

MINUTES OF THE MARY J. BARNETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 27, 2026

****Board Meeting Minutes****

****Members Present:****

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| - Steven Bascom | - Becky Carico | - Lacy Hall |
| - Brandon Monaghan | - Library Director Jerri Hawkins | |

****Call to Order:****

The regular meeting of the Board was called to order by President Steven Bascom at 5:59 p.m.

****Approval of Minutes:****

Carico moved to approve the minutes from the June 26, 2026, meeting. The motion was seconded by Hall and carried unanimously.

****Financial Report:****

Bascom motioned to approve the financial report as presented. Hall seconded the motion, which passed without opposition.

****Director/Staff Reports:****

Director Jerri Hawkins provided an update on library statistics and events:

The Friends of the GC Library's next meeting is scheduled for 6:15 p.m. on Monday, August 3, 2026. June programs included 81 attendees for the Bridge and Cribbage groups, 7 participants in the afternoon book club, and 12 in the evening book club. Thirty-four patrons participated in Canasta. The Card Making Club had 11 attendees, Craft & Connect had 14, and the Cookbook Club had 3 participants. The Friday Story Hour attracted 35 attendees in June. Attendance for Youth STEM programs- SRP totaled 22 for LEGO Mania and 30 for Creation Corner.

The summer reading program, "Plant a Seed: Read!" was a great success. The library hosted 12 programs, attended by 506 people. Reading logs were turned in by 33 children who logged 543 hours of reading during June.

Kanopy is a new service offered to our Guthrie Center and Guthrie Rural patrons; each month, 12 credits per patron are allowed. During RAGBRAI, we provided cold A/C. Wi-Fi, meeting room, book sale, and just a place to relax.

Additionally, Jerri shared the year-end report for fiscal year 2026. Total circulations with auto-renewals for FY26 were 14,066, saving library patrons \$601,327.33. For the fiscal year to date, in SILO, 377 items were borrowed, and 291 were loaned. Libby/Bridges reported 5,970 total checkouts, including audiobooks, e-books, and magazines. We have added 5 new patrons and had 5 renewals in the month of June, bringing the total number of patrons to 1,547.

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Director Notes:

****Unfinished Business:****

None

****New Business:****

*Election of Officers - Carico nominated Bascom for Library Board Trustee President; no other nominations, Carico moved that nominations cease, Bascom accepted. Carico motioned to appoint Bascom as Library Board President; Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed. Carico nominated Hall for Library Board Trustee Vice President; Hall accepted. Carico motioned to appoint Hall as Library Board Vice President; Monaghan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Bascom stated that he saw in the city council meeting minutes in the newspaper that Dale Menning's library trustee term was renewed and the mayor approved Bascom's library board term renewal to be sent to the Guthrie County Supervisors.

The library board discussed an artist displaying paintings, with the director present to oversee; they stated they are not opposed as long as the director is present for placement and no prices. The library building cleaning and lawn maintenance were also discussed, and at this time no changes are being made.

****Agenda Items for Next Meeting:****

- ★ Director Evaluation
- ★ Holidays and Hours for FY27
- ★ Board Member Renewal of Terms (Menning & Bascom)

****Adjournment:****

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next board meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

****Recording Secretary:****

Jerri Hawkins