

Grand County Libraries: linking people to boundless opportunities

GRAND COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting, October 14, 2025
5:30 PM

Location: Granby Library or Zoom
Meeting ID: 863 4751 3182
Passcode: gMNz7j

MINUTES

Trustees: Jeremy Krones, Jen Goertz, Darcy Schlichting, Alan Walker, Laura Jones, Erika Cohen, Jennifer Tibbetts

Staff: Mary Ann Degginger, Tara Thompson, Chris Newell, Jeanette McQuade

Friends: Judy Smith

Public: Cindy Schinzel Hald

- I. Call to Order and Consideration of Trustee Absences
Meeting called to order by Jeremy Krones at 5:30 p.m.
All present
- II. Amendments to the Agenda
Strike the September bank reconciliation from the Consent Agenda.
During ED report, there will be discussion about the open Trustee position and the application process.
- III. Approval of the Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda as amended.
Alan Walker motion; Erika Cohen 2nd
All approve
- IV. Consent Agenda:
 - A. September Regular Meeting Board Minutes
 - B. September Budget to Actual and Balance Sheet*Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.*
Darcy Schlichting motion; Erika Cohen 2nd
All approve
- V. Reports
 - A. Friends of the Grand County Library, Inc.
Judy Smith reported. It's been a quiet year. The President left the county, so Judy has assumed the role once again. There have been big book sales – the July 4 sale at Granby Library raised over \$2,000 in two short hours. The Grand Lake sale in August brought in a little of \$1,000 for the two days. Sales continue on a regular basis at each library location including Midtown Café in Granby and the rec center in Fraser. We are now able to accept Venmo and PayPal at the library locations. Genre sales will occur in October, cookbooks, and November, fiction. Next year, the Friends will provide financial support in the amount of \$27,075 for the Summer Library Program and teen events. Over the past four years, Friends have provided a total of \$96,675. The annual membership

meeting will be held Saturday, October 18 at 10 a.m. at Granby Library's Community Room. Membership is \$25 per year for family membership. It is National Friends of the Library month. There is a banner on the facebook, and Judy wrote an article for Sky-Hi News. Friends donated books to be taken to Uganda. Jennifer Tibbetts extended deepest thanks for the donation.

B. Grand County Library Foundation

Darcy attended the Grand County Gives meeting. There was discussion about the best way to advertise Colorado Gives. KFFR will do a free 20 second ad spot and/or a 10 minute talk that is recorded and archived. Ryan Wilson will send out information about the available recording schedule. Grand County Gives is planning to run an ad with a QR code for giving. There was a discussion about using yard signs to advertise CO Gives Day. There is a toolkit available with resources for amping up fundraising efforts.

C. Public Comment

None

VI. Information Items

A. Review by Executive Director of September GCLD Department Highlights & Statistics

Mary Ann Degginger provided a summary of the programs, events, and statistics from the month of September, which was Library Card Sign-up Month. We welcomed 240 new patrons to the libraries. This has been the highest number of new card holders during September between 2021-2025. Facilities Director interviews are complete, and an offer will be made soon. We have added more partners to Access Grand. Rotary Clubs will be partnering with GCLD to move forward with AED purchases for all libraries. Degginger has been participating in software demos for collections, online resources, website development, and finance/HR processes. Patrons are happy with the Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection. Trustee application deadline has passed. There are three applicants, two of which were received prior to the deadline. One came in after the deadline. There was discussion about extending the deadline to be able to include additional applications.

B. Meeting Calendar

1. Evaluations

a. Executive Director Review

- Review to occur at November Meeting – survey will be made available soon

b. Board Self Evaluation

- Results to be presented at the December meeting; goals to be determined at the January meeting – survey will be made available soon

2. Meetings

a. November 18 at Granby Library

- Public Hearing on 2026 budget draft
- Executive Director Review
- Trustee interviews

b. December 9 (Annual Meeting) at Granby Library

- Budget Approval
- Board Self-Evaluation presented with proposed goals
- Election of Officers
- Approve dates for 2026 Annual Calendar

C. Trustee Re-Appointment Committee

Erika Cohen and LKNJ served on the committee. They reviewed the necessary materials and feedback from Trustees and would recommend that Jen Goertz remain in her role as a Trustee.

D. Preliminary 2026 Budget

The finance committee met to review the planning process, and Tara Thompson presented the 2026 drafted budget. Capital expenses and projects for 2026 were summarized. The Foundation budget was addressed, and Thompson shared their special revenue fund and budget draft. There was a consensus to move funds in CD's into the general investment account for the Foundation so the funds are all together. There was discussion about the overall draft budget for 2026. It was recommended to post the draft budget for public inspection.

E. 2026 Action Plan

Degginger shared plans for continuation of the current Strategic Plan and a timeline for developing the new one. The 2026 Action Plan was summarized. The three current focus areas will stay in place for next year - Diverse Collection and Services, Access, and Community Resource. A future planning timeline to develop a new Strategic Plan was presented, most of which will be happening January-March 2026.

F. Executive Session: Kremmling Library Land Purchase Options

Motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(a) concerning the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property for the Kremmling Library.

Jeremy Krones motion; Alan Walker 2nd

All approve

Entered Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

Adjourned Executive Session at 8:03 p.m.

VII. Action Items

A. Foundation Certificate of Deposit coming due for the Foundation

Motion to transfer funds from the Foundation's three CD accounts into the general investment fund with Edward Jones as they mature.

Alan Walker motion; Erika Cohen 2nd

All approve

B. Trustee Re-Appointment Recommendation to BOCC

Motion to recommend Jen Goertz to the BOCC for re-appointment to her Trustee position.

Jennifer Tibbetts motion; Darcy Schlichting 2nd

All approve

C. Post budget

Motion to post the 2026 draft budget for public inspection prior to the November Board meeting.

Erika Cohen motion; Alan Walker 2nd

All approve

D. Executive Session

I move that the Board of Trustees of Grand County Library District authorize the Board President and Executive Director to jointly negotiate the terms and conditions of real estate transactions for the purpose of establishing a new library in Kremmling, with a minimum of 3.5 acres, up to a maximum amount of \$1 million, and a proposed contract to be presented to the board at the November 20205 meeting. Negotiations should take into consideration the priorities of the 3 properties as presented by the Executive Director to the board. This authorization includes engaging with sellers, brokers, legal counsel, and other relevant parties to assess and negotiate purchase price, terms, and contingencies. No final agreement shall be executed without further approval by the full Board of Trustees, unless otherwise authorized by a subsequent resolution.

Jeremy Krones motion; Jen Goertz 2nd

All approve

Discussion:

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.