



Highlights GCLD

May 2026

Board Meeting: June 16, 2026

Board of Trustees Meeting Report Packet

Summary of monthly focus, projects, meetings, and accomplishments

Month of Reporting: May 2026

Executive Summary

GCLD Updates

- Juniper Library's 20th celebration was a huge success!
- Graduation ceremony for two COHS graduates was appreciated by students, family, and friends.
- Dinosaurs are on the loose in Grand County for SLP promotion.
- Congratulations to Kathe Merken who graduated from Syracuse University with her MLIS degree.
- Active Shooter presentations were held at all locations courtesy of the Sheriff's Dept.
- The Library of Things had its highest checkout on record during the month of May (stats since 2022).
- Grand County loves the Denver Zoo – 26 of 31 passes used; Rocky Mountain Repertory Theatre donated 12 tickets for Access Grand; Moffat Road Railroad Museum is back and available.
- John is planning for AI programs to be offered at various locations.
- Social media views are up 31% over the past month.
- Computer replacements and installation have been completed and were successful; new mobile printing alternatives are live in Kremmling and Hot Sulphur.
- Outreach events are ramping up around the county.
- Book Madness wrapped up at Fraser Valley Elementary; another successful season reaching hundreds of students, teachers, parents, and community members.

Capital Projects

- Hot Sulphur Springs Library redesign project will be completed by the Board meeting. The newly remodeled space is fresh and inviting. Thanks to the demolition and construction team for the long hours and hard work – Tallie, Emily, Marcus, Rich, Anthony, and Kaydee.
- A trailer has been purchased for Library District use.

Kremmling Library Project

- Work on annexation and design continues and is on schedule.

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Facilities Report

GCLD maximizes library spaces in relation to changing community needs.

Projects & Goals

- Got all buildings on-line for the summer. Granby system was first time on-line for summer, worked with Long to make a few tweaks to the programming and additional training for summer operation. Landscaping, summer flowers, etc. Continued work on new Kremmling library. Rethinking the solution for Juniper air management.

Improvements & Changes

- Building out HSS – was 90% complete for SLP opening day!!! Purchased a trailer for the library.

Budget & Future Plans

- Working on quotes for all remaining known projects for the year. Working on mid-year facilities report for Finance Committee.

Finance-HR Report

Maintain a balanced budget that is sustainable.

Finance

- AFA implementation reaches critical level of frustration
- Working on year to date reporting

Human Resources

- ALICE training for all branch locations completed
- Employee medical leave communications for several staff outages

Meetings & Conferences

- Met to discuss HR implications for parade attendance, volunteer work, and work on established holidays

Informational

- Finance consulting project underway, interviews with Bryce from Degginger, Thompson, Smith, Walker, and Cohen

Library Resources Report

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Financial

- On goal

Staff

- All: Active Shooter Trainings
- Tallie: One Grand Book collaboration programs; HSS facelift project; 900 SLP books distributed to branches; Conflict Resolution Month committee; coverage for branch appreciations; reports for Kremmling collection for new library; continue to create cost value of various collections to share with Board and public for June meeting
- John: AI program planning; One Grand Book; tech times on many topics
- Kaylene: Completed second semester for MILS and attend final cataloging

Circulation

- Physical: almost identical to April
- LoT: Highest checkout for May on record (starting in 2022)
- Denver online collection: Most usage EVER in May
- Access Grand: Denver Zoo, 26 of the 31 reservations available were used (Grand County loves the Zoo!)

Resources

- Rocky Mountain Repertory Theatre: 12 tickets donated for Access Grand; Moffat Road Railroad Museum is back

Communications Report

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

Projects & Goals

- Spontaneous dinosaur walk to Granby Library was a local hit.
- 5/30: Fraser Bike Park opening: we talked to 113+ people and 25 new library card registrations at the booth. Used DO banner, Granby tent/EZ up, supplies from FVL. "Riding" dinosaur was a hit.
- 5/31: 20th anniversary party for Juniper; over 125 attendees. A huge thanks to and for everyone who worked hard to make it happen. We also had (at least one) new library card registration(s) that day

Improvements & Changes

- Social media views up 31% from prior month
- Scheduling out social media posts for 30 days based on programs

Budget & Future Plans

- 6/13 HSS parade
- 6/20 Kremmling Days parade

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- 6/27 Granby 20th
- Dino descent on GC towns
- Rack cards, stickers

Technology Report

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

Projects & Goals

- Surveillance, access control, and alarm upgrade quotes have been approved and submitted for processing- installation dates TBD
- Phone hardware swaps at various branches successful; vendor made mistakes with billing, actively seeking resolution

Improvements & Changes

- Attended Marmot Council 2026
- Attended Streamline/Civic+ training
- Computer replacements for 2026 installed successfully and wrapped up
- HSS and KR now migrated to new mobile printing solution; unified across the district

Budget & Future Plans

- On budget
- Mobile device management changes
- Study room digital signage and platform integration

Public Services Report

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

Diverse Collections & Services

- Summer Library Programming preparations and planning for June 1 start date
- Book Madness tipped off at Fraser Valley Elementary; the community reader sign-up filled really quickly this year; winner was announced at the all-school assembly on Thursday, May 28; we were excited to be invited to share information about SLP and announce the winner; congratulations to “This Book is Dangerous”
- Grand Storytelling – Granby; this month’s story theme was School Days
- Hosted graduation ceremony for two students who completed the Career Online High School program; thanks to Jeremy and Mary Ann for speaking and distributing the diplomas; wonderful to see families and friends gathering to celebrate these two students

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- Attended two Senior Lunch & Learn programs this month – Kremmling Library and Juniper Library; program continues to draw many attendees who enjoy the food, programming, and social connections

Access

- Presented to the Lion's Club at the May 5 meeting regarding Book Madness and the Summer Library Program; thanks to Tallie for the invite
- Attended Rural Area Directors meeting; group of assistant directors meet every other month to discuss operations and programming questions that arise around the state
- CALCON planning meetings continue for September conference in Aurora, CO
- Planning for skit at Granby Elementary School – promote the Summer Library Program; adding some lines in Spanish this year – thanks, Emily!

Community Resource

- Participated in the Strategic Planning Retreat with ReThinking Libraries
- Planning continues for the One Grand Book program; rescheduled for October 3 with author, Ben Goldfarb, at Granby Library

Fraser Valley Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Circulation/Collections: Emma is working her way through the stacks cleaning every single item in the collection! AF is completed; nonfiction has begun. She is also cleaning DVDs. Since she handles every item in the collection, it gives staff an opportunity to repair books and materials in need. Staff have also swapped out the winter collection of Library of Things for summer - gone are the snowshoes, back are the pickleball sets, volleyballs and lawn games.
- Storytime: Mother's Day, Teacher Storytime, Music & Movement Storytime, Dinosaur Storytime
- Music & Movement- Saturdays
- Afterschool Programs: Mother's Day Crafts, Secret Code Day, Legos & games, Last ASC Pizza Party; Read to a Dog
- Adult Programs: Artificial Intelligence 101, Grand County Alerts, Horror Book Club; Tech Time
- Senior Lunch and Learn: Kaia Gallagher author-talk and food by KC Rose
- All Ages: Books & Beads Crafternoon, 4th Friday Game Time
- Other Programs: Exploration Station - Force in Motion
- Book Madness: Retiring Chief of Police, Mayors of WP and Fraser and Sky Faulks, CEO of WP Resort, read at this year's event. And the winner is: This Book is Dangerous by Ben Clanton!

Access

- Outreach and Collaborations: Jeanette and Kathe attend the WP/Fraser Chamber's Speed Networking event to promote Summer Library Program (SLP) and upcoming drought program; Kristin, Kathe and Jeanette attend the Town of Fraser Bike Park Grand Opening event to

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promote SLP; FV Elementary's 5th grade Talent Show - Kathe (in Dinosaur costume) and Chris announce the Book Madness winners and did a promotion for SLP. Mary Ann presents the state of the library to the Town of Fraser; Jeanette and Mary Ann present to the Town of Winter Park.

- Artist Displays: FVE Student Art Show (continued) and In Memoriam: Art of Victor D'Agostino
- Displays and marketing: Interactive board: Notes to my Mother, Lost & Found display for people to look through before items are donated/disposed, Judge a book by the first line, Mother's Day

Community Resource

- FVL hosted the May GCLD BOT meeting.
- Jeanette and Kathe attend GCLD's Strategic Planning workshop in Granby.
- Jeanette attends Mountain Family Center's Senior Listening Session
- Branch Managers and Chris attend Niche Academy's "Unlocking Possibilities: Program Design for the Future of Libraries"
- All FVL staff and some district staff attend Active Shooter Training
- Jeanette attends All One Health 2026 Supervisor Excellence Webinar Series: How to Maintain a Mentally Healthy Workplace Environment (take breaks, lunches and vacation time folks!)
- Jeanette attends the State of the River event at Headwaters Event Center- promotes the library's upcoming drought program.

Additional Resources to Support Success

- Congratulations to Kathe Merken for earning her MLIS from Syracuse University. Way to go!
- Jeanette, Rylee, Kathe, Emma and John enjoyed a staff appreciation get-together at Denos. Thanks to district staff for covering the branch!

Granby Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Storytime: Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, Teeth, Sharks, & Dinosaurs
- Early Literacy: Music & Movement, Grand Kids & Granby Elementary Preschool Storytime
- Elementary: LEGO, Homeschool Hangout, Exploration Station
- After-school Programs: Shrinky Dinks, Birds, STEM, & Unearth A Story
- Adult Programs: Ageless Grace, Book Club, Craft Club, Mini Books, Can We Talk, Grand Storytelling, & Technology Assistance
- Senior Lunch and Learn: Hiking the El Camino
- All Ages: Chess Club, Homeschool Hangout, Books & Blooms

Access

- Artist Displays: EGSD Art
- Display Cabinet: EGSD Art
- Displays and marketing: Music, Gardening, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Leap into a Good Book, SLP, & We're hungry for Knowledge
- Outreach and Collaborations

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Community Resource

- Michelle attended GCLD Strategic Framework session.
- Michelle attended Senior Listening Session hosted by MFC
- Staff participated in Active Shooter Training

Hot Sulphur Springs Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Storytime celebrated magic, Mother's Day, and the Wizard of Oz. Children created ruby red slippers with markers and glitter, tin men with tinfoil and popsicle sticks, rabbits popping out of magic hats, and cardboard vases with buttons, tissue paper flowers, and handprints. They also participated in a Yellow Brick Road adventure which ended with a photo op at Emerald City.
- The Community Connections theme for May was Mixed Media Art with newspapers, magazines, and other craft supplies.
- Senior Lunch and Learn featured lunch by KC Rose and a presentation entitled "Communicating Effectively" by Angel Hoffman of the Colorado Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.
- The Genre Explorers Book Club members met to discuss their Memorable Memoirs reads. Please see Shelly's article in the Sky-Hi News for some great reader recommendations!
- Other programs included Tech Time, Crafting with Kaydee, Exploration Stations, Pokémon Club, Page Turners Club, and Family Movie Night.

Access

- Kaydee read to the children at Granby Play Days Preschool and brought books on a space theme.
- Emily is weeding and inventorying the juvenile fiction section and adult nonfiction section.
- Emily gave more orientations for Extended Access. Kaydee has been marketing Extended Access like crazy!
- Furniture is coming in! The remodel will happen in early June!
- Anthony installed the Princh mobile print station.
- Library displays featured the Genre Explorers Book Club theme of "Memorable Memoirs" and "Unearth a Story," Storytime Theme of the Week, Summer, Read with Jenna, Freida McFadden, and Best Sellers from the Year You Were Born.

Community Resource

- Kaydee has been working with Chris on the Summer Library Program kickoff parties.
- Kaydee and Emily met with Kristin to discuss the Hot Sulphur Days parade float.
- Emily led and Kaydee participated in a Program Meetup to discuss Summer Library Program, Grand Storytime, and technology use during Storytimes.
- Kaydee helped to plan a skit about SLP for the Granby Elementary School.
- All staff attended an Active Shooter training with Grand County Sheriff's Office.

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Kremmling Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Storytime attendees celebrated unicorns, zoo animals, and caterpillars. They free-painted and created caterpillars with pony beads and pipe cleaners.
- Explorers' Storytime attendees explored states of matter, went on a Colorado animal safari, and made nature bracelets.
- Senior Lunch and Learn featured lunch by Los Amigos and a presentation entitled "Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia" by Angel Hoffman of the Colorado Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.
- Homeschool Hangout participants designed candy catapults, led by Tonja Macklberg of Middle Park 4-H, CSU Extension.
- The Genre Explorers Book Club members met to discuss their Memorable Memoirs reads. Please see Shelly's article in the Sky-Hi News for some great reader recommendations!
- The students at Teen Hangout played on the courts and on the Nintendo Switch. At the end of the hour, they made Emily's day when they asked her to play Uno Emoji with them!
- Other programs included Tech Time, Quilting Club, Afterschool Club, Builders Club, Grand Storytelling, and Virtual Reality.

Access

- Emily read to the children at WGECC, Little Bear Childcare, and Kremmling Preschool, and brought themed books to the Kremmling Preschool, WGECC, and Kindergarten.
- Emily brought a Book Float party to the Grade 6 students who couldn't make it to the one at the library.
- Shelly talked about homeschool resources with the local homeschool co-op. At her regular homeschool outreach, she promoted the Summer Library Program.
- Shelly continued her outreach to Cliffview, Kremmling Memorial Hospital, and Silver Spruce. She promoted the craft program with Teresa Banman, Tech Time, and the possibility of a multigenerational cribbage program. She also presented another Tea and Travel program at Cliffview.
- Shelly represented Grand County Library District at the local Career Fair.
- Book Madness was awesome this year! We had multiple male readers, who wowed us all with their accents and interactivity! We appreciate all our guest readers but are so excited to have male role models showing how much fun reading can be! The winning book was "Jonty Gentoo: the Adventures of a Penguin" by Julia Donaldson.
- Emily joined Mary Ann to do a small radio spot on the new Kremmling Library.
- Anthony installed the Princh mobile print station.
- Michele, TLC extraordinaire, made an amazing corkboard calendar to put behind the circulation desk in place of the LCD screen. She also finished pulling books for Shelly's juvenile nonfiction weeding project.

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- Shelly started weeding both juvenile nonfiction and adult nonfiction.
- Library displays featured the Genre Explorers Book Club theme of “Memorable Memoirs” and “Unearth a Story,” Library of Things, Memorial Day, Colorado Blue Spruce Award nominees, Pets, Big Feelings, and Picture Book Nonfiction.
- Art displays included quilts by Janet Schayer and Marcia Honer, LEGO creations by the Builders Club, and paper mache dinosaurs by Teresa Banman to highlight the SLP prizes.
- Staff assisted patrons with wireless printing, EBSCO databases (Academic Search Premier, Environment Complete, Science Reference Center), hoopla, and Libby this month.

Community Resource

- The West Grand Elementary School visited the Kremmling Library in grade levels to learn all about the Summer Library Program.
- Grand Beginnings staff came during Homeschool Hangout to give vision and hearing screenings.
- TAG members met to start planning the Kremmling Days float.
- Emily and Shelly joined the architects’ meetings and charrette to help start planning and designing the new Kremmling Library.
- Emily led a Program Meetup to discuss SLP, Grand Storytime, and technology use during Storytimes.
- Shelly represented the Kremmling Library at the Strategic Planning session.
- Shelly hosted a LIFT (Librarians Inspiring Family Teaching) meeting for the Association of Rural and Small Libraries.
- All staff attended an Active Shooter training with Grand County Sheriff’s Office.

Juniper Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Storytime themes in May: Mama Spa, Birthday, Pots & Pans Band / Parade, and Water Safety.
- After School Club: Mother’s Day Makerspace, Cupcake Decorating, Play in the Park, and Movie Night.
- Senior Lunch & Learn: Hosted by the Mountain Family Center and Grand County Alerts
- Brown Bag Book Club: Oksana Masters, “The Hard Parts”
- Exploration Station has been Robots and Coding
- Great Decisions 8-week course ended May 21
- Displays themes: Archaeology, Geology, Great Decisions, blue zone, Grand County Alerts
- Display themes: Mother’s Day, Birthdays, Water Safety, dinosaurs and a new Teen bulletin board display.
- Tech Time was held on May 28 & 14
- Recovery Cards Program May 17!

Access

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- Staff have been trained in the room reservation process. It is set up and ready for Juniper patrons to sign up. Some of the global wording does not quite fit our needs but Anthony is looking into it.
- Planning with Kristin Hanson began for the 20-Year Anniversary Party on May 31!
- Sensory Bin: Music sticks, scarves, and stacking wooden rocks
- Granby Elementary Kindergarten students have a field trip to visit the library promoting sign up for Summer Library Program
- Take & Make kits have a flower making craft by Dianne Foss

Community Resource

- Grand Lake Creative District hosted a progressive meet up with other non-profits in Grand Lake.
- Grand Lake Historical Society reserved the study room for their book club meeting!
- Grand Lake Yacht Club book club met at the library on May 24.
- DO staff; Tallie & Chris gave Juniper staff coverage to be able take a one-hour lunch as a staff appreciation day on May 15!
- Sue & Jamie met with the Strategic Planning Day .
- Our cleaning contractor was unable to renew the company's self-insurance coverage this month. As a result, after five years of dedicated service to the library, she is being replaced by Cabin Works in accordance with Facilities and HR requirements. Fortunately, Cabin Works was able to get a professional last minute clean in before the Anniversary Party.
- The 20th Anniversary Party was a fun event with around 125 participants. Big thanks to all the DO staff for helping make this a smooth running and fun event. Thank you Jeremy and Mary Ann for speaking, too! Everybody seems to have really enjoyed the hot dogs! Staff and volunteers really helped in preparation for this event.