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**Graham Public Library Board**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes –October 8, 2025**

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

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

Comments by Citizens Present None

The minutes of the September 10, 2025 meeting were approved on a motion by Winget, seconded by Kerznar. Carried.

The September Income and Operating Report and Balance Sheet were presented and reviewed. Winget moved to transfer funds from the library's cash account to the library's LGIP account, seconded by Bernstein. Winget moved to approve the financials, seconded by Miller. Carried.

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

Unfinished Business

Swanson presented the second draft of the 2026 budget. Winget moved to approve the 2026 budget, seconded by Miller. Carried.

New Business--None

Village of Union Grove Board Representative Report N/A

Library Director Report

*Outreach*

~On September 11, the new Leadership Union Grove class visited the library. I gave them a brief introduction to our resources and everything available to them via their library cards. I also gave them a quick survey—what sort of programs would they like to attend, do they enjoy reading, do they want to receive our email newsletter. It was nice to meet everyone and to promote the library.

~Sara G and Melanie attended a Community Carnival at Grace Church in Racine on Sept. 13. An estimated 300 people attended! They talked about library services and handed out books, notebooks, beach balls, and other library items to families. It was a good opportunity to introduce the library to the underserved.

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~Sara G visited the 4K classes at Yorkville School on September 19. Starting in October, the students and their parents will begin visiting the library once a month for story time and to check out books. This will be the 3rd year they have been visiting—new this year: we will give each child a lanyard with a pocket to keep their library card safe.

*Programs:*

~Just an update on some recent adult programs: 12 people attended our How to Grow Mushrooms program, which was really great considering it was on a weekday afternoon. Our new Evening Thriller Book Club had 11 people attend. This is huge for us, since our last attempt at holding an evening book club (a year ago) averaged 4 attendees. Our Afternoon Book Club in September had 16 attendees; the program room was full of readers!

*Facilities:*

~At the time of this writing, a portion of our sidewalk and parking lot on the East side are being replaced, as part of the Village sidewalk program. Hopefully this will create a smoother entrance/exit for our visitors.

*Grants/Donations:*

~We are participating in the WI Science Festival. I applied for, and received, 50 science bags for children that we will hand out during the Festival Week (Oct 16-25). The bags contain a variety of activities such as exploring our environment, experimenting with sound, chromatography, and coding.

~We received the final \$500 of our STEM kits grant. Because of this grant we were able to purchase 22 kits. They are circulating well and families have commented how nice it is to have such materials to checkout.

~We received a \$500 donation from a local family, to be used as I see fit.

*Upcoming Programs:*

Legos & Games—Mondays at 4-6pm

Story Time—Tuesdays at 10am and 1pm

Homeschool STEAM—Wednesdays at 1pm

Oct 9 at 10am—Board Games

Oct 13 & Nov 10 at 4pm—Youth Makerspace

Oct 16 at 6pm—Pajama Story Time

Oct 20 at 10am—Movie: Cocoon

Oct 20 at 5:30pm—WI Serial Killers

Oct 21 at 5:30pm—Evening Thriller Book Club: The Invited

Oct 23 at 1pm—Afternoon Book Club: And Then There Were None

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Oct 31 at 2-4pm—Halloween Family Fun

Nov 3 at 10am—Movie: Cool Runnings

Nov 4 at 2pm—Cell Phone Photography Workshop for Seniors, presented by Gretchen Hansen

Nov 6 at 1pm—Adult Craft: curiosity box

Nov 10 at 1pm—Michelle Gibbons as Lucille Ball

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 pm.

The next monthly meeting of the Graham Public Library Board will be Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 5:00 pm, at the Library.