



Graham Public Library Board

Monthly Meeting Minutes –June 10, 2026 (Annual Meeting)

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

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

Comments by Citizens Present: None

The minutes of the May 13, 2026 meeting were approved on a motion by Bernstein; seconded by Boyle. Carried.

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

The vouchers for June were presented and reviewed. Winget moved to approve the vouchers including WE Energies; seconded by Boyle. Carried.

Unfinished Business

Swanson presented a revised Volunteer Policy. Winget moved to approve as amended; seconded by Bernstein. Carried.

New Business—Election of Officers

Winget moved to keep the officers as is for the next year; Hansen seconded. Carried. Loppnow was re-elected Library Board President, Kerznar was re-elected Vice President, and Bernstein was re-elected Treasurer.

Village of Union Grove Board Representative Report None

Library Director Report

Personnel:

~On Friday, May 29, we held a staff in-service. This was an opportunity to discuss various topics with staff, especially our upcoming summer reading programs. We also attended a live webinar hosted by PLLS regarding the new catalog launching this fall, and a recorded webinar about AI and how to spot fake information.

Outreach:

~May was a busy month with school visits. 75 2nd and 5th graders from Raymond School visited on two separate days; Sara G highlighted summer events and read them stories. In addition, they received library cards and checked out books. She also visited Kansasville School 4K and Kindergarten classes. Shepherds College 3rd year students visited the library on May 15. Their instructor asked if we could talk to them about how libraries help people save money. I spoke to two groups (about 30 students total) and answered their questions. It was great to share with them all the free resources we offer.

Local Government:

~On May 26, Steve Ohs and four Racine County Library Directors attended the Racine County Board of Supervisors meeting. Each of us introduced ourselves and spoke a bit about our libraries. I mentioned that 92% of our physical circulations from January to May this year were from Racine County residents, and that 7 of our 8 employees live in Racine County. I also talked about how our programming helps people connect with each other, especially our homeschool program and events for older adults.

Facilities:

~On May 30, we had all our carpet and tile cleaned. The cleaner did a very nice job, even removing the stubborn stains in the children's area.

Programs:

~Our Summer Reading Program for youth and adults started June 8. We sent a letter asking for monetary or gift card donations to offset the costs to a number of local businesses. At the time of this writing, we have received donations from: All Cut Up Salon, Dairy Queen, Kurk Inc, Miller-Reesman Funeral Home, Peavey's Painting, Pine Acres, S&F Machining and Finishing, and Shepherds Café. We also received a number of coupons to various attractions, thanks to PLLS's efforts in securing them.

Upcoming Programs:

Legos & Games—Mondays at 2-6pm

Story Time—Wednesdays at 10am

June 11 at 10am—Board Games

June 11, 18, & 25 and July 2 at 3:30pm—Destination USA children's activities

June 12 at 11am—Digital Drop-In

June 15 at 10am—Movie: Gabby's Dollhouse

June 16 at 10am—Storywagon: Rope Warrior (at UGES)

June 20 at 10am—Summer Foray at Petrifying Springs Park

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June 23 at 10am—Storywagon: Circus Spark (at UGES)
June 25 at 1pm—Book Club: The Christie Affair
June 25 at 6pm—Pajama Storytime
July 2 at 1pm-- Adult Craft: clay magnets
July 3 & 4-- Library Closed
July 6 at 10am—Movie: Sarah's Oil
July 7 at 10am—Storywagon: Snake Discovery (at UGES)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 pm. The next monthly meeting of the Graham Public Library Board will be Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 5:00 pm, at the Library.