
Graham Public Library Board
Monthly Meeting Minutes –April 8, 2026

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

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

Comments by Citizens Present: None

The minutes of the March 11, 2026 meeting were approved on a motion by Winget, seconded by Bernstein. Carried.

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

The vouchers for April were presented and reviewed. Winget moved to approve the vouchers including the yet-to-be-received WE Energies bill, seconded by Hansen. Carried.

New Business

The Village is working on an impact fee study and Swanson was asked if the library had any plans for renovations or new building within the next 10 years that would qualify for impact fees. After discussion, it was agreed that we do need a new building, or a renovated building, to accommodate our growing community.

Village of Union Grove Board Representative Report N/A

Library Director Report

Misc.

~On Monday, March 16, the library was closed due to snow. We proactively contacted all those who had a tax appointment that day and rescheduled them.

~WiLS—a nonprofit organization that serves WI libraries—has partnered with Amazon Business to provide a variety of benefits to public libraries. The biggest benefits for us will be free Business Prime shipping and discounts on newly released books. This will begin April 16.

Programs:

~Our Old World WI program on March 19 was a success. 21 people attended and all seemed to enjoy the hands-on approach to learning about an early WI family who immigrated from Norway.

~Our Craft Swap on March 27 & 28 was very popular—82 people participated over the two days. There were many craft supplies (fabric, stamps, scrapbooking paper, and yarn, for example) that folks donated and others took home. We plan on holding another swap at the end of July.

Community Partnership:

~The AARP tax volunteers held their final appointments of the season on April 6. Over the course of 9 weeks, they filed taxes for over 130 people. Of those, 87% were Racine County residents (with 30% Union Grove residents), and 13% were Kenosha County residents. Holding the appointments on Monday mornings worked out great for all involved.

Upcoming Programs:

Legos & Games—Mondays at 3-6pm
Story Time—Tuesdays at 10am & 1pm
Homeschool STEAM—Wednesdays at 1pm
April 9 at 10am—Board Games
April 9 & 23 and May 7 at 5:30pm—Sound Meditation
April 10 at 10am-- Movie: Nancy Drew & The Hidden Staircase
April 14, 21, & 28 and May 5 & 12 at 1pm—Planning Ahead end of life planning
April 14 at 5:30pm—Evening Book Club: Goodnight Beautiful
April 15 & 29 at 10am—Playgroup
April 16 at 1pm—Union Grove History with Marge Martin
April 16 at 6pm—Pajama Storytime

April 20 at 10am-- Movie: Wonder
April 20 and May 11 at 4pm—Monday Makerspace
April 22 at 4-6pm—Paint and Sip
April 23 at 1pm—Book Club: Redhead by the Side of the Road
April 30 at 1pm—Adult Craft: Wine Bottle Dot Painting
May 2 at 11am-4pm—Wonder Whale at UGHS
May 4 at 10am—Movie: Hamnet
May 4 at 5pm—UGES Student Art Show
May 6 at 5:30pm—Traditional Indigenous foods
May 8 at 11am—Digital Drop In

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 pm.

The next monthly meeting of the Graham Public Library Board will be Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 5:00 pm, at the Library.