

Grand Valley Public Library Board

Minutes

Present: Councillor Lenora Banfield (Chair); Julie Van Alstine (vice-chair); Mary Hatch; Amy Steele; Brennan Solecky; Councillor James Jonker; Councillor Susan Graham; Joanne Stevenson (CEO/secretary/treasurer)

Regrets:

1. **The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.**

2. **Land Acknowledgement Statement**

We [I] would like to acknowledge that we are on the the Haldimand Tract, land promised to the Haudenosaunee (**HOE day na shun ay**) people of Six Nations, which includes six miles on each side of the Grand River. This territory is the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg (**On ish KNOB eck**), and Haudenosaunee (**HOE day na shun ay**) Peoples.

3. **Approval of the agenda**

Motion: That the Grand Valley Public Library Board approve the agenda as amended.

Moved: Julie Van Alstine **Seconded:** Mary Hatch **Carried.**

4. **Declaration of any conflicts of interest.**

None.

5. **Minutes of the February 11, 2026 meeting.**

Motion: That the Grand Valley Public Library Board approve the minutes of the February 11, 2026 meeting.

Moved: J. Van Alstine **Seconded:** M. Hatch **Carried.**

6. **Business arising from the minutes.**

6.1 Strategic Plan

Motion: That the Grand Valley Public Library Board extend the 2022-2025 Strategic plan to 2028.

Moved: B. Solecky **Seconded:** A. Steele **Carried.**

CEO is directed to contact Ontario Library Services for consultation on the strategic plan in 2028.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Township of Amaranth, letter, email, February 24, 2026

Motion: That the Grand Valley Public Library Board receives the correspondence.

Moved: A. Steele

Seconded: J. Van Alstine

Carried.

8. Financial Report

Operating Account

8.1 Operating Expenses for February 2026

Motion: That the Grand Valley Public Library Board operating expenses for January 2026 (\$37,438.59).

Moved: J. Jonker

Seconded: J. Van Alstine

Carried

Reserve Account

8.2 Reserve Account

Motion: That the Grand Valley Public Library Board receives the reviewed financial statements for the reserve account for February.

Moved: B. Solecky

Seconded: J. Van Alstine

Carried

8.3 2026 Budget

CEO and L. Banfield, Chair will review presented budget and revise to be presented at the April 15, Library Board meeting. J. Jonker is to provide to the board in an email of comments delivered to the board.

9. Committee Reports

10. Chair Report

HR Consultant update

11. CEO Report

Motion: That the Grand Valley Public Library Board receive the CEO report.

Moved: J. Van Alstine

Seconded: J. Jonker

Carried

CEO Financial Report: CEO is to receive a motion from the Library Board to transfer monies from the reserve account to the operating account if needed to balance the accounts.

12. New Business

12.1 Mission, Vision, Values

Wednesday March 11, 2026

12.2 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy

12.3 Non-resident Borrowing Policy

Motion: That the Grand Valley Public Library Board the approve the reviewed Mission, Vision, Values as part of the Strategic Plan. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy as amended.

Moved: B. Solecky **Seconded:** A. Steele **Carried**
Non-resident Borrowing Policy will be reviewed when contract negotiations with the Township of Amaranth and the Township of East Garafraxa have been finalized.

13. Date and Time for next regular meeting

Wednesday April 15, 2026 5:30pm McGinnis Room

14. Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting of the Grand Valley Public Library Board adjourn at 6:44.

Moved: J. Van Alstine **Seconded:** J. Jonker **Carried**

CEO REPORT

Month: **March**
 Year: **2026**

Advocacy & Promotion	Facebook and Instagram posts										
Programs/Outreach (group visits)	Many cancelled programs due to weather.										
Children's programs	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Cocoa Club</td> <td style="width: 40%;">March Break</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tween Scene</td> <td>Home Alone</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ToddlerTime</td> <td>Lego Club</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Storytime</td> <td>St. Patrick's Day S.T.E.M</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Entrepreneur Club</td> <td>Harry Potter Party</td> </tr> </table>	Cocoa Club	March Break	Tween Scene	Home Alone	ToddlerTime	Lego Club	Storytime	St. Patrick's Day S.T.E.M	Entrepreneur Club	Harry Potter Party
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ages 16+	Book Bedazzling										
Family Programs	March Break Programs: Team T & J, Dove & Poodle Show, Bubbleology Show										
Adult/Seniors Programs	Reading Connections Coffee, Tea & Conversation										
Staffing											
Professional Development/Meetings	CEO - Annual Survey Webinar Attended February 24 Town of Grand Valley Council Meeting (fee waivers)										
Facilities/Equipment	Carpets cleaning - April 6, 2026 Safety light needs batteries replaced										
Collections	Hotspots: 1 is damaged, replacement cost is \$453.12, switching plan to VOR 2.0 which reduces the monthly cost of the hotspots.										
Budget/Grants	<p>Fee waiver - GVPL will be able to use the community centre at no charge this year. The council has recommended that the Library Board add these fees to the 2027 budget, as the waiver is for free events and the library charges a fee. <u>Recommendation</u>: Revisit this with a deputation or letter to council, as program fees charged by the library are for cost recovery and are not-for-profit events.</p> <p>Dufferin Community Grants : Deadline for submissions is March 23, 2026</p> <p>Financial Report</p>										
Community Partnerships/ Collaborations	Community Neighbours Market										
Community Support (meeting room)	GV Small Business Group Garden Club										
	4 room rentals										
Other	The library will be working with call2recycle to offer battery recycling again.										
	Annual Survey of Public Libraries 2026 submitted										
	Charitable Return 2025 submitted										