

Grand Valley Public Library Board
Minutes: Wednesday September 10, 2025

Present:

Julie Van Alstine, Vice-chair
Amy Steele
Mary Hatch
Brennan Solecky
Susan Graham, Township of Amaranth Rep.
James Jonker, Town of Grand Valley Rep.
Lenora Banfield, Township of East Garafraxa Rep.
Joanne Stevenson, CEO, secretary/treasurer

Regrets:

1. **Call to Order.** 7:00pm

2. **Land Acknowledgement Statement**

We [I] would like to acknowledge that we are on the the Haldimand Tract, land promised to the Haudenosaunee (**HOE day na shun ay**) people of Six Nations, which includes six miles on each side of the Grand River. This territory is the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg (**On ish KNOB eck**), and Haudenosaunee (**HOE day na shun ay**) Peoples.

3. **Approval of the agenda**

MOTION #1: Moved by L. Banfield, seconded by M. Hatch , that the agenda be approved.

4. **Declaration of any conflicts of interest.**

None.

5. **Minutes of the June 11, 2025 meeting.**

MOTION #2: Moved by B. Solecky, seconded by M. Hatch, that the minutes of June 11, 2025 be approved.

6. **Minutes of the Closed Session for May 14, 2025**

MOTION #3: Moved by B. Solecky, seconded by L. Banfield, that the minutes of Closed Session for May 14, 2025 be approved.

7. **Business arising from the minutes.**

7.1 Feasibility Study, Township responses

Township of East Garafraxa responded that they are willing to support a Feasibility (Viability) Study for the proposed new library location on June 24, 2025.

Township of Amaranth responded that they are not willing to support the Feasibility (Viability) study as studies are not identified as part of the Amaranth Development Charges as per email from N. Martin, CAO/Clerk on June 17, 2025.

The Library Board has directed the CEO to revise the letter requesting support from the Township of Amaranth.

7.2 Staff Pay Grid

MOTION #4: Moved by M. Hatch seconded by J. Jonker to add the P50 payline to the Library's pay grid. Recorded vote: 2 in favour, 5 against. Motion failed

MOTION #5: Moved by A. Steele, seconded by B. Solecky, for J. Jonker to contact M. Townsend, CAO to clarify steps in the pay grid and when the cost of living is applied. Recorded vote: 6 in favour, 1 abstention, CARRIED

8. Call for nominations for Chair

B. Solecky, A. Steele and L. Banfield and was nominated for Chair.

9. Accept a motion that nominations be closed.

MOTION #6: Moved by B. Solecky, seconded by A. Steele, that the nominations be closed. L. Banfield accepted the nomination and agreed to stand as Chair until the end of 2026.

10. The chair has taken their position and is now presiding over the meeting.

11. Correspondence

11.1 OLS Virtual Conference, November 19 & 20, 2025, email June 13

11.2 Orica Donation, \$4,000

11.3 Andrew Stirk, email June 19, 2025

MOTION #7: Moved by B. Solecky, seconded by A. Steele to receive the correspondence.

12. Financial Report

Operating Account

12.1 Operating Expenses for June, July and August.

MOTION #8: Moved by J. Jonker, seconded by B. Solecky to accept the reviewed expenses for June (\$45,605.37), July (\$60,363.97) and August (\$36,593.15).

12.2 Reserve Account

MOTION #9: Moved by A. Steele, seconded by M. Hatch_to accept the reviewed financial statement for the reserve account for June, July and August.

12.3 Budget Draft for 2026

Library Board reviewed the budget draft for 2026.

12.4 GICs

CEO is directed to renew the GIC maturing on September 13 and September 30, 2025 as 1 GIC for the best possible interest rate.

13. Committee Reports

13.1 Feasibility Study

CEO is directed to create an RFP to go for tender.

14. Chair Report

15. CEO Report

See attachment

16. New Business

16.1 Collection Development Policy

16.2 Digitalization Collection Development Policy

16.3 R-Zone Policy

MOTION #10: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by B. Solecky_to accept the reviewed policies: Collection Development Policy
Digitalization Collection Development Policy
R-Zone Policy

16.4 Fall Fair

Grand Valley Agricultural Fall Fair themed "Pumpkins and Pulls", September 19-21. The library has a booth, S. McTaggart will be at it on Sunday, J. Stevenson will be there on Saturday. Library Board members were requested to help if they have time in their schedule.

17. Next Meeting

Wednesday October 8, 2025 7:00pm McGinnis Room

18. Motion to adjourn

MOTION #11: Moved by B. Solecky_to adjourn at 8.36pm. CARRIED

CEO REPORT

Month:
Year:

June - August
2025

Advocacy & Promotion	Social Media Posts Database promotions on Facebook Newsletter
Programs	Fall programs will start the first week of October September programs: 2 creative writing, 2 children's craft programs supporting the fall fair, Tween Dance
Programs/Outreach (group visits)	20 Class visits in June
Children's programs	TD Summer Reading 102 registrations/73 readers Summer Time Programs (kids & teen) - 69 programs/attendance 890 Flag Search - 500 participants TD Summer Reading Club Kick off Summer Party Storytime Lego Crafty Kids Tween tuesdays STEM Young Explorers Earth Guardians with Dufferin County's Climate and Energy Team Shake Rattle and Roar End of summer Foam Party
Teen programs	2 cooking courses with Jex Teen reading boxes Henna
Family Programs	Library Community Puzzle - participation 300
Adult/Seniors Programs	Creative writing Patio, Book Club Coffee, conversation and Books (Orangeville - June 18th)
Staffing	Summer students have completed their contracts. The library is open on Sundays 12-4pm
Professional Development/Meetings	M. Marr, Dufferin County Community Support Services Beanstack webinar, J. Stevenson and S. McTaggart M. Park has completed all courses and will be receiving the LIT diploma J. Beachin is enrolled in the LIT diploma OLA Super conference January 28 - January 31, 2026 OLS Virtual Conference - Wed. November 19 , 9 - 3 Public Library Staff OLS Virtual Conference - Thurs. November 19 , 6 - 8 pm
Facilities/Equipment	New Janitorial Service, started September 2025 Program room carpet cleaning scheduled for September 11, 2025, this will also include spot
Collections	
Budget/Grants	Received \$7,500 from the Greenwood Family Fund Ontario Trillium Fund (seed grant), applied for \$19,500 to purchase recreation/sports HST rebate submitted for January - June 2025 Canada Summer Jobs Claim form submitted, August 29, 2025
Community Partnerships/ Collaborations	Community Produce Market Dufferin County's Climate and Energy Team Grand Valley Chop House (Patio Book Club)
Meeting Room Community Support	Compass Church summer camp Garden Club Riverbend Artists
Rentals	6 Room Rentals
Other	Attended the Food Share Open House Presented the VOLT report to the Township of Amaranth