

Grand County Libraries: linking people to boundless opportunities

GRAND COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting, July 15, 2025

5:30 PM

Location: Hot Sulphur Spring Library or Zoom

Meeting ID: 863 4751 3182

Passcode: gMNz7j

MINUTES

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

Staff: Mary Ann Degginger, Tara Thompson, Chris Newell, Emily Pedersen

Public:

5:30 p.m.

- I. Call to Order and Consideration of Trustee Absences
Meeting called to order by Jeremy Krones at 5:30 p.m.
Absent – Alan Walker
- II. Amendments to the Agenda
None
- III. Approval of the Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Darcy Schlichting motion; Erika Cohen 2nd
All approve

5:40 p.m.

- IV. Consent Agenda:
 - A. June Regular Meeting Board Minutes
 - B. Correspondence
Darcy Schlichting submitted a letter of resignation from her position as a Trustee, effective December 31, 2025. Trustees were asked to think about a timeline for advertising for the vacancy.
 - C. May Bank Reconciliation and June Bank Reconciliation
 - D. June Budget to Actual and Balance Sheet
Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Jen Goertz motion; Erika Cohen 2nd
All approve

5:45 p.m.

- V. Reports

- A. Friends of the Grand County Library, Inc.
No report this month.
- B. Grand County Library Foundation
Krones reported on the budget activity to date. \$11,115 has been raised. The goal is to hit 2024's numbers through Colorado Gives by the end of 2025. Krones is working through the Foundation files and crafting job descriptions for Board members before the next Foundation meeting. He is in communication with Sky-Hi News and Grand County Historical Association to discuss the future of the digitization project and the Foundation possibly serving as the non-profit pass through for the project.
- C. Public Comment
None

5:55 p.m.

VI. Business Items

- A. Hot Sulphur Springs Library Update
Emily Pedersen presented a summary of the program highlights and events happening in the branch. She introduced Kaydee Jensen, library associate, who has grown Storytime more than two-fold since she began her work in the branch. Kaydee's extended hours have enabled the branch to offer more for patrons. Community Connections is a new program for adults designed as an after-hours event. It is held on the first Tuesday of each month. They are also able to offer Senior Lunch & Learn monthly instead of quarterly. Emily provided an explanation of the extended access program, which is being piloted by a few identified patrons from town. Extended access is available on closed days, designed to coincide with Kremmling Library's open hours so patrons using the program have access to library staff via phone if there are questions. The branch has a new swamp cooler – it is working beautifully!
- B. Review by Executive Director of June GCLD Department Highlights & Statistics
Degginger provided a review and summary of June's projects, events, and statistics.
- C. Meeting Calendar
 - 1. August 19 regular Board meeting at Kremmling Library – a Foundation meeting will be held beginning at 5 p.m.
 - 2. September 16 at Granby Library
 - 3. CALCON (Beaver Run) September 3-5
 - 4. SDA Conference (Keystone) September 16-18
 - 5. October 14 at Granby Library – second Tuesday of the month instead of the third Tuesday of the month; budget approval
- D. Six-Month Review of Strategic Framework and Budget Review

Degginger presented a progress report on the final initiatives for 2025.

- Digital Access – We have expanded Digital Resource Associate hours to meet the needs of increased use of online resources. John Marte is now full time and can provide in-depth technology assistance at all branches. We are seeing a surge in digital resource usage which will impact future budget planning. The Granby Library Community Room AV suite project continues, working with Michael's Audio and waiting on the final ReThinking Libraries report before making final decisions. The goal is ease of use and simplicity.
- Open Hours – Goals have been met. We are waiting on solar umbrellas, which are on backorder.
- Civic Engagement – The sensory garden at Granby Library is completed, and a patron has reported on a positive experience on the back patio. The entrepreneur program is receiving many positive comments and a great response. Analysis of makerspace is still on the list, but the Kremmling Library project is a priority. A pie chart denoting programming by age and programming by usage was displayed, showing how GCLD is serving the community through programming and the budget. Prizes and experiences are most enjoyed by attendees.
- Marketing – A new social media campaign is in progress. Degginger shared statistics about our reach and possibilities to expand. We will continue to participate in outreach events throughout Grand County.
- Teens – All initiatives have been completed in this category. We will be rolling out the new 100 Books Before Graduation program to staff in July and to middle school students and staff in August. Youth spaces will be a continued project as we review results of the ReThinking Libraries project.
- The six-month budget review was presented by Tara Thompson. The General Fund from the adopted budget for 2025 was summarized along with the Special Revenue Fund, which represents the Foundation. A report on facilities projects was given along with a list of those to be completed by the end of the year. Finally, Thompson discussed the details of her projected actuals report. It is her opinion that we will not need to amend the budget at this time. The progress of the Kremmling Library project could affect future spending. An explanation of revenue and expense discrepancies was provided. Finally, the forecast model was presented. At the time of this review, we are on track for 2025.

E. Kremmling Library Update

Degginger gave a report about land acquisition progress in Kremmling. We have secured a real estate agent who has spoken with the landowner in question. We are continuing to discuss land donation versus land purchase. There are still some contingencies being reviewed and negotiated. Potential solutions have been discussed through lawyers and the landowner's real estate agent. Things are moving in a positive direction. Negotiations will occur within the next few weeks.

F. Mill Levy Discussion and Decision for 2025 Ballot

The finance committee agreed with Thompson's recommendation to not move forward with a ballot issue now. There is a July 25 deadline to get an initiative on the 2025 ballot. The current mill levy does not expire until 2026. We will have a solid story to share at that time. After this November, we will begin to analyze a future ballot initiative and how the marketing plan will look. It was recommended to make a final decision in May or June of 2026.

7:55 p.m.

VII. Action Items

8:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.