

MINUTES OF THE MARY J. BARNETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 25, 2025

****Board Meeting Minutes****

****Members Present:****

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| - Steve Bascom | - Lacy Hall | - Library Director Jerri Hawkins |
| - Becky Carico | - Dale Menning | -Library Aide Karen Kelly |
| | - Marica Priestley | |

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

The regular meeting of the Board was called to order by President Bascom at 5:54 p.m.

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

Menning moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on July 28, 2025. The motion was seconded by Priestley and carried unanimously.

****Financial Report:****

Bascom motioned to approve the financial report as presented. Menning 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 meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2025. July programs included 103 attendees for the Bridge and Cribbage groups, six participants in the afternoon book club, and ten in the evening book club. The Card Making Club had 14 attendees; the Cookbook Club had eight. The Friday Story Hour attracted 31 attendees in the month of July. Attendance for Youth STEM programs included eight for LEGO Mania, five for the STEM Lab, and six for Creation Corner.

For the fiscal year to date, 42 items were borrowed and 26 loaned. Libby/Bridges reported 537 total checkouts, including audiobooks, e-books, and magazines. FY26 YTD circulation is 1,333 with renewal and auto-renewal. We have added five new patrons and had one renewal to bring the total number of patrons to 1,570. Jerri has registered for the Iowa Library Conference in Sioux City, Iowa, on October 1-3, 2025.

****Unfinished Business:****

The board reviewed the updated By-Laws. Carico moved to accept the By-Laws as presented, and Hall seconded the motion. The board approved unanimously.

****New Business:****

The Annual County Meeting will be on September 22; the Guthrie Center trustees will host and organize the meeting. Meeting details were discussed and planned.

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Marcia Priestley submitted her resignation from the library board. She will continue to serve until a replacement is found. Bascom thanked Priestley for her service and concern for the library during her many years as a board member.

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

Guthrie County Annual Meeting will be September 22, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

****Adjournment:****

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m. The next board meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

****Recording Secretaries:****

Jerri Hawkins and Karen Kelly