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**Graham Public Library Board**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes –August 13, 2025**

President Loppnow called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Board members present: Kris Bernstein, Gretchen Hansen, Rachel Loppnow, and Jan Winget.  
Absent: Gayle Kerznar, Glen Miller, and Steve Peterson. Also present: Sara Swanson, Library Director

Comments by Citizens Present None

The minutes of the July 9, 2025 meeting were approved on a motion by Winget, seconded by Bernstein. Carried.

The July Income and Operating Report and Balance Sheet were presented and reviewed.  
Winget moved to approve the financials, seconded by Bernstein. Carried.

The vouchers for July were presented and reviewed. Winget moved to approve the vouchers, seconded by Hansen. Carried.

New Business None

Village of Union Grove Board Representative Report N/A

Library Director Report

*Youth Summer Reading Program*

~SRP ended on August 2. Participation in the reading challenge increased over 100% compared to last year! (143 last year; 310 this year). We think the improvement was due to the straightforward Bingo board, the appealing prizes, and promotion beforehand and throughout the season (social media, Sara G speaking to school groups, and simply telling folks at the circulation desk).

~Attendance at our big programs was great, too. Attendance at our story times was comparable to the rest of the year. Attendance at our weekly arts programs for school age and teens was uneven—some programs had over 10 participants while some had five or fewer; the average was 7.5 per program. Overall, SRP was a success!

*Outreach*

~Sara G and Melanie attended the Racine County Fair on Children's Day, July 24th from 9:00am-noon. They estimate that 150 people stopped by our table to learn about the library and to play in the sensory bins (beans with toy tractors, and water with toy animals to "wash"). It was a hot morning, but they said it was a great opportunity to interact with the community.

#### New Service

~We've offered the "Find your Next Read" on our website for a while but hardly anyone used it. It's a form patrons submit with their reading preferences and then staff recommend a few titles based on those preferences. It's a good way to introduce patrons to writers they may not know. We are now actively advertising it in the library and on social media. We also have a paper-based form. Hopefully patrons will enjoy this reader's advisory service.

#### Upcoming Programs:

Story Time—Wed at 10am. Moving to Tues at 10am and 1pm starting Sept. 9

Aug 14 at 3:30pm—Kids Financial Education: Making Moov-lah

Aug 18-23 Big Annual Book Sale

Aug 18 at 2-6pm—Drop-In Legos and games

Sept 4 at 1pm—Adult Craft: Pressed flowers bookmarks

Sept 8 at 10am—Movie: Hidden Figures

Sept 11 at 10am—Board Games

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

The next monthly meeting of the Graham Public Library Board will be Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 5:00 pm, at the Library.