

Board of Trustees Meeting Report Packet

Summary of monthly focus, projects, meetings, and accomplishments

Month of Reporting: September 2026

Executive Summary

GCLD Updates

- September was Library Card Sign Up Month. We had 200 new library card holders this month.
- 2,504 people attended programs in September. There were 123 meeting room uses. Access grand had 94 checkouts in September, a 35% increase over last year.
- Graduation party will be held for our most recent COHS graduate on Saturday, Oct. 24.
- One Grand Book presentation on October 3- Special thanks to Tallie for collaborating with speakers and presenters who provided informational and educational opportunities regarding beaver activity and animal crossings (CPW, Headwaters, UCWET, GCHA). We are also grateful to KFFR, Anna Szczepanski, and Suzie Cruse for interviewing Ben live on the radio.
- More free legal services have been provided for GCLD patrons (those without attorneys, seniors, low income, and immigrants)—Tallie created a flyer to share the information as there are different entities, each with different qualifications, days, and times
- Wicked Good Time (formerly haunted house) at Granby Library – plans have begun for the Oct. 30 event being held at the library in conjunction with Trick-or-Treat Mainstreet.
- Outreach and Collaborations: Back-to School Night; Grand Kids 25th Annual Fall Festival; Decorated the Winter Park Moose in collaboration with the WP Chamber for National Library Card Sign-Up Month; Art in the Park, Granby Play Days Preschool; Granby Elementary School Morning Stars Program; WGECC, Little Bear Childcare, and Kremmling Preschool; Cliffview and Kremmling Memorial Hospital
- Jeanette and Mary Ann met with Geoffrey Elliot, Andy Miller, and HTA representatives Maire Sullivan and Meara McQueen in an exterior walk around the library to discuss Fraser's Stormwater Pilot Projects near the FV Library and FV Elementary School;
- Work continues on budget refinement
- Annual IT audits of all branches is underway
- Ongoing work with Virgil Scott on the feasibility study
- Kristin has produced a lot of materials for ballot questions, Kremmling Groundbreaking, and for the feasibility study.

Capital Projects

- New blinds installed in Fraser and Juniper. Scheduled for install in Granby.

Highlights GCLD

September 2026

Board Meeting: October 13, 2026

Facilities Report

GCLD maximizes library spaces in relation to changing community needs.

Projects & Goals

- Completing bids and PO's for last of 2026 projects
- Working on FVL exterior repairs then shifting to Granby's exterior repairs
- Continued work on Facility's forecasting model

Improvements & Changes

- Winterizing buildings is going well. All swamp coolers shut down, irrigation systems off
- Fraser fire panel install complete
- Window coverings up in Fraser and Juniper, Granby to be completed by 10/18/26

Budget & Future Plans

- In good shape to finish out 2026 within budget
- Have good date, estimates, and quotes for 2027 budget
- Seeking approval for FVL interior painting

Finance-HR Report

Maintain a balanced budget that is sustainable.

Finance

- Budget reviews
- Insurance reviews

Human Resources

- Safety/security meetings at Granby, Juniper
- Onboarding of newly hired library clerks

Meetings & Conferences

- Weekly Executive Building Committee attendance
- Weekly administration meetings
- Attended Friends September meeting
- Investment meeting with Edward Jones

Informational

- AFA struggles continue with reports, beginning balances, timeliness of response

Highlights GCLD

September 2026

Board Meeting: October 13, 2026

Library Resources Report

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

Financial

- 2027 budget keeps getting refined

Staff

- Tallie helped organize One Grand Book programs, 2 with Colorado Parks and Wildlife and one with Headwaters River Journey and UCWET, one more program is scheduled for October with Grand County Historical Association; Beavers and animal crossings are big topics for GC
- John presented on Media Literacy and also Cyber Security
- Kaylene, John, and Tallie attended MUG
- John learned something of value from each of the CAL CON sessions he attended

Circulation

- Four out of our five libraries lend more in Prospector than borrow
- Granby Library loans more for both Prospector and Marmot, with a 1.42 quotient. Go Granby!
- Juniper lends 345 items to Prospector with only 38 borrows, a 9.07 quotient and has a total loan to borrow 1.7 quotient
- The total courier counts based circulation, loans/borrows is .949; Brandon from Marmot created a new report so Tallie could do some math; outcome: seems like GCLD is becoming a stronger team member

Resources

- More free legal services have been provided for GCLD patrons (those without attorneys, seniors, low income, and immigrants)—TG created a flyer to share the information as there are different entities, each with different qualifications, days, and times
- Metal detectors continue to be a hot commodity—see what you can find!

Communications Report

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

Projects & Goals

- Printed, mailed out fundraising Case for Support
- For PR/referendum informative campaign: Created double sided Next Chapter/ballot information flyer; developed web page at gclid.org/ballot; created new carousel amplifying the /ballot and /ballot-faq pages, and special events. Created additional pages highlighting One Grand Book, Media Literacy events. Designed “I love the library” shirts.

Highlights GCLD

September 2026

Board Meeting: October 13, 2026

- For Kremmling party October 10, created banner.
- Attended Calcon focusing on PR, messaging, and referendum initiatives.
- Added social media daily quotes re: libraries, literacy

Improvements & Changes

*Meta has slightly changed reporting, and limited posts to only 2 links per month.

- FB September (over September 2025 numbers): views at 78.6k, up 331.4%. 9.3k viewers, up 127%. 1.3K interactions, up 171%.
- Insta September (over September 2025): 8.5k views, up 77.9%. 256 interactions, up 93.9%.
- FB September (over August 2026 numbers): views at 78.6k, down 1.4%. 9.3k viewers, down 27.5%. 1.3K interactions, up 42.4%.
- Insta September (over September 2025): 8.5k views, up 787.4%. 256 interactions, up 652.9%.
- Most viewed post: Aw shucks post (re: TripAdvisor status, 3 of top 12 libraries in the state), posted Wed September 23, 9 p.m.; 3.1k views, 5 shares.
- Emails:
 - September newsletter; 4,054 open (52.24%); 592 clicks, 28 bounce

Budget & Future Plans

- Suggested: Attended calcon; p
- Proposed 2027 screen printing events as PR.

Technology Report

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

Projects & Goals

- Attended MUG 2026
- Staff issued hardware authentication methods

Improvements & Changes

- Annual IT audits of all branches
- POTs communication lines drawn down
- Comcast equipment deployment returned post service draw down

Budget & Future Plans

- Final purchase requisitions for the year
- Discussions with each branch on remaining end of year IT requests
- Discussions with each branch on requests for 2027
- 2027 budget in line with vendor estimates on assorted projects/needs
- Kremmling computers will be replaced on normal schedule; no changes based on new facility

Highlights GCLD

September 2026

Board Meeting: October 13, 2026

Public Services Report

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

Diverse Collections & Services

- New Career Online High School prospective student was interviewed at Hot Sulphur Springs Library. She is currently working on the 30-day qualification process, and we hope she will complete the required work to qualify for a scholarship to complete her diploma.
- Graduation party will be held for our most recent COHS graduate on Saturday, Oct. 24.
- One Grand Book programs began. Special thanks to Tallie for collaborating with speakers and presenters who provided informational and educational opportunities regarding beaver activity and animal crossings (CPW, Headwaters, UCWET, GCHA). We are also grateful to KFFR, Anna Szczepanski, and Suzie Cruse for interviewing Ben live on the radio. We are excited about his visit and presentation on Oct. 3.
- The annual Spooky Story Contest for students in grades K-8 kicked off in September. The submission deadline is Saturday, Oct. 17.
- Wicked Good Time (formerly haunted house) at Granby Library – plans have begun for the Oct. 30 event being held at the library in conjunction with Trick-or-Treat Mainstreet.
- Attended John's "Election Season Media Literacy" program held at Fraser Valley Library. Great information was shared with attendees, sparking interest and the need to be savvy investigators of all information found online.

Access

- CALCON was held in Aurora Sept. 9-Sept. 11 and was a huge success. Attendees reported that the number and quality of program presenters was appreciated.
- Attended monthly Grand Beginnings Council meeting and registered for their annual Community Baby Shower event to support and promote this outreach/learning opportunity for new parents and caregivers.
- Four of us met with Tim Rasmussen, editor of Sky-Hi News, to ask questions and get on the same page regarding Library Corner and articles submitted to the paper. He was very complimentary of our efforts and encouraged us to submit articles as needed.

Community Resource

- The Summer Library Program summary report was provided to the Friends.
- We are welcoming some new volunteers to Fraser Valley, Granby, and Hot Sulphur Springs this month!
- Budget, budget, budget!

Highlights GCLD

September 2026

Board Meeting: October 13, 2026

Fraser Valley Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Circulation/Collections: A sample site (test run, beta) teen/tween location has been created near the YA collection featuring a space/place for teens and tweens to gather, read, and play games. The branch is documenting feedback and making observations for future design input. Kaylene weeded the holiday collection and relabeled the Wonderbook collection.
- Storytime: Dolly Parton, breakfast theme, Fat Bear Week, and messy art.
- Saturday: Music and Movement – focused on rhythm, body parts, shapes and counting.
- Afterschool Programs: K-2 and 3-5: Welcome Back; Egg Drop; Ice Cream Sundae Bar; Fat Bear Week Pie-Eating Contest
- Adult Programs: Election Season Media Literacy with John Marte; Marcie She from She Cares Gear Repair hosted a hands-on workshop focusing on caring for and extending the life of your boots, leather shoes, and outdoor gear; Tech Time, Horror Book Club (September's Theme: Sibling Horror)
- Senior Lunch and Learn: Plant and Garden Designs in Grand County by Trish Cyman
- All Ages: Junk Journal Bookmark Crafternoon
- Other Programs: Read to a Dog with Lucinda and Kirby; Exploration Station (Simple Machines)

Access

- Outreach and Collaborations: Back-to School Night; Grand Kids 25th Annual Fall Festival; Decorated the Winter Park Moose in collaboration with the WP Chamber for National Library Card Sign-Up Month.
- Displays: Colorado Book Club highlighting Ben Goldfarb; Hispanic Heritage; Make Us Laugh Talk Back Board, Middle fiction and storybooks, Dolly Parton collection and Imagination Library.
- Artist Displays: Norwegian Rosemaling: The Trollheim Lodge of Sons of Norway celebrated National Rosemaling Day (September 12) with a month-long display of examples of several different styles of this traditional form of painting that got started about 350 years ago.
- New blinds! (For safety, no cords and remote-controlled access for blinds in the UCMR.)
- Jeanette and Mary Ann met with Geoffrey Elliot, Andy Miller, and HTA representatives Maire Sullivan and Meara McQueen in an exterior walk around the library to discuss Fraser's Stormwater Pilot Projects near the FV Library and FV Elementary School.

Community Resource

- Collaborations with community events/projects within the library: HTA joined the library community to celebrate National Public Lands Day and Fat Bear Week for Storytime.
- Professional development & meetings whose benefits carry over into the community: Kathe attended CLEL's early learning based library spaces; Jeanette and Tara met for a budget planning meeting and to train on new weekly cash report forms (to cover items Jeanette missed at a budget training workshop held at the DO on Sept. 3).

Highlights GCLD

September 2026

Board Meeting: October 13, 2026

- Jeanette and Chris interviewed two new volunteers.
- Jeanette and Chris met with Whitney Peters, a School to Work Alliance Program (SWAP) representative (NW BOCES) to consider a new collaboration and to discuss whether the library could be a good partnership for this program.
- Jeanette is working with Kristin on updating flyers for the election table displays in all branches. Thanks, Kristin!

Granby Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Storytime: Construction, Feelings with guest reader, Julia Macchione, from Grand Beginnings, Pirate, Fall Leaves, Fall, & Farm Animals
- Early Literacy: Music & Movement
- Elementary: Homeschool Hangout, LEGO & Exploration Station
- Adult Programs: Book Club, Craft Club, Grand Storytelling, Ageless Grace, Technology Assistance, Alzheimer program, & Masterpieces & Mocktails
- Senior Lunch and Learn: Brain Health with Denice Everham. A taco bar was provided by Sherry Kent with Showboat Catering.
- All Ages: Chess and Beyond, & Library BINGO

Access

- Artist Displays: Colorado Women's Hall of Fame
- Display Cabinet: Tiny Art
- Displays and marketing: tiny Art, Reap What You Sow, Cozy Reads, Library Card Sign-Up, & Dolly Parton
- Outreach and Collaborations: Art in the Park

Community Resource

- Kristi is participating in a beta testing group for a new Youth Services Professional credentialing program created by Kate Compton and Kate Brunner at the Colorado State Library.

Hot Sulphur Springs Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Storytime attendees celebrated Autumn, Feelings (with guest reader Julia Macchione from Grand Beginnings), and Fat Bear Week. They made handprint trees, paper rabbit puppets (based on "The Rabbit Who Listened"), and fork painted bears.
- Senior Lunch and Learn featured pizza by Domino's and a presentation entitled "Why Our Stories Should Be Told" by Phil Ivers, Facilitator of GCLD's Adult Storytelling program.
- Kaydee and Emily are still figuring out which programs work for Community Connections. They tried a movie night, but no takers this month. Back to Bingo for Books in October!

Highlights GCLD

September 2026

Board Meeting: October 13, 2026

- Pokemon Club and Page Turners Club are back with a bang! Kaydee started off Pokemon Club with a Bingo program and it was a HIT! The Page Turners Club will be listening to “How to Train Your Dragon.”
- Other programs at the Hot Sulphur Springs Library included Tech Time, Family Movie Night, Crafting with Kaydee, and Exploration Stations.

Access

- Kaydee read to the children at Granby Play Days Preschool.
- Kaydee started a new outreach at the Granby Elementary School Morning Stars Program. Once a month, she will bring Library of Things items to engage the students who hang out in the cafeteria before school begins. She will also do a small “storytime” right before they head to their classrooms.
- Kaydee helped host a table at the Granby Art in the Park event.
- Emily started relabeling book series in the juvenile fiction section.
- Library displays included GCLD Genre Explorers Book Club theme of “Nature’s Hidden Connections,” Storytime Theme of the Week, Pokemon, “How to Train Your Dragon,” Back to School, Autumn, Bestsellers from the Year You Were Born (1990’s), 9/11, and memorials to Dolly Parton, Hayden Panettiere, Tim Curry, and Sam Neill.
- Staff assisted patrons with Princh, Libby, and hoopla this month.

Community Resource

- A new teen volunteer started helping Kaydee on Fridays with storytime and bulletin board prep.
- Emily attended CalCon and went to sessions on leadership, project management, AI, early literacy writing, escape rooms, person-in-charge training, one-on-one meetings, and library space design.
- Emily and Chris had their Q3 meeting and discussed the budget.

Kremmling Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Storytime attendees celebrated Friendship, Bears, and Feelings (with guest reader Julia Macchione from Grand Beginnings). They made friendship bracelets, “Letter B” bears, and a paper rabbit puppet (based on “The Rabbit Who Listened”).
- Senior Lunch and Learn featured lunch by BurgerBarn and a presentation entitled, “Town of Kremmling: 2026 Community & Infrastructure Update” by Jen MacPherson, Kremmling Town Manager.
- Two entities approached the Kremmling Library staff about presenting programs:
 - Pamela Flor-Stout with Grand County Rural Health Network hosted a program on changes to Medicaid and the Health Insurance Marketplace.

Highlights GCLD

September 2026

Board Meeting: October 13, 2026

- Lana Pineiro with BMO and Ariell Trujillo with United Business Bank hosted a program on local banking changes due to the closing of BMO in Kremmling.
- Homeschool Hangout is back and as popular as ever! This month, local artist and library volunteer, Sarah Schmidt, led the students in Pasta Cartography, creating fantasy maps using pasta to trace out the basic landforms.
- Afterschool Club is also back. Participants began the crystal making process with a National Geographic Kit, designed butterfly windchimes, and had a grand time playing “National Park Bingo” (courtesy of the Library of Things) and talking all about outside adventures in honor of National Public Lands Day.
- Kremmling Library was excited to host “CPW’s New Beaver Strategy” in conjunction with One Grand Book. The presenter was Annie Hart, Species Conservation Biologist with CPW.
- Other programs at the Kremmling Library included Tech Time, Quilting Club, Builders Club, Teen Hangout, and Family Movie Matinee.

Access

- Emily read to the children at WGECC, Little Bear Childcare, and Kremmling Preschool. The Preschool added a morning class to the mix, along with its two full day classes.
- Shelly continued her outreach to Cliffview and Kremmling Memorial Hospital.
- Shelly hosted a book club at Cliffview.
- Emily brought books to the Kremmling Preschool, WGECC, and the kindergarten.
- Emily continued weeding primers, Shelly continued weeding adult nonfiction, and Emily and Michele weeded board books due to condition.
- Library displays featured the Genre Explorers Book Club theme of “Nature’s Hidden Connections,” Back to School for Kids AND Adults, 9/11, Hispanic Heritage Month, Library of Things, and Autumn.
- Art displays included quilts by Keats Scott and Marcia HOne, LEGO creations by the Builders’ Club, and journals crafted by Teresa Banman.
- Staff assisted patrons with Princh, Libby, and OverDrive this month.

Community Resource

- Emily attended CalCon and went to sessions on leadership, project management, AI, early literacy writing, escape rooms, person-in-charge training, one-on-one meetings, and library space design.
- All Kremmling Library staff met to discuss the interior design samples for the new Kremmling Library.
- Emily and Chris had their Q3 meeting and discussed the budget.

Juniper Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- After school club: Library Scavenger Hunt, Button Making, Mystery snack build, Movie Night

Highlights GCLD

September 2026

Board Meeting: October 13, 2026

- Storytime: Colors, Fall Leaves, and Talking & reading using the Colorado State kit. We also had a local author, Jennifer Hobbs, join us to share her book about moose. She was so entertaining and engaging that we would love to have her back every year!
- Senior Lunch & Learn: We had an introduction to Brain Fitness presented by Denice Everham and the food was deliciously prepared by KC Rose. Amy created a special display by bringing in a wide selection of books about the brain to help highlight and promote our Brain Fitness program.
- Technology Assistance facilitated by John Marte and Jamie Bailey
- Staff help with Princh wireless printing every day along with tips and tricks on searching for items and helping with check outs.
- Brown Bag Book Club: Fresh Water for Flowers by Valerie Perrin. Jamie helps coordinate and set up the group's Zoom access.
- Collection Weeding: we finished weeding the adult nonfiction collection and have started working on the juvenile DVD collection!

Access

- Take & Makes (three kits were made in September): friendship bracelets, fall leaf headbands, and a sunflower craft kit made by Dianne Foss
- Pressed Leaf Bookmark making was offered and facilitated by Amy
- Tiny Art Gallery was facilitated by Amy
- End cap displays in the adult sections: highlighted Ben Goldfarb books, gardening and crafts, seed collecting, brain fitness, Dolly Parton, Constitution Week information.
- Children's section displays: colors, fall, Colorado wildlife, alphabet, back to school, and reading
- Bulletin board display: "Log off and Hang out" geared towards Teens & Tweens
- Outside window displays were updated with September events
- Sensory bin is filled with colorful 3" plastic balls
- Marbles & Magnet Exploration tote for use every Friday, Saturday, & Sunday

Community Resource

- Election Season Literacy or Media Literacy facilitated by John Marte
- Plans are underway for "A Wicked Good Time" (formally the hunted house in the Granby community room) All branches are helping with this upcoming event on October 30th
- Staff enjoyed some time off. Amy is back from medical leave to her regular schedule
- Branch managers met in Granby for a budget workshop
- A teen volunteer joined us to complete his high school community service hours. He was very pleasant, dependable, and a wonderful help to our team!
- Our wonderful volunteer, Julie Wilson, helps every week and is a valued part of our team!