

Town of Granby  
Granby Library Board Meeting  
Minutes  
June 9, 2025

**Members present:** Judy Guarco, Chairman, Laurel Farrer, Sandra Fischer, Kristal Fiorentino, Lynn Guelzow, Hillary Peterson (left meeting at 7:30 p.m.), Ellen Thomson, Catherine Watso, Paul Willis

**Staff:** Amber Wyzik, Director of Library Services, Rhonda Gilbert, Assistant Director

**Call to order:** A quorum was present, and Chairman Guarco called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Review of Agenda:** no changes

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** L. Guelzow stated she was at the May 12, 2025, meeting but was not listed as being present. On a motion by P. Willis, seconded by E. Thomson, the Board voted (7-0-2) to approve the minutes of May 15, 2024, with the amendment that L. Guelzow attended the May 12, 2025, GLB Meeting.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**Library Director's Report:**

- **Summer Intern-** Our new summer intern started and so far she is wonderful and fitting right in.
- **Summer Reading-** Summer Reading kicks off on June 9 (Today!). Our theme this year is **Mystery and Mayhem**. Lots of great programs including Escape Rooms, Murder Mystery, Detective Who-Don-It's, and more!

**Kick off this Thursday night, 5:30-7:30, featuring DJ Red Supreme!**





### 1,000 books before Kindergarten

Since the relaunch in January 2025, 30 children have joined the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program, with 5 already completing the challenge this May! The program encourages families to read together, helping children build vocabulary and a love of books. Children earn a sticker for every 100 books read, a paperback book at 500, and upon reaching 1000, they receive a certificate, a “Super Star!” ribbon necklace, and a gift-wrapped copy of *Kindergarten, Where Kindness Matters Every Day* by Vera Ahlby and Joey Chou.

### Stats

Physical Items Borrowed	GPL: 5,496 FHC: 74
Digital Items Borrowed	
Number of visitors- 25 Days	GPL: 4,539 FHC:
Number of programs	GPL- 25 FHC- 14
Number of program participants	366
Room Reservations Equipment Reservations	GPL-43 FHC- 42

### Liaisons Reports:

FOGPL – J. Guarco, Chairman, reported the FOGPL are preparing and looking for help for their annual book sale in July.

GLA – P. Willis reported GLA will not meet again until September.

### Old Business:

A. Wyzik, Director of Library Services, reported that the Hartland Public Library has been reinstated.

The Community Calendar Policy was reviewed and discussed. On a motion by Sandra Fischer, seconded by E. Thomson, the Board voted (8-0-0) to approve the Community Calendar Policy as amended.

### New Business/Other Business:

Town Manager, Mike Walsh, First Selectmen, Mark Fiorentino, and Board of Finance Chairman, Mike Guarco spoke to and answered questions GLB members had regarding the bond process to request Capital Improvement Funds for the Library Expansion and left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

The GLB discussed the amount of Capital Improvement Funds that would be recommended to the Board of Selectmen on Monday, June 16, 2025, for the Library Expansion. On a motion by P. Willis, seconded by E. Thomson, the Board voted (3-5-0) to present funding for \$7 million. The motion failed.

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**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Granby Library Board will be Monday, September 8, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at Granby Public Library.

**Adjournment:** On a motion by P. Willis, seconded by C. Watso, the Board voted (8-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rhonda Gilbert