

Highlights GCLD

January 2026

Board Meeting: February 17, 2026



Board of Trustees Meeting Report Packet

Summary of monthly focus, projects, meetings, and accomplishments

Month of Reporting: January 2026

Executive Summary

GCLD Updates

- Hosted a staff appreciation party at Sun Outdoors in January.
- Emily, Mary Ann and Anthony presented at CLiC Winter Workshop on HSS Extended Access. Shelly & Emily presented on building a Library-Fire Department partnership.
- Met with several board committees this month: Strategic Plan Committee, Fundraising Committee, and Finance Committee
- Communications Manager position open. Scheduling interviews.
- Not all adults have moved from physical books to digital books. GCLD saw an increase of 5.27% in physical book circulation, primarily from adult fiction and non-fiction checkouts from last year. Largest increase is in adult large print.
- GCLD has added free legal clinic with CO Access to Justice. First available clinic will be March 4, open to anyone without an attorney. We still offer free legal clinics for seniors and low-income people from Colorado Legal Services.
- We have a new COHS student graduate! We have four current students who are making a variety of levels of progress. Two students have taken leave of absence.
- Book Madness planning has begun – homeschool program will kick off in mid-February; Granby Elementary School's program will begin March 2.
- February 3 board workshop for strategic plan work. Facilitated by ReThinking Libraries.
- Planning March All Staff Training- focus on strategic plan and CPR
- Fire Panel Monitoring (F, G, J, K) – Upgrading to Dual Path Cellular Monitoring systems & transferring monitoring services to Western States Fire Protection Co. (WSFP)

Kremmling Library Project

- Land Acquisition process. Possibility of moving up our closing date to March.
- Town of Kremmling Pre-Annexation Meeting. Preparing our annexation application to be submitted after we have closed on the land.
- Owner's Representative RFPs reviewed, interviews completed.
- Planning to do tours of many libraries over the next 2 months for inspiration as we move into the design phase.

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Facilities Report

GCLD maximizes library spaces in relation to changing community needs.

Projects & Goals

- New Kremmling Library: land acquisition/annexations processes, owner's rep interviews
- dPlan: auditing & cleaning up safety documentation, dBuckets, dRecovery
- Safety Meetings: Schedule & hold safety meetings at all locations Q1
- AutoCAD: Create master drawings for all buildings with identical layers for emergency systems, mechanical systems, dimensions, maximum occupancy, lights, egress, closure procedures, etc.

Improvements & Changes

- Organized & replaced tools in all branches, shop, van, & dBuckets. Color coded all branches.
- Inventoried & organized shop, van, facilities office, blueprints, etc.
- Granby HVAC – Scheduling pump replacement, wet sensor, system drain/clean/flush/refill.
- Fire Panel Monitoring (F, G, J, K) – Upgrading to Dual Path Cellular Monitoring systems & transferring monitoring services to Western States Fire Protection Co. (WSFP)
- LED Conversion: HSS complete. DO meeting room complete.

Budget & Future Plans

- FVL Circ Desk – Quotes well over budget – looking for other comps. Finance Committee has requested to delay.
- Shelving: Continued support for Tallie during the design/selection process to refurbish HSS.
- Granby HVAC – Working to stabilize the entire system. Unplanned work being done currently, several quotes received / in works. Presented Finance Committee and BoT with current and future plans. Remain transparent!
- LED Conversion: Currently making plan to finish Granby.
- Fraser Fire Panel – WSFP – looking to replace (is currently in budget, but more than likely will have budget implications).
- Tolin Mechanical – Touring all branches next Tuesday to formulate a service plan.
- WSFP – They are currently putting together a service plan contract for annual inspections.

Finance-HR Report

Maintain a balanced budget that is sustainable.

Finance

- Budget documents finalized
- Accufund implementation ongoing
- 2025 Financial Audit drafting

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Human Resources

- Communications manager position open
- Benefit renewals finalized
- Attended quarterly HR Roundtable-AI was topic of contention

Meetings & Conferences

- Attending owner's representative interviews
- Fundraising Committee kick off meeting
- Future Proof Your Non-Profit webinar
- Accessing Resources and Driving Engagement webinar

Informational

- Records retention on-going

Library Resources Report

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

Financial

- 2026 started with a clean slate
- Hoopla did not change credits from 10 to 7 as was requested in November 2025 for January 2026. January's Hoopla invoice was \$4,490.63, which is what we want to keep to, but each month more people sign up for Hoopla, and as a pay per use platform, we need to adjust the quantity of checkouts per patron to stay in our 2026 budget of about \$55,000 for Hoopla or \$4583.33 mo.

Staff

- Tallie, Marcus, and Emily met with library design companies to discuss and alter proposed HSSL plans to fit better with GCLD, community needs, and patron likings.
- Kaylene, Tallie, and Michelle were excited to get two new shelves for the new Colorado Historic area. Also moved foreign language and brochures to the counter/cupboard area by DVDs. The rearranging opened an opportunity to start moving YA over to the proposed area highlighted in the assessment last year. If we build it, will they come? Michelle utilized the old bookcase for YA games and library of things where teens tend to congregate. Kaylene is relabeling the CO collection.
- John, DRA, is busy with One Grand Book, helping facilitate the plan for September with Community of Writers, GCLD, and Ben Goldfarb, the author; presented a new password manager program to Granby Senior Lunch & Learn.

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- Kaylene worked with staff on how to be more precise when entering monthly event stats with the goal of reducing time for the CA to collect and record stats and make sure the data is accurate.

Circulation

- Not all adults have moved from physical books to digital books. GCLD saw an increase of 5.27% in physical book circulation, primarily from adult fiction and non-fiction checkouts from 1/25 and 1/26; but, adult large print, only in FVL, GL, and JL collections saw an increase of 24.6% in checkouts for this January compared to 2025 and increased by 43% compared to 1/2024. Aging eyes?

Resources

- Tallie met with an attorney from CO Access to Justice to discuss adding their free legal clinic to include GCLD. First available clinic will be March 4, open to anyone without an attorney, if all gets set up and registration is operating in February. We still offer free legal clinics for seniors and low-income people from Colorado Legal Services.
- Access Grand: All 10 Grand Concert tickets were reserved, 33 adults and children utilized the Fraser Rec Center, 20 groups of four got to enjoy the YMCA of the Rockies. The warm weather invited people to drive over Berthoud to visit the Denver Botanic Gardens, the Butterfly Pavilion, History Colorado, and the Denver Zoo, while 8 groups learned about our local rivers at the Headwaters River Journey, some skied in GL Nordic Center and visited other local venues.
- Online NYT and WSJ hit a record usage

Technology Report

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

Projects & Goals

- 2026 Computer Replacements (Granby) scheduled for March/April, pending shipping
- Pursuing A/V vendors for Fraser Urban Community Meeting Room project, and Granby improvements
- Branch printing contracts under review for refreshed equipment

Improvements & Changes

- 2025 E-waste and recycling has been gathered by Marmot Library Network
- Participated in CLiC conference presentation regarding GCLD Extended Access implementation

Budget & Future Plans

- On budget

Public Services Report

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Diverse Collections & Services

- Book Madness planning has begun – homeschool program will kick off in mid-February; Granby Elementary School's program will begin March 2.
- Adult Storytelling programs in Granby and Kremmling; January's theme is *Fresh Starts/Bold Beginnings*.
- We have a new COHS student graduate! We have four current students who are making a variety of levels of progress. Two students have taken leave of absence.
- Bookmark Art Contest – preparations have begun for rollout in early February; deadline – Saturday, March 7.
- Summer Library Program preparations have begun – 2026 theme: *Unearth a Story*.
- Updates are being made to Exploration Stations rotation kits.

Access

- Monthly CALCON planning committee meetings
- Library Corner article – highlighting library resources for self-improvement and education, interviewed current COHS student
- Grand Beginnings Council meeting

Community Resource

- Know Before training completed
- Branch manager meetings - review of staff goals for 2026
- Program planning – monthly meeting with Juniper Library staff
- Two new volunteers have been interviewed and vetted – welcome to Susan and Julie!
- Assisted with prep work for the new Communications Manager job description
- PLAR webinar in preparation for the state report
- Participated in bi-monthly Program Meet-up meeting

Fraser Valley Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Circulation/Collections: Snowshoes available for check out (but still no snow!)
- Storytime: Imagination (w/ Mrs. Kathe), Race Car Storytime, Music and Dancing Storytime, and Writing/Storytelling Storytime
- Afterschool Programs: Game On Game Day; Mad Scientist Day; Movie; Read a Story or Write a Story
- Adult Programs: Mary Jane in Turning 50! Card Club, Horror Book Club (theme: Historical Horror), Tech Time, Just Write it!
- Teen Programs: Prep for Teen Alien Escape Room is underway!

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- Senior Lunch and Learn: Rural Health Network hosts "Light in the Valley" a mental health awareness program with members from their I.M.P.A.C.T. team.
- All Ages: Bedazzle into your New Year
- Other Programs: Winter Reading Adventure; Marbles & Mazes Exploration Station; Read to a Dog, Rubik's Cube Club, 4th grade class visit where students learned about the Dewey Decimal System; Bookmark Contest

Access

- Artist Displays: Michelle Ismert presents Wildlife Photography sharing the beauty of nature.
- Displays and marketing: MLK Day; Library of Things; Winter Reading Adventure (w/ prizes on display); Clel Bell books to vote; Survey/talk back board - What do you love about the library?
- Kaylene attended staff meeting to review stats - how staff should collect stats in 2026 and best practices for stats gathering for PLAR

Community Resource

- Rylee trained with John on setting up Zoom to offer Hybrid programs
- Jeanette attended CAL's Intellectual Freedom Committee January meeting - topic AI! Shared relevant information with Anthony and Tallie.
- Jeanette and Kathe attended CAL's IFC webinar: Advocating for Libraries
- Kathe became a student member of CAL's legislative committee.
- Jeanette and Chris interviewed a new substitute. Welcome, Susan!
- Rylee and Kathe attended a Program Meeting/Mentor Meet Up

Additional Resources to Support Success:

- Jeanette met with Chris to go over branch and staff goals
- Jeanette and Michelle met to prep for SLP purchases (CSLP)

Granby Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Storytime: Winter/Snow, Counting, Penguins, and Hats
- Early Literacy: Music & Movement
- Elementary: LEGO, Homeschool Hangout, & Exploration Station
- Afterschool Programs: Snow Owls, Winter STEM Activity, Slime, and Make Your Own Puzzle
- Teen Hangout

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- Adult Programs: Ageless Grace, Book Club, Craft Club
- Senior Lunch and Learn: Digital Deception by John Marte, and food provided by KC Rose
- All Ages: Chess Club, Homeschool Hangout, and Movie Matinee

Access

- Artist Displays: Jamie Sutton
- Display Cabinet: Rocky Mountain Folk School
- Displays and marketing: Winter Reading Adventure, New Year, New You, MLK, & What Do You Love About Your Library
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Community Resource

- Tess attended a Program Meeting/Mentor Meet Up
- Michelle met with all staff to discuss goals for 2026
- Training new staff Krisit Moyer

Hot Sulphur Springs Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Storytime featured themes of cats. Kaydee brought her new kitten, Nev, as a storytime guest! Children made cat toys and created cat faces with strips of construction paper.
- The Community Connections theme for January was Vision Boards. Last year, one person showed up. This year, she had six!
- Senior Lunch and Learn featured lunch from 7670 Grill and a presentation entitled "Property Tax Exemption for Seniors" by Larry Banman, Grand County Assessor.
- Kaydee is having a great time with Page Turners Club. She is reading aloud "The Wild Robot Escapes" to the children after Pokemon Club is done for the day.
- Kaydee had a busy library as she also hosted morning movie matinees with crafts on the Fridays of winter break. The Coding and Robots Exploration Station has been popular as well!
- Family Movie Night was a girl's night out with "Gabby's Dollhouse."

Access

- Kaydee read to the children at Granby Play Days Preschool.
- Emily gave more Extended Access patron orientations.
- Library displays featured the Genre Explorers Book Club theme of "Laughing Matters", Storytime Theme of the Week, Bestsellers from Your Birth Year, "The Wild Robot," Winter, and Author Spotlight: Ian McEwan.
- Emily organized the kitchen closet and Kaydee continues to organize her storytime materials.
- Staff assisted patrons with Access Grand, wireless printing, Nuwav, Kanopy, and hoopla this month.

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Community Resource

- All staff completed KnowBe4 training.
- Emily attended a meeting with Kaylene about collecting statistics and Library Calendar.
- Kaydee attended a Program Meetup hosted by Emily.
- Chris met with Emily to talk about branch and staff goals.
- Emily and Mary Ann met with Winnie from CLiC to discuss their presentation for the CLiC Winter Conference about the Hot Sulphur Spring's Extended Access. Emily received multiple positive quotes from patrons about their experiences. Seventeen patrons (representing about 50 people) are signed up for the service so far.
- Emily, Tallie, and Marcus met with multiple representatives and designers from three library furniture companies to discuss and plan a facelift for the HSS Library.

Kremmling Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Storytime featured themes of snow, trains, and feelings & emotions. Children did many snowflake dances with scarves, painted tape-resist and white crayon snowflakes with watercolors, enjoyed a train-themed snack, made construction paper trains out of shapes, and created emoji stoplights.
- Senior Lunch and Learn featured lunch by KC Rose and a presentation entitled "Social Security & Taxes: What to Know" by Sandra Moore, Senior Tax Specialist.
- CPW District Wildlife Managers hosted an informative and educational program about mountain lions.
- Jane Janssen with Sons of Norway taught a Scandinavian heart art class to teens and adults.
- Jarrod Manguso, Grand County dispatcher, led the Homeschool Hangout this month where children learned all about calling 911.
- Afterschool Club attendees had fun experimenting with the ingredients for pretend snow which then turned into oobleck. They also designed beaded snowflakes.
- Explorer Storytime participants learned about snowflakes, went on a nature walk to find different natural shapes, and made snowflake paintings out glue, salt, and watercolors.
- Grand Adult Storytelling doubled in participation this month and everyone had a wonderful time.
- Builders Club continues to fill to capacity! The Drawing and Design Exploration Station was well loved.
- Other January programs included Tech Time, Quilting Club, Teen Hangout, Virtual Reality, and two Movie Matinees.

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Access

- 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.
- Shelly continued her outreach to Cliffview, Kremmling Memorial Hospital, and Silver Spruce. Her homeschool outreach this month promoted Access Grand and snowshoes.
- All library clerks are working on inventorying the library, section by section.
- Library displays featured the Genre Explorers Book Club theme of “Laughing Matters,” Library of Things, Winter, CLEL Bell Shortlist, Young Adult Genre Focus, Winter Reading Adventure, New Year’s Resolutions, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The bulletin board featured a winter book scavenger hunt.
- Art displays included quilts by Janet Schayer and Irene Wheatley and LEGO creations by the Builders Club.
- Staff assisted patrons with wireless printing, COHS, Overdrive with Kindle, Libby, and hoopla this month.

Community Resource

- All staff completed KnowBe4 training.
- Emily attended a meeting with Kaylene about collecting statistics and Library Calendar.
- Mary Ann and Tara met with staff to discuss the new pay grade scale.
- Chris met with Emily to talk about branch and staff goals.
- Emily and Shelly met multiple times with Winnie from CLiC to discuss their presentation for the CLiC Winter Conference about the Kremmling Library’s partnership with the Kremmling Fire Department.
- Shelly and her ARSL colleague hosted their first professional networking group meetup, LIFT (Librarians Inspiring Family Teaching).
- Emily hosted a Program Meetup. Shelly shared her ARSL programming takeaways and Julia Macchione from Grand Beginnings spoke about Conscious Discipline training. Chris gave an update on Summer Library Program planning and asked for volunteers in different areas, while Kathe gave the rundown on the Teen Escape Room. All shared favorite CLEL Bell books and program successes.
- Grade 6 students visited the library to listen to book talks, check out books, get reader’s advisory help, and learn more about the sections of the library.
- Cliffview residents came to the library to talk to Shelly about programming ideas.

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Juniper Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Storytime: Not a box, Germs are not for sharing, Nutrition & movement, No dragons for tea. The group keeps growing in size!
- After School Club: Yogurt parfaits: It was a chance to show kids how to make healthy snacks, Steam/PLIX, Arts/crafts, and movie night.
- Senior Lunch & Learn: Presenter, Larry Banman, Grand County Assessor, on Property Tax Exemption for Seniors and the food was purchased from Grand Pizza. Larry was very well received by all who attended.
- Brown Bag Book Club: Everett Percival's book: "James"
- Technology Assistance: Two classes were facilitated by John Marte.
- Special Events for Adults: Tea & Trivia was facilitated by Amy and ran like Jeopardy. It lasted 2 hours and was a lot of fun.
- Juniper jigsaw jamboree, utilizing our new puzzle table
- A plant swap was for house plants and was well attended.
- Snowflake geometry for all ages
- Juniper Tiny Timber Cabins was a success with families building tiny cabins from popsicle sticks.

Access

- The Sensory bin was filled with everything blue and white for January
- Exploration Stations: Force & motion is a new bin that families are loving!
- Outdoor window displays were updated with all of January's marketing posters for library programs.
- Adult Displays: New books, MLK, cabins, tea, house plants, winter activities, and Blue Zone.
- Children's Area Display Themes: books in Spanish, MLK, new books, Not a Box & imagination, health, snow, dragons & safety and Winter Reading prizes are on display
Teen bulletin board and Winter Reading display
Other displays: Bookmark contest, Winter Reading and a Love Your Library survey

Community Resource

- We had three Middle Park High School students volunteer this month for their community hours fulfillment! They were very helpful. One student put 66 Take & Make kits together.

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- Our volunteer, Dianne Foss, had an accident and broke her arm. She is the creator of our Take & Makes, so we put together some kits of friendship bracelets for the teens & children.
- Sue & Jamie went to a “Just Because Staff Party” held at Sun Outdoors, a big thank you to Mary Ann.
- Sue attends an outreach program at Rocky Mountain National Park for their Winter Fair Snow Storytime.

Additional Resources to Support Success:

- Sue attended a meeting with Kaylene about collecting statistics in Library Calendar.
- Mary Ann and Tara met with staff to discuss the new pay grade scale.
- Exciting news: Amy completes a course and is certified as a trainer for “Ageless Grace.”
- Sue attends Giving Effective Feedback class.
- Sue, Chris, and Michelle interviewed a new potential volunteer for Juniper and Granby libraries.
- All staff completed KnowBe4 training.
- Sue & Chris meet to go over staff goals.
- Sue, Chris, Mary Ann, and Amy met to go over program plans.
- Sue & Tallie meet to look at the floor plan for the redesign project at the library. We also came up with a weeding plan for the adult fiction section.
- Kaylene met with staff to review how we should collect stats in 2026 and best practices for stats gathering for PLAR
- Jamie met with John to learn how to set up Zoom meetings for the book club.
- The Grand Lake Chamber dissolved, and the Town of Grand Lake is taking their place. Sue is working with Katie Hearsum, who is the new director, for a future program on “DarkSky” coming soon to GL.