Town of Granby
Granby Library Board Meeting
Minutes
June 8, 2026

Members present: Judy Guarco, Chairman, Kristal Fiorentino (6:35 arrival), Laurel Farrer (6:35 arrival), Hillary Peterson Lynn Guelzow, Michelle Leibovitz, Ellen Thomson & Paul Willis,

Staff: Amber Wyzik, Director of Library Services

Absent: Catherine Watso

Call to order: A quorum was present, and Chairman Guarco called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Review of Agenda: No changes.

Review and Approval of Minutes: On a motion by P. Willis, seconded by H. Peterson**,** the Board voted (6-0-0) to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2026, meeting.

Public Comment: None

Director's Report:
Fast Stats:

May 2026	*May 2025*
GPL & FHC 3,963 Items	*GPL 5496 FHC 74 Items*
4,248 visitors	*4,539 visitors*
37 Programs at Main 444 Program Participants 72 Room Reservations	*25 Programs at Main* *366 Program Participants* *43 Room Reservations*
14 Programs at Cossitt 35 Program Participants 70 Equipment Reservations	*14 Programs at Cossitt* 22 Program Participants *42 Equipment Reservations*

*May stats are lower than usual due to the migration to our new library system. One whole week we were offline and for 3 weeks we didn't fill holds.

Operations:

- New library systems are a go. Learning everyday.

- Auto Renewals are now in effect.

Personnel:

- New Summer Intern, Lindsey Puglise, started 6/8/26
- New Summer Maker Lab Tech, Rachael Lantner, stars 6/15/26

Grants:

- Submitted $10,000 grant to Salmon Brook Historical Society to supplement the Pomeroy Brace grant for Cossitt Restoration
- A. Wyzik discussed thoughts on postponing State Construction grant until next year due to current estimates over budget. Library Board requested inquiring with firms on cost for updated estimates.

Program Highlights:

- **Dam It!**
  Patrons discovered the surprising history, science, and impact of beaver dams in New England. This engaging program explored how these remarkable builders shape ecosystems, influence local waterways, and continue to affect communities today.

- **Hessian Soldiers**
  This program took a step back into the Revolutionary War era and discussed Hessian soldiers who fought during America's fight for independence. This fascinating historical presentation examines their lives, experiences, and role in Connecticut history.

- **Tales Together**
  Families enjoy stories, songs, movement, and early literacy fun in this interactive program designed to bring children and caregivers together through the joy of reading and imagination.

- **Teen Felting: Hummingbirds**
  Teens got creative while learning the art of needle felting to make colorful hummingbird creations. This one is always a big hit!

- **America 250 Kids: Basket Making**
  Kids celebrated America 250 with a hands-on look at traditional crafts by learning beginner basket-making techniques while exploring the history and cultural importance of this timeless art form.

Important Upcoming Dates:

June 18- Summer Reading Kick Off with John Higby the YoYo Guy.
July 24, 25 & 26- Friends Book Sale
September 22- Bond Referendum

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business/Other Business:

- **Photography Policy**- On a motion by L. Guelzow, seconded by L. Farrer**,** the Board voted (8-0-0) to approve the minutes of the 2026 photography policy.

- **July Meeting**- The board does not usually meet in July but this meeting was scheduled in preparation for a June Bond Referendum. With the vote being moved to September, the board discussed the need for this meeting. On a motion by P. Willis, seconded by H. Peterson**,** the Board voted (8-0-0) to cancel the July 13, 2026 meeting.

Liaisons Reports:
FOGPL – J. Guarco, Chairman, reported the FOGPL is preparing for their annual book sale (July 24 thru July 26) and has found a volunteer coordinator. Board members signed up to show interest in volunteering. Baystate Books will be picking up leftover books this year.

GLA – A. Wyzik, Director reported GLA has started collecting donations towards the expansion. The online portal has just over $10,000.

CAMPAIGN CABINET – L. Guelzow and J. Guarco reported that the Campaign and consultant have been very busy gearing up for the Bond vote in September. They are looking for residents willing to send letters to the drummer about "Why they love the library" and for people to attend various library programs to share info about the vote.

Next Meeting:
The next meeting of the Granby Library Board will be Monday, September 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at Granby Public Library.

Adjournment: On a motion by P. Willis, seconded by L. Farrer, the Board voted (8-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amber Wyzik