

MINUTES OF THE MARY J. BARNETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 22, 2025

****Board Meeting Minutes****

****Members Present:****

- Steve Bascom
- Marica Priestley
- Lacy Hall
- Library Director Jerri Hawkins

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

The regular meeting of the Board was called to order by President Bascom at 5:56 p.m.

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

Hall moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on August 25, 2025. The motion was seconded by Priestley 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 meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2025. August programs included 91 attendees for the Bridge and Cribbage groups, six participants in the afternoon book club, and 11 in the evening book club. The Card Making Club had 8 attendees; the Cookbook Club didn't meet in August. The Friday Story Hour attracted 39 attendees in the month of July. Attendance for Youth STEM programs included six for LEGO Mania, four for the STEM Lab, and none for Creation Corner.

For the fiscal year to date, 72 items were borrowed and 46 loaned. Libby/Bridges reported 1,036 total checkouts, including audiobooks, e-books, and magazines. FY26 YTD circulation is 2,450 with renewal and auto-renewal. We have added 11 new patrons and had three renewals to bring the total number of patrons to 1,575. Jerri has registered for the Iowa Library Conference in Sioux City, Iowa, on October 1-3, 2025.

Upcoming Programs:

- Friday, October 10 at 11:00– Cold Blooded Redhead
- Saturday, November 1 at 10:00 a.m.--Art on the Fly Class
- Friday, November 7 at 10:00 a.m.--Overall Buddies

****Unfinished Business:****

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****New Business:****

The board held an abbreviated meeting in order to be available to host the Guthrie County Library Association Annual Meeting will follow this meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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

Begin Budget Planning

Begin Prep for Reaccreditation (FY25)

****Adjournment:****

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. The next board meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

****Recording Secretaries:****

Jerri Hawkins and Karen Kelly