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October 2026
Board Meeting: November 17, 2026

Board of Trustees Meeting Report Packet

Summary of monthly focus, projects, meetings, and accomplishments

Month of Reporting: October 2026

Executive Summary

GCLD

- Ballot
  - Thank you to all who supported the library's ballot initiatives
  - Risk Limiting Audit- Nov. 17
  - Canvass- Friday November 20 (results certified)
- Committee work this month
  - Policy Committee.
  - Finance Committee
  - Board Review Committee
  - ED Review Committee
- Working with facilities & finance on a Capital Improvement Plan
- Staffing: Hired 2 new TLC's (subs). An opening for an associate position was filled internally. An opening for a clerk position was filled internally with a recent TLC hire. Welcome our new clerk at Granby - Amy Hiatt.
- In support of our current strategic Plan initiative to reach more Teens, we hosted TeenTober events around the county were extremely popular and well attended. 171 teens participated in twenty-on programs during the month of October.
- All Staff Training had presenters on employee benefits, a training on Communication Skills: Listening and Feedback, and updates on the state of the library district for staff.
- A Wicked Good Time was had by all at Granby Library on Oct. 30. All libraries on the east side of the county participated this year by assisting with games and decorations and recruiting tweens/teens to help. We had over 500 people come through the library for fun and festivities. Shout out to the Granby Library staff for continuing to host and be a part of this huge annual community event.

Capital Projects

- No capital projects currently in progress

Greater Library World

- AI generated CORA requests have been an issue for other libraries and government entities in Colorado.

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Facilities Report

GCLD maximizes library spaces in relation to changing community needs.

Projects & Goals

- Complete installation of drinking fountain in Juniper.
- Install ventilation / air handler in Juniper.
- Continue work on Granby exterior projects.
- Prep all sites for winter.

Improvements & Changes

- FVL exterior repairs / prep for paint 2027 complete.
- FVL new fire panel passed inspections!

Budget & Future Plans

- Continued development and refinement of Facilities forecasting model.

Finance-HR Report

Maintain a balanced budget that is sustainable.

Finance

- AFA implementation ongoing
- Investment meetings with Edward Jones and ColoTrust agents
- Watching the ballot initiatives

Human Resources

- Medical leave communications, after return review
- Open Enrollment
- Granby staffing shift, open associate position

Meetings & Conferences

- All Staff Training
- Weekly Executive Building Committee
- Leadership Team

Informational

- Fulfilled several CORA request within required timeframe
- Working with facilities for capital improvement plan

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Library Resources Report

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Financial

- Need to compare LR budget spreadsheet with Finance report, but should be on track

Staff

- Tallie: Applied to join Marmot's Public Library ILS Procurement committee, facilitated One Grand Book program with CPW at GL about wildlife and road crossings; article about CHNC—picked up by a few entities; helped facilitate Sanam Sherpa of The Small World organization in Nepal (one of 5 women chosen by the Obama Foundation as the most influential promoters of women's empowerment and education, globally); outreach at the high school; collaborated with FVL in weeding and moving collections to create a fresh feeling from the teen area to the periodical area
- John: Presented -Media Literacy at HSS and K and Cybersecurity training at GL and Juniper; Tech Time topics-out-of-date hardware and software, sharing transcripts of phone recordings, insurance claim files; facilitated One Grand Book programs with author Ben Goldfarb (public talk and craft talk); Medial Literacy article;
- Tallie and John started training new TLCs with new onboarding outline
- Kaylene: Attended MUG—favorite session was about wants for new ILS and cataloging standards

Circulation

- Steady—only 7 fewer checkouts in October than September for physical collection, that is as close as it gets to consistency
- Online resources hit an all-time high in usage in October, mostly maintained high usage of online newspapers and a huge surge in OD usage, highest increase. by over 700 more checkouts

Resources

- Revisiting with Library IQ about collection management software, especially good for planning the new Kremmling Library and

Communications Report

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

Projects & Goals

- For Kremmling ceremonial party: created SkyHi ads, social posts, event displays.

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- WP business bonanza.
- For PR/comprehensive referendum informative campaign:
    - Created documents for election displays at all libraries
    - "I love the library" stickers, T-shirts for staff/volunteers
    - Designed, implemented social media campaign with daily posts ranging from statistics, library related quotes, direct posts re: 6b, 6c. (in addition to standard events posts).

Improvements & Changes – **note: with end of SLP, election, expect to see a drop in social media views & interaction (though still anticipate numbers significantly larger than 2025.)*

- Further updates to website; creating direct links (less clicking for user)
- October (over September 2026 numbers): views at 124.4K, up 58.2%. 10,676 viewers, up 15.1%. 2K interactions, up 48.4%.
- Insta October (over September 2026): 11.1K views, up 30.7%. 258 interactions, up .8%.
- Most viewed post: **Kremmling breaking ground**, posted Tuesday, October 13 at 11:30 a.m.; 7.2k views, 3 shares, 132 interactions.
- Emails:
    - October newsletter; 4,149 open (increase over September's 4,054); 516 clicks, 35 bounce
- **Top 6** PR campaign views had between 4.6k and 2k views each

Budget & Future Plans

- Create 2027 communications/marketing strategy & priority projects plan
- First library card, 100 books, 1000 books photo frames/backdrops
- Digikam testing

Technology Report

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

Projects & Goals

- End of year wrap up and purchasing of minor items
- No major changes pending; projects for year are completed

Improvements & Changes

- Investigating costs for 1Gb fiber at FVL and GR for 2027
- E-Rate discussions per above
- Beta group for physical MFA keys ongoing

Budget & Future Plans

- Ironing out budget plans for 2027 projects

- Investigating potential picture printing options for branches as part of a wider library districts initiative

Public Services Report

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Diverse Collections & Services

- TeenTober events around the county were extremely popular and well attended. 171 teens participated in twenty-on programs during the month of October.
- Assisted with Afterschool Club at Juniper Library; staff outages
- One Grand Book program was a tremendous success. Ben Goldfarb was engaging, and his books provided pertinent topics for Grand County. Mary Smith has been selected for 2027 to highlight his new historical fiction book, “27 Knots.”
- Participated in Grand Storytelling program at Granby Library; this month’s theme was “I Stood Up;” interest and attendance is growing; met with Phil to begin planning for 2027
- Assisted with the After Hours Tween Werewolf at the Library program at Fraser Valley Library
- We celebrated another COHS graduate at Granby Library. The ceremony was touching, and the graduate and her family were appreciative of the recognition and celebration.
- A Wicked Good Time was had by all at Granby Library on Oct. 30. All libraries on the east side of the county participated this year by assisting with games and decorations and recruiting tweens/teens to help. We had over 500 people come through the library for fun and festivities. Shout out to the Granby Library staff for continuing to host and be a part of this huge annual community event.
- The Spooky Story Contest was wrapped up and winners have been announced. All will receive a special GCLD book so they can see their stories published.

Access

- Attended the CATS (Children and Teen Services) meet-up; guest speakers gave a presentation about “creating a Teen Space on a low budget.”
- Participated in the Friends annual meeting
- Collaborated with Silvina from Mountain Family Center/Grand Latin to offer Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos) altars in all libraries; Silvina provided colorful posters to help explain the meaning of the altars. Alejandra from MFC created a beautiful flyer in English and Spanish to help promote the programs. An attempt was made to schedule performers to provide music and movement activities during those programs on Oct. 30 and 31, but no one was available this year.

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Community Resource

- Conducted volunteer interviews and welcomed some new faces; volunteer appreciation lunch was hosted during All Staff Training
- Onboarded two new TLC's; revamped training module, checklists, and mode of delivery; thanks to Tallie and John for facilitating initial training hours
- Participated in All Staff Training

Fraser Valley Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Circulation/Collections: Lots of collection projects and clean up! Finished weeding/re-spine labeling the oversized and YA sections; Tallie weeded reference collection, foreign language and DVDs. DVD collection slated for more dynamic shelving and TV Series will be pulled out of the regular DVD collection for its own new section; magazine collection shifted, creating new space for oversized collection (location next to the lounge area of library for better visibility, browsing and use in branch). Added shelving to adult graphic novel section to accommodate its growth, reducing the size of reference collection. Foreign language collection location changed for better visibility. Continue to test the "tween" section - currently being used by upper elementary aged students (5th graders).
- Storytime: Fall, Festival of Lights, Conflict Resolution, Dia De Los Muertos, Halloween
- Afterschool Club: Game Day, Dia de los Muertos Crafts, Dia de los Muertos Movie, Halloween
- Adult Programs: After- hours showing of Rocky Horror Picture Show, Plant Identification w/Trish Cymin, Horror Book Club (one year anniversary), Correspondents Club, Tech Time
- Senior Lunch and Learn: The Neuro-Nutritionist with KC Rose
- All Ages: Witch Bells Crafternoon
- Other Programs: Spooky Story Contest, After Hours Tween Werewolf at the Library, Wicked Good Time, Exploration Station

Access

- Artist Display: Textiles from Around the World by Trish Cyman
- Displays and marketing: Banned books Month, Halloween Books, Hispanic Heritage, Horror Books, Fall Themed Movies,
- Participated in Grand County Advocate's Purple Light Campaign: October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month - a time to honor survivors, raise awareness and stand together against abuse. The purple light campaign involves shining a purple light in support of survivors and in recognition of the importance of community awareness and action. FVL paired this with a book display and information for the Advocates.
- Election information display: Blue Book, League of Women's Voters, information on local election, including how to register and ballot box locations.

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- Project in the staff workroom - Kathe and Rylee reorganize the staff storeroom – inventory of supplies, while switching storage containers from cardboard to plastic. Cleaned space for better access for branch staff, facilities, Friends, and to follow internal safety protocol.

Community Resource

- Jeanette, Rylee and Kathe participated in the Colorado State Library Continuing Education & Credentialing Program Survey
- Jeanette voted in the CAL Board of Directors Election - supporting our very own Chris Newell for West Region Rep!
- All FVL staff attended GCLD's all-staff training on October 20
- Rylee attended the Program Mentor Meet-Up meeting
- FVL welcomes two new volunteers - Madge and Lucy
- Jeanette and Rylee attend the Library Corner meeting
- Third quarter meetings with staff completed
- Jeanette attends the October GCLD BOT meeting as branch representative.
- Rylee visits the Hot Sulphur Springs Library (has now worked in every branch except Juniper)
- Kathe visits the Kremmling Library (will visit HSS in November and plans to visit Juniper)

Granby Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Storytime: Fire Prevention with East Grand Fire, Pumpkins, National Dental Hygiene Month with Granby Dental, & Halloween
- Early Literacy: Music & Movement
- Elementary: Wonderstruck Wednesday, Homeschool Hangout, LEGO & Exploration Station
- Teen: Teen Hangout
- Adult Programs: Book Club, Craft Club, 2 Crochet Classes, Grand Storytelling, Ageless Grace, Technology Assistance, & Norway Travel Program
- Senior Lunch and Learn: Medicare and Open Enrollment was the topic & pizza was provided by Dominos
- All Ages: Chess and Beyond & A Wicked Good Time
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Access

- Artist Displays: Nothing Displayed until 11.2.26
- Display Cabinet: Mending & Darning collection provided by Annette Westerby
- Displays and marketing: Ahoy Readers, Leaf Through a Good Book, Banned Books, Don’t Be Caught Dead without a Book, Witch Book will You Read, Hauntingly Good Reads, From Beyond the Bookshelf, Hispanic Heritage Month, & Dia de Los Muertos
- Outreach and Collaborations: Community Baby Shower, & GES Preschool

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Community Resource

- Kristi is participating in a beta testing group for a new Youth Services Professional credentialing program created by Kate Compton and Kate Brunner at the Colorado State Library.
- Tess Riley Resigned from her Library Associate position
- Kristi Moyer has accepted the Library Associate position that Tess previously held.
- Interviews for Library Clerk
- Staff attended AST

Hot Sulphur Springs Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Storytime attendees celebrated Fire Prevention Week, Winnie the Pooh's Birthday, Dia de los Muertos, and Halloween. They made paper fire trucks, traveled to the Colorado River bridge to play "Pooh Sticks," and decorated masks and ghosts.
- Senior Lunch and Learn featured lunch by KC Rose and a presentation entitled "Election Season Media Literacy" by John Marte.
- Community Connections is back with a vengeance! Kaydee had a wonderful time calling Bingo for multiple participants!
- Kaydee hosted an after-hours teen event for Teentober including crafts, Nintendo Switch, Minute to Win It games, snacks, and prizes. It was a hit! Thanks to Michelle for playing DJ!
- Other programs at the Hot Sulphur Springs Library included Tech Time, Family Movie Night, Crafting with Kaydee, and Exploration Stations, Pokemon Club, and Page Turners Club.

Access

- Kaydee read to the children at Granby Play Days Preschool.
- Kaydee's outreach at the Granby Elementary School Morning Stars Program has been very successful! This month, she brought Exploration Stations to engage the students who hang out in the cafeteria before school begins. She also did a small “storytime” right before they headed to their classrooms.
- Kaydee took the storytime families around to trick or treat at the various County buildings and the Grand County Sheriff's Office on Monday, October 26. Everyone loved seeing the children in costume!
- Emily continued relabeling book series in the juvenile fiction section and started weeding the juvenile easy section. Kaydee weeded and reorganized the board books.
- Library displays featured GCLD Genre Explorers Book Club theme of “Nature’s Hidden Connections,” Storytime Theme of the Week, “How to Train Your Dragon,” Autumn, Halloween. Bestsellers from the Year You Were Born (1990’s), 9/11, and Hispanic Heritage Month. An ofrenda was also created for Dia de los Muertos.
- Staff assisted patrons with Princh this month.

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Community Resource

- Kaydee opened the library on Friday night, October 30 to welcome in the trick or treaters of Hot Sulphur Springs. Around 150 people visited the library, played in the children's room, and left with a treat and a book. Kaydee even signed a couple of children up for 1000 Books B4 Kindergarten and 100 Books B4 Graduation!
- Kaydee and some Hot Sulphur Springs Library volunteers helped decorate and put on A Wicked Good Time at the Granby Library for Trick or Treat Main Street. Her station was Glow in the Dark Pumpkin Tic Tac Toe and was decorated with ghosts.
- Emily and Kaydee attended All-Staff Training.
- Emily and Kaydee had their Q3 meeting.
- Emily hosted and Kaydee attended a Programming Meetup.
- Rylee library-hopped and hung out at the Hot Sulphur Springs Library on a Friday with Kaydee.

Kremmling Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Storytime attendees celebrated Autumn, Spiders, and Pumpkins. They created autumn-colored trees with coffee filters, markers, and spray bottles; painted with spider rings; and decorated pumpkins and ghosts by pressing cardstock on tinfoil (the tinfoil was colored with marker and sprayed with water).
- Senior Lunch and Learn featured lunch by K-Town Trucks and a presentation entitled, "Financial Fraud Awareness" by James Rindt and Shanon Sabados with United Business Bank. Mary Ann also visited to discuss the ballot measure.
- Homeschool Hangout featured a presentation entitled "Be a Fire-Smart Kid: Prevent, Prepare, and Protect Against Wildfires" by Sarah Hershfelt, Rocky Mountain National Park Ranger.
- Fifty-nine students participated in the Spooky Story Contest. Kremmling Library received several individual stories, as well as stories from Ms. Tagle's Grade 1, Ms. Cameron's Grade 6, and Mr. Mericle's Grades 7 and 8.
- The first cribbage program was so popular that Shelly and Emily decided to make it a regular event. Most of the original attendees came to play again, along with four newbies! This time, Shelly got to host a table and Emily's son, Daniel, came to play with the more advanced table for a fun multigenerational aspect!
- John presented his program on election season media literacy to a small, but inquisitive audience.
- Builders Club participants greatly enjoyed the Forces and Motion Exploration Station!
- Thanks to Kathe for the amazing Alien Escape Room! Laura and Emily, along with volunteers, Bill and Marcia Honer, were able to recreate the room with a couple of new twists, and sent four groups of teens through! Each group had its own "personality," and Laura and Emily are definitely ready to take on another escape room, due to the enthusiasm of the teens!

- Other programs at the Kremmling Library included Tech Time, Quilting Club, Medicare Roadmap, and Family Movie Matinee.

Access

- Emily read to the children at WGECC, Little Bear Childcare, and Kremmling Preschool.
- Emily brought books to the Kremmling Preschool, Kindergarten, and Grade 2 classrooms.
- Shelly continued her outreach to Cliffview and Kremmling Memorial Hospital.
- Shelly hosted a Tea and Travel event at Cliffview. The residents "toured" Scotland this month! The attendance keeps growing at these programs as more and more residents come over to check out what's going on!
- Shelly and the Kremmling firefighters hosted the annual "Fire Prevention for Homeschoolers" at the Kremmling Fire Station.
- Emily created a table for West Grand School District's Multicultural Night. She showcased Spanish language items.
- The District put on a Ceremonial Groundbreaking party at the site of the new Kremmling Library. Staff, patrons, board members, and political candidates all joined in on the fun with speeches, confetti poppers, and cupcakes!
- Emily continued weeding primers and Shelly continued weeding adult nonfiction. Staff are also relabeling juvenile series and replacing faded labels. Thanks to Tallie for the new board book shelf to house the Spanish language board books. This shelf then freed up space for the juvenile easy read-alongs.
- Library displays featured the Genre Explorers Book Club theme of "Nature's Hidden Connections," Ivan Doig books in memory of a beloved book club member, Cozy Reads, Home Sustainability, Hispanic Heritage month, Autumn, and Halloween. An ofrenda was also created for Dia de los Muertos.
- Art displays included quilts by Keats Scott and Janet Schayer, LEGO creations by the Builders' Club, and journals crafted by Teresa Banman.
- Staff assisted patrons with Princh this month.

Community Resource

- Ms. Cameron's Grade 6 class walked down to the library for a visit. Several students received library cards and many of them checked out books.
- Emily, Laura, Deborah, and Anne attended All-Staff Training.
- Emily had Q3 meetings with all staff.
- Emily hosted a Programming Meetup.
- Emily attended a meeting with the architects about landscaping.
- Kathe library-hopped and joined the Kremmling Library on the day of the Ceremonial Groundbreaking.

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Juniper Library

Diverse Collections & Services

- Early Literacy Weekly Storytime themes: pumpkins, No Tea for Dragons, Count Dracula, monsters, and trick or treating
- After School Club themes: pumpkin decorating, Halloween challenge, spooky snacks, monster makers, and Coco was premiered for movie night.
- Senior Lunch and Learn topics: Mary Ann provided an overview of the ballot information, helping attendees become more informed about the upcoming election and ballot issues.
- Carrie A. Holton from Colorado Legal Services, Northwest Project, Craig, Colorado, served as the facilitator for the Senior Lunch and Learn. She presented information on Medicare changes and financial planning. Community Resource. KC Rose prepared a beautiful fall-themed vegetarian food display featuring seasonal ingredients, including pumpkin.
- Brown Bag Book Club read Madame Secretary by Stephanie Dray
- Technology Assistance twice this month with John Marte
- John held a special program on Cybersecurity.
- Dia de lost Muertos: Community Ofrenda Oct. 28-Nov. 7
- Nepal: Community, Culture, & Current Events
- Spooky Story Contest Deadline
- Raven Reading Room: Readings of Edgar Allan Poe’s The Raven, shared by our community, and magical mocktail potions

Access

- Take & Makes: pumpkins beads, fall crowns, plate sunflower made by Dianne Foss and Sue
- Adult section displays: new books, Spanish, Nepal; community, cultural, and world events, Banned Books Week/Let Freedom Read Day
- Children's Area Display Themes: , new books, pumpkins, Count Dracula, Dragons/fire safety, Monsters, trick or treat
- Teen bulletin board display: "Log off & Hang out."
- Sensory bin: colored rubber balls
- Exploration Stations: marbles & mazes (soon to change out) is available every Friday, Saturday, Sundays.
- Outdoor window displays used for marketing for library program

Community Resources

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- Author Stan Yan returns with delightful stories, art, and spooky fun sponsored by the Town of Grand Lake.
- Created an altar for Dia de lost Muertos: A Celebration of Life & Memory
- Special guest, Sonoma Sherpa, from Nepal: Community, Culture, & Current Events
- Sue participated in the Wicked Good Time at the Granby Library as the Library Dragon by Carmen Agra Deedy.
- The Town was incredibly busy with the nice weather.
- Sue and Jamie attended a special Boulder Ballet event held at the Rocky Mountain Repertory Theatre. The event provided an opportunity to enjoy and experience the arts and connect with the local cultural community.