

MINUTES OF THE MARY J. BARNETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 28, 2025

****Board Meeting Minutes****

****Members Present:****

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| - Steve Bascom | - Lacy Hall | - Marica Priestley |
| - Becky Carico | - Dale Menning | - 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:****

Priestley moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 23, 2025. The motion was seconded by Hall 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 August 4, 2025. June programs included 101 attendees for the Bridge and Cribbage groups, five participants in the afternoon book club, and eight in the evening book club. The Card Making Club had four attendees; the Cookbook Club had five. The Friday Story Hour attracted 40 attendees. Notable attendance for Youth STEM programs included 23 for LEGO Mania, 15 for the STEM Lab, and 26 for Creation Corner. The Summer Reading Program concluded with 372 attendees. New patrons welcomed in the month of June: 19; renewals: 11, totaling 1,566 patrons.

For the fiscal year to date, 264 items were borrowed and 327 loaned. Libby/Bridges reported 5,407 total checkouts, including audiobooks, e-books, and magazines. The library saved patrons \$661,012 through overall circulation totaling 11,454 (excluding auto-renewals). Other notable statistics included 130 attendees at book clubs, 1,121 for Cribbage and Bridge Clubs, and 1,024 for additional adult programs. Youth events counted 437 and Storytime 577 attendees, respectively. Jerri has registered for the Iowa Library Conference in Sioux City, Iowa, on October 1-3, 2025.

****Unfinished Business:****

The board discussed the progress of the window replacement project and completed board training on Chapter 5 of the Trustee Manual. A discussion regarding proposed by-law updates followed, with Carico moving to accept the changes requested. Hall seconded the motion, and it passed.

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****New Business:****

Bascom opened nominations for officer elections. Carico nominated Bascom for President; Bascom accepted. Carico motioned to appoint Bascom, with Priestley seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Bascom nominated Carico as Vice President; Carico accepted. Priestley motioned for the appointment, seconded by Menning, which passed unanimously.

Discussion of holidays and hours for 2025-2026 followed. Menning motioned to approve the holidays as discussed, and Priestley seconded; the motion carried.

****Holidays FY26 Closures:****

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| - Sat. Aug. 30, 2025 - County Fair | - Wed Dec. 31, 2025 - New Year's Eve (Early Closure 3:00 PM) |
| - Mon. Sept. 1, 2025 - Labor Day | - Thurs. Jan. 1, 2026 - New Year's Day |
| - Tues. Nov. 11, 2025 - Veterans Day | - Mon. May 25, 2026 - Memorial Day |
| - Thurs. Nov 27, 2025 - Thanksgiving Day | - Fri. July 3, 2026 - Independence Day Observed |
| - Fri. Nov 28, 2025 - Black Friday | - Sat. July 4, 2026 - Independence Day |
| - Wed. Dec 24, 2025 - Christmas Eve | |
| - Thurs. Dec 25, 2025 - Christmas Day | |

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

Review updated library bylaws.

****Adjournment:****

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next board meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

****Recording Secretaries:****

Jerri Hawkins