

Grand County Libraries: linking people to boundless opportunities

GRAND COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting, January 20, 2026
5:30 PM

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

MINUTES

Trustees: Jeremy Krones, Jen Goertz, Alan Walker, Laura Jones, Erika Cohen, Jennifer Tibbetts, Miriam Roskam

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

Public: Sara Ott, Andy Arnold, Scott Ledin, Kaydee Jensen, Michelle Grant, Anthony Leyba, Kathe Merken, Deborah Hast, Tallie Gray

5:30 p.m.

- I. Call to Order and Consideration of Trustee Absences
Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Jeremy Krones.
All present
- II. Amendments to the Agenda
Foundation items – add approval of previous minutes.
Add to agenda - statement of appreciation and commemoration in honor of Dr. Michael Brooks
- III. Approval of the Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda as amended.
Alan Walker motion; Erika Cohen 2nd
Approved

5:40 p.m.

- IV. Consent Agenda:
 - A. December Regular Meeting Board Minutes
 - B. Correspondence – Letter from attorney regarding annual notices, SDA 2026 calendar of statutory deadlines
 - C. December Bank Reconciliation
 - D. December Budget to Actual and Balance Sheet
Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Jen Goertz motion; Jennifer Tibbetts 2nd
Approved

5:45 p.m.

- V. Reports
 - A. Friends of the Grand County Library, Inc.
No report
 - B. Public Comment

Per Jeremy Kroner, Dr. Michael Brooks was a significant member of the community. His passing was announced today. We thank him for his service to the community over many years.

6:00 p.m.

VI. Business Items

A. 2025 December Merit Bonus Recipients Recognized

Awards are granted bi-annually as recognition for excellence in performance beyond regular position expectations. Degginger announced the nine recipients for this round of merit bonuses.

Chris Newell

Laura Luna

Emily Pedersen

Deborah Hast

Kaydee Jensen

Tara Thompson

Kathe Merken

Cindy Schinzel Hald

Anthony Leyba

B.

Winter Park Urban Renewal Authority & Impact to GCLD

Sara Ott, Interim Town Manager, spoke about TIF financing and the impact on GCLD financials. She was joined by Andy Arnold and Scott Ledin. Their presentation addressed the development of the Winter Park Resort area and other economic development projects on the east side of the county. Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and its uses were explained. An impact assessment report was presented. Revenue impacts are high for the library district. They are recommending GCLD negotiate a revenue sharing agreement with the Winter Park URA.

C. Review by Executive Director of December GCLD Department Highlights & Statistics

Degginger gave a review of December's progress including projects, events, and statistics. Welcome to Miriam Roskam, new Trustee.

D. Action Plan for 2026 - Finalized

Degginger summarized the plan and its details. She answered questions from Trustees regarding content, action steps, and timelines.

E. Meeting Calendar

a. Town Meetings- TBD

b. February 3 Strategic Planning Workshop

c. February 17 at Granby Library

d. March 3 Strategic Planning Workshop

F. GCLD Board of Trustees Goals for 2026

Suggestions and ideas for 2026 Trustee goals included:

- Further education and knowledge about the Mill Levy process is needed in order to make a decision and possibly get on the ballot in November.

- Come to meetings prepared in order to be engaged and ask questions.

- Education is needed regarding acting as a public Board and members' roles.

- Kremmling Library project – support projected timelines for 2026.
- Maintain a healthy Foundation.

Degginger will communicate goals to Board members for feedback. Goals will be solidified in February.

G. Appointment of Trustees to Fundraising Committee

Thanks to Jen Goertz and Jennifer Tibbetts who volunteered to head the Foundation's Fundraising Committee.

H. 4.6e Bids, Proposals, and Quotes: FVL Circulation Desk Project

ReThinking Libraries recommended a smaller circulation desk to create more space for library operations. Multiple quotes were received for this project. The proposed selection was presented and described for function, design, length of wear, and footprint. The preferred design came in over budget – cost includes installation and delivery. The project was brought to the Board for discussion and approval. Degginger answered questions.

Trustees requested additional vendors to be researched. The project will be discussed and presented at the February meeting.

I. Grand County Library District Foundation

Discussion on Foundation work will be added as a monthly agenda item.

1. December fundraising report

Grand Foundation helps to market Grand County Gives. \$350 was received in addition to the \$2,500 already received. Thompson will be attending the Grand Foundation's wrap-up meeting. Two additional donations have been received. Kroger - \$131.87. United Way - \$1,055. Thompson has also been researching endowment possibilities. Quasi-endowment is Board directed, versus donor directed. The 2025 audit is scheduled for February 9. The bookkeeper is officially done, so Thompson has taken on Foundation budget tasks. Trustees were asked what they would like to see for monthly budget reports. Quarterly reporting was recommended.

2. Digitization project update

Krones gave an update. Sky-Hi News is digitizing all newspapers. They are looking for a pass-through entity and the Friends declined. They approached the Foundation. They have five grants they seek along with other additional funding sources available to them but need a pass-through 501C3 entity to assist. Krones will continue to pursue answers to the questions raised by the Board before proceeding.

3. December Minutes

Motion to approve the December Foundation minutes as presented.

Jen Goertz motion; Erika Cohen 2nd

Approved

7:55 p.m.

I. Action Items

A. Know Before Training – deadline to complete is January 31, 2026.

8:00 p.m.

II. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.