

Board of Trustees Meeting Report Packet

Summary of monthly focus, projects, meetings, and accomplishments

Month of Reporting: August 2026

Executive Summary

GCLD Updates

- Completion of Kremmling Annexation process. Moving forward with water and sewer processes.
- Outreach
 - Mural Fest booth with FVL was a HUGE hit. Approx 250 people went through; all canvases given away.
 - Buffalo Days parade; more bubbles, more dinos (outreach)
 - Coordinated back-to-school teacher appreciation events including frozen treats for all schools and scheduling evening events for GES and MPHS; assisted with evening events at the middle school and elementary school
 - KFFR underwriting for September – recorded spot for Library Card Sign-up Month
- After back-to-school events in both East and West Grand, we have 134 students registered for the 100 Books Before Graduation program!
- Promotions for “One Grand Book” Eager, to the Brown Bag Book Group and all other are underway
- 2027 budget development and 2026 year ending reviews preparation has begun
- Ballot Initiative Update- ballot language has been submitted to county clerk and drafts have actual ballots has been approved as of 9/11
- Development of Information Campaign materials (website, handouts, etc)

Capital Projects

- FVL, G, J – Window coverings being ordered – planning on September installs.
- Finalize quotes for FVL interior painting – get scheduled for fall.

Greater Library World

- CALCON- Some great sessions that felt very timely with our current situation.

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Facilities Report

GCLD maximizes library spaces in relation to changing community needs.

Projects & Goals

- FVL – Fire panel components on order – hoping to install September.
- FVL, G, J – Window coverings being ordered – planning on September installs.
- Finalize quotes for FVL interior painting – get scheduled for fall.
- FVL - Complete exterior repairs and paint prep.
- Granby – Begin exterior repairs.
- J – Finalize PR's for drinking fountain and Air Handling solution/ventilation.

Improvements & Changes

- FVL columns have been re-stained.
- Water balancing complete at Granby (HVAC – waiting on report).
- Van repaired and back in service.

Budget & Future Plans

- On budget, working on 2027 budget and forecasting spreadsheet.

Finance-HR Report

Maintain a balanced budget that is sustainable.

Finance

- 2027 budget development and 2026 year ending reviews
- AFA implementation ongoing: budgeting, reporting

Human Resources

- HR Roundtable attendance
- Branch staff support with several absences throughout the district

Meetings & Conferences

- Weekly Kremmling Executive Building Committee meetings
- Weekly administrative meetings
- Budget workshop

Informational

- Trained on new website
- Renewal for Secretary of State documents

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Library Resources Report

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Financial

- 2025: average cost per online resource use =\$0.13 (no ROI)
- 2025: EMedia (Hoopla, OverDrive/Libby, Kanopy)-average cost per use=\$1.23, patron savings \$1,454,829, ROI=1,333%
- 2025: Physical collection circulation ROI= 2,315%
- Access Grand (again) ROI: 1,048%
- 2025 total ROI: total costs=\$172,937.40, patron savings=\$3,182,604, ROI=1,698%

Staff

- Tallie enjoyed working with others: Planning One Grand Book programs—the collaboration between Headwaters River Journey and UCWET was informative and people asked intriguing questions about the recently installed pond levelers (aka Beaver Deceivers) at the actual Fraser River site, well past the scheduled end time—3 more programs planned between Sept. & Oct.; selecting/ordering/organizing books for 100 Books Before Graduation; Back to School outreach events; being included with the Kremmling Library Progress committee to discuss collections and shelving; simplified Return on investment reports to help with mill levy;
- John continued to help patrons with tech time, setting up online contracts, transferring data, installing apps, and much more; has been a solid helper in covering branches, especially Granby; wrote a SHN article about One Grand Book and author visit
- Kaylene: Helped draft new documentation for branch staff; helped rotate and recatalog read-aloud collection; started another semester for her MLIS degree.

Circulation

- Back to school normal decrease in circulation from July to August, but less of a jump than same time frame in 2025

Resources

- Free online justice programs are appreciated. GC non-profits are sharing the information with their clients.
- Lions, butterflies, trains, swimming while singing YMCA! Access Grand use had patrons visiting Denver Zoo, Butterfly Pavilion, Moffat Road Railroad Museum, along with FV Rec and Snow Mountain Ranch were the favorites in August.

Communications Report

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

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Projects & Goals

- Mural Fest booth with FVL was a HUGE hit. Approx 250 people went through; all canvases given away. We should make creating art booth 1x per town art event, possible both WP and in Fraser for FVL given visibility challenges. Strongly recommend 2-3 people, for coordination/managing crowd with more time to interact, and having a library card signup. Would have expenses of canvases, some paint, brushes, water. We have durable goods remaining from D'Agostino donation. Will try to pursue grant for art supplies.
- Interview on KFFR during Mural Fest about the outreach art booth, library of things
- Met with Friends of Grand County Library – push on newsletter and social media to boost interest in membership, recommended Judy or other member write an article for Sky-Hi.
- Ongoing website work; further development of Events/Activities, emphasize clubs for connection, linked online research databases; scrubbed/fixed all Teasers, created summary pages for each library (with thanks to Anthony for dropping in upcoming dates on pages)
- Buffalo Days parade; more bubbles, more dinos (outreach)
- Outreach event for FVL at High Note Thursday – very limited crowd due to downpour
- Brochure in progress for Fundraising/Case for Support
- Initial meeting with Ashley, Every Library

Improvements & Changes –

- FB August (over August 2025 numbers): views at 80k, up 1.4k%. 12.8k viewers, up 805.8%. 939 interactions, up 575.5%. Most viewed post: (tie) NoCo Gals Book Club at FVL on Saturday August 8, 8:52 p.m.; 3.9k views, 5 shares. FVL's tribute Dolly Carton, Wed, August 26, 6:38 p.m.; 3.9k views, 5 shares.
- FB August (over July 2026 numbers): views at 80k, up 34.7%. 12.8k viewers, down 6.1%. 939 interactions, up 14.4%.
- Most viewed fb post: (tie) NoCo Gals Book Club at FVL on Saturday August 8, 8:52 p.m.; 3.9k views, 5 shares. FVL's tribute Dolly Carton, Wed, August 26, 6:38 p.m.; 3.9k views, 5 shares.
- Insta August (over July 2026): 24.1k views, up 120%. 313 interactions.
- Emails:
 - August newsletter; 4,161 open (52.23%); 340 clicks, 32 bounce
- Destination Granby/Jenny Mann photos at Granby Library, approved for a “10 Things you didn't know you could do with a library card” and Destination Granby.
- Met with Silvina from Grand Latin re: how we can better market the library resources & support available to the Spanish-speaking community. Shot reel at Granby Library (video of applying for card, eventually create maps of each location with labeled collections in English, Spanish)

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Budget & Future Plans

- Budget items; future art outreach events.
- Backdrop with images of collections, clubs/connections/activities
- Logo/branding redesign; business cards, banners, signage
- Newsletter “flyer” reformatting for schools
- Increase zoom/accessibility across libraries for meetings, lectures

Technology Report

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

Projects & Goals

- Budgeting for 2027 in alignment with Board direction
- End of year IT audits

Improvements & Changes

- Updated access control systems at FVL, GR, JU, and KR libraries
- Staff training at the mentioned branches on the new systems

Budget & Future Plans

- Final R&D projects over the next two months
- Consideration for shifting the KR computer replacement cycle forward due to new building timing

Public Services Report

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Diverse Collections & Services

- Attended and participated in the Grand Storytelling Club at Granby Library
- Coordinated back-to-school teacher appreciation events including frozen treats for all schools and scheduling evening events for GES and MPHS; assisted with evening events at the middle school and elementary school
- Assisted with Kremmling Library’s Teen Takeover event
- Exciting news – after back-to-school events in both East and West Grand, we have 134 students registered for the 100 Books Before Graduation program!

Access

- KFFR underwriting for September – recorded spot for Library Card Sign-up Month
- CALCON planning meetings

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- Met with Silvina from Mountain Family Center and Kristin to coordinate programs and activities to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and provide decorations for annual Day of the Dead alters in the libraries

Community Resource

- Attended a webinar about Youth Military Programs and how public libraries can participate and support local schools with these initiatives
- Synthesized Senior Lunch & Learn survey data; submitted copies to community partners
- Summer Library Program wrap-up presentation – September Board meeting

Fraser Valley Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Circulation/Collections: Audiobook collection weeded, new spine labels added. Collection projects continue with re-labeling warn labels, repairing books in need, weeding and cleaning up - keeping the library and stacks clean, fresh and accessible.
- Storytime: Monster, Music, Nature Outdoors
- Saturdays: Music & Movement (Kathe recently trained with Kristy in Granby and also plans to incorporate more educational components - counting to a beat, sequencing, rhythm).
- Afterschool Programs: Will begin Wednesday, September 9. FVL will be dividing K-2 and 3-5 for more age-appropriate intentional programming to engage the group, with occasional combined K-5 programming. This is an intentional design this year to keep programming engaging for such a wide developmental range.
- Other programs: Read to a Dog with Lucinda and Kirby, Exploration Station
- Adult Programs: Tech Time; Horror Book Club (August's Theme: Medieval Horror)
- Senior Lunch and Learn: A sneak peek at Grand County's New Animal Shelter featuring photos, updates, and the story behind how this important community resource came to life. Hosted by Mary Ann Kerstiens, corporal of the Animal Shelter and board member for Grand County Pet Pals and Diana Farabaugh, volunteer for the shelter and Grand County Pet Pals. Food provided by Mountain Family Center.
- SLP completed: Fraser Valley stats below - next year we will register adults as they complete the program as done in previous year to avoid skewing the year-to-year stats.

FVL	Registered	Completed	% completed
0-Pre-K	23	7	30%
K - 5	116	38	33%
Teen	36	15	42%
Adult	79	26	33%

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TOTAL	254	86	34%
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Access

- Outreach and Collaborations: Fraser Mountain Mural Festival Paint Your Own Mini Mural - HUGE SUCCESS with over 207 people stopping by the library table, and with phenomenal feedback from the community, High Note Thursday library booth at the Rendezvous Center; Teacher Appreciation Treats welcomed FVE teacher's back to school during in-service days.
- Artist Displays: Odale Cress – Iconic Beaver Lodge Salvage Wood Art
- Displays and marketing: Highlighting FVL's Wonderbook Collection; Back-to-school displays; Author birthday August edition; What are other kids reading? (Recent returns display); Staff picks/recommendations.
- Anthony rearranged the adult computer station (back to where it was prior to the pandemic), placing all adult computers in one clear location. This also freed up the area by the Young Adult collection to prep for other innovative ideas such as a space for a teen/tween section.
- The public notices bulletin board was moved to a more visible location in the main entryway.
- There were severe access issues to the Urban Community Meeting Room door requiring the police to be called to secure the building. Marcus removed the weather stripping to fix the problem.
- Verkada will be installing a new door code system to access the UCMR (already planned before this previous issue existed).

Community Resource

- Emma Zande is the featured writer for Library Corner: September is Library Card Sign-Up Month (<https://www.skyhinews.com/news/library-corner-september-is-library-card-sign-up-month-3/>)
- Professional development & meetings whose benefits carry over into the community: Emily P. trained Rylee and Kathe in the Explorer's program; Know B4 Cybersecurity Training; Jeanette and Michelle met for a budget planning workshop; Jeanette and staff/subs provided feedback for the Strategic Plan; Kathe trained with Kristi in Granby on Music and Movement; All GCLD staff participated in a De-escalation Webinar, FVL staff attended - Building a Positive Workplace Culture: Tools and Best Practices Webinar.
- Jeanette is working on/testing out a new master schedule template with details shared out to support staff in having proper planning time, and time off the circ desk to participate in writing articles for the Sky Hi News, PD time, programming planning time and for projects in the shelf.

Granby Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Storytime: Stars, Elephants, Picnic, & Numbers

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- Early Literacy: Music & Movement
- Elementary: LEGO & Exploration Station
- Adult Programs: Book Club, Craft Club, Grand Storytelling, Outdoor Adventurers & Technology Assistance
- Senior Lunch and Learn: Grand County Environmental Health Specialist discussed Radon and Food Safety. KC Rose provided the food
- All Ages: Chess and Beyond, Messy Art, & Tiny Art
- SLP completed with prize drawings and winners announced

Access

- Artist Displays: Colorado Women's Hall of Fame
- Display Cabinet: Leave No Trace: Rocks, Shells, Pinecones, Feathers, Antlers, and more!
- Displays and marketing:
- Outreach and Collaborations: Back to School @ GES & EGMS

Community Resource

- Professional development & meetings whose benefits carry over into the community: KnowBe4 Data Privacy and Security Foundations, Cybersecurity Awareness, Social Engineering Two-Factor Authentication Access Demonstration and Niche Academy Training on De-Escalation

Hot Sulphur Springs Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- The Summer Library Program finished up with 51 completions. Names were "drawn" for prizes using an internet wheel spinner. All prize winners were elated!
- Storytime was fun as always! Kaydee did a special Back to School storytime at the Town Park where the children made their own bubble wands out of pipe cleaners and pony beads. Themes also included: crystals (the children decorated "heart" rocks with glitter in honor of Dolly Parton and started the crystal growing kit); baseball (the children made a handprint baseball glove); hiking (the children painted rocks for the library rock garden); and vegetables (the children made a special trip to the community gardens of Grand County Public Health to pick fresh veggies!)
- The Community Connections theme for August was Bingo for Books, thanks to the Friends of Grand County Library.
- Senior Lunch and Learn featured lunch and a presentation by KC Rose, "Raw Summer Trend: Two-Minute Nice Cream."
- Kaydee had a huge group for her second Bingo for Books program in her "Friday in the Stacks: Where the Fun Happens" series.
- The Genre Explorers Book Club met to discuss Summer Library Program activity logs and "Unearth Your Story" reads. Watch the Sky-Hi News for Shelly's article recommending some amazing books!

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- Other programs at the Hot Sulphur Springs Library included Tech Time, Family Movie Night, Mario Kart Monday, Crafting with Kaydee, and Exploration Stations.

Access

- Kaydee read to the children at Granby Play Days Preschool.
- Kaydee did outreach at several Back to School Nights at the East Grand School District.
- Emily finished weeding juvenile fiction.
- Emily did multiple extended access orientations in August.
- Library displays included GCLD Genre Explorers Book Club of “Nature’s Hidden Connections,” Storytime Theme of the Week, Best Sellers from the Year You Were Born, and memorials to Hayden Panettiere, Dolly Parton, Tim Curry, and Sam Neill.
- Staff assisted patrons with hoopla, mobile printing, and Nuwav this month.

Community Resource

- Staff worked on KnowBe4 training, De-Escalation training, and employee documentation training.
- Emily was accepted to a beta testing group for a new Youth Services Professional credentialing program created by Kate Compton and Kate Brunner at the Colorado State Library.

Kremmling Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- The Summer Library Program finished up with 75 completions. Names were “drawn” for prizes using an internet wheel spinner. All prize winners were elated!
- Storytime attendees celebrated Back to School, Turtles, and Fish. They created their names (or initials) with watercolor salt art, built their own turtles with paper plates and dot art, and painted fish scales with celery. They also made handprint fish on popsicle sticks for fish songs and fingerplays!
- Senior Lunch and Learn featured lunch by Rollin’ Street Bakery (thanks to Mountain Family Center) and a presentation entitled, “Dark Footprints: True Crime Stories in Grand County” by Samantha Davis, GCHA Programming and Education.
- Natascha Drejonka, Esq. of Never Summer Law presented “Fire Protection: Insurance 101” to a captive audience.
- The Genre Explorers Book Club met to discuss Summer Library Program activity logs and “Unearth Your Story” reads. Watch the Sky-Hi News for Shelly’s article recommending some amazing books!
- Exploration Stations continue to be very popular at Builders’ Club. This month, participants played with Marbles and Mazes and created some awesome tracks!
- After-Hours Teen Takeover was sparsely attended, but the teens that were there all had a great time! The date may be changed for next summer to encourage higher participation.

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- The Colorado Mushrooms class was an absolute delight! The presenter, Harold Larsen, is Shelly's son-in-law's grandfather. Attendees came out of the program excited about all they had learned.
- Other programs at the Kremmling Library included Tech Time and Family Movie Matinee.

Access

- Emily read to the children at WGECC and Little Bear Childcare.
- Shelly was able to start outreach again! She was happy to see her patrons at Cliffview and Kremmling Memorial Hospital after a five-week hiatus.
- Emily continued weeding primers and Shelly finished weeding juvenile nonfiction and continued weeding adult nonfiction. Laura and Deborah did a complete inventory on juvenile nonfiction.
- Emily helped with the Firefighter Open House at the Kremmling Fire Station, welcoming families and scheduling fire truck rides. She also brought firefighter books and coloring sheets.
- Emily ran a small table at West Grand's Back to School Night and brought ice cream and library goodie bags to all the teachers, chatting with them about library resources and services.
- Emily brought books to the kindergarten class.
- Library displays featured the Genre Explorers Book Club theme of "Nature's Hidden Connections," Back to School for Kids AND Adults, Wonderbooks and Launchpads, and Library of Things.
- Art displays included quilts by Keats Scott and Marcia Honer, LEGO creations by the Builders' Club, and journals crafted by Teresa Banman.
- Staff assisted patrons with EBSCO research databases, wireless printing, and Access Grand this month.

Community Resource

- The GCLD Board held its meeting at the Kremmling Library in August.
- Staff worked on KnowBe4 training, De-Escalation training, and employee documentation training.
- Emily was accepted to a beta testing group for a new Youth Services Professional credentialing program created by Kate Compton and Kate Brunner at the Colorado State Library.
- Emily trained Rylee and Kathe in Explorer Storytime.
- Emily and Shelly met with the architect group virtually to discuss casework and floor plans for the new Kremmling Library. Emily, Shelly, and Deborah were also able to meet with several members of the architect and owner's rep team when they visited the Kremmling Library with samples and examples for interior design.
- Emily met with Virgil, the fundraising consultant, to discuss names for possible interviews.

Juniper Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Summer Library Programs: Completed the random number generator drawings for in-house prizes, for the summer library finishers. Chris Newell completed the drawings for all GCLD!

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- Root beer Float party was held for the end of the SLP.
- After School Club (ASC) started up on the first week of back to school. It was a good thing we started right away as several families came!
- Storytime programs were facilitated by Amy: Pajamas- made dream catchers, Buffalo Days- deputy badges, Ready for School-backpacks, and Fort Building- Colorado State Library CSL kit.
- Senior Lunch & Learn: Presenter – Richard Broady – from Grand County Natural Resources- and our own, Jamie, team up with a talk on Noxious Weeds. Food was prepared by Mountain Family Center-Jodie Johnson
- Brown Bag Book Club: Atmosphere by Taylor Jenkins Reid
- Technology Assistance 2x by John Marte
- Buffalo Days Postcard workshop was held 2x during Grand Lake's Buffalo BBQ weekend.
- Grand Beginnings offered a Home Child Care Licensing information talk
- Grand Lake Historic Walking Tour was facilitated by Melody Anders
- Exploration Stations: coding & robots will change over to Marbles & Mazes in September
- Summer Library Program statistics completed
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Access

- Take & Make Kits: Friendship bracelets were made by Juniper staff and distributed throughout the month
- Sensory bin: cleaned out the sand and dinosaurs and added 2" colorful plastic balls
- Adult section displays: Grand Lake History, Buffalo Days, Rocky Mountain National Park, Plants and Weed identification
- Aug Children's Area Display Themes: pajama party, buffaloes, school readiness, homes - building forts
- TEEN BULLETIN BOARD & DISPLAY: "Log off. Hang out."
- Outdoor windows: marketing for library programs
- Grand Lake Postcards celebrate; 20 years at the Juniper Library, Colorado's 150-year anniversary and our Country's 250-year anniversary.
- SLP finishers picked up their prizes!

Community Resource

- A Juniper Library display is showing at the Kauffman House!
- Amy attends EGMS back to school with Kaydee Jenson.
- Sue, Jamie, Mary Ann, Lucas, Andrew, Kristin, John and Dawn all participated in the Grand Lake Buffalo Parade!
- Outdoor Adventurers met at RMNP for a Moose & Beavers talk and hike, facilitated by Park Ranger Sarah Hershfelt related to our "One Grand Book" features
- Staff all completed Prospector's Best Practices.

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- All staff completed: KnowBe4; Scanning for trouble: QR code phishing, Social engineering-two factor Authentication Access, Cybersecurity Awareness: core security principles and Data Privacy and security foundations
- Promotions for “One Grand Book” Eager, to the Brown Bag Book Group and all other are underway