

MINUTES OF THE MARY J. BARNETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 18, 2026

****Board Meeting Minutes****

****Members Present:****

- Becky Carico
- Dale Menning
- Lacy Hall
- Brandon Monaghan
- Karen Kelly, Library Aide
- Library Director Jerri Hawkins

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

The regular meeting of the Board was called to order by Vice President Becky Carico at 5:55.

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

Hall moved to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2026, meeting. The motion was seconded by Menning and carried unanimously.

****Financial Report:****

Carico 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 6:15 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2026. April programs included 77 attendees for the Bridge and Cribbage groups, 5 participants in the afternoon book club, and 8 in the evening book club. Thirteen patrons participated in Canasta. The Card Making Club had ten attendees, while Craft & Connect had 17 for the month; the Cookbook Club had six participants. The Friday Story Hour attracted 32 attendees in April. Attendance for Youth STEM programs totaled 9 for LEGO Mania and 10 for Creation Corner. On Friday, April 17, Jerri read stories to two classes (34 students) at the Guthrie Center Elementary Preschool at 9:30 a.m.

For the fiscal year to date, in SILO 325 items were borrowed, and 244 were loaned. Libby/Bridges reported 4,899 total checkouts, including audiobooks, e-books, and magazines. FY26 YTD circulation is 11,537 with renewal and auto-renewal. We have added 7 new patrons and had 7 renewals to bring the total number of patrons to 1,515.

Director Notes:

Hawkins notified the board of upcoming programs, including the itinerary for the Summer Reading Program, "Plant a seed, Read." Hawkins informed the board on grant updates; the library did not receive the Dollar General Summer Reading Program grant.

****Unfinished Business:****

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- Board members opted to table the training over Chapter 5 of the Trustee Handbook until June, when all members would be present. It was agreed that they would also like to watch the training videos promoted by the state library.
- Menning made a motion to set library hours to 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on the Monday of RAGBRAI. Hall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Hawkins updated the board that Panora Fiber will be increasing the WiFi speed for RAGBRAI. The Friends will be selling dill pickles and t-shirts. Volunteers from Friends of the Library will be attending restrooms to stock supplies and clean.
- Board terms were discussed. The board members who are expiring are interested in renewing their term and will be submitting a letter of interest to the city and county. Hall's term will expire in 2030.
- The board discussed needed amendments to the FY27 budget to accommodate the \$10,000 ALA grant money, donations from Warner of \$941, and additional money dispersed by the Guthrie County due to the Bagley library closure. Hall made a motion to amend the FY27 budget to provide for additional revenues and expenditures changes in grant money, donations, and additional money from the county. Menning seconded, and the motion carried.
- Hawkins informed the Board that the library was approved for Tier 3 Accreditation, which is good until 2029.
- Plans for the repainting of the outside book sculpture were discussed. The preliminary diagram was shown to board members.

****New Business:****

None

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

- Board Training.
- Amended 2027 Budget

****Adjournment:****

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m. The next board meeting is scheduled for June 22, at 6:00 p.m.

****Recording Secretaries:****

Jerri Hawkins and Karen Kelly