortium; public libraries still an uncertainty—may have to look to working with a European ILS; Marmot is laying down the law that cataloging will become much more stringent and all will have to clean up and make uniform records; Tallie asked for clarification as to a timeline for ILS and new cataloging standards, no definitive answer except that this is necessary, will take a while, and will be complicated
- John's Tech Time Topics included: Windows 10 end-of-support, navigating new phones & tablets, setting up new county emergency alerts app, Facebook accounts, creator's accessories kit, and general questions along the way

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Circulation

- Overall physical circulation for 2026 is up 1.26% from the same time frame of Jan.-April of 2025, which is great news as it is the first time since 2022 that there has not been a decrease for this time frame
- Strongest increased circulations: Overall Library of things increased 22.1% in April 2026 compared to April 2025 and is up 10.92% for the first four months in 2026 compared to 2025; Large print continues to increase, up 21.1% for 2026 compared to last year—I definitely would like to see a LP section in the new Kremmling Library, as they currently do not have space for one

Resources

- Digital resources—new high for NYTimes
- John's program on genealogy may have had an impact in the increase of MyHeritage usage the last couple of months

Technology Report

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

Projects & Goals

- 2026 Computer Replacement cycle (Granby Library) taking place week of May 18
- Hot Sulphur and Kremmling Libraries receiving print release stations to accommodate new mobile printing deployment (matches other branches)
- Review of potential AV vendors ongoing
- Review of mobile device management changes
- New website entering final deployment preparations

Improvements & Changes

- Attended ALICE training at Juniper Library
- Attended Q2 Heads of Colorado Library IT meeting
- Onboarded Communications Manager employee
- Review of AED equipment, approved

Budget & Future Plans

- Fraser Valley Library Community Room AV refresh
- Security system deployment at Juniper Library
- On budget

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Public Services Report

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

Diverse Collections & Services

- Met with COHS student to plan the graduation ceremony; scheduled for Sunday, May 31, at Granby Library (2 p.m.)
- Grand Storytelling planning: no attendees in April – Phil and I brainstormed ideas for summer storytelling workshops and an August story slam event
- Planning and final touches for Book Madness at Fraser Valley Elementary – reader sign-up filled quickly this year; tip off in early May
- National Library Week - “The Librarians” documentary was available in three locations; inspired valuable conversation and discussion among those in attendance
- Assisted staff with Grand Beginnings’ Children’s Fair – thanks to Kaydee and Rylee who pulled out all the stops to create engaging activities for kids and caregivers; over 450 people attended this event (per Grand Beginnings report)

Access

- Assisted on the program selection committee to review proposals for CALCON 2026; attended conference planning committee meeting
- Attended the Grand Beginnings mental health collective meeting – topic was preventing childhood sexual abuse
- Monthly Grand Beginnings council meeting
- Recorded May’s radio spot at KFFR to highlight the Summer Library Program

Community Resource

- Welcomed Kristin Hanson to the team – we’re all glad she’s here!
- Met with branch managers for Q1 meetings
- National Library Week – staff appreciation project for Library Worker’s Day
- Participated in active shooter training and discussion at Juniper Library

Communications Report

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

Projects & Goals

- Planning summer events, outreach, parade support with branches
- Attended GLCD tour of members
- Updated/sent out May newsletter
- Social media: scheduled May postings for fb, Instagram
- Visited all libraries; attended part of branch manager meetings

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Improvements & Changes

- Added URL shorteners to newsletter events to track clicks/view sources
- Purchased invitation/giveaways (seed packet materials) for anniversary events
- Created QR code for anniversary event registration; contacting marmot via Anthony about printing event dates and QR code on library/checkout receipts
- Redesigned rack card summary of district collections and hours

Budget & Future Plans

- Planning f&b for anniversary events
- Sticker redesign/reprint for “came for the peaks, stayed for the libraries”
- Signage for future home of Kremmling library
- Execute, attend Fraser bike park opening May 30 and Juniper anniversary event May 31.
- Fixing fb access to create events
- Contact the Lift; library version of “poems on the underground” combined with promoting library collections/services
- Text opt-in for specific library programming

Fraser Valley Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Circulation/Collections: Tallie and Kaylene weeded FVL's Adult Fiction collection
- Storytime: 'Books Ms. Rylee Likes', ASL Storytime, PJ/Sleep Storytime, and Earth Day
- Music & Movement - Saturdays
- Afterschool Programs: Nerf Tag, Sand Art, Movie, Earth Day with Ms. Loberg, Healthy Snacks with KC Rose. Read to a Dog
- Adult Programs: Sourdough Starter Social, The Perennials: Navigating Menopause Together, Just Write It! Horror Book Club; Tech Time
- Senior Lunch and Learn: Grand Storytelling's Phil Ivers: "Why Our Stories Should Be Told"
- All Ages: Fraser Valley Elementary Art Opening Night, Earth Day Stewardship w/ HTA, 4th Friday Game Time! Blackout Poetry Crafternoon
- Other Programs: Blackout Poetry Take & Makes; Exploration Station - Force & Motion, 4th grade class visit where students signed up for library cards and then checked out books!

Access

- National Library Week Outreach: Storytime visits to the Early Education Center (EEC- WP Resort), FV Elementary and Grand Kids preschools.
- Adult outreach: Kathe celebrates National Library Week at Fraser Valley Distilling.

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- Grand Kids Children's Fair – Rylee and Kaydee represented GCLD with a Fairy-Tale themed booth, crafts and an interactive children's hopscotch game. Approximately 470 attended!
- Artist Displays: Fraser Valley Elementary students' mixed media artwork on display.
- Art display cabinet: Spring Solstice by Trish Cyman
- Displays and marketing: Interactive board: National Poetry Month, Earth Day, Easter, Colorado's Endangered Animals, tax forms, "Why don't you love me?" (Featuring items in the collection with low circulation.)

Community Resource

- Collaborations with community in the branch: Representatives from Grand County Alerts hosted staff training on how to use their new alert system, enabling staff to assist the public with enrolling in Grand County's official emergency warning system. This system delivers critical instructions and evacuation orders during active disasters. They also attended a Senior Lunch & Learn to help patrons navigate the sign-up process and will host an additional program at FVL in May.
- Professional development & meetings whose benefits carry over into the community: Jeanette attended CAL IFC meeting – discussion about requests to move books in the collection as a form of censorship. Jeanette and Kathe attended a webinar, "Perspectives on AI." Jeanette attended Marmot's Access Service Committee meeting with Tallie. Jeanette attended CLiC Spring Workshop in Glenwood Springs with Michelle and Jamie.
- Quarter meetings with staff are completed.

Granby Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Storytime: April Fools, Silly Monsters, Things we Love, Spring Birds, and Monkeys
- Early Literacy: Music & Movement, Grand Kids & Granby Elementary Preschool Storytime, and Spanish Storytime
- Elementary: LEGO, Homeschool Hangout, Exploration Station, and Jazz up a Book
- After-school Programs: April Fools Day, Origami, Bird Houses, Earth Day, and May Day Baskets.
- Adult Programs: Ageless Grace, Book Club, Craft Club, Grand Storytelling (BEEF), Technology Assistance, Panama travel program, Jazz up a Book, Blackout Poetry, "The Librarians", and The Perennials: Navigating Menopause Together
- Senior Lunch and Learn: "Wildfire-Resistant Landscaping" with Sydney Pyror and Amy Warner, CSU Extension Office.
- All Ages: Chess Club, Homeschool Hangout, and Movie Matinee (K-pop Deamon Hunter)

Access

- Artist Displays: EGSD Art
- Display Cabinet: EGSD Art

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- Displays and marketing: Crafts, Poetry, April Showers-Read for Hours, Earth Day
- Federal and state Tax forms are available to the public
- Outreach and Collaborations:

Community Resource

- Cindy attended CATS
- Q1 meetings with all staff completed
- Chil Out Day with Kona Ice

Hot Sulphur Springs Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Storytime celebrated Easter, flamingos, and Bangladesh! Children participated in an Easter Egg hunt, created flamingos with footprints, enjoyed a slideshow by teen volunteer, Mercy, about her trip to Bangladesh, and designed windsocks.
- The Community Connections theme for April was Bingo for Books.
- Senior Lunch and Learn featured lunch by the 7670 Grill and a presentation entitled "Rosemaling: Norwegian Folk Art Painting" by Jane Janssen, local Sons of Norway member.
- Pokemon Club and Page Turners Club were sparsely attended at the beginning of the month, but were hopping during the middle of the month!
- Hot Sulphur Springs Library celebrated National Library Week with refreshments and an interactive board highlighting random facts about the HSS Library staff. Chris also hosted a viewing of the documentary, "The Librarians."
- Shelly put on her second "Perennials" program, a supportive conversation space for women navigating perimenopause and menopause. Patrons at all GCLD Libraries were invited to watch a live webinar hosted by a menopause practitioner/researcher as well as a psychiatrist and were able to ask multiple questions of these medical professionals.
- Other programs included Tech Time, Crafting with Kaydee, Exploration Stations, and Family Movie Night.

Access

- Kaydee read to the children at Granby Play Days Preschool and hosted a table at the Grand Beginnings Children's Fair with Rylee.
- Kaydee finished organizing the seasonal and storytime materials. Thanks to Rich for building shelves for the storage shed.
- Emily is weeding and inventorying the juvenile fiction section.
- Emily gave two orientations for Extended Access.

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- Library displays featured the Genre Explorers Book Club theme of “Memorable Memoirs,” Storytime Theme of the Week, Books Made Into Movies, Reminiscence Kits, Spring, Easter, Freida McFadden, In Memoriam: Chuck Norris, and Best Sellers from the Year You Were Born.
- Staff assisted patrons with wireless printing, Libby, hoopla, and CreativeBug this month.

Community Resource

- Tallie, Marcus, and Emily met and decided on a vendor for the Hot Sulphur Springs Library shelving and furniture remodel. The quote was approved by the board!
- Emily completed Q1 meetings with her staff and had a Q1 meeting with Chris.
- Emily led a Programming Meetup to discuss SLP passive programming, Children's Fair, and Grand Storytime plans.
- Kaydee and Chris met to discuss the Summer Library Program kickoff event.
- Staff enjoyed meeting Kristin, the new Communications Manager!

Kremmling Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Storytime attendees celebrated rain, Earth Day, and birds. They painted rainbows with sponges, designed coffee filter Earths with markers and spray bottles, and created feathered birds out of tissue paper. They also drew a nighttime scene for their Earth using chalk on black construction paper while looking at pictures of Earth taken by the astronauts of the Artemis II!
- Senior Lunch and Learn featured lunch by KC Rose and a presentation entitled “Why Our Stories Should Be Told” by Phil Ivers, facilitator of the Adult Grand Storytelling program.
- Shelly put on her second “Perennials” program, a supportive conversation space for women navigating perimenopause and menopause. Participants watched a live webinar hosted by a menopause practitioner/researcher as well as a psychiatrist and were able to ask multiple questions of these medical professionals.
- Homeschool Hangout featured a program all about moose, presented by Rocky Mountain National Park.
- Kremmling Library celebrated National Library Week with refreshments, an interactive board highlighting random facts about the Kremmling staff, and 37 amazing book floats on display! Around 50 patrons voted on the book floats and all book float designers enjoyed an ice cream float party.
- Builders Club continues to reach capacity. Exploration Stations remain popular with this group as well!
- Other programs included Tech Time, Quilting Club, Teen Hangout, Virtual Reality, and Movie Matinee.

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Access

- Emily read to the children at WGECC, Little Bear Childcare, and Kremmling Preschool, and brought themed books to the Kremmling Preschool.
- Shelly continued her outreach to Cliffview, Kremmling Memorial Hospital, and Silver Spruce. Her homeschool outreach this month promoted the Book Float Contest, Poetry Month, and a new Homeschool Poetry Book.
- Book Madness officially started at West Grand Elementary School. Several new community guest readers have joined the program!
- Emily and Shelly hosted a table at Literacy Night at the Elementary School. They talked to several new families as well as the usual suspects. The button machine was a hit!
- Emily and Deborah finished weeding and categorizing the easy books! Multiple clerks and TLCs are working on relabeling Read-Alongs and Foreign Language books, as well as pulling books for inventory in the juvenile nonfiction section.
- Library displays featured the Genre Explorers Book Club theme of "Memorable Memoirs," Library of Things, Library Joy, Colorado Blue Spruce Award nominees, Poetry, Spring and Easter, Big Feelings, and Picture Book Nonfiction.
- Art displays included quilts by Janet Schayer and Marcia Honer, LEGO creations by the Builders Club, and artwork by Teresa Banman's high school homeschool art class.
- Staff assisted patrons with hoopla, wireless printing, Libby, and Access Grand this month.

Community Resource

- As a result of the safety meeting, Kremmling Library received a mini remodel in the staff area.
- Grade 6 students visited the library to participate 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!
- Emily completed Q1 meetings with all her staff and had a Q1 meeting with Chris.
- Emily led a Programming Meetup to discuss SLP passive programming, Children's Fair, and Grand Storytime plans.
- Shelly attended an Adult Services Interest Group meeting.
- Staff enjoyed meeting Kristin, the new Communications Manager!

Juniper Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Circulations/Collections: Weeding the adult non-fiction section is in process
- Storytime Themes: Easter, Grow, Construction, Enchanted Forest, and Music & Dance
- After School Club Themes: After School Club: Easter, Earth Day, Planting Chia Heads, Dirt cups, Movie Night

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- Senior Lunch & Learn: Phil Ivers presented “How to tell your story” Food was provided by KC Rose
- Brown Bag Book Group: Pachinko by Min Jin Lee (Sadly, Kathie Ryan lost her battle with cancer on April 30th. She is going to be missed immensely by the Grand Lake community. She was instrumental in growing this book club and recruiting members).
- Technology Assists were held on April 9 & 23.
- Great Decisions: an 8-week kick-off course on April 1, held every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. facilitated by Amy Chamberlin.
- An Introduction to Numerology was held April 4 and received many compliments.
- Lights Down, Stars Up: A Dark Skies Program on April 17 was presented by Katie Hearsum from the Town of Grand Lake.
- Juniper celebrated National Library Week 19-25 with Find Your Joy and Library Workers Day on the 21.
- The documentary: The Librarians was presented by PBS on April 25.

Access

- Displays and Marketing: Adult area: New books, Spanish, The Librarian, How to Tell Your Story, Great Decisions, Dark Skies, Numerology, Health Blue zone, Menopause
- April Children's Area Display Themes: Books in Spanish, New books, Easter, Construction, Enchanted Forest, and Grow
- Teen Bulletin board display was updated with “Unearth Your Story”
- Sensory bin was filled with pastel colored Easter eggs.
- Exploration Stations: Drawing & Designing
- Window displays: Marketing for library programs
- Summer Library Programming planning is underway!

Community Resource

- Take & Make kits by Dianne Foss available while supply lasts
- Outreach to RMNP – Sue presents at the Kawuneeche Visitor Center to celebrate Junior Ranger Day and Earth Day. With the beautiful weather, we welcomed more than 30 children, who enthusiastically created Chia Head planters—it was a huge hit!
- The Perennials: Navigating Menopause Together was available upon request
- Q1 meetings with all staff were completed
- Grand Beginnings Children's Fair was represented by GCLD with a Fairytale themed booth
- Representatives from Grand County Alerts hosted staff training on how to use their new alert system, enabling staff to assist the public with enrolling in Grand County’s official emergency warning system. This system delivers critical instructions and evacuation orders during active disasters. They will also be attending a Senior Lunch & Learn to help patrons navigate the sign-up process at the Senior L & L on May 22

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- Professional development: Jamie attended CLiC Spring Workshop in Glenwood Springs with Michelle and Jeanette. Amy attends the GCLD programming meet up group
- All staff and subs attend Sheriff Department - Active Shooter workshop before opening on April 30.