
Graham Public Library Board

Monthly Meeting Minutes –September 9, 2026

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

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

Comments by Citizens Present: None

The minutes of the August 12, 2026 meeting were approved on a motion by Hansen; seconded by Boyle. Carried.

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

The vouchers for September were presented and reviewed. Winget moved to approve the vouchers; seconded by Boyle. Carried.

New Business

Swanson presented a draft of the 2027 budget. After discussion, Winget moved to approve the 2027 budget; seconded by Miller. Carried.

Village of Union Grove Board Representative Report Park impact fees will be reviewed. Information about the library roof was shared.

Library Director Report

Programs:

~The final numbers for our Summer Reading Program are in: for youth we had 401 Bingo boards completed (125 from children ages birth to 5, 207 from ages 6-11, and 69 from ages 12+). Last year 314 boards were completed. We had 308 entries for our adult program which exceeded our expectations. 19 people won weekly prizes and 7 won a grand prize. We are very happy with both youth and adult participation.

~Our first stuffed animal sleepover story time was a hit! 7 children attended story time with their stuffie and then left them at the library for a sleepover. The stuffies searched for books on the computer, played with legos, and had other fun adventures. A few days later, each child returned to pick up their toy and a story with pictures featuring their stuffie. We hope to offer this fun program again in the future.

Personnel:

~ Sara G attended a continuing education event at the Oak Creek Public Library; she learned how to effectively incorporate songs into story time.

Outreach:

~Melanie and Stacey attended Racine County Foster Care's Community Carnival on August 15. This was our second year attending. We had a table featuring the library with a plinko-type game (everyone won a prize), program calendars, and other library handouts. They estimated 225 people stopped at our table.

~Sara G dropped off copies of "Library News" for parents, and a handout for teachers at several area schools to be distributed at their Open House nights. We've already heard from one Kindergarten teacher at Yorkville School—Sara G will visit them once a month for story time.

Book Sale:

~We held our big annual book sale August 24-29. Sales were about \$200 less than last year, but we sold a lot of books and gave each buyer a September program calendar. Our volunteers (2 former employees) who set up the sale, and all staff, did a fantastic job supporting our fundraising efforts.

Facilities: The Village DPW finished the lighting project. It looks great.

Upcoming Programs:

Legos & Games—Mondays at 3-6pm

Story Time—Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10am

Homeschool STEAM—Wednesdays at 1pm
September 10 & October 8 at 10am—Board Games

September 11 & October 2 at 11am—Digital Drop-In

September 12 at noon—Puzzle Tournament

September 14 at 10am—Monday Movie: Reminders of Him

September 15 at 5:30pm—Thriller Book Club: Count My Lies

September 16 & 30 at 10am—Playgroup

September 17 at 1pm—Adult Craft: Collage Books

September 17 at 6pm—Pajama Story Time

September 21 at 3:30pm—New program:

Monday Mash-up activities for youth

September 24 at 1pm—Book Club: The Beach at Summerly

September 28 at 10am—Monday Movie: White Bird

October 5 at 10am—Monday Movie: Devil Wears Prada 2

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 pm. The next monthly meeting of the Graham Public Library Board will be Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 5:00 pm, at the Library.