

MINUTES OF THE MARY J. BARNETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 24, 2025

****Board Meeting Minutes****

****Members Present:****

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| - Steve Bascom | -Dale Menning | -Karen Kelly, library aide |
| - Becky Carico | - Brandon Monaghan | |
| - Lacy Hall | - Library Director Jerri Hawkins | |

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

The regular meeting of the Board was called to order by President Bascom at 6:00 p.m.

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

Menning moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on September 22, 2025. The motion was seconded by Hall and carried unanimously.

****Financial Report:****

Hall motioned to approve the financial report as presented. Monaghan 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 January 5, 2026. October programs included 82 attendees for the Bridge and Cribbage groups, four participants in the afternoon book club, and eight in the evening book club. The Card Making Club had seven attendees; the Cookbook Club had seven participants. The Friday Story Hour attracted 108 attendees in the month of October. Attendance for Youth STEM programs included six for LEGO Mania, none for the STEM Lab, and seven for Creation Corner. On Friday, November 21, we read stories to two classes at the Guthrie Center Elementary Preschool at 9:30 a.m.

For the fiscal year to date, 136 items were borrowed and 99 loaned. Libby/Bridges reported 1,987 total checkouts, including audiobooks, e-books, and magazines. FY26 YTD circulation is 5,002 with renewal and auto-renewal. We have added 18 new patrons and had five renewals to bring the total number of patrons to 1,605.

Upcoming Programs:

- Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 2:00 p.m.--LEGO Mania
- Saturday, Dec. 13 at 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.--Friends of the GC Library Bake Sale & Free Craft for Kids Fundraiser
- Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 2:00 p.m.-- Creation Corner
- Friday, Dec. 19 at 9:30 a.m.--GC Elem. Outreach Story Time
- Closed: December 24 & 25, Closing Early on December 31 at 3:00 p.m.

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- Monday, June 8, at 1:00 p.m., Science Heroes
- Thursday, June 18, at 1:00 p.m., Mesozoic Adventures, Toby Kid Funny Farm

Director Notes:

Boardroom Series Training: (Nov., 2025)The Top Five: Self-Evaluation of the Library Board's Core Functions: Thursday, November 20, at 6:00-7:30 p.m. (Was recorded if you missed the live webinar)

****Unfinished Business:****

There was no unfinished business

****New Business:****

The Board reviewed the dates for the end of members' terms.

The FY27 Budget was discussed. Monaghan made a motion to accept the budget as presented, pending city salary and insurance decisions. Menning seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

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

Accreditation

****Adjournment:****

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. The next board meeting is scheduled for December 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

****Recording Secretaries:****

Jerri Hawkins and Karen Kelly