Town of Granby
Granby Library Board Meeting
Minutes
February 9, 2026

Members present: Judy Guarco, Chairman, Laurel Farrer, Kristal Fiorentino, Lynn Guelzow, Hillary Peterson (arrived 7:00 p.m.), Ellen Thomson, Catherine Watso

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

Absent: Paul Willis

Call to order: A quorum was present, and Chairman Guarco called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Review of Agenda: On a motion by C. Watso, seconded by E. Thomson**,** the Board voted (7-0-0) to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026 meeting.

Public Comment: None

Library Director's Report:
Fast Stats- January 2026:

- 5,617 items borrowed
- 62 Program Offerings
- 573 Program Participants
- 61 Room Reservations
- 101 Equipment Reservations

Operations:
Nothing new to report

Personnel:
Nothing new to report

Grants:
Update to Pomeroy Brace Grant- Town requested an equal amount to support total exterior repairs within small cap.

Program Highlights: America 250 Has Kicked Off!

- Adult- A collaboration between Salmon Brook Historical Society, The American Legion and the Library, Connecticut State Historian *emeritus*, Dr. Walter Woodward, shares the life-long struggles of American artist John Trumbull, a veteran, diplomat, architect and artist renowned for American History Painting.

- Kids/Teens- Celebrated with two hands-on children's programs inspired by colonial crafts. *Colonial Clay & Stitch,* children in grades 3–5 created clay buttons and sewed them onto handmade burlap bags, and *Colonial Weaving* introduced children in grades K–2 to basic weaving as they used ribbon and fabric to make their own wall hangings. Both were a big hit!

Important Upcoming Dates:
Board of Selectmen Meeting- Tuesday, February 17, 2026- 7:00 pm

Old Business:
A. Wyzik, Director, reported that on February 2, 2026, CPPAC (Capitol Program Priority Advisory Committee) voted to recommend to the BOS and the BOF the approval of the FY2026 Capital Funding Package which includes $6,000,000 being for the Granby Public Renovation with the condition that a minimum of $1.5 million be from private funding as a requirement for the library improvements.

New Business/Other Business: No new business.

Liaisons Reports:
FOGPL – J. Guarco, Chairman, reported the FOGPL received puzzle donations from the Granby Drummer's Puzzle Slam event. FOGPL are requesting book, DVD, and CD donations for the next month to supplement donations offered for sale at GPL. A. Wyzik, Director, reported a shed has been purchased by the Town of Granby to replace the metal container now being used by the FOGPL to store donations.

GLA – no February meeting

CAMPAIGN CABINET – J. Guarco, Chairman, shared several fundraising ideas and discussed strategies for spreading the word to ensure the community is well informed about the library expansion.

Next Meeting:
The next meeting of the Granby Library Board will be Monday, March 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at Granby Public Library.

Adjournment: On a motion by L. Farrer, seconded by C. Watso, the Board voted (8-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Gilbert