

Grand Valley Public Library Board Minutes

Minutes

Present: Councilor Lenora Banfield (Chair); Julie Van Alstine (vice-chair); Mary Hatch; Amy Steele; Councilor James Jonker; Councilor Susan Graham; Brennan Solecky(attended virtual); Joanne Stevenson (CEO/secretary/treasurer)

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

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: That the Grand Valley Public Library Board approve the agenda.

Moved: J. Van Alstine **Seconded:** B. Solecky **Carried.**

4. Declaration of any conflicts of interest.

None.

5. Minutes of the March 11, 2026 meeting.

6. Minutes of the March 23, 2026 special budget meeting.

7. Minutes of the April 13, 2026 meeting.

Motion: That the Grand Valley Public Library Board approve the minutes of March 11, March 23 and April 13, 2026 be approved.

Moved: M. Hatch **Seconded:** S. Graham **Carried.**

Minutes for the closed session will be approved at the May 13 Library Board Meeting.

8. Business arising from the minutes.

8.1 Contracts for the Township of Amaranth and the Township of East Garafraxa
To be discussed at the May 13, 2026 board meeting.

9. Correspondence

9.1 LearnHq Training Bulletin – Spring 2026, email April 1, 2026

9.2 OLS Board Assembly Letter, April 1, 2026

9.3 Ward & Uptigrove, invoice

Motion: That the Grand Valley Public Library Board receives the correspondence.

Moved: A. Steele **Seconded:** J. Jonker **Carried.**

Motion: That the Grand Valley Public Library directs the CEO to pay the invoice received from Ward & Uptigrove HR Solutions from the reserve account.

Moved: J. Van Alstine **Seconded:** M. Hatch **Carried.**

10. Financial Report

Operating Account

10.1 Operating Expenses for March 2026

Motion: That the Grand Valley Public Library Board receives the operating expenses for March 2026 (\$36,940.38).

Moved: M. Hatch **Seconded:** A. Steele **Carried**

Reserve Account

10.2 Operating Expenses – 1st Quarterly Report

Motion: That the Grand Valley Public Library Board receives the 1st Quarterly Report for 2026.

Moved: J. Van Alstine **Seconded:** A. Steele **Carried**

10.3 Reserve Account

Motion: That the Grand Valley Public Library Board receives the reviewed financial statements for the reserve account for March.

Moved: J. Van Astine **Seconded:** M. Hatch **Carried**

10.4 Staffing report & Financial Impact statement, new hires

Motion: That the Grand Valley Public Library Board receives the staffing report & Financial Impact Statements, new hires.

Moved: J. Jonker **Seconded:** J. Van Alstine **Carried**

11. Closed Session

Motion: That the Grand Valley Public Library Board proceeds in closed session in order to address a matter pertaining to:

Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Board Members of Library Personnel at approximately 6.04 pm.

Moved: A. Steele **Seconded:** J. Jonker **Carried**

12. Motion to proceed to regular meeting.

Motion: That the Grand Valley Public Library rise and report at 6:43 pm.

Moved: J. Van Alstine **Seconded:** M. Hatch **Carried**

The Library Board will implement the recommendation outlined in the Ward & Uptigrove Human Resources Solutions report dated April 13, 2026

13. Committee Reports

14. Chair Report

15. CEO Report

See attached report

16. New Business

16.1 Book Sale

The book sale will start on May 23, 2026 @ 8:30am. CEO will be in attendance.
Set up Thursday May 21, 4pm.

Book Sale ends Saturday, May 30th @ 4:00pm.

16.2 Board – Duties and Responsibilities of Individual Board Members

16.3 Board Governance Policy

Differed Policies to the May 13 Library Board Meeting.

17. Date and Time for next regular meeting

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 5:30pm McGinnis Room

15. Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting of the Grand Valley Public Library Board adjourn at 6:48pm.

Moved: J. Van Alstine **Seconded:** M. Hatch **Carried**

CEO REPORT

Month:

Year:

2026

Advocacy & Promotion	Facebook & instagram posts		
Programs/Outreach (group visits)	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;"> <p>Children's programs Cocoa Club Tween Scene ToddlerTime Storytime Entrepreneur Club</p> <p>Class Visits 1 class</p> <p>Family Programs Team T & J (41), Dove & Poodle Show (66), Bubbleology Show (95)</p> <p>Adult/Seniors Programs Author Spotlight with Aïex van Wyst Reading Connections Coffee, Tea and Conversation</p> </td> <td style="width: 40%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>March Break Home Alone Lego Club St. Patrick's Day S.T.E.M Harry Potter Party</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p>Children's programs Cocoa Club Tween Scene ToddlerTime Storytime Entrepreneur Club</p> <p>Class Visits 1 class</p> <p>Family Programs Team T & J (41), Dove & Poodle Show (66), Bubbleology Show (95)</p> <p>Adult/Seniors Programs Author Spotlight with Aïex van Wyst Reading Connections Coffee, Tea and Conversation</p>	<p>March Break Home Alone Lego Club St. Patrick's Day S.T.E.M Harry Potter Party</p>
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Staffing	2 vacancies - page and Public Service Assistant New Library Hours started April 11, 2026		
Professional Development/Meetings	CEO riding meeting Community Engagement webinar attended by CEO Battery Recycling webinar - CEO AI Essentials course - CEO FOPL Rural Caucus Meeting - Municipal relation - S. McTaggart CEO Network Meeting		
Facilities/Equipment	BT builders - repairing solarium leak and dropbox leak		
Collections	1 hotspot is long overdue.		
Budget/Grants	Connectivity Reimbursement - received Postage Reimbursement - one time extra funding Canada Summer Jobs Application - approved - 9 weeks, 30hrs/week		
Community Partnerships/ Collaborations	Community Neighbours Market GV Lion's Club - Duck Day Ticket Sales GV Minor Hockey Tickets		
Community Support (meeting room)	Garden Club 6 room rentals		
Other	2025 Audit is in the process. Orangeville makerspace is open, offering Grand Valley Library card holders a makerspace library card for \$75.00. Federation of Ontario Public Libraries(FOPL) Advocacy Plan - "Libraries are more than books Barrie today Article: "Libraries urge residents to defend right to read amid rise in censorship" https://www.barrietoday.com/local-news/libraries-urge-residents-to-defend-right-to-read-amid-rise-in-censorship-11968211 January - March 1st Quarter Statistics		