

MINUTES OF THE MARY J. BARNETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 22, 2025

****Board Meeting Minutes****

****Members Present:****

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| - Steve Bascom | -Dale Menning |
| - 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:****

Hall moved to approve the minutes from the November 24, 2025, meeting. The motion was seconded by Menning and carried unanimously.

****Financial Report:****

Bascom 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. November programs included 70 attendees for the Bridge and Cribbage groups, five participants in the afternoon book club, and 10 in the evening book club. The Card Making Club had nine attendees; the Cookbook Club had eight participants. The Friday Story Hour attracted 39 attendees in the month of November. Attendance for Youth STEM programs included eight for LEGO Mania, and there was not one for Creation Corner. On Friday, December 19, we read stories to two classes at the Guthrie Center Elementary Preschool at 9:30 a.m.

For the fiscal year to date, in SILO 168 items were borrowed and 127 loaned. Libby/Bridges reported 2,487 total checkouts, including audiobooks, e-books, and magazines. FY26 YTD circulation is 6,121 with renewal and auto-renewal. We have added three new patrons and had 24 renewals to bring the total number of patrons to 1,611.

Director Notes:

- Submitted ALA LTC Grant application for \$10,000 for chairs and dollies for the meeting room. The award notification date is Tuesday, March 3, 2026.
- Emailed link for Boardroom Series Training: November, 2025, The Top Five: Self-Evaluation of the Library Board's Core Functions.

****Unfinished Business:****

Discussed the Accreditation Review process. The deadline to submit will be February 28, 2026.

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****New Business:****

The Board discussed the budget and the minutes from the city council meeting. Carico motioned to give all library staff a 4% increase in wages, the same as other city employees, to take effect for FY27 in July 1, 2026. Menning seconded, and the board passed the motion unanimously.

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

Budget

****Adjournment:****

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m. The next board meeting is scheduled for January 26, at 6:00 p.m.

****Recording Secretaries:****

Jerri Hawkins and Karen Kelly