

MINUTES OF THE MARY J. BARNETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 19, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board was called to order at 6:01 p.m. on May 19, 2025, by President Steve Bascom. The members present were Steve Bascom, Becky Carico, Lacey Hall, Dale Menning, Library Director Jerri Hawkins, and Library Staff member Karen Kelly.

Menning moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on March 24, 2025; Carico seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Carico motioned to approve the financial report as presented, with Menning seconding the motion. The motion carried.

DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORTS:

Director Jerri Hawkins provided a report on recent statistics to the board. The Friends of the GC Library will have their next meeting on Monday, Aug. 4, 2025. Plans for the June 14 Golf Tournament are underway. Money raised from the golf tournament will be used to replace the broken water fountain in the library. The Bridge and Cribbage groups had a total of 75 attendees in March and 96 in April. The afternoon Book Club met on Tuesday, April 8, with five participants. The evening book club met on April 22 and had 8 attendees. The Card Making Club was held on Thursday, April 17, in the morning, with nine attendees, and the Cookbook Club met in the evening on April 17, with five participants. Friday Story Hour had 50 attendees in March and 48 in April. Youth STEM programs have been well attended, with 15 at LEGO Mania, 8 at STEM lab, and 15 at Creation Corner. Four people attended the youth movie showing of Moana 2. The ISU Extension class had two attendees, but the presenter didn't come. For SILO FY25 Fiscal Year to Date (YTD), the library borrowed 155 items and loaned 232. Libby/Bridges checkouts for FYTD total 4,378 (with 262 audiobooks, 104 e-books, and 81 magazines). Advantage titles include 18 audiobooks and 2 e-books. The library's circulation for the year to date (excluding auto-renewal) is 9,090. We have added 11 new patrons and had 10 renewals, bringing the total to 1,537 patrons.

The staff is also preparing for the Summer Reading Program in June. The library was not awarded the DG summer reading program grant this year.

Jerri attended the Director Roundtable 2025 in Greenfield on May 7 from 9:30-12:30 p.m. Jerri shared key points from that presentation, including translating board training into action plans, defining successful programming and knowing if you've met your goals, and evaluating services like library spaces and your long-term strategic plan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The board discussed the FY26 Budget. Board members stated they believe it was approved as presented to the city council. Also discussed was the timeline of the window repair.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy reviews will be moved to the June meeting.

All board members completed the training, reading chapters 3 and 4; highlights of the two chapters were addressed by the board. A discussion was held as to the best ways to proceed with a community survey to get maximum participation from the community. Additional ways to advertise and disseminate information besides social media were considered as well.

****AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:**** The board training will cover Chapter 5 of the Trustee Handbook and review policies.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m. The next board meeting will be held on Monday, June 23, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Jerri Hawkins and Karen Kelly, Recording Secretaries