

APPROVED
Grand County Public Library
Minutes for the Regular Board of Directors Meeting
July 10, 2025 5:30 pm
Board Room, Grand County Public Library

In attendance for the July 10, 2025 Grand County Public Library Board meeting held in the Board Room at the Grand County Public Library, were as follows: Anne Clare Erickson, Alyssa Sherman, Jackie Hoyer, and Brian Parkin. Also present were Carrie Valdes, Library Director; and Meghan Flynn, Assistant Director (minutes). Michele Widera, Rowan List, Trish Hedin, and Klayre Humphreys were absent.

Anne Clare called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Approval of the minutes for the May 8, 2025 meeting was discussed. Brian made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jackie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The library bills were passed around for review.

There were no Citizens to be Heard.

Carrie delivered a Director's Report to the Board. The HVAC replacement project will start later than anticipated due to issues obtaining the units. Construction is now tentatively planned for two weeks in August. More will be known about the construction schedule later in July. During the first week of construction library staff will have very limited access to the Moab Library building. Adapted library services will be provided from the Teen Center during that time. During the second week of construction the building will still be closed to the public, but library staff can be inside. Adapted services will still be provided that week. During the second week, staff will work on projects that improve services and are easier to complete when the building is closed to the public. Discussion followed.

Carrie continued the Director's Report and discussed staffing updates. The library is currently short staffed, but the county recently implemented an informal hiring freeze. She noted that library statistics and budget spending are as expected and looking good for this time of year.

The Board moved on to Old Business. The first item on the agenda under Old Business was Review and Consideration of Re-approval of the Grand County Public Library Meeting Room Policy. Carrie noted that library staff do not recommend any changes to the policy and noted that it has served the library well. Alyssa made a motion to approve the policy as presented. Jackie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The second item on the agenda under Old Business was Review and Consideration of Re-approval of the Grand County Public Library Code of Conduct. Carrie stated that the policy was updated two years ago as recommended by the Grand County Attorney. The County Attorney helped with that process and the policy has since served the library well. Discussion followed regarding unattended children and library staff experience asking people to leave when they are not compliant with the Code of Conduct. Brian made a motion to approve the policy as presented. Alyssa seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The third item on the agenda under Old Business was Discussion of 2025 Budget Year-to-Date. Carrie shared that the library is on a good track with the 2025 budget. Spending is a slight percentage lower than anticipated and there are no concerns regarding the 2025 library budget.

The Board moved on to New Business. The first item on the agenda under New Business was Discussion of Grand County Public Library Patron Account Types. Carrie informed the Board that the library has numerous patron account types and is working to consolidate some. For example, during the pandemic closure a “Self Registration” type was created so patrons could sign up for a card remotely, but that option is no longer necessary. Library staff may look into creating account types for non-residents that do not permit access to digital resources. Digital resources are costly and staff want to consider prioritizing access for Grand County residents.

The second item on the agenda under New Business was Discussion of Potential Impacts to 2026 Library Budget. This item is related to the prior discussion as the Utah State Library (USL) has received notification that there are plans to disband the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) as of September 2026. IMLS is a federal agency that typically provides USL with \$3 million in funding annually. USL uses \$1 million of those funds to pay for digital services for Utah libraries, including Libby/Overdrive (ebooks, eaudiobooks, etc.) and Utah’s Online Library (research databases). Grand County Public Library (GCPL) typically pays \$10,000 toward Libby/Overdrive access. If the federal funding is eliminated, GCPL will not be able to address the shortfall. USL is thinking strategically to address the potential loss of federal funds, but there are no specific plans at this time. IMLS funds distributed via the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) have also been used to support Utah libraries’ access to technology upgrades, interlibrary loans, program opportunities, and competitive grants. Given this news, the Library Board may need to consider pursuing changes to the library’s fee schedule, the interlocal agreement with San Juan County for residents with 84532 zip codes, and the type of Grand County Library card that may be issued to those patrons. Discussion followed.

There was no Consent Agenda.

There were no Board Member Reports.

The Board moved on the Future Agenda Items. There was discussion about asking the current High School Representative to resign from the Board as she has left the area to attend college. If the position is vacant, current high school students may apply to fill the vacancy.

A closed session was not needed. Anne Clare adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.